

TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
SPECIAL MEETING
May 14, 2004 — 8:30 a.m.

THE STATE OF TEXAS ON THIS THE 14th day of May, 2004 the
Commissioners' Court in and for Tyler County, Texas convened in a Special Meeting at
the Commissioners' Courtroom in Woodville, Texas, the following members of the Court
present, to wit:

JEROME OWENS
C.D. WOODROME
RUSTY HUGHES
JOE MARSHALL
JACK WALSTON
DONECE GREGORY

COUNTY JUDGE, Presiding
COMMISSIONER, PCT. #1
COMMISSIONER, PCT. #2
COMMISSIONER, PCT. #3
COMMISSIONER, PCT. #4
COUNTY CLERK, EX OFFICIO

The following were absent: none thereby constituting a quorum. In addition to the
above were:

JOYCE MOORE
SHARON FULLER

COUNTY AUDITOR
COUNTY TREASURER

Commissioners had not received the minutes due to an error in email. Therefore, the
minutes were not approved.

Commissioner Marshall motioned to approve paying the Tyler County bills; and, an
invoice from DELL computers in the amount of \$1090.59, as submitted by the County
Auditor. Commissioner Walston seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no.
SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hughes** to approve a budget transfer for the
County Clerk's Archive Fees. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. All
voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHER TRANSFER

Commissioner Walston motioned to approve the inter-local agreement with the City
of Woodville for assistance with the compacter and equipment at the Collection
Center. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no.
SEE ATTACHED AGREEMENT

Commissioner Marshall presented the request from property owners to no longer
maintain 300 ft section of CR3380 and one tenth of a mile section of CR3110 in Precinct
#3. A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner
Hughes** to condemn the sections of the County Roads as unsafe. All voted yes and none
no.

Commissioner Walston introduced Ethel Fielder to present a resolution in reference to
HB 2292 which would radically reorganize the health and human services under four
"call centers" throughout the State of Texas. Her concern was that the clientele would
not be able to understand and operate the phone center; and, possible loss of jobs. Judge
Owens recalled the past withdrawal of health support in Tyler County by the legislature;
and this is another mandate where the state is withdrawing support making county to
have to come up with the funding. **Commissioner Walston** motioned to adopt the
resolution that HB2292 not be implemented. **Commissioner Woodrome** seconded the
motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION

A motion was made by **Commissioner Walston** and seconded by **Commissioner
Hughes** to accept the bid from Elite Rock for glauconite; with the stipulation that if
material is not available the commissioner can purchase from another vendor. All voted
yes and none no.

Commissioner Court Minutes
May 14, 2004

Carlene Wilson of the East Texas Rural Access Program (ETHAN) presented an update as to grants received due to the support of the commissioners' court and the community, ETHAN now has an operating budget of \$321,000. One of the programs they are initiating are the drug card program. The Medicare drug card program requires the patients to enroll for one year. The ETHAN program does not require the patient to enroll for a year. If not satisfied, the patient will receive a refund from ETHAN. No action was taken.

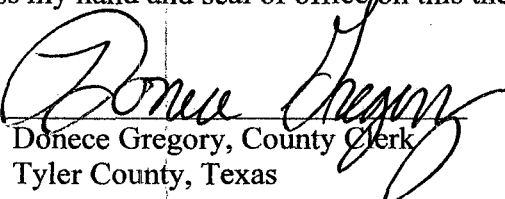
Commissioner Marshall motioned to meeting adjourned.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED-8:50 a.m.

I, Donece Gregory, County Clerk and ex officio member of the Tyler County Commissioners Court, do hereby certify to the fact that the above is a true and correct record of the Tyler County Commissioners Court session held on May 14, 2004.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 14th day of June, 2004.

Attest:


Donece Gregory, County Clerk
Tyler County, Texas

**NOTICE OF TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING
COMMISSIONERS' COURT, TYLER COUNTY, TEXAS**

THIS NOTICE IS POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH V.A.T.S.-17 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A SPECIAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, May 14., 2004 AT 8:30 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS' COURTROOM, FIRST FLOOR, TYLER COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

AGENDA

1. ✓ **CONSIDER AND APPROVE COMMISSIONER'S COURT MINUTES.**
2. ✓ **CONSIDER AND APPROVE PAYING TYLER COUNTY BILLS.** +109059 *Call Comp for Auditor*
3. ✓ **CONSIDER AND APPROVE BUDGET TRANSFERS PER COUNTY AUDITOR.** **ARCHIVE FEE**
4. ✓ **CONSIDER AND APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN TYLER COUNTY, PCT. 4 AND THE CITY OF WOODVILLE.** *Computer & City of Woodville*
5. **CONSIDER AND APPROVE CONDEMNATION OF 300 FT SECTION OF CR 3380, PCT.3.** *Releasing or at req of Propert owner*
6. **CONSIDER AND APPROVE CONDEMNATION OF APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF (1/2) MILE SECTION OF CR 3110, PCT. 3.** *(Henth) Closing a co rd highway not to be*
7. **CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION INRE HB 2292.** *E. Fieber - Not for "CPII Centers"*
8. **ACCEPT BID AND/OR REJECT BIDS FOR GLAUCONITE.**
9. **UPDATE REPORT BY CARLENE WILSON OF EAST TEXAS RURAL ACCESS PROGRAM.** *ETHAN \$50,000 last 3 years \$321,000 because*

of support
clear confusion **ETHAN** *Not req*
Program for the
Medicare drug prog - (1 year)
Jerome Owens
 County Judge

✓ *Judge voiced* *state mandate* *where*
State is withdrawing *counties to have to come*
up w/

⑧ *Elite Rock if not available*

NO. _____ TIME 8:45 AM

MAY 11 2004

DONECE GREGORY, COUNTY CLERK
 TYLER COUNTY, TEXAS
 By *[Signature]*

M adj 8:50 AM

LINE ITEM TRANSFER-BUDGET AMENDMENT

Department & Fund : County Clerk/General Fund

Date: May 14, 2004

Honorable Commissioners' Court of Tyler County:

I submit to you for consideration the following:

Expenditures:

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Amended</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>Additional Revenue</u>
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Receipts

Beg. Balance-RMP	\$(20,000.00)	\$(28,300.00)	\$(8,300.00)	
Beg. Balance-Archive	(0.00)	(6,800.00)	(6,800.00)	

Disbursements

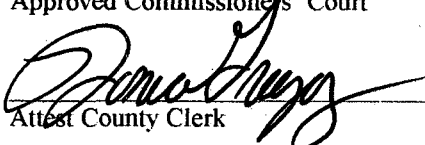
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Social Security-Archive	0.00	480.00	480.00	
Worker Comp-Archive	0.00	20.00	20.00	
Unemployment-Archive	0.00	25.00	25.00	
Preservation-RMP	<u>16,000.00</u>	<u>24,300.00</u>	<u>8,300.00</u>	

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Reason: Significantly beginning-of-year fund balances than anticipated.


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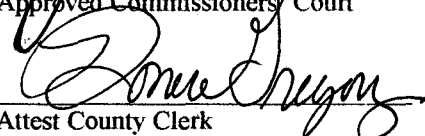
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Publish three times
____ Newspaper
 Court Agenda
____ County Clerk

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids addressed to the County of Tyler to sell the following:

ID# 05102004-01 1982 Hercules Trailer VIN 5203C1002967, Pct. 2
ID# 05102004-02 1988 GMC 3/4 Ton Pickup Truck, VIN T24HOJZ534299, Pct. 2
ID# 05102004-03 1988 Chevrolet Pickup, VIN 24K6JZ281713, Pct. 2

Will be received in the office of the County Auditor, 100 West Bluff, Room 106, Woodville, Texas, until 10:00 a.m. on June 14, 2004 at which time and place all bids received shall be publicly opened. **FACSIMILE TRANSMITTALS SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

PLEASE MAKE REFERENCE ON THE FACE OF THE ENVELOPE AS TO ITEM(S) FOR WHICH YOU ARE BIDDING.

Information may be obtained by contacting James 'Rusty' Hughes, Commissioner, Pct 2, at (409) 283-7013. Equipment may be seen at the Tyler County Pct. 2 Barn, Hwy 287 South, Chester, Texas, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Thursday.

Payments will be processed by the County Auditor after notification of satisfactory receipt of items.

Tyler County reserves the right to award by unit cost or lump sum discounted.

Tyler County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities and technicalities to negotiate sale.

**JOYCE MOORE
COUNTY AUDITOR
TYLER COUNTY, TEXAS**

TYLER COUNTY
Comparison of Fund Balances
April 30, 2004

FUND	04/30/004	04/30/03	VARIANCE Increase(Decrease)
General	\$ 1,547,260.06	\$ 1,437,282.55	\$ 109,977.51
Ad Valorem Tax Clearing	0.00	0.00	0.00
U. S. Marshall Prisoner Refund	15,081.61	14,098.53	983.08
General Road & Bridge	129,382.99	138,054.33	(8,671.34)
Road & Bridge I	135,848.43	172,014.95	(36,166.52)
Road & Bridge II	190,613.82	201,457.38	(10,843.56)
Road & Bridge III	402,904.98	472,068.59	(69,163.61)
Road & Bridge IV	374,590.38	415,825.89	(41,235.51)
Tyler County Airport	30,416.27	20,201.35	10,214.92
Tyler County Rodeo Arena	10,977.02	7,979.85	2,997.17
COPS-Spurger ISD	2.32	8,967.28	(8,964.96)
Economic Development	23,648.31	20,373.87	3,274.44
District Clerk State Appropriations	56,205.04	54,116.42	2,088.62
County Clerk RMP	35,183.96	17,764.49	17,419.47
CDA Forfeiture	10,562.59	10,183.58	379.01
Sheriff Forfeiture	7,446.65	10,922.39	(3,475.74)
District Clerk RMP	570.46	0.00	570.46
Temple Foundation 'Are You OK?' Grant	2,648.43	2,614.91	33.52
Law Library	6,524.56	1,917.83	4,606.73
Tyler County Collection Center	7,307.32	7,779.45	(472.13)
VAW Special Prosecutor Grant	6,334.29	11,003.52	(4,669.23)
CVA Coordinating Team Grant	15,035.07	6,081.29	8,953.78
On Site Sewer Project Grant	23,986.00	0.00	23,986.00
Jail Interest & Sinking	46,652.16	43,175.69	3,476.47
Courthouse Security	73,230.90	75,513.30	(2,282.40)
County RMP	29,447.61	24,660.95	4,786.66
State-Crimestoppers	65.87	2.00	63.87
County Right of Way	1,003.65	991.01	12.64
CDA Trust	1,529.48	1,525.48	4.00
CDA Fees	17,069.32	27,715.22	(10,645.90)
CDA State Appropriations	11,255.50	0.00	11,255.50
Adult Probation	129,002.47	153,013.11	(24,010.64)
Juvenile Probation	2,943.58	1,550.90	1,392.68
State - Criminal Justice Planning	65.81	20.07	45.74
State - Judicial Education	(214.92)	421.25	(636.17)
State - LEOCE	1.21	.05	1.16
State - Juvenile Diversion	.00	0.00	0.00
State - CVC	1,342.66	3,044.99	(1,702.33)
State - OCLF	0.00	0.00	0.00
State - DPS Arrest Fees	3,928.11	1,142.08	2,786.03
State - Comprehensive Rehabilitation	.50	15.00	(14.50)
State - General Revenue	.75	0.00	.75
State - LEMI	8.32	0.00	8.32
State - BAT	0.00	.14	(.14)
State - LEOA	7.36	2.50	4.86
State -- TLFTA	13,328.09	12,526.13	801.96
State - Time Payment	738.38	4,218.89	3,480.51)
State - Fugitive Apprehension	297.13	837.60	540.47)

State - Consolidated Court Costs	7,659.41	3,405.03	4,254.38
State - Juvenile Crime & Detention	44.30	78.60	(34.30)
Tyler County Search & Rescue	229.32	966.42	(737.10)
Justice Court Technology	18,093.77	1,204.79	6,888.98
State - Court Mgmt Inst TX/Criminal Justice	30.38	73.75	(43.37)
Sheriff Transportation	1,881.71	39,609.46	(37,727.75)
TSF Communication Grant	14,077.65	12,104.30	1,973.35
State - Tertiary Care	7,745.62	5,581.19	2,164.43
State - Traffic Fee	2,606.85	0.00	2,606.85
State - Bail Bond Fee	1,224.91	0.00	1,224.91
Payroll	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL IN FUND	\$ 3,417,828.42	\$3,454,108.35	\$(36,279.93)

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VENDOR NAME	ACCOUNT #	ACCOUNT NAME	ITEM/REASON	INVOICE #	VP DATE	DATE TBP	PO NO	AMOUNT
AMERICAN EXPRESS	2004 010-426-024	TRAVEL & EDUCATIO	TCSO 3715-425649-31	04092004	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		417.38
AMERICAN EXPRESS	2004 010-426-029	GAS, OIL, GREASE	TCSO 3715-425649-31	040920046	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		118.91
AMERICAN EXPRESS	2004 010-426-007	OFFICE SUPPLIES	TCSO 3715-425649-31	040920040	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		29.97
ANDERSON COUNTY	2004 010-415-044	COMMITMENTS	TCJ CAUSE 5652 S HA	04192004	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		175.00
ANGELINA COLLEGE	2004 010-426-024	TRAVEL & EDUCATIO	TCSO- T CARR	082003	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		45.00
ANGELINA COLLEGE	2004 010-426-024	TRAVEL & EDUCATIO	TCSO- R COKER	082003C	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		45.00
ANGELINA COLLEGE	2004 010-426-024	TRAVEL & EDUCATIO	TCSO- L HICKS	082003H	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		45.00
ANGELINA COLLEGE	2004 010-426-024	TRAVEL & EDUCATIO	TCSO- M HOLLYFIELD	082003HD	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		45.00
ANGELINA COLLEGE	2004 010-426-024	TRAVEL & EDUCATIO	TCSO- A STURROCK	082003S	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		45.00
ANGELINA COLLEGE	2004 010-426-024	TRAVEL & EDUCATIO	TCSO- W WILSON	082003W	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		45.00
ARCH WIRELESS	2004 010-442-010	REPAIRS TO COURTH	TCJ 382-6202	N7985019D	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		11.28
AVAYA FINANCIAL SERVICE	2004 010-402-009	TELEPHONE	TCC 92772440	X772440A1	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		122.35
AVAYA, INC.	2004 010-420-009	TELEPHONE	TCTA MONTHLY SERVIC	2718053134	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		72.86
AVAYA, INC.	2004 010-407-009	TELEPHONE	TCDC 0101995823	2718201555	05/12/2004	05/14/2004		52.31
AVAYA, INC.	2004 010-419-009	TELEPHONE	TCDA 0102065107	2717998036	05/12/2004	05/14/2004		35.39
BENDY, RODNEY	2004 010-426-023	ANIMAL CONTROL	TCSO-LOOSEHORSE SPE	10351	05/12/2004	05/14/2004		70.00
BETTER BUSINESS MACHINE	2004 010-440-018	EQUIPMENT LEASE	TCES COPIER	144652	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		20.00
BETTER BUSINESS MACHINE	2004 010-440-018	EQUIPMENT LEASE	TCES COPIER	144539	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		40.00
BETTER BUSINESS MACHINE	2004 010-440-018	EQUIPMENT LEASE	JP1 COPIER BASE	145248	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		81.20
BJ TRANSPORT SERVICE	2004 010-401-043	AUTOPSIES	PCT3 RIDDER,KAREN	1198	05/04/2004	05/14/2004		150.00
BONITA LAUNDRY AND CLEA	2004 010-426-041	UNIFORMS	TCSO	04232004	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		49.30
BONITA LAUNDRY AND CLEA	2004 010-427-041	UNIFORMS	TCSO	04232004J	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		14.00
BROOKSHIRE BROS.	2004 010-427-036	PRISONER MEALS	TCSO	1245971	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		38.33
BROOKSHIRE BROS.	2004 010-427-036	PRISONER MEALS	TCSO	1545993	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		30.17
BROOKSHIRE BROS.	2004 010-427-036	PRISONER MEALS	TCSO	1246660	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		29.94
BROOKSHIRE BROS.	2004 010-427-036	PRISONER MEALS	TCSO	1246683	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		37.61
CANDY CLEANERS	2004 010-426-041	UNIFORMS	TCSO	04302004	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		82.75
CANDY CLEANERS	2004 010-427-041	UNIFORMS	TCSO	04302004J	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		37.75
CANON U.S.A., INC.	2004 010-440-018	EQUIPMENT LEASE	TCA 714-A5	R1612860	05/04/2004	05/14/2004		42.74
CAPITAL GRAPHICS, INC.	2004 010-401-050	ELECTION EXPENSE	TCC VOTING BOOTHS	0400435	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		670.98
CHIEF SUPPLY	2004 010-426-008	DEPUTIES SUPPLIES	TCSO 232569 BATT	304590	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		108.59
CITICORP VENDOR FINANCE	2004 010-440-018	EQUIPMENT LEASE	JP1 3741060	374106004052	05/04/2004	05/14/2004		85.30
CITICORP VENDOR FINANCE	2004 010-440-018	EQUIPMENT LEASE	ES 3741080	374108004052	05/04/2004	05/14/2004		85.50
CLERK SUPREME COURT	2004 010-419-012	TRAINING & EDUCAT	ST BAR DUES J SMITH	11964	05/13/2004	05/14/2004		444.00
COLOR GRAPHICS CO.	2004 010-420-007	OFFICE SUPPLIES	TCYO ENVELOPES	102566	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		243.75
COLOR GRAPHICS CO.	2004 010-440-007	SUPPLIES	TCYO TAX NOTICES	102554	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		185.90
D AND D PLUMBING	2004 010-442-010	REPAIRS TO COURTH	TCJ UNSTOP DRAIN	3446	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		75.00
DIAMOND SHAMROCK	2004 010-426-029	GAS, OIL, GREASE	TCSO UNIT 19	A 77001568	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		27.38
DOUBLE C ELECTRIC	2004 010-442-013	REPAIRS AT JUSTIC	TCSO-GENERATOR TRAN	4292	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		96.00
DOUBLE C ELECTRIC	2004 010-442-010	REPAIRS TO COURTH	TCJ SERV SMOKE DETE	4289	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		48.00
DP SOLUTIONS, INC.	2004 010-440-012	EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	AUDITOR TREASURER	0072956IN	05/04/2004	05/14/2004		387.00
DP SOLUTIONS, INC.	2004 010-440-012	EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	AUDITOR	0072973-IN	05/04/2004	05/14/2004		170.00
DP SOLUTIONS, INC.	2004 010-440-012	EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	TCED PRINTER REPAI	0073006IN	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		217.64
EAST TEXAS SUPPORT SERV	2004 010-401-031	TYLER COUNTY AGIN	NUTRITION CTR 2ND Q	04292004	05/13/2004	05/14/2004		3,750.00
EMERGENCY VEHICLE EQUPT	2004 010-428-042	EMERGENCY EQUIPME	CONSTABLE 3 (TYLCNT	026150M	05/04/2004	05/14/2004		112.95
ENTERGY	2004 010-442-034	UTILITIES-NUTRITI	TY AGINE CTR	451094 4	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		671.95
ENTERGY	2004 010-442-038	UTILITIES-JUSTICE	TCSO-MAGNOLIA STORE	1727262 4	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		16.49
FEDERAL EXPRESS CORP	2004 010-426-008	DEPUTIES SUPPLIES	TCSO- 170606132	1-709-28540	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		35.83
GALL'S INC	2004 010-426-041	UNIFORMS	TCSO M BANDS	570193360001	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		25.56
GARDNER OIL, INC.	2004 010-426-029	GAS, OIL, GREASE	TCSO UNLEADED GAS	67218	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		594.00
GARDNER OIL, INC.	2004 010-426-029	GAS, OIL, GREASE	TCSO FLEET 30	67191	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		121.80
GARDNER, SHERRY	2004 010-439-007	OFFICE SUPPLIES	REMB DENTAL CARE	2447	05/12/2004	05/14/2004		77.65
HENSARLINGS TIRE CENTER	2004 010-426-028	REPAIRS TO VEHICL	TCSO UNIT 5 03 FD	87979	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		114.95
HYGEIA ENVIRO-CLEAN, IN	2004 010-442-007	JANITORS SUPPLIES	TCJ SUPPLIES	31292-00	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		579.47
JARROTT'S PHARMACY	2004 010-427-043	PRISONER MEDICAL	TCSO T WHITE	288411	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		13.05

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JARROTT'S PHARMACY	2004 010-427-043	PRISONER MEDICAL	TCSD OTC DRUGS TEST	04012004	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		7.69
JARROTT'S PHARMACY	2004 010-427-043	PRISONER MEDICAL	TCSD OTC LICE SHAMP	04012004S	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		11.38
JARROTT'S PHARMACY	2004 010-427-043	PRISONER MEDICAL	TCSD OTC LICE SHAMP	04012004L	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		8.59
JARROTT'S PHARMACY	2004 010-427-043	PRISONER MEDICAL	TCSD D LAVERGNE	288889	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		63.85
JARROTT'S PHARMACY	2004 010-427-043	PRISONER MEDICAL	TCSD D LAVERGNE	288888	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		95.55
JARROTT'S PHARMACY	2004 010-427-043	PRISONER MEDICAL	TCSD D LAVERGNE	288891	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		225.95
JARROTT'S PHARMACY	2004 010-427-043	PRISONER MEDICAL	TCSD D DAVIS	288886	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		36.75
JARROTT'S PHARMACY	2004 010-427-043	PRISONER MEDICAL	TCSD K MCGOLPHIN	289358	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		20.75
JARROTT'S PHARMACY	2004 010-427-043	PRISONER MEDICAL	TCSD T WHITE	289429	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		32.79
JARROTT'S PHARMACY	2004 010-427-043	PRISONER MEDICAL	TCSD OTC TEST STRIP	04152004	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		51.89
JARROTT'S PHARMACY	2004 010-427-043	PRISONER MEDICAL	TCSD OTC SWABS	04152004S	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		4.38
JARROTT'S PHARMACY	2004 010-427-043	PRISONER MEDICAL	TCSD D LAVERGNE	290038	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		95.55
JARROTT'S PHARMACY	2004 010-427-043	PRISONER MEDICAL	TCSD D LAVERGNE	290039	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		225.95
JARROTT'S PHARMACY	2004 010-427-043	PRISONER MEDICAL	TCSD D LAVERGNE	290040	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		63.85
JARROTT'S PHARMACY	2004 010-427-043	PRISONER MEDICAL	TCSD D DAVIS	290042	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		36.75
JARROTT'S PHARMACY	2004 010-427-043	PRISONER MEDICAL	TCSD OTC SYRINGES	042220040S	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		22.59
JARROTT'S PHARMACY	2004 010-436-049	AID TO INDIGENTS	TCJ I MARIAM	288775	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		13.95
JARROTT'S PHARMACY	2004 010-436-049	AID TO INDIGENTS	TCJ G BUCHLEITER	288776	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		11.25
JARROTT'S PHARMACY	2004 010-436-049	AID TO INDIGENTS	TCJ J MACK	289047	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		31.39
JARROTT'S PHARMACY	2004 010-436-049	AID TO INDIGENTS	TCJ J MACK	289045	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		15.35
JARROTT'S PHARMACY	2004 010-436-049	AID TO INDIGENTS	TCJ J MACK	289046	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		24.59
JARROTT'S PHARMACY	2004 010-436-049	AID TO INDIGENTS	TCJ J FALCON	289822	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		33.99
JARROTT'S PHARMACY	2004 010-436-049	AID TO INDIGENTS	TCJ N HARDIN	289877	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		29.85
JARROTT'S PHARMACY	2004 010-436-049	AID TO INDIGENTS	TCJ V CLEMENTS	290137	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		30.75
JASPER COUNTY TREASURER	2004 010-410-004	HOSPITALIZATION	PRD RATA MEDICAL DJ	04152004	05/04/2004	05/14/2004		5,271.29
JEFFERSON COUNTY CLERK	2004 010-415-044	COMMITMENTS	TCJ CAUSE 87790 V S	04302004	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		256.00
JEFFERSON COUNTY CLERK	2004 010-415-044	COMMITMENTS	TCJ CAUSE 87736 J F	04302004F	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		256.00
JEFFERSON COUNTY MORGUE	2004 010-401-043	AUTOPSIES	JP3 04-0439 K GRAHA	04172004	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		1,200.00
JEFFERSON COUNTY MORGUE	2004 010-401-043	AUTOPSIES	JP3 04-0441 K RIDER	04172004R	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		1,200.00
LAKES AREAS SEPTIC & SL	2004 010-401-099	CONTINGENCY FOR M	CCRT WEST WK, DOGWOD	3457	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		1,000.00
LEXIS-NEXIS	2004 010-421-009	TELEPHONE	TCJ 112KN7	0403088446	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		28.00
LEXIS-NEXIS	2004 010-428-009	TELEPHONE	JP3 115508	0404104456	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		17.00
MAIN STREET BANNER USA	2004 010-442-010	REPAIRS TO COURTH	TCJ 6X10 FLAG	5085	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		116.62
MINOLTA CORPORATION	2004 010-419-007	OFFICE SUPPLIES	TCDA 20203	E041589668	05/12/2004	05/14/2004		93.54
MODICA BROS.	2004 010-426-029	GAS, OIL, GREASE	TCSD	042804	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		224.05
MODICA BROS.	2004 010-426-030	TIRES, TUBES	TCSD	042804T	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		284.72
MODICA BROS.	2004 010-426-028	REPAIRS TO VEHICL	TCSD	042804R	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		550.44
MOORE, JOYCE COUNTY AUD	2004 010-422-012	TRAINING & EDUCAT	TCA PER DIEM/INSTIT	12397	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		100.00
MUSIC MOUNTAIN WATER CO	2004 010-422-007	OFFICE SUPPLIES	TCA EQPT RENTAL	A 79996800 A	05/13/2004	05/14/2004		6.50
NET DATA CORP.	2004 010-440-020	SUPPORT SERVICES	TCC JUNE 04	8705B	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		225.00
OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY	2004 010-442-012	ELEVATOR REPAIRS	TCJ ELEVATOR MAINT	T806032Z504	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		125.00
PAPER WORKS PRINTING	2004 010-405-007	OFFICE SUPPLIES	VS NAMETAG/VAN TRAN	25047	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		45.00
PAPER WORKS PRINTING	2004 010-419-007	OFFICE SUPPLIES	TCDA LETTERHEAD	25716	05/12/2004	05/14/2004		77.49
PARKER'S DO IT CENTER	2004 010-442-010	REPAIRS TO COURTH	TCJ REPAIR SUPPLIES	04262004	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		391.33
PINEYWOODS MORTICIAN TR	2004 010-401-043	AUTOPSIES	PCT3 OWENS, KENNETH	1002	05/04/2004	05/14/2004		201.25
PITNEY BOWES	2004 010-440-018	EQUIPMENT LEASE	TCTA	2817880AP04	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		85.00
PITNEY BOWES INC.	2004 010-440-018	EQUIPMENT LEASE	TCSD-5615646	5615646-AP04	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		105.50
RAMSEY'S MINI STORAGE	2004 010-411-007	OFFICE SUPPLIES	JP1 RENT MAY/JUNE 0	418601	05/04/2004	05/14/2004		40.00
RISINGER, MICHAEL	2004 010-408-055	COURT APPOINTED A	CAUSE 9502,9626,962	05102004	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		500.00
SANITARY SUPPLY COM., I	2004 010-442-007	JANITORS SUPPLIES	TCJ FLOOR STRIPPER	21182	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		142.50
SATTERWHITE'S PHARMACY	2004 010-436-049	AID TO INDIGENTS	TCJ EMMA HADNOT	310285 02	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		7.00
SBC	2004 010-401-009	PROBATION TELEPHO	CCRT PROB PH	2833652 CCR	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		146.93
SBC	2004 010-402-009	TELEPHONE	CC	2833652 CC	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		62.97
SBC	2004 010-405-009	TELEPHONE	VS	2833652 VS	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		79.97

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SBC	2004 010-411-009	TELEPHONE	JP1	2833652	JP1	05/11/2004	05/14/2004	43.23
SBC	2004 010-419-009	TELEPHONE	DA	2833652	DA	05/11/2004	05/14/2004	149.43
SBC	2004 010-420-009	TELEPHONE	TA	2833652	TA	05/11/2004	05/14/2004	106.20
SBC	2004 010-421-009	TELEPHONE	CJ	2833652	CJ	05/11/2004	05/14/2004	69.47
SBC	2004 010-422-009	TELEPHONE	CA	2833652	CA	05/11/2004	05/14/2004	20.99
SBC	2004 010-423-009	TELEPHONE	CT	2833652	CT	05/11/2004	05/14/2004	26.24
SBC	2004 010-426-009	TELEPHONE	TCSD	2833652	SD	05/11/2004	05/14/2004	330.82
SBC	2004 010-430-009	TELEPHONE - HIGHW	DPS	2833652	DPS	05/11/2004	05/14/2004	72.22
SBC	2004 010-430-011	TELEPHONE - DRIVE	DL	2833652	DLI	05/11/2004	05/14/2004	20.99
SBC	2004 010-439-009	TELEPHONE	ES	2833652	ES	05/11/2004	05/14/2004	62.97
SBC	2004 010-440-015	SERVICE CONTRACTS	DP	2833652	DP	05/11/2004	05/14/2004	83.76
SBC	2004 010-435-040	MISCELLANEOUS	CW	2833652	CW	05/11/2004	05/14/2004	20.99
SBC	2004 010-442-012	ELEVATOR REPAIRS	EL	2833652	EL	05/11/2004	05/14/2004	20.99
SBC	2004 010-430-010	TELEPHONE - PARKS	PW	2833652	PW	05/11/2004	05/14/2004	20.99
SCHWAAB, INC.	2004 010-422-007	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2 HAND STAMPS	TCC R06643		05/04/2004	05/14/2004	67.50
SCHWAAB, INC.	2004 010-407-007	OFFICE SUPPLIES	TCDC HAND STAMP	R06644		05/12/2004	05/14/2004	33.05
SCOTT-MERRIMAN, INC.	2004 010-402-007	OFFICE SUPPLIES	TCC LTRS TESTAMENT	026379		05/11/2004	05/14/2004	55.82
SCOTT-MERRIMAN, INC.	2004 010-402-007	OFFICE SUPPLIES	TCC CASE BINDER	026430		05/11/2004	05/14/2004	141.06
SPURGER TIRE AND SERVIC	2004 010-426-030	TIRES, TUBES	TCSD UNIT 6	16458		05/10/2004	05/14/2004	425.96
SPURGER TIRE AND SERVIC	2004 010-426-028	REPAIRS TO VEHICL	TCSD UNIT 6	16458R		05/10/2004	05/14/2004	35.00
SPURGER TIRE AND SERVIC	2004 010-426-029	GAS, OIL, GREASE	TCSD UNIT 6	16433		05/10/2004	05/14/2004	25.78
STORY-WRIGHT	2004 010-421-007	OFFICE SUPPLIES	TCJ CLIPS,BINDERS	993461		05/11/2004	05/14/2004	15.58
STORY-WRIGHT	2004 010-419-007	OFFICE SUPPLIES	TCDA OFFICE SUPPLI	991965		05/12/2004	05/14/2004	190.91
STORY-WRIGHT	2004 010-419-007	OFFICE SUPPLIES	TCDA OFFICE SUPPLI	993773		05/12/2004	05/14/2004	65.98
SULLIVANS HARDWARE	2004 010-442-010	REPAIRS TO COURTH	TCJ SUPPLIES	04302004		05/11/2004	05/14/2004	55.23
SYSCO FOOD SERVICES	2004 010-427-036	PRISONER MEALS	TCSD 819219	404270459		05/10/2004	05/14/2004	778.72
SYSCO FOOD SERVICES	2004 010-427-036	PRISONER MEALS	TCSD 819219	404200251		05/10/2004	05/14/2004	735.36
SYSCO FOOD SERVICES	2004 010-427-036	PRISONER MEALS	TCSD 819219	404130474		05/10/2004	05/14/2004	743.59
SYSCO FOOD SERVICES	2004 010-427-036	PRISONER MEALS	TCSD 819219	404080516		05/10/2004	05/14/2004	27.88
SYSCO FOOD SERVICES	2004 010-427-036	PRISONER MEALS	TCSD 819219	404060405		05/10/2004	05/14/2004	758.54
TDCAA NOW TRUST FUND	2004 010-419-007	OFFICE SUPPLIES	TCDA FOLDERS	14274		05/12/2004	05/14/2004	49.00
TELSTAR SPECIALTY PRODU	2004 010-442-007	JANITORS SUPPLIES	TCJ LINERS	002110		05/11/2004	05/14/2004	439.00
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF CO	2004 010-401-099	CONTINGENCY FOR M	TCVS 30DA E350VAN	04262004		05/04/2004	05/14/2004	20.00
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF CO	2004 010-426-040	LIABILITY INSURAN	TCSD 2004 CRN VICT	2490		05/04/2004	05/14/2004	397.00
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF CO	2004 010-401-006	UNEMPLOYMENT INSU	RESV CALCUL RPT	05072004		05/13/2004	05/14/2004	5,912.05
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEA	2004 010-402-009	TELEPHONE	TCC C7000008	B040408		05/11/2004	05/14/2004	113.46
TIMBERLINE NURSERY, INC	2004 010-442-010	REPAIRS TO COURTH	TCJ COLEUS,VERBENA	11027		05/11/2004	05/14/2004	111.70
TIMBERLINE NURSERY, INC	2004 010-442-010	REPAIRS TO COURTH	TCJ PETUNIA	11436		05/11/2004	05/14/2004	56.70
TIMBERMANS SUPPLY	2004 010-442-010	REPAIRS TO COURTH	TCJ ECHO BLOWER 500	167049		05/11/2004	05/14/2004	205.00
TOLARS FEED AND OUTDOOR	2004 010-426-023	ANIMAL CONTROL	TCSD-12% STOCK PELL	127450		05/10/2004	05/14/2004	5.25
TRIAD OFFICE SOLUTIONS	2004 010-440-012	EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	TCC COPIER REPAIR	40386		05/11/2004	05/14/2004	190.00
TROOPER SUPPLY INC	2004 010-426-041	UNIFORMS	TCSD PANT R JAMES	65323		05/10/2004	05/14/2004	69.90
TUBB, MELANIE	2004 010-419-009	TELEPHONE	TCDA REMB(CELL PHD	766701339A		05/12/2004	05/14/2004	77.70
TYLER COUNTY BOOSTER	2004 010-401-013	ADVERTISING	NTB SO CARS	07281999		05/04/2004	05/14/2004	88.32
TYLER COUNTY BOOSTER	2004 010-401-013	ADVERTISING	NTB ROAD MATERIALS	04212004		05/04/2004	05/14/2004	89.25
TYLER COUNTY HOSPITAL	2004 010-401-098	MISCELLANEOUS EXP	SNOWDEN 3072014	0003072014		05/04/2004	05/14/2004	55.00
TYLER COUNTY HOSPITAL	2004 010-401-098	MISCELLANEOUS EXP	SHEFFIELD 37381002	0037381002		05/04/2004	05/14/2004	55.00
TYLER COUNTY HOSPITAL	2004 010-401-098	MISCELLANEOUS EXP	BRANTLEY 23501013	00323501013		05/04/2004	05/14/2004	55.00
TYLER COUNTY HOSPITAL	2004 010-401-098	MISCELLANEOUS EXP	MASHAW 31890010	0031890010		05/04/2004	05/14/2004	55.00
TYLER COUNTY HOSPITAL	2004 010-401-098	MISCELLANEOUS EXP	TCC -UDS 6 RIVERS	25879005		05/04/2004	05/14/2004	35.00
TYLER COUNTY HOSPITAL	2004 010-401-098	MISCELLANEOUS EXP	AP UDS J STRICKLAND	3261009		05/04/2004	05/14/2004	35.00
TYLER COUNTY PARTS, INC	2004 010-426-028	REPAIRS TO VEHICL	TCSD 7075	313427		05/10/2004	05/14/2004	15.85
TYLER COUNTY PARTS, INC	2004 010-426-028	REPAIRS TO VEHICL	TCSD 7075	314231		05/10/2004	05/14/2004	8.49

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TYLER COUNTY TRACTOR	2004 010-426-028	REPAIRS TO VEHICL	TCSD BALL JOINT AS	110263	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		13.00
TYLER COUNTY TRACTOR	2004 010-426-028	REPAIRS TO VEHICL	TCSD V BELT 45B SPA	110382	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		34.12
TYLER COUNTY TRACTOR	2004 010-426-028	REPAIRS TO VEHICL	TCSD J DEERE M41967	110384	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		26.52
U.S. POSTMASTER	2004 010-414-008	POSTAGE	JP4 2 ROLLS-STAMPS	12601	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		74.00
VIKING OFFICE PRODUCTS	2004 010-440-007	SUPPLIES	ADD MACHINE ROLLS	649216A	05/04/2004	05/14/2004		37.18
VIKING OFFICE PRODUCTS	2004 010-422-007	OFFICE SUPPLIES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	649216B	05/04/2004	05/14/2004		60.46
VIKING OFFICE PRODUCTS	2004 010-422-007	OFFICE SUPPLIES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	627155	05/04/2004	05/14/2004		61.38
VIKING OFFICE PRODUCTS	2004 010-440-007	SUPPLIES	TCES TONER	646230	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		107.44
VIKING OFFICE PRODUCTS	2004 010-402-007	OFFICE SUPPLIES	TCC OFFICE SUPPLIE	631354	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		15.28
VIKING OFFICE PRODUCTS	2004 010-402-007	OFFICE SUPPLIES	TCC OFFICE SUPPLIE	647366	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		107.95
WALMART COMMUNITY	2004 010-440-007	SUPPLIES	TCJP CARTRIDGE	005201	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		33.96
WALMART COMMUNITY	2004 010-439-036	DEMONSTRATION SUP	TCES DEMO SUPPLIES	005555	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		34.47
WALMART COMMUNITY	2004 010-440-007	SUPPLIES	TDPS SUPPLIES	001051A	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		43.34
WALMART COMMUNITY	2004 010-430-007	OFFICE SUPPLIES	TDPS SUPPLIES	001051B	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		12.40
WALMART COMMUNITY	2004 010-427-037	CAMERA & FILM	TCSD-6032 2020 0058	04162004	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		31.95
WALMART COMMUNITY	2004 010-426-007	OFFICE SUPPLIES	TCSD-6032 2020 0058	04162004 D	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		44.16
WALMART COMMUNITY	2004 010-426-008	DEPUTIES SUPPLIES	TCSD-6032 2020 0058	04162004 D	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		81.64
WALMART COMMUNITY	2004 010-442-010	REPAIRS TO COURTH	TCJ 6032 2020 0077	04162004 J	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		273.12
WALMART COMMUNITY	2004 010-442-007	JANITORS SUPPLIES	TCJ 6032 2020 0077	04162004CJ	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		34.66
WEST GROUP	2004 010-428-012	TRAINING & EDUCAT	PCT3 TX FAM CODE	6022710704	05/04/2004	05/14/2004		108.30
WEST GROUP	2004 010-413-007	OFFICE SUPPLIES	JP3 TX COURT RULES	806483886	05/04/2004	05/14/2004		64.00
WEST GROUP	2004 010-411-007	OFFICE SUPPLIES	JP1 TX CT RULES	806420556	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		64.00
WEST GROUP	2004 010-409-007	OFFICE SUPPLIES	TCBJ TX CT RULES	806417863	05/12/2004	05/14/2004		64.00
WEST GROUP	2004 010-407-007	OFFICE SUPPLIES	TCBC TX CT RULES	806417405	05/12/2004	05/14/2004		64.00
WILEY AND SONS, INC	2004 010-426-023	ANIMAL CONTROL	TCSD-3CC 1CC C DART	10251	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		111.00
WILSON CLEMMONS INSURAN	2004 010-426-014	BONDS & LAW ENF.	TCSD-NOTARY I LEE	463666322	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		71.00
WOODVILLE GLASS	2004 010-426-028	REPAIRS TO VEHICL	TCSD- 04 CV UNIT 9	3273	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		395.77
WRIGHT, RUSSELL J	2004 010-408-055	COURT APPOINTED A	C 9872 9873 9874 98	05102004	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		275.00
XEROX CORPORATION	2004 010-440-015	SERVICE CONTRACTS	TCDC	668113889A	05/12/2004	05/14/2004		124.00
XPEDX	2004 010-427-010	JAIL SUPPLIES	TCSD-48107295	486033311	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		205.04
XPEDX	2004 010-427-010	JAIL SUPPLIES	TCSD-48107295	485881011	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		405.61
ZELESKEY AND ASSOCIATES	2004 010-401-093	CONTINGENCY FOR L	TCJ M NUNLEY VS TC	151894	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		1,840.05
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BOYKIN LUMBER & SUPPLY	2004 021-451-033	BRIDGE REPAIR	PCT1 SUPPLIES	4607	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		3.90
BOYKIN LUMBER & SUPPLY	2004 021-451-033	BRIDGE REPAIR	PCT1 SUPPLIES	44431	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		7.31
DURHAM AUTO ELECTRIC	2004 021-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT1 A/C REPAIR	466463	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		40.00
ECOND SIGN & BARRICADE	2004 021-451-032	ROAD MATERIAL	PCT1 STOP SIGNS	872876	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		143.11
ENGLISH TRUCK & TRAILER	2004 021-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT1 ROTDR, WIRES	040904	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		133.85
ENGLISH TRUCK & TRAILER	2004 021-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT1 PTO, HDIST	043004B	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		336.79
GARDNER OIL, INC.	2004 021-451-029	GAS, OIL, GREASE	PCT1 FUEL	45941	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		88.87
GARDNER OIL, INC.	2004 021-451-029	GAS, OIL, GREASE	PCT1 FUEL	67176	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		802.50
GARDNER OIL, INC.	2004 021-451-029	GAS, OIL, GREASE	PCT1 DIESEL	67179	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		463.60
GARDNER OIL, INC.	2004 021-451-029	GAS, OIL, GREASE	PCT1 FUEL	67294	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		646.00
GARDNER OIL, INC.	2004 021-451-029	GAS, OIL, GREASE	PCT1 DIESEL	67297	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		231.80
GARDNER OIL, INC.	2004 021-451-029	GAS, OIL, GREASE	PCT1 FUEL	46143	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		53.80
GREVENBERG COMMUNICATIO	2004 021-453-045	PURCHASE OF EQUIP	PCT1 LIGHT REPAIR	2266A	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		22.50
HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS	2004 021-453-045	PURCHASE OF EQUIP	PCT1 GRINDER	0255017	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		59.99
HILLISTER TRACTOR	2004 021-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT1 FUEL FILTER	12893	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		11.09
HILLISTER TRACTOR	2004 021-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT1 ANTENNA	R12967	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		87.47
HILLISTER TRACTOR	2004 021-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT1 REPLACE SWITC	R12933	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		413.00
INTERNATIONAL MILL SERV	2004 021-451-032	ROAD MATERIAL	PCT1 ROAD MATERIAL	190049	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		133.86
INTERNATIONAL MILL SERV	2004 021-451-032	ROAD MATERIAL	PCT1 ROAD MATERIAL	189296	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		367.82
INTERNATIONAL MILL SERV	2004 021-451-032	ROAD MATERIAL	PCT1 ROAD MATERIAL	190240	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		1,330.69
JASPER ASPHALT LIMITED	2004 021-451-032	ROAD MATERIAL	PCT1 OIL SAND BASE	428	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		567.49
MODICA BROS.	2004 021-451-030	TIRES, TUBES	PCT1 TIRE REPAIR	182453B	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		57.98
MODICA BROS.	2004 021-451-030	TIRES, TUBES	PCT1 REPAIRS	181615	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		410.64
MODICA BROS.	2004 021-451-030	TIRES, TUBES	PCT1 REPAIRS	182182	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		47.13
MODICA BROS.	2004 021-451-030	TIRES, TUBES	PCT1 REPAIRS	182276	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		25.00
MOTT WHOLESALE, INC.	2004 021-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT1 PARTS	115323A	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		81.90
QUILL COPORATION	2004 021-451-040	MISCELLANEOUS SUP	PCT1 OFFICE SUPPLIE	8092330A	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		28.43
ROARK, A. W., JR.	2004 021-451-032	ROAD MATERIAL	PCT1	001AA	05/13/2004	05/14/2004		66.00
ROARK, DAVID	2004 021-451-032	ROAD MATERIAL	PCT1	001AB	05/13/2004	05/14/2004		66.00
RURAL PIPE AND SUPPLY	2004 021-451-031	CULVERTS	PCT1 COUPLING	25093	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		18.72
RURAL PIPE AND SUPPLY	2004 021-451-031	CULVERTS	PCT1 CULVERTS	25133	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		693.30
SBC	2004 021-451-035	UTILITIES	PCT1	2833652 1	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		21.31
SCHRECK, TED TRUCKING	2004 021-451-032	ROAD MATERIAL	PCT1 SLAG BASE	7744	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		750.00
SCHRECK, TED TRUCKING	2004 021-451-032	ROAD MATERIAL	PCT1 SLAG BASE	7750	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		500.00
SCHRECK, TED TRUCKING	2004 021-451-032	ROAD MATERIAL	PCT1 SLAG BASE	7722	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		375.00
SULLIVANS HARDWARE	2004 021-451-040	MISCELLANEOUS SUP	PCT1 BATTERIES	54186	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		16.97
TELETOUCH	2004 021-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT1 RADIO REPAIR	319626	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		52.50
THE MUFFLER SHOP	2004 021-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT1 REPAIRS	04282004A	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		22.50
TINBERMANS SUPPLY	2004 021-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT1 1/3 TRACT HYD	167322	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		22.20
TRIAD OFFICE SOLUTIONS	2004 021-451-040	MISCELLANEOUS SUP	COPIER REPAIR	40666A	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		28.12
TYLER COUNTY PARTS, INC	2004 021-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT1 GAUGE	312813	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		3.78
TYLER COUNTY PARTS, INC	2004 021-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT1 LICENSE	313715	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		5.32
TYLER COUNTY PARTS, INC	2004 021-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT1 FILTERS	315097	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		67.87
WALMART COMMUNITY	2004 021-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT1 GAS CAN	009399	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		3.86
WOODRONE, C D	2004 021-451-001	SALARY/TRUCK ALLO	MO TRUCK ALLOW	06/0 12398	05/13/2004	05/14/2004		700.00

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BIG FOUR, INC.	2004 022-451-032	ROAD MATERIAL	PCT2 ROAD BASE	00326195	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		718.56
BIG FOUR, INC.	2004 022-451-032	ROAD MATERIAL	PCT2 ROAD BASE	00326190	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		718.56
CUSTOM PRODUCTS RESEARC	2004 022-451-040	MISCELLANEOUS SUP	PCT2 ANT KILLER	9304	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		184.00
GARDNER OIL, INC.	2004 022-451-029	GAS, OIL, GREASE	PCT2 FUEL	67239	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		519.75
GARDNER OIL, INC.	2004 022-451-029	GAS, OIL, GREASE	PCT2 FUEL	67241	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		233.80
GARDNER OIL, INC.	2004 022-451-029	GAS, OIL, GREASE	PCT2 FUEL	67354	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		802.25
GARDNER OIL, INC.	2004 022-451-029	GAS, OIL, GREASE	PCT2 FUEL	67356	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		353.70
GRAY'S WHOLESALE TIRE	2004 022-451-030	TIRES, TUBES	PCT2 TIRES	942393	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		1,260.44
GREVEMBERS COMMUNICATIO	2004 022-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT2 RADIO WORK	2525	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		244.57
GREVEMBERS COMMUNICATIO	2004 022-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT2 STROBE LIGHT	2266B	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		22.50
GULF WELDING	2004 022-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT2 ACETYLENE	34578	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		31.50
HENSARLINGS TIRE CENTER	2004 022-451-030	TIRES, TUBES	PCT2 TIRE MAINT.	87578	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		15.00
HENSARLINGS TIRE CENTER	2004 022-451-030	TIRES, TUBES	PCT2 TIRE MAINT.	87348	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		34.00
HILLISTER TRACTOR	2004 022-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT2 CUTTING YARD	13001	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		316.20
HORTONS AUTOMOTIVE INC.	2004 022-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT2 VALVES,BLOCK	0001	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		1,578.70
HUGHES, JAMES "RUSTY"	2004 022-451-001	SALARY/TRUCK ALLO	MD TRUCK ALLOW 06/0	12399	05/13/2004	05/14/2004		700.00
JAMES, ROBERT	2004 022-451-032	ROAD MATERIAL	PCT2 DIRT	04302004	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		600.00
LATCH OIL, INC.	2004 022-451-030	TIRES, TUBES	PCT2 15W40 OIL	19651	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		343.20
OFFICE MAX CREDIT PLAN	2004 022-451-040	MISCELLANEOUS SUP	PCT2 PRINTWORKSHOP	158210364	05/12/2004	05/14/2004		21.64
POWERPLAN	2004 022-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT2 MUFFLER,WINDO	327412	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		567.27
QUILL COPORATION	2004 022-451-040	MISCELLANEOUS SUP	PCT2 OFFICE SUPPLI	8092330B	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		28.43
ROARK, A. W., JR.	2004 022-451-032	ROAD MATERIAL	PTC2	001DA	05/13/2004	05/14/2004		126.00
ROARK, DAVID	2004 022-451-032	ROAD MATERIAL	PCT2	001DB	05/13/2004	05/14/2004		126.00
SBC	2004 022-451-035	UTILITIES	PCT2	2833652 2	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		21.30
SMARTS TRUCK & TRAILER	2004 022-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT2 SWITCH	301140F	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		20.21
SULLIVANS HARDWARE	2004 022-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT2 GASKET	52783	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		21.18
TELETOUCH	2004 022-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT2 RADIO REPAIR	319584	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		70.00
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF CO	2004 022-451-042	LIABILITY INSURAN	PCT 2 MOTOGRADER	04202004	05/04/2004	05/14/2004		397.00
TIMBERMANS SUPPLY	2004 022-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT2 SUPPLIES	167124	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		62.08
TIMBERMANS SUPPLY	2004 022-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT2 SUPPLIES	166333	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		89.42
TIMBERMANS SUPPLY	2004 022-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT2 SUPPLIES	166477	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		49.48
TRIAD OFFICE SOLUTIONS	2004 022-451-040	MISCELLANEOUS SUP	PCT2 COPIER REPAIR	40666B	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		28.12
TRUCK & EQUIPMENT REPAI	2004 022-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT2 GASKETS	0006491	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		418.00
TRUCK & EQUIPMENT REPAI	2004 022-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT2 REPAIR	0006515	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		30.00
TYLER COUNTY PARTS, INC	2004 022-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT2 BELT	313036	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		13.21
TYLER COUNTY PARTS, INC	2004 022-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT2 CABLE	314344	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		24.71
TYLER COUNTY PARTS, INC	2004 022-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT2 DE1611	315514	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		12.27
TYLER COUNTY TRACTOR	2004 022-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT2 PIN,BLADE	110685	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		41.90
U PUMP IT	2004 022-451-029	GAS, OIL, GREASE	PCT2 FUEL	0020634	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		104.17

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BIG FOUR, INC.	2004 023-451-032	ROAD MATERIAL	PCT3 ROAD MATERIAL	00326119	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		414.00
BIG FOUR, INC.	2004 023-451-032	ROAD MATERIAL	PCT3 ROAD MATERIAL	00326103	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		276.00
BILLY WILLIAMS TRUCKING	2004 023-451-032	ROAD MATERIAL	PCT3 ROAD MATERIAL	04252004	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		1,331.10
CINGULAR WIRELESS	2004 023-451-035	UTILITIES	PCT3 331 4724,4726 A	793899742	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		95.44
ELITE ROCK/TEXAS BANK &	2004 023-451-032	ROAD MATERIAL	PCT3 ROAD MATERIAL	042001195	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		246.00
GARDNER OIL, INC.	2004 023-451-029	GAS, OIL, GREASE	PCT3 FUEL	67238	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		975.50
GARDNER OIL, INC.	2004 023-451-029	GAS, OIL, GREASE	PCT3 FUEL	67240	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		350.70
GARDNER OIL, INC.	2004 023-451-029	GAS, OIL, GREASE	PCT3 FUEL	67283	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		294.25
GARDNER OIL, INC.	2004 023-451-029	GAS, OIL, GREASE	PCT3 FUEL	67353	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		968.50
GARDNER OIL, INC.	2004 023-451-029	GAS, OIL, GREASE	PCT3 FUEL	67355	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		766.35
GRAY'S WHOLESALE TIRE	2004 023-451-030	TIRES, TUBES	PCT3 TIRES	941695	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		359.80
GREVEMBERG COMMUNICATIO	2004 023-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT3 RADIO BATTERY	2580	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		340.00
GREVEMBERG COMMUNICATIO	2004 023-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT3 RADIO REPAIR	2548	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		60.00
GREVEMBERG COMMUNICATIO	2004 023-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT3 LIGHT REPAIR	2266	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		22.50
HENSARLINGS TIRE CENTER	2004 023-451-030	TIRES, TUBES	PCT3 USED TIRES	87576	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		40.00
HENSARLINGS TIRE CENTER	2004 023-451-030	TIRES, TUBES	PCT3 TIRE MOUNTING	87252	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		599.56
HENSARLINGS TIRE CENTER	2004 023-451-030	TIRES, TUBES	PCT3 TIRE MOUNTING	87213	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		1,897.80
HENSARLINGS TIRE CENTER	2004 023-451-030	TIRES, TUBES	PCT3 FLAT REPAIRS	87759	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		70.00
HENSARLINGS TIRE CENTER	2004 023-451-030	TIRES, TUBES	PCT3 FLAT REPAIRS	87936	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		18.00
HILLISTER TRACTOR	2004 023-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT3 REPAIRS	R13011	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		976.00
MARSHALL, JOE	2004 023-451-001	SALARY/TRUCK ALLO	MD TRUCK ALLOW 06/0	12400	05/13/2004	05/14/2004		700.00
MUSIC MOUNTAIN WATER CO	2004 023-451-040	MISCELLANEOUS SUP	PCT3 SP6 GAL WTR	A 79996800	05/13/2004	05/14/2004		24.35
MUSTANG TRACTOR	2004 023-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT3 MAINT/PARTS	1433650	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		58.27
QUILL COPORATION	2004 023-451-040	MISCELLANEOUS SUP	PCT3 OFFICE SUPPLIE	8092330	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		25.51
QUILL COPORATION	2004 023-451-040	MISCELLANEOUS SUP	PCT3 CARTRIDGE	7959223C	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		15.99
REGIONS INTERSTATE BILL	2004 023-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT3 PARTS/MAINT.	300509401	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		585.13
ROARK, A. W., JR.	2004 023-451-032	ROAD MATERIAL	PCT3	001C	05/12/2004	05/14/2004		216.00
ROARK, DAVID	2004 023-451-032	ROAD MATERIAL	PCT3	001CA	05/13/2004	05/14/2004		216.00
SBC	2004 023-451-035	UTILITIES	PCT3	2833652 3	05/11/2004	05/14/2004		21.30
SEXTON, MATTIE M	2004 023-451-040	MISCELLANEOUS SUP	PCT3 BARN CLEAN 4/	04022004	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		35.00
SHEPHERD'S UNIFORM & LI	2004 023-451-044	UNIFORMS	PCT3 UNIFORMS	128167MY	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		170.23
TRIAD OFFICE SOLUTIONS	2004 023-451-040	MISCELLANEOUS SUP	COPIER REPAIR	40666C	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		28.14
TYLER COUNTY HOSPITAL	2004 023-451-040	MISCELLANEOUS SUP	PCT3-WALTERS,M.	13013012	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		17.50
TYLER COUNTY PARTS, INC	2004 023-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT3 CULVERT	313800	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		314.06
TYLER COUNTY PARTS, INC	2004 023-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT3 TESTER,TAPE	314376	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		30.67
TYLER COUNTY PARTS, INC	2004 023-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT3 WIRE,BATTERY	315247	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		12.67
U PUMP IT	2004 023-451-029	GAS, OIL, GREASE	PCT3 FUEL	0020632	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		34.06

