



# Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Commissioner  
H. L. Whitman, Jr.

July 31, 2018

## DFPS REPORT/PUBLICATION CLEARANCE REQUEST

### MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMISSIONER

**THROUGH:** Kristene Blackstone  
Associate Commissioner for Child Protective Services

Kaysie Taccetta  
Director of Permanency

**FROM:** Ellen Letts  
Director of Community Based Care

**SUBJECT:** Rider 21 – Community Based Care Report (August)

### Purpose

To request your approval to submit the required DFPS Rider 21 Community Based Care Report to the Senate Committee on Finance, the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services, the House Committee on Human Services, the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and the Governor, as mandated by Rider 21, (page II-13) in Article II of the General Appropriations Act, 85th Texas Legislature.

### Background

As per the General Appropriations Act, enacted by the 85<sup>th</sup> Legislature, the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) is required to report the following:

- the most recent data for the selected comparative performance measures identified by the LBB;
- an analysis of the data that identifies trends and related impact occurring in the redesigned foster care system;
- identification and analysis of factors negatively impacting any outcomes, and

- recommendations to address problems identified from the data, and any other information necessary to determine the status of the redesigned foster care system.

DFPS is required to report this information to the Senate Committee on Finance, the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services, the House Committee on Human Services, the Legislative Budget Board, and the Governor by February 1<sup>st</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup> for each year of the biennium, in a format specified by the LBB.

This is the August 2018 report with fiscal year 2018 year to date data through quarter 3. Data delivery for the report requires a longer timeframe given the need to finalize quarter 3 data and calculate the measures for both CBC catchments and the state as a whole. The report also has a budgetary component for which data must be produced. CPS is recommending to the LBB that the Rider 21 report be produced once annually on March 1 in future years. Future reports will include the addition of Region 2 and 8a (Bexar County) performance once service delivery in these areas begins.

### **Summary**

The LBB approved the attached excel format to meet the requirements for the DFPS Rider 21 Community Based Care Report. The accompanying report describes performance outcomes to date for Region 3b.

### **Comments from Chief of Staff - Rand Harris**

COS has reviewed the report and confirmed edits. No other comments.

### **Comments from Chief Financial Officer – David Kinsey**

No additional comments from Office of Finance.

### **Comments from DFPS General Counsel – Audrey Carmical (thru Mary Goehring)**

No comments.

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends your approval and clearance to submit Rider 21 report.

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**Commissioner's Decision**

Approve

TAZ

Disapprove

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Schedule Briefing

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Comments/Acknowledgment

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**Attachments**

cc: Trevor Woodruff, Deputy Commissioner *TAZ*