

BOARD MEETING

July 10, 2020

Austin, Texas



TEXAS
JUVENILE  JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT

TRANSFORMING YOUNG LIVES AND CREATING SAFER COMMUNITIES



TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Virtual Emergency Board Meeting

<https://www.tjjd.texas.gov/index.php/board#upcoming-meetings>

Friday, July 10, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.

On March 13, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas. Governor Abbott has continually extended this declaration since that date. The Texas Juvenile Justice Department, TJJJ, operates high-restriction juvenile facilities and medium restriction halfway houses. The ongoing spread of COVID-19 has had a deleterious impact on TJJJ's ability to staff its facilities. This presents a threat to the health and safety both TJJJ staff and the youth in the Department's care. Because of the continuing threat presented by the global COVID-19 pandemic, it is not possible for TJJJ to locate, hire and train sufficient personnel to supplement staff who are unable to work due to COVID-19. If not proactively addressed, an ongoing inability to maintain staffing at TJJJ secure facilities could result in an imminent threat to public health and safety, thus requiring immediate action to ensure the safety of TJJJ staff and youth, and the public. Due to the foregoing reasons, TJJJ is calling an emergency meeting of the TJJJ Board for the purpose of discussion, consideration and possible action to address its essential resource requirements until such time as TJJJ's staffing stabilizes.

1. Call to order
 2. Discussion, consideration, and possible approval regarding excused absences (Action)
 3. Report from the chairman
 4. Public comments (must email Jeannette.Cantu@tjjd.texas.gov by 5:00 p.m. on July 9, 2020, to register for public comment)
 5. Report from the executive director
 6. Report from the chief inspector general
 7. Discussion, consideration, and possible ratification of current contract with BCFS Health and Human Services for supplemental staffing support necessitated by recent staffing shortages arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, requiring board approval pursuant to GAP.385.1101 (Action)
 8. Adjourn
- The Texas Juvenile Justice Board reserves the right to limit the time and scope of public comments as deemed appropriate by the Board.
 - The Texas Juvenile Justice Board reserves the right to take formal Board action on any posted agenda item if necessary.
 - Items may not necessarily be considered in the order in which they appear on the agenda.
 - The Texas Juvenile Justice Board may go into closed session with respect to any item as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, as codified in Texas Government Code Section 551.071.
 - If ADA accommodations are needed, please contact Jeannette Cantu at 512.490.7004 or Jeannette.Cantu@tjjd.texas.gov
 - The Texas Juvenile Justice Board reserves the right to broadcast its meeting live.



TEXAS
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Memorandum

To: TJJJ Board Members

From: Camille Cain, Executive Director

Christian von Wupperfeld, General Counsel

Subject: Discussion, consideration, and possible approval regarding contract renewal requiring board approval pursuant to GAP.385.1101 (Action)

Date: July 8, 2020

On March 13, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas. Governor Abbott has continually extended this declaration since that date. The Texas Juvenile Justice Department, TJJJ, operates high-restriction juvenile facilities and medium restriction halfway houses. The ongoing spread of COVID-19 has had a deleterious impact on TJJJ's ability to staff its facilities. This presents a threat to the health and safety both TJJJ staff and the youth in the Department's care. Because of the continuing threat presented by the global COVID-19 pandemic, it is not possible for TJJJ to locate, hire and train sufficient personnel to supplement staff who are unable to work due to COVID-19. If not proactively addressed, an ongoing inability to maintain staffing at TJJJ secure facilities could result in an imminent threat to public health and safety, thus requiring immediate action to ensure the safety of TJJJ staff and youth, and the public. Due to the foregoing, on July 3, 2020, the TJJJ Executive Director entered into a contract with BCFS Health and Human Services to address TJJJ's essential resource requirements until such time as TJJJ's staffing stabilizes, identified as CON0001182.

TJJJ General Administrative Policy 385.1101 (GAP.385.1101), paragraph (d)(1), requires TJJJ staff to present certain contracts to the Board for approval, among those are any contract exceeding \$500,000. The contract below is for a contract with a total contract values exceeding \$500,000

TJJD staff is therefore requesting Board ratify and approve the TJJD Executive Director's entry into the July 3, 2020, contract with BCFS Health and Human Services for supplemental staffing support necessitated by recent staffing shortages arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, identified as CON0001182, at the listed not-to-exceed (NTE) amount.

PROVIDER FOR TWO-YEAR LEASE RENEWAL	TOTAL CONTRACT NTE VALUE
BCFS Health and Human Services	\$6,000,000.00



**Texas Juvenile Justice Department
RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL TO EXECUTE CONTRACT RENEWAL AMENDMENT REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL PURSUANT TO TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT GAP.385.1101

On this 10th day of July 2020, a duly called and lawfully convened meeting of the Texas Juvenile Justice Board (TJJD) was held in the City of Austin, Texas, pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act. A quorum of the Members was present, to wit:

BOARD MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Edeska Barnes, Jr.					
James Castro					
Mona Lisa Chambers					
Pama Hencerling					
Lisa Jarrett					
Ann Lattimore					
Melissa Martin					

BOARD MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Scott Matthew					
Vincent Morales Jr.					
Allison Palmer					
Wesley C. Ritchey					
Jimmy Smith					
Vacant					
Motion:		Second:			

Where, among other matters, came up for consideration and adoption the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Texas Juvenile Justice Department General Administrative Policy 385.1101(d)(1) requires TJJD staff to present any contracts exceeding \$500,000 to the Board for approval, and the contract below is for a contract with a total contract values exceeding \$500,000; and

WHEREAS, TJJD staff requests Board ratification and approval of the TJJD Executive Director’s entry into the July 3, 2020, contract with BCFS Health and Human Services for supplemental staffing support necessitated by recent staffing shortages arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, identified as CON0001182, at the listed not-to-exceed (NTE) amount:

PROVIDER FOR TWO-YEAR LEASE RENEWAL	TOTAL CONTRACT NTE VALUE
BCFS Health and Human Services	\$6,000,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board ratifies and approve the TJJD Executive Director’s execution of the July 3, 2020, contract between TJJD and BCFS Health and Human Services, identified as CON0001182.

The foregoing Resolution was lawfully moved, duly seconded, and adopted by the Texas Juvenile Justice Board.

Signed this 10th day of July 2020

Texas Juvenile Justice Board

The Honorable Wesley C. Ritchey, Chairman