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B J TRUCK & TRAILER	2004 024-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT4 PARTS	9225	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		317.49
BIG FOUR, INC.	2004 024-451-032	ROAD MATERIAL	PCT4 ROAD MATERIAL	00326099	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		1,487.04
BIG FOUR, INC.	2004 024-451-032	ROAD MATERIAL	PCT4 ROAD MATERIAL	00326121	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		1,487.04
CALCO CALLENS CO INC	2004 024-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT4 SEAL	13935	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		25.25
CALCO CALLENS CO INC	2004 024-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT 4 U JOINT CAPSC	13961	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		190.47
EAST TEXAS TRUCK & MILL	2004 024-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT4 PATCH	352248	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		16.75
EAST TEXAS TRUCK & MILL	2004 024-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT4 SEAL	349452	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		.96
ETOX, INC.	2004 024-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT4 ACETYLENE	293209	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		33.00
FLIGHT LIGHT INC	2004 024-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PAPI LIGHTS	16714	05/06/2004	05/14/2004		80.81
GARDNER OIL, INC.	2004 024-451-029	GAS, OIL, GREASE	PCT4 FUEL	67178	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		401.25
GARDNER OIL, INC.	2004 024-451-029	GAS, OIL, GREASE	PCT4 FUEL	67180	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		695.40
GARDNER OIL, INC.	2004 024-451-029	GAS, OIL, GREASE	PCT4 FUEL	67296	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		866.69
GARDNER OIL, INC.	2004 024-451-029	GAS, OIL, GREASE	PCT4 FUEL	67298	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		463.60
GREVEMBERG COMMUNICATIO	2004 024-453-045	PURCHASE OF EQUIP	PCT4 MOTOROLA RADIU	2103	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		300.00
GREVEMBERG COMMUNICATIO	2004 024-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT4 STROBE LIGHT	22660	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		22.50
GREVEMBERG COMMUNICATIO	2004 024-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT4 TRANSISTOR	2526	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		55.14
HILLISTER TRACTOR	2004 024-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT4 REPAIRS	R13051	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		2,458.71
INTERNATIONAL MILL SERV	2004 024-451-032	ROAD MATERIAL	PCT4 ROAD MATERIAL	189709	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		1,026.12
INTERNATIONAL MILL SERV	2004 024-451-032	ROAD MATERIAL	PCT4 ROAD MATERIAL	189297	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		1,278.25
JASPER ASPHALT LIMITED	2004 024-451-032	ROAD MATERIAL	PCT4 ROAD MATERIAL	429	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		478.66
JASPER FARM & RANCH SUP	2004 024-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT4 TINES	04-46883	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		264.60
JR.'S EQUIPMENT SERVICE	2004 024-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT4 PARTS	243	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		158.25
JR.'S EQUIPMENT SERVICE	2004 024-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT4 PARTS	244	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		135.00
LEHMAN'S PIPE AND STEEL	2004 024-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT4 16" RIM	117748	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		69.90
MODICA BROS.	2004 024-451-030	TIRES, TUBES	PCT4 TIRE REPAIR	182453	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		57.97
MODICA BROS.	2004 024-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT4 BRAKE REPAIRS	182446	05/13/2004	05/14/2004		267.90
MOTT WHOLESALE, INC.	2004 024-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT4 PARTS	05032004	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		510.83
MOTT WHOLESALE, INC.	2004 024-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT4 PARTS	115323C	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		81.90
OIL CITY TRACTORS INC.	2004 024-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT4 PARTS	1V80553	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		26.90
POWERPLAN	2004 024-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT4 PARTS	J27045	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		455.89
POWERPLAN	2004 024-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT4 PARTS	J27118	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		53.67
POWERPLAN	2004 024-451-028	MACHINERY MAINTEN	PCT4 PARTS	J27083	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		941.40
QUILL COPORATION	2004 024-451-040	MISCELLANEOUS SUP	PCT4 OFFICE SUPPLI	7959223D	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		15.99
QUILL COPORATION	2004 024-451-040	MISCELLANEOUS SUP	PCT4 OFFICE SUPPLI	8092330D	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		25.50
ROARK, A. W., JR.	2004 024-451-032	ROAD MATERIAL	PCT4 ROAD MATERIAL	001B	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		489.00
ROARK, DAVID	2004 024-451-032	ROAD MATERIAL	PCT4	001BA	05/13/2004	05/14/2004		489.00
SBC	2004 024-451-035	UTILITIES	PCT4	2833652	4 05/11/2004	05/14/2004		21.30
SCHRECK, TED TRUCKING	2004 024-451-032	ROAD MATERIAL	PCT4 ROAD MATERIAL	7724	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		1,000.00
SCHRECK, TED TRUCKING	2004 024-451-032	ROAD MATERIAL	PCT4 ROAD MATERIAL	7730	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		800.00
SHEPHERD'S UNIFORM & LI	2004 024-451-044	UNIFORMS	PCT4	750068	05/10/2004	05/14/2004		74.55
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RESOLUTION
CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF HB 2292 (78TH REGULAR SESSION)

WHEREAS, H.B. 2292, signed into law by the Governor on June 10, 2003, mandates the reorganization of twelve state Health and Human Services Agencies and functions into five new agencies; and

WHEREAS, the transition Legislative Oversight Committee was appointed to oversee the consolidation of health and human services agencies set in motion by H.B. 2292; and

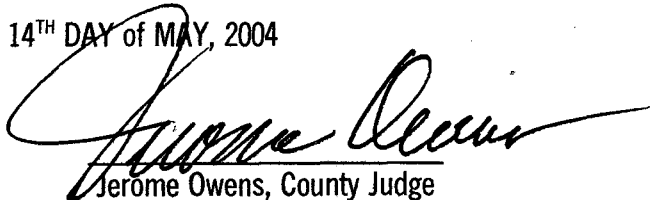
WHEREAS, as hundreds of Tyler County residents depend on the services provided by departments and agencies subject to elimination and/or reorganization under H.B.2292 and that these same citizens could be relatively impacted by the reduction of Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program funding and leaving entities to make up the difference in funding; and

WHEREAS, in Tyler County great harm could come to local communities caused by the lost of state jobs numbering approximately eleven with an estimated annual loss of \$220,000.00 in salaries and in an area of one of the highest unemployment rates in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Tyler County has a large portion of its population made up of elderly, disabled, and low income and there is a lack of transportation services for the citizens of this area so the possibility of closing the Texas Department of Human Services Offices in this area would have a devastating effect on our residents.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Commissioners' Court of Tyler County believes that it is in the best interest of the citizens of our county and that the radical reorganization envisioned by H.B.2292 not be implemented.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14TH DAY of MAY, 2004


Jerome Owens, County Judge

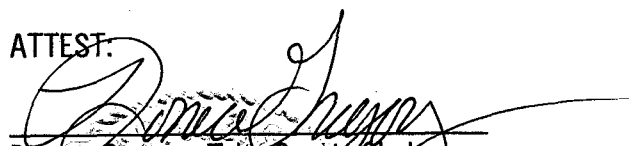

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Rusty Hughes, Commissioner, Pct.# 2

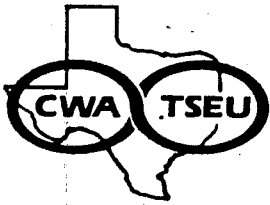

Joe Marshall, Commissioner, Pct.# 3


Jack Walston, Commissioner, Pct.# 4

ATTEST:


Donece Gregory, Tyler County Clerk





TEXAS STATE EMPLOYEES UNION

Communications Workers of America Local 6186 - AFL-CIO

HB 2292 Consolidation and Reorganization Mean Devastating Cuts in Services, Office Closures, State Employee Job Losses, and Revenue Losses for Tyler County

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Total Dollar Losses Due to Medicaid and CHIP Cuts:

Final Passed Budget for 2004-2005; HHSC, DHS, MHMR, and TDH budgets. All dollar amounts are biennial; Caseload reductions are for FY 2005 monthly average enrollment, as compared to enrollment projected under prior law.

Total Dollars Lost (State + Federal), Major Medicaid and CHIP Cuts adjusted for \$167 million GR added 8/03	\$2,751,447
State Dollars Cut only, Major Medicaid and CHIP Cuts adjusted for \$167 million GR added 8/03	\$1,006,602

Reductions in Services Due to Eligibility Policy Changes:

Children's Medicaid Growth Reduction Assumed Due to Changes in Children's Medicaid Simplification	291
Pregnant Women Enrollment Reduction (monthly)	10
Medically Needy Enrollment Reduction (monthly)	13
CHIP Enrollment Reduction in 2005 at 200% FPL with Policy Changes (below 5/03 levels)	214
Total Client Caseload Reduction in 2005	528
Aged & Disabled At Risk of Receiving 15% Fewer Hours of Community Care Services	125

If Eligibility Services are Converted to Privatized Call Centers, the Following Department of Human Services Offices Are at Risk of Closure:

930 North Magnolia, Woodville

Loss of DHS Employees in Tyler County	11
Estimated Annual Dollars Lost Through Job Losses	\$220,000

Information Provided by the Center for Public Policy Priorities and the Texas State Employees Union

What is HB 2292?

HB 2292, enacted during the last session of the Legislature and signed by the governor, radically reorganizes Texas's health and human services delivery system by:

- Eliminating 11 state agencies that provide health and human services and specialized services for the disabled and mentally ill*
- Creating three new agencies that will provide some of the services of the eliminated agencies
- Consolidating the oversight and administrative support of the new agencies into the hands of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)
- Making HHSC responsible for determining eligibility for Food Stamps, Temporary Aid to Needy Families, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), community care, and community-based support services
- Eliminating the boards that currently oversee the delivery of health and human services and replacing them with advisory councils for the new agencies. Unlike the former boards, the advisory councils will not have rule-making authority and the public's influence on rule-making will be reduced
- Giving sole rule-making and policy authority to the Executive Commissioner of HHSC

*The agencies eliminated are the Department of Human Services, Department of Health, Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Rehabilitation Commission, Department on Aging, Commission for the Blind, Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Commission on Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Council on Early Childhood Development, Cancer Council, and Health Care Information Council

To replace these 11 agencies, HB 2292 creates three new agencies: The Department of Assistive and Rehabilitation Services, Department of Aging and Disability Services, and Department of State Health Services. The Department of Protective and Regulatory Services is kept intact but given a new name, the Department of Family and Protective Services

The radical reorganization envisioned by HB 2292 will impede the state's ability to provide health and human services and have a profound impact on counties and your residents. HB 2292 requires HHSC to

- Close hundreds of Department of Human Services (DHS) local offices where people go for help in times of need
- Replace these closed offices with only four call centers, which can be located anywhere in the state and will be operated by private contractors
- Fire thousands of local DHS workers, including expert eligibility caseworkers, who help those in need access health and human services.
- HB 2223 would replace these health and human service experts with telephone operators working for a private call center contractor

HB 2292 also changes the eligibility rules for CHIP, Medicaid, and the Medically Needy program. As a result

- 166,000 fewer children will qualify for CHIP
- 332,000 fewer people will qualify for Medicaid and
- 408,000 fewer people will qualify for the Medically needy program, which for all practical purposes will be eliminated

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In addition HB 2292

- Denies many people in need of health and human services the opportunity to have face-to-face meetings with eligibility caseworkers to discuss their needs and answer their questions
- Authorizes the privatization of one mental health hospital and one state school for the mentally retarded
- Eliminates mental health professional services for adults on Medicaid
- Requires local mental health and mental retardation authorities to privatize all services of intermediate care facilities for persons with mental retardation
- Gives the HHSC commissioner blanket authority to reduce Medicaid provider rates

This is not an exhaustive list. You can find more information about HB 2292's impact by going to the web site of the Center for Public Policy Priorities, www.cppp.org.

