

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is made by and among the Cities of Cedar Park, Georgetown, Round Rock, Taylor, Hutto, Leander, and Liberty Hill (collectively the “Cities”) and the County of Williamson (“County”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Local Public Health Reorganization Act, now codified in Chapter 121 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, authorizes the establishment of public health districts by a majority of the governing bodies of a county and one or more municipalities in a county for the purpose of providing and furnishing health programs (the “Act”); and

WHEREAS, the County and the Cities (collectively the “Member Governments”) comprise the Williamson County & Cities Health District (the “District”) established under the Act; and

WHEREAS, the District is governed by a public health board pursuant to the Act and a Cooperative Agreement previously approved, and subsequently amended, by the Member Governments; and

WHEREAS, the Member Governments intend to enter into an Amended and Restated Cooperative Agreement modifying the composition of the Board and clarifying provisions of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, prior to the establishment of the District, public health services were provided by a Williamson County Health Department; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Member Governments to provide the best quality health services to the residents of Williamson County and determine the best structure for providing said services; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to set forth the intention of the Member Governments to proceed with identifying and evaluating the services currently being provided by the District, categorizing which provided services are mandatory functions of the District and which are discretionary, and determining the best process for any modification or transition of services, as necessary;

NOW THEREFORE, the Member Governments agree to work cooperatively and in accordance with this Memorandum of Understanding to take the steps set forth herein to identify and evaluate the services and the structure for the provision of said services currently being provided by the District.

ARTICLE I.

The Member Governments agree that upon approval of the Amended and Restated Cooperative Agreement, the District intends to take the following actions:

- 1) Draft and publish a Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) for a professional consultant to identify and evaluate the services provided by the District, specifically the cost, quality, effectiveness, necessity, and structure of said services. The RFQ is estimated to be issued no later than **August 31, 2021**;
- 2) Review the responses to the RFQ and select a professional consultant to complete the District’s requested Scope of Services, estimated to be no later than **October 31, 2021**;
- 3) Receive the findings of the professional consultant, estimated to be no later than **December 31, 2021** or by a later date mutually agreed upon by the District and the professional consultant; and
- 4) Review the findings of the professional consultant and make a determination as to whether any modification or transition of services will provide the best quality health services to the residents of Williamson County, and initiate appropriate actions regarding the District’s determination no later than **sixty (60) days after receipt of findings of the professional consultant.**

ARTICLE II.

LEGAL EFFECT OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding is intended to provide an outline of the current understanding of the parties hereto, and is not intended to legally bind the parties to the terms and conditions stated herein. The parties, however, agree that the terms and conditions stated herein are reasonable and provide an outline for future actions by the parties.

Executed and effective this _____ day of _____, 2021.

[Signatures on the following pages.]

WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS

By: _____
Bill Gravell Jr., County Judge

Date: _____

CITY OF CEDAR PARK, TEXAS

By: _____
Corbin Van Arsdale, Mayor

Date: _____

CITY OF GEORGETOWN, TEXAS

By: _____
Josh Schroeder, Mayor

Date: _____

CITY OF ROUND ROCK, TEXAS

By: _____
Craig Morgan, Mayor

Date: _____

CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS

By: _____
Brandt Rydell, Mayor

Date: _____

CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS

By: _____
Mike Snyder, Mayor

Date: _____

CITY OF LEANDER, TEXAS

By: _____
Christine Sederquist, Mayor

Date: _____

CITY OF LIBERTY HILL, TEXAS

By: _____
Liz Branigan, Mayor

Date: _____