This radical reorganization will have a huge impact on local communities, but those overseeing its implementation insist that it be expedited.

- HHSC is working on an aggressive implementation plan to be presented to the governor by December 1, 2003
- HHSC has already begun the process of centralizing administrative support services for the new agencies
- The elimination of the 11 health and human services and consolidation of their service will likely begin in 2004
- Proposals for the privatization of state hospitals and state schools are to be made by April 1, 2004.
- Proposals for the eliminating local DHS offices and replacing them with privately operated call centers will be requested in 2004.

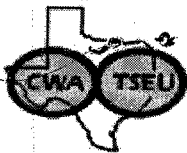
We're asking county officials to contact their legislators and demand on behalf of your constituents that

- This radical reorganization be slowed down until its impact on local economies and health and human services can be properly assessed
- No changes be made until the public can be guaranteed that there will be no interruptions in service and that centralization and consolidation will not create new barriers to access for those needing services and
- Decisions affecting millions of Texans be made transparently and with adequate public notice and input

Here's what the Center for Public Policy Priorities, a non-partisan health and human services research center, has to say about HB 2292.

"HB 2292 bulldozed its way to the governor's desk with insufficient public and legislative scrutiny and little regard for the impact such a massive downsizing of the safety net would have on state employees, clients, and local communities."

<http://www.cppp.org/products/policypages/191-210/html/PP195.html>



STOP HB 2292

IT'S AN ATTACK ON ALL TEXANS

Counties begin to take action against HB 2292

TSEU members are meeting with city and county officials to discuss the effects of HB 2292. Elected leaders are reacting with anger when they learn that, on top of drastic cuts in state funds, they might be saddled with increased hospital costs as Medicaid and CHIP are cut, and that DHS offices and MHMR facilities might close.

The following are counties that have passed resolutions regarding HB 2292. Click on the county name to download a copy, as a PDF, of that county's resolution. If <details> appears, there is more information about that county's resolution.

* BEXAR County - 1,457,847 <details> * CAMERON County - 366,569 <details>

KARNES County - 16,016 VICTORIA County - 87,257

WILSON County - 35,461 * TRAVIS County 874,737 <details>

HIDALGO County - 636,492 DEWITT County - 20,142

GOLIAD County - 7,055 JASPER County - 36,712

CALHOUN County - 21,370 + JACKSON County - 14,754

LAVACA County - 18,971 TRINITY County - 13,923

GALVESTON County - 258,004 BASTROP County - 64,329

CHAMBERS County - 28,090 + EL PASO County - 726,081

MATAGORDA County - 38,889 MCLENNAN County - 219,295

JONES County - 20,930 BURLESON County - 17,181

FREESTONE County - 18,118 - COCHRAN County - 3,847

ECTOR County - (pdf coming soon) 125,558

JEFFERSON County - (pdf coming soon) 255,215

SHELBY County - (pdf coming soon) 25,728

ANDERSON County - (pdf coming soon) 56,185

ORANGE County - (pdf coming soon) 86,858

WALKER County - (pdf coming soon) 64,226

* NOLAN County - (pdf coming soon) 16,089 <details>

Newton County BAYLOR County STEPHENS County

ELLIS County MEDINA County STARR County

SABINE County POLK County

Population subtotal 5,899,567 (Texas' total population: 22,158,126)

39 counties and counting - representing over 27% of Texas!

also passing resolutions:

City of AUSTIN / City of SAN ANGELO / City of RAYMONDVILLE/
City of YORKTOWN / City of CUERO / JasperNewton County Public Health Dist Brd

Is your county on the list above?

HAVE YOUR COUNTY PASS A RESOLUTION TODAY!

As you can see from the growing list of counties, local officials are very receptive to the idea of taking a closer look at HB 2292. Committees and groups are forming today, possibly in your area. Contact your local TSEU office for additional information or details.

If you do get the opportunity to meet with your local officials, we would like to know about it (take some pictures if possible - this is a historic event!).



QT-P35. Poverty Status in 1999 of Families and Nonfamily Householders: 2000

Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data

Geographic Area: Tyler County, Texas

NOTE: Data based on a sample except in P3, P4, H3, and H4. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions see <http://factfinder.census.gov/home/en/datanotes/expsf3.htm>.

Poverty Status	Number		Percent below poverty level
	All income levels	Below poverty level	
Families	5,688	716	12.6
With related children under 18 years	2,535	481	19.0
With related children under 5 years	959	192	20.0
Householder worked in 1999	3,654	320	8.8
Full-time, year-round	2,401	124	5.2
Householder 65 years and over	1,432	94	6.6
Family received:			
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or public assistance income in 1999	505	194	38.4
Social Security income in 1999	2,096	203	9.7
Mean income deficit (dollars)	6,952	(X)	(X)
Married-couple families	4,802	437	9.1
With related children under 18 years	2,017	256	12.7
With related children under 5 years	777	109	14.0
Householder worked in 1999	3,106	176	5.7
Full-time, year-round	2,077	92	4.4
Householder 65 years and over	1,268	65	5.1
Family received:			
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or public assistance income in 1999	331	72	21.8
Social Security income in 1999	1,837	158	8.6
Mean income deficit (dollars)	6,341	(X)	(X)
Families with female householder, no husband present	612	243	39.7
With related children under 18 years	366	207	56.6
With related children under 5 years	112	76	67.9
Householder worked in 1999	354	120	33.9
Full-time, year-round	177	20	11.3
Householder 65 years and over	134	29	21.6
Family received:			
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or public assistance income in 1999	130	101	77.7
Social Security income in 1999	198	45	22.7
Mean income deficit (dollars)	8,346	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily householder	2,082	489	23.5
Below 150 percent of poverty level	849	(X)	(X)
Families below:			
150 percent of poverty level	1,377	(X)	(X)
185 percent of poverty level	1,797	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	1,054	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years	446	(X)	(X)

(X) Not applicable.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 3, Matrices P90, P91, P92, P93, PCT59, PCT60, and PCT61.

GCT-P14. Income and Poverty in 1999: 2000
 Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data
 Geographic Area: Tyler County, Texas -- County Subdivision and Place

NOTE: Data based on a sample except in P3, P4, H3, and H4. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions see <http://factfinder.census.gov/home/en/datanotes/expsf3.htm>.

Geographic area	Median income in 1999 (dollars)		Per capita income in 1999 (dollars)	Median earnings in 1999 of full-time, year-round workers (dollars)		Income in 1999 below poverty level			
	Households	Families		Male	Female	Percent of population for whom poverty status is determined			
						All ages	Related children under 18 years	65 years and over	Percent of families
Tyler County	29,808	35,195	15,367	31,797	19,594	15.8	21.0	10.1	12.6
COUNTY SUBDIVISION AND PLACE									
Colmesneil-Chester CCD	31,053	38,650	17,235	33,462	20,179	13.6	18.7	9.6	11.1
Chester town	40,313	46,875	14,659	30,536	14,750	5.8	3.0	7.9	3.8
Colmesneil city	22,396	28,375	11,332	26,750	18,438	17.4	26.8	13.6	12.1
Remainder of Colmesneil-Chester CCD	33,188	40,089	19,390	36,328	25,189	13.5	18.1	8.8	11.8
Spurger CCD	26,972	31,341	13,678	31,940	17,083	17.6	20.5	15.5	14.4
Spurger CCD	26,972	31,341	13,678	31,940	17,083	17.6	20.5	15.5	14.4
Warren CCD	35,000	43,050	18,069	40,125	21,759	8.3	5.6	2.6	6.3
Warren CCD	35,000	43,050	18,069	40,125	21,759	8.3	5.6	2.6	6.3
Woodville CCD	29,788	34,792	14,999	30,610	19,392	18.0	27.4	9.6	14.3
Woodville town	23,711	31,000	14,686	30,515	21,125	23.5	38.1	13.2	19.7
Remainder of Woodville CCD	31,742	35,781	15,103	30,651	18,981	15.9	22.9	8.0	12.4
PLACE									
Chester town	40,313	46,875	14,659	30,536	14,750	5.8	3.0	7.9	3.8
Colmesneil city	22,396	28,375	11,332	26,750	18,438	17.4	26.8	13.6	12.1
Woodville town	23,711	31,000	14,686	30,515	21,125	23.5	38.1	13.2	19.7

(X) Not applicable.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 3, Matrices P53, P77, P82, P87, P90, PCT47, and PCT52.

165 counties adopt steps to protest state mandates Complaints of health care cost burden grow

AUSTIN — A growing number of Texas counties is accusing budget-strapped state lawmakers, who erased a \$10 billion budget shortfall last year, of passing the health care buck to local property owners.

Stung by the depth of indigent health care cuts by the state — more than \$33 million a year for Harris County alone — 165 Texas counties have passed resolutions protesting unfunded state mandates and seeking a constitutional amendment barring them.

Despite state politicians' boasts of slashing spending without raising taxes, local officials increasingly complain that the state merely shifted the burden to already-strapped local property taxpayers.

At least 10 other counties have passed resolutions backed by unionized state employees to rein in a mammoth overhaul of 12 social service agencies, put the brakes on privatization, study negative local economic impacts and restore state health care cuts.

Harris County Commissioners Court unanimously passed the unfunded mandates resolution last December, while Austin's Travis County and San Antonio's Bexar County adopted the resolution calling for a slow-

down of the state's unprecedented changes for social services.

"I think it's a real interesting development," said Anne Dunkelberg, health policy analyst at the Center for Public Policy Priorities, a think tank that studies issues affecting low-income Texans. "It's an indication that people are starting to figure out what's going on and understanding the importance of what was passed."

Despite state politicians' boasts of slashing spending without raising taxes, local of-

officials increasingly complain that the state merely shifted the burden to already-strapped local property taxpayers.

"Basically, it's a tax, a tax increase to the counties, the property owners," said Dale Wortham, a Harris County Hospital District board member who hopes to persuade county commissioners to pass a resolution seeking to slow the social services overhaul.

"There's a big deficit, and somebody's got to pay it," he added. "Whether that check

comes from the counties or the state, it's still got to be paid."

Wortham said he doubts that Harris County commis-

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sioners will ask the state to slow implementation of the social services overhaul contained in House Bill 2292.

After all, the Commissioners Court has three Republican to two Democratic votes. The social services reorganization bill by Rep. Arlene Wohlgemuth, R-Burleson, was a cornerstone of the prevailing conservative Republican legislative agenda.

However, Houston Republican Sen. Jon Lindsay said he doesn't view the issue as a partisan battleground.

"I think it's a state versus

comes time to talk about funding for education and health care. The state has never bellied up and done its share on providing health care to the indigent," Lindsay said.

The grass-roots unfunded mandates initiative, pushed by the Texas Association of Counties, is designed to

counteract shifting tax burdens to counties to provide attorneys for poor defendants and the extra sticker shock of deep health care cuts from the past session, said the county association's spokeswoman, Elna Christopher.

"Health care cuts with the Children's Health Insurance Program and Medicaid were a big chunk of unfunded mandates this past session in that those hospitals cannot turn away sick folks," Christopher said, referring to federal law prohibiting turning

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Harris County Hospital District board member, Dale Wortham

local issue. I think that's the way they perceive it downtown," he said.

"Generally speaking, I support the counties when it

away indigents at public or private hospital emergency rooms.

Gloria Roemet, commu-
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nications director for County Judge Robert Eckels and a member of the Harris County Hospital District board of managers, said local officials are hoping to divert rising numbers of uninsured residents in Harris County away from expensive hospital emergency rooms.

On March 1, county officials plan to launch a sliding scale payment schedule for indigents receiving primary care through the county's Gold Card program for the poor, she said.

John Guest, Harris County Hospital District's president and chief executive officer, said the district's Medicaid collections have dropped \$1 million a month since the new state budget kicked in last September, partly from the state's 2.5 percent cut in Medicaid reimbursements and from reduced eligibility for health care coverage for the poor.

"The reduction in rates as well as reduced eligibility is certainly having an effect on us," he said. "We're feeling some of those effects already."

Harris County lobbyist King Hillier and others estimate that the number of uninsured children and adults locally has ballooned from 750,000 to 1 million and funding problems could grow.

Guest says of that population, the county hospital district's \$700 million budget only serves between 23 percent and 33 percent of the

uninsured, one reason the district wants to expand clinics and hospitals in a \$545 million expansion bid between now and 2015.

Yet, the state's health cuts loom large for Harris County, according to a preliminary analysis the county's Office of Legislative Affairs pre-

"It will take some time to determine the overall impact of the changes made by the 78th Legislature," the report warns, "but waiting lists, more restricted access, and increased utilization of emergency-crisis services are probable outcomes. Long-term impact on the criminal justice system, the hospital district and the fragile trauma care system is also likely."

sent to the commissioners last August.

"Please note," it said, "that the numbers in this report are extremely preliminary and should be interpreted at the low end of the possible overall impact that Harris County will feel as new laws, regulations, policies and consolidations are implemented over the next 24 months."

The estimated "low-end" cost is \$34.5 million per year for the next two years, all but \$1.3 million of which is for health care.

The report notes that the \$1 million loss in Medicaid reimbursements for the hospital district could be just the

tip of the iceberg. Instead, it estimates reduced state revenues for the hospital district will be at least \$19.6 million annually for the next two years.

Add to that an expected reduction of \$13.6 million a year for the local mental health and mental retardation

authority, a 16.7 percent cut-back. And of that, the Harris County Psychiatric Center is expected to see reduced revenues of \$5.5 million, which could lead to reduced daily bed capacity.

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Mike Gross, vice president of the Texas State Em-

ployees Union, is hoping local concerns across Texas will pressure state officials to make changes more carefully.

Indeed, the union worries that it could lose up to 1,500 Department of Human Services eligibility workers to call centers just in Harris County, although state officials say they'd retain some for initial processing for benefits.

"We think this is such a terrible piece of policy. If they don't shove it through fast, it will unravel," Gross said. "What was created politically can be killed politically."

Wohlgemuth, author of House Bill 2292, said she fought hard to retain services in hard budget times and said job losses will mostly come through attrition.

Gregg Phillips, deputy commissioner of Health and Human Services, dismissed the union's strategy as simply undoable. He said the budget cuts themselves depend on better savings through the expected efficiencies of consolidation.

"What they're asking us to do is not follow the law," he said. "The longer they prolong this and the longer they ask us to wait gets us closer to a time when difficult decisions will have to be made for reductions in services."

BUDGET CUTS: "Low end" estimates of cuts in state revenue for health care in Harris County

- Overall, more than \$33 million per year or 10.8 percent.
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- Hospital District: \$19.6 million per year. *Source: Harris County Office of Legislative Relations*

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Firm studies privatizing state school

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By B.J. POLLOCK

House Bill 2292, which was passed during the most recent Legislative session, calls for the identifying of one state hospital and one state school for privatization.

As part of that process, private providers have been touring state

facilities for the past several weeks in an attempt to determine whether they can operate one of the facilities at a 25-percent cost savings, as required by HB 2292.

One such private provider, Bethesda Lutheran, toured Richmond State School Thursday.

"Site visits are occurring around

the state ... and we are one of the sites identified by Bethesda Lutheran as one of the facilities that they will be touring over the next few weeks," said Claire Chipman, RSS director of communications.

"That's part of the procedure for this privatization," added RSS Superintendent Al Barrera.

"Throughout the state, numerous hospitals and state schools were toured"

Chipman said "seven or eight" private providers have expressed interest in trying to meet the requirements of at least a 25-percent cost savings. Once those who feel they can do so submit letters of intent, she said, their proposals and the providers them-

selves will be "assessed and evaluated."

If it is decided the same level of care can be provided at the required discounted rate and a provider is chosen to take over one of the facilities, said Chipman, it would probably do so in September.

"We're trying to keep the process

moving along," she said, adding Barrera has sent several memos to employees, keeping them apprised of the process. "It's just a part of what we're going through right now as a result of the legislation."

"Our focus is on our staff staying focused on providing quality care," said Barrera.

Privatization considered for mental health facilities

Provision could affect who runs 2 area hospitals

By CINDY V. CULP
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The Waco Center for Youth and the Mexia State School are among the state facilities that could be turned over to private companies for management under a bill passed by the

Texas Legislature last year.

House Bill 2292 contained a provision that instructed the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to issue requests for proposals in order to consider the possible privatization of one state hospital for the mentally ill and one state hospital for the mentally retarded. The first step in that process ended last week with a deadline for companies to submit letters of

intent to the state that indicate they are interested in submitting a formal proposal to run a facility.

Eight companies submitted letters, with some expressing interest in more than one facility, said Don Rogers, a state MHMR spokesman. In fact, at least one company submitted a letter for each of the state's 22 institutions, he said.

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PRIVATE Proposals coming next month

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That includes the Waco Center for Youth, a psychiatric residential treatment facility that serves 13- to 17-year-olds with emotional difficulties or behavioral problems, and the Mexia State School, which is home to people with mental retardation.

Rogers stressed that just because companies submitted letters of intent does not mean they will submit an official proposal by the deadline, which is Feb. 12 for state hospitals and Feb. 13 for state schools. However, companies can submit proposals only for facilities for which they have turned in letters of intent, he said.

No companies named

Rogers said the state is not releasing information about which companies have submitted letters of intent for the two local institutions or any of the other facilities. The reason, he said, is that not all of the companies will necessarily turn in official proposals next month.

Spokeswomen for the Waco Center for Youth and the Mexia State School declined to comment on the matter, saying they had been instructed by the state to refer all questions to Rogers.

When the official proposals come in next month, they will be evaluated by a group of MHMR officials, who will see if they fit the criteria laid out in the bill, Rogers said. The bill specifies that, to be awarded a contract, a provider must operate the facility for 25 percent less than the state's current operating costs, while continuing to provide services for the same client population that are equal to or better in quality than what the state provides.

The MHMR officials will make recommendations to Health and Human Services Commissioner Albert Hawkins by April 1, Rogers said. Hawkins will then make the final decision and must award any contracts by Aug. 31, 2005, which is the end of this biennium's fiscal period.

Rogers said he is unsure of the exact process MHMR officials will follow when evaluating the companies. But it will revolve around examining documentation they have provided to back up claims that they could provide the same services for less. Rogers said he did not know whether any of the companies that have submitted letters of intent have run similar facilities before.

When asked whether the process might result in more than one hospital and one state school being privatized, Rogers said the bill was not worded that way. He also said that it would not be his place to discuss how the facilities feel about the pos-

sibility of privatization and that officials at individual campuses were instructed not to discuss the issue because the department wants "to speak in one voice."

Rogers also declined to speak about the possible economic impact on communities if an institution were privatized. However, he did say that when companies assume management of a facility, they typically hire existing employees, although they can choose not to.

Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston, who is on the House Committee on Public Health, said privatization is a "mixed bag." The good part is the facility remains open in a community. The bad part is that to cut costs, a company usually targets personnel expenses, because other costs, such as electricity and water, cannot be substantially changed.

The end result is that facilities retain fewer staff, pay the ones they do keep less and decrease their benefits, Coleman said. In turn, the care suffers because the company cannot attract the most qualified workers.

"The quality of care comes from the people who work there, not the building or facility itself," Coleman said. "When you pay less and have higher turnover, you don't have quality of care."

Although the bill states the quality of care must be as good as or better than what the state currently provides, Coleman said the wording creates "a nebulous standard that cannot be defined." Plus, the state lacks the resources to properly monitor facilities once they are privatized, meaning no one will adequately assess whether com-

panies are living up to the contract terms, he said.

State Rep. Jim Dunnam, D-Waco, expressed similar opinions, saying that if either of the local facilities was privatized, it would likely mean lower-paying jobs here.

"I think the state has an obligation to provide these services, and it should not be done for profit," Dunnam said. "It should not be an opportunity for folks to make money off these services, and I think that's what we're seeing with a lot of this privatization. Privatization is not the panacea many people think it is."

Wohlgemuth wrote bill

But Rep. Arlene Wohlgemuth, a Republican who represents Burleson and who is seeking her party's nomination for a spot on the November ballot against Democrat U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards, said privatization should at least be considered.

Wohlgemuth, who wrote the bill, said it may turn out that private companies cannot do the same job state employees do for less. But they should at least be allowed to make a case, she said.

"The job of the state is to make sure tax dollars deliver the best services to the clients in the most efficient manner," Wohlgemuth said.

Even so, Wohlgemuth said she doubts either the Waco facility or the Mexia facility will be selected for privatization, because the services they offer are specialized and heavily used, unlike some of the other institutions.

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State handing out health and human services contracts

Many firms oppose releasing details on roles in restructuring

By ROBERT T. GARRETT
Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — Plans to merge a dozen health and human service agencies have set off a scramble among private companies looking for a lucrative piece of the project, but the state won't say precisely what services they will provide.

In recent weeks, the state has tentatively issued contracts to scores of companies that want to help merge a dozen agencies handling health and welfare programs for the poor and sick in accordance with a new law.

Four companies have already been hired to help the agencies revamp how they operate.

The four will be paid "less than \$3 million," said Stephanie Goodman, director of communications for the Health and Human Services Commission.

While the state has made public a list of winning contractors and limited information, details are being withheld because of objections by several bidders.

About 10 firms, including Deloitte Consulting, which the commission tapped as its main consultant for the reorganization, have objected to public release of summaries of their bid proposals.

Most cited concern that a competitor could obtain from the summaries sensitive "proprietary information," said Angela Hale, a spokeswoman for Attorney General Greg Abbott.

She said Mr. Abbott must decide by early December

be disclosed under the Texas Public Information Act.

"We haven't made a decision yet, so there's an open invitation for each and every one of the companies to give us what their legal views are," Ms. Hale said.

Since Sept. 12, the commission tentatively has awarded 98 contracts — one to Deloitte as project manager; four to three other companies for specific tasks; and 93 to firms that would be pre-approved to do quick jobs that the commission wants done as it changes how more than 200 programs and 50,000 state workers operate.

"They are overwhelmed with the market response," one potential vendor, Kate Connolly, said of the commission.

"There are so many people saying, 'Sure, we'll help you,'" said Ms. Connolly, the Texas state representative for American Management Systems Inc., which wants to provide computer services.

Although nearly 100 firms have been tentatively granted contracts, the commission has released bare-bones information about only 10 bidders, each of which granted written permission for summary pages of their bids to be released.

It has withheld bid summaries for the others.

Larry Walker, director of marketing for Houston-based Trilliant Technology Group, said he doesn't want his bid's executive summary released because competitors could learn about the expertise of the telecommunications consultants Trilliant has hired and try to hire them away for other jobs.

"It's information that from a competitive standpoint you'd normally not release," Mr. Walker said.

Some afraid consolidation will hurt disability services

State says agencies' reorganization won't change programs much

By ROBERT T. GARRETT
Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — Human services officials heard Monday from advocates worried about diminished services when the state phases out separate agencies for the blind, the deaf, wheelchair users and disabled babies and toddlers.

Officials assured the public that clients will not see services reduced or interrupted and that changes will free up program managers from administrative hassles.

"They're going to have more time to listen," said Terry Murphy, the recently appointed commissioner of the new Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services.

But dozens of clients and advocates complained that they weren't consulted in drawing up the department's organizational flow chart. Many expressed fear that bad things will happen because the Legislature, strapped for cash, threw together agencies with long histories of serving people with varying disabilities.

"We do not ask for any more," said Sasha Rangel, 18, of Edinburg, who is losing her vision and is being trained to live independently at an Austin rehabilitation center run by the state Commission for the Blind. "But we ask to keep what we do have."

The Commission for the Blind, created in 1931, is the oldest of the four agencies that will cease to exist, starting March 1.

The others are the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, the Rehabilitation Com-

Agencies' transformation

On March 1, four state agencies will cease to exist. They serve the blind, deaf, adults who have disabilities, and families of babies and toddlers who have disabilities or are slow to develop social and language skills. The Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services will replace the four agencies.

People receiving services can continue to use the same telephone numbers and regional offices for the foreseeable future, an agency spokeswoman said.

To look at the new agency's

organizational flow chart, comment on it, learn the times and locations of five public hearings or sign up for e-mail news alerts about the state's massive makeover of its social programs, visit www.hhsc.state.tx.us/Consolidation/Consolidation_home.html.

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mission and the Interagency Council on Early Childhood Intervention.

Stephanie Goodman, a spokeswoman for the superagency overseeing the rapid-fire changes in state social programs, said the blind, deaf and other disabled Texans would notice few changes initially.

"It would at first be mostly a change in the name on the door," she said.

Over time, the state might consolidate the regional offices of the agencies being eliminated, Ms. Goodman said. Or it might decide to leave them be, she said.

In last year's legislative session, GOP leaders and Gov. Rick Perry pushed through a bill merging a dozen agencies into five and streamlining social programs.

Blind and deaf Texans were especially vocal in opposing the bill's merging of agencies. Some still remain skeptical.

"We don't want to lose our identity," said Peter Bailey, an of-

ficial with Communication Service for the Deaf, which offers interpreters and other aid to deaf people in Dallas and other Texas cities.

Before the reorganization bill was passed, "people knew exactly who to reach," he said.

Mr. Murphy, who spent 32 years at the Commission for the Blind before he was tapped last month to head the new department, said each of the different constituencies still will have a division delivering its services.

Assistant commissioners running the divisions won't have to worry about purchasing, accounting, computers and employee benefits, Mr. Murphy said. All are being handed over to the superagency, the Health and Human Services Commission.

"This will allow them to focus ... in a way they never have before just on services to people with disabilities," Mr. Murphy said.

100,000 kids lose health coverage

Sharp drop in program for poor stirs debate as more limits set to start

By ROBERT T. GARRETT
Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — A popular government health insurance program has shed nearly 100,000 low-income children since state lawmakers approved budget cuts in May, and its rolls are shrinking faster than some advocates of the poor had expected.

Sharply declining enrollment in the Children's Health Insurance Program has sparked debate about whether the stricter rules passed by the Legislature went too far and could end up sending more uninsured children to hospital emergency rooms for care.

An additional restriction, a limit on some families' assets, is scheduled to take effect next month. State officials will begin denying coverage to families if they have cash, bank balances or securities exceeding \$5,000 or own cars exceeding certain values.

On Tuesday, one advocate of poor Texans said the state should ease off on the asset limits, considering how rapidly CHIP enrollment plunged after other restrictions kicked in last fall.

"If you're meeting your budget target and this asset test was an optional provision, maybe you could consider pulling it back," said Anne Dunkelberg, health policy analyst at the Center for Public Policy Priorities, which advocates on behalf of poor and low-income Texans.

However, one of the proponents of the tighter CHIP rules that the Legislature passed urged the state

to move forward with the assets limits.

"I would have to call it common sense," said John Colyandro, director of the Texas Conservative Coalition, a group of lawmakers.

Low-income families with considerable assets shouldn't receive government help, he said, "and to the extent that people are on the rolls who should not be, we should know that."

Kristie Zamrazil, a spokeswoman for the Health and Human Services Commission, which runs CHIP, said the agency plans to proceed with the scheduled application of the asset limits late next month.

"The asset test was included in the assumptions that were used when the Legislature formulated the budget," she said.

Decline questioned

Ms. Zamrazil said it's unclear whether CHIP's enrollment decline has outstripped expectations.

Ms. Dunkelberg, a critic of changes that lawmakers and Gov. Rick Perry made in the program, circulated an "actuarial analysis" by the commission in June that suggests the decrease so far has been nearly twice what was expected.

However, Ms. Zamrazil said the analysis appears dated. She questioned whether it reflected budget cuts and changes in social programs that lawmakers passed in last year's regular session.

"I don't know why this table was generated or what it was used for," Ms. Zamrazil said.

Statewide, 416,302 youngsters were enrolled in CHIP this month, down from 513,742 in May, Ms. Zamrazil confirmed. She said the January numbers have not been posted on the commission's Web site because they were still being checked Tuesday.

Numbers for Dallas-Fort Worth were not available. But a spokeswoman for one area health-care provider expressed alarm at the 19 percent drop in statewide enrollment since May.

"Gosh, that makes me sick," said Julia Easley, advocacy manager at Children's Medical Center Dallas.

"Kids who are uninsured are ... much more likely to end up in an emergency room to get treatment for something like an ear infection, which could have been much more

"We've talked to lots of families who are very disappointed and distraught about losing CHIP ... and it's going to have a negative impact on emergency room capacity and volumes in hospitals all over Texas."

Ms. Dunkelberg, the advocate for poor people, said she hasn't analyzed the data closely but suspects that increased premiums and cost-sharing have discouraged many families from seeking to renew their children's coverage.

Increased premiums

In the mid-1990s, Congress designed CHIP to help families making too much money to qualify for Medicaid, which pays for health care for the poor and disabled, but too little to be able to afford private insurance. Texas' CHIP program started covering children in May 2000.

Until last fall, the Texas program charged annual, not monthly, premiums to families with incomes less than 150 percent of the

poverty level — \$27,600 for a family of four. The charge was \$15 per year, regardless of how many children a family had.

Now those families' premiums are \$180 a year.

Recertification

Other changes that began last fall included making families recertify that they are eligible twice a year, instead of once, and making first-time enrollees wait 90 days for coverage to begin. Also, certain deductions from income for job-related costs were disallowed.

Ms. Dunkelberg said she doesn't know whether CHIP rolls will be reduced more dramatically during the current two-year budget than had been expected.

By Sept. 1, 2005, the state expects a decline of more than 169,000 children — or one-third of the number enrolled last summer.

Even before the 19 percent enrollment decline in CHIP, Texas led the nation in the percentage of its residents who lack health insurance, with one of every four people uninsured.

"It's not unusual to see long lines of kids waiting for care, kids sitting in the hallways," said Children's Medical Center's Ms. Easley. "Hospitals are going to have an influx of uninsured children to emergency rooms."

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CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in Texas:
Covers youngsters from families whose incomes are between the poverty level and 200 percent of the poverty level — for a family of four, annual income can't be less than \$18,400 or more than \$36,800.

LIMITS

Next month, the state plans to start applying a limit on assets for the first time, but only to families with incomes at or higher than 150 percent of the poverty level, or \$27,600, for a family of four. The limits include:

- A family could not qualify if it has more than \$5,000 in cash, bank balances or securities.
- Also counted toward the \$5,000 limit would be the amount by which its most expensive vehicle exceeds \$15,000 in value and any other vehicles exceed \$4,650 in value.
- Homes and real estate aren't considered.

CHIP by the numbers:

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May 2003 enrollment

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January 2004 enrollment

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Replacing lost dollars

County asks state to rethink health funding cuts

GREG BOWEN
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Victoria County Commissioners approved a resolution Monday asking the Legislature to reevaluate funding cuts in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program as well as major changes planned to the state's health and human services agencies.

"(The cuts and changes) will have a tremendous bearing on the Victoria community," said County Judge Don Pozzi.

Victoria County could lose an estimated \$9.99 million in funding for Medicaid and CHIP, according to Austin's Center for Public Policy Priorities, a non-profit group whose stated goal is to seek sound solutions to the challenges faced by low- and moderate-income Texans.

Statewide, cuts of more than \$2.2 billion were made in Medicaid, which provides medical coverage to the needy, and CHIP, a low-cost or free health insurance program for poor children, according to the Center for Public Policy Priorities.

Commissioners are concerned that Victoria County government and the taxpayers that support it could be expected to replace at least some of those lost state dollars with local ones.

Another concern: Reorganization of the state agencies, which could include privatizing services the agencies now perform, could jeopardize jobs now held by locals working for health and human services agencies. According to the commissioner's resolution, the

agencies provide over 34 jobs in Victoria County with combined salaries of more than \$680,000.

Reorganization could also result in reduced services to the many thousands of Victoria County residents who are clients of the agencies.

The commissioners' resolution asks the Legislature to restore funding cuts in health and human services programs.

It also asks the Legislature to hold additional public hearings, including one in Victoria, on the proposed changes.

Additionally, the resolution asks the state to develop an analysis of how the planned changes would impact locally held state jobs, services now provided to Victoria County residents, and the budgets of local taxing entities.

House Bill 2292, signed by Gov. Perry in June 2003, mandated the reorganization of the 12 state health and human services agencies into five new agencies.

Agencies impacted will be the Texas Department of Health, the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, the Texas Department on Aging, the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the Texas Commission for the Blind, the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, and others.

Don Polzin of Victoria's Gulf Bend Mental Health-Mental Retardation Center, a community-

based organization that contracts with the state, appeared at Monday's meeting along with representatives from local offices of state health and human services agencies.

Polzin said the coming changes will make indigents and others with no insurance the responsibility of the community.

"Those folks are going to show up more in our emergency rooms. They're going to show up more in our jails. It's going to put a burden on the community that we haven't seen before," Polzin said.

Polzin thanked the commissioners for passing the resolution.

"The Legislature listens to bodies like county commissioners courts. The indigent population has a small voice that's not even on the radar screen of the Legislature," said Polzin.

County Commissioner Chris Rivera said he believes the commissioners were elected to be the voice of those whose voices aren't heard and who would be most affected by the restructuring.

"I urge everyone in here to talk to your elected officials about this. It'll affect us in a tremendous way," said Rivera.

Commissioners also:

- Approved a resolution supporting legislation in Congress that would bring Texas more federal highway dollars.

Texas currently receives from the federal highway program only 88 cents for each dollar it provides in tax revenues. But legislation filed by Texas Congressman Tom

DeLay would raise the state's return to 95 percent, according to the resolution, which supports DeLay's House Resolution 2208 and urges the rest of the state's members of Congress to support it.

- Authorized County Commissioner Wayne Dierlam to advertise for bids for repairs to damage caused by Hurricane Claudette to Precinct 4 facilities at Victoria Regional Airport. Repair costs are expected to exceed \$25,000.

- Authorized officials at the county-owned Victoria Regional Airport to advertise for a company to build a new T-hangar unit that will hold 10 planes and cost an estimated \$300,000.

- Authorized officials at Victoria Regional Airport to advertise for a new proprietor to operate the restaurant at the airport's Sky-West terminal. Daniel's Grill closed recently due to its owner's poor health.

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County wants state to restore health care cuts

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Victoria County commissioners will meet Monday to consider asking the Texas Legislature to reevaluate changes now planned to the state's health and human services agencies.

The proposed changes could impact services provided to "many thousands of Victoria County residents" and prompt elimination of some of the 34 jobs now held by locals working for those state agencies, according to a resolution prepared by the commissioners.

Those agencies include the Texas Department of Health, the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, the Texas Department on Aging, the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the Texas Commission for the Blind, the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, and others.

The commissioners' resolution also asks the Legislature to restore recent funding cuts in health and human services programs, saying local governments across the state are being asked to "make up the difference" to cover \$171 million in state cuts to Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program.

House Bill 2292, signed by Gov. Perry in June 2003, mandated the reorganization of the 12 state health and human services agencies into five new agencies.

The commissioners' resolution asks the Transition Legislative Oversight Committee, which is

overseeing the consolidation, to hold additional public hearings, including one in Victoria, on the proposed changes.

It also asks the Oversight Committee to develop an analysis of how the planned changes would impact locally held state jobs, services now provided to local clients of the agencies, and the budgets of local taxing entities.



"More input is needed to ensure that the (Oversight Committee) has the opportunity to learn how these major changes affect real people," the resolution reads.

The commissioners on Monday will also consider supporting legislation in Congress that would bring Texas more federal highway dollars.

The commissioners' proposed highway-funding resolution states that Texas is currently a "donor" state for the federal highway program. A donor state provides the federal highway administration with more tax revenues than it receives in return.

Texas has been getting about 88 cents on the dollar, but legislation filed in Congress by U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay, a Republican from Sugar Land, would raise the state's return to 95 percent, according to the resolution.

The resolution supports DeLay's legislation, House Resolution 2208.

Our state would have received nearly \$1.2 billion more for its highway program over the last 15

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commissioners' resolution

years if the reimbursement had been at 95 percent, the resolution states.

"We are grateful to the members of the Texas delegation who have supported H.R. 2208 and hopeful that 100 percent of the delegation will be co-sponsors," the commissioners' resolution reads.

The meeting - beginning at 10 a.m. Monday at the county courthouse, 115 N. Bridge St. - will include an open citizens' communication segment during which residents are invited to speak to the court on topics not already on the day's agenda.

Commissioners will also consider:

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Timeline for agency mergers questioned

Lawmaker urges quick social service changes

By POLLY ROSS HUGHES

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AUSTIN -- The author of a massive consolidation of 12 social services agencies urged state officials Wednesday to speed things up, even as the top officials cautioned more time is needed.

Rep. Arlene Wohlgemuth, R-Burleson, appeared annoyed when told that the two largest and most complex of four new agencies in the consolidation won't be launched until September.

"Sept. 1 is awfully late for me," she said when Health and Human Services Commissioner Albert Hawkins and Deputy Commissioner Gregg Phillips explained that the federal government has taken a keen interest in the process.

Wohlgemuth, who offered the unprecedented overhaul in House Bill 2292 and is running for a congressional seat in North Texas, wanted to know why the federal government cares about how states structure their delivery of services for the needy.

"The first thing you do when you change the structure is raise their antennae," said Phillips.

The revised schedule launches the Department of Family and Protective Services on Feb. 1 and the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services on March 1. Both had been set to begin this month.

More surprising to Wohlgemuth was the delayed launch from late spring or early summer of the Department of State Health Services and Department of Assistive and Disability Services.

Both will now start at the beginning of the fiscal year in September.

The lion's share of health and human services are funded with federal tax dollars, with the state paying a smaller match.

If the federal government seems especially interested in the project, so does the public, Phillips told a legislative oversight committee for the consolidation.

More than half a million hits -- 678,500 -- have been made on the Health and Human Services' consolidation postings on the Internet, Phillips noted.

He said the public's chief concern in various hearings around the state is that services not be cut.

Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville, asked whether savings found through privatization or technological efficiencies will be plowed back into services for the needy, as some transition documents suggest.

Phillips said yes, with one big caveat: The first \$180,000 in savings found must be used to balance the current two-year budget.

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CHIP cutbacks may bring statewide health crisis

By CINDY V. CULP Tribune-Herald staff writer

Enrollment in the state's Children's Health Insurance Program has dropped by nearly 48,000 children since August, likely due to tightened eligibility standards enacted as a cost-cutting measure.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission released predicted November enrollment figures for the program on Friday, estimating 458,166 children will participate statewide. That's a significant drop from the 488,690 children enrolled in October and an even larger drop from the 506,068 enrolled in August before the new rules were phased in.

County-specific figures for November enrollment were not available Friday. However, local officials expect Central Texas children to be among those severed from the program, which provides insurance to low-income families.

The CHIP program is designed for families who earn more than the amount required to qualify for Medicaid health care, yet cannot afford to purchase private insurance. The new CHIP guidelines were approved last spring by a Texas Legislature hamstrung by a no-new-taxes pledge while wrestling with a massive budget shortfall.

The main rule change is that no exemptions to the income rule now exist. In the past, families were allowed to deduct certain expenses from their gross income for eligibility purposes, such as the cost of child support or day care.

Because those deductions often totaled thousands of dollars per year, many families became eligible for CHIP only after they were subtracted, says Julie Baldrige, Kids Health Campaign coordinator for the McLennan County Youth Collaboration, which administers CHIP locally.

Another factor that likely contributed to the enrollment drop, Baldrige says, is a new 90-day waiting period. Under the rule, children who are approved for coverage now must wait 90 days before their policies kick in, unless they meet limited exceptions.

A third factor possibly causing some families to withdraw from the program is that monthly premiums for families increased from a maximum of \$18 to \$25, says Anne Dunkelberg, senior policy analyst of the Center for Public Policy Priorities. Plus, the formula for how premiums are computed changed, Dunkelberg says.

Because the clinic is the main low-income health provider in McLennan County, it will likely continue to see those patients, meaning it will have to assume a greater financial burden, Barker says.

"We'll continue to take care of them," Barker said. "It will hurt us financially, obviously, because visits we were getting reimbursed for we will not be getting reimbursed for in the future."

Baldrige says while it's good that local residents have the Family Practice Center as an option, families will still have to forgo some services or pay them out-of-pocket under the new rules. For example, most CHIP recipients used the dental coverage before. Although Family Practice is in the process of raising funds for a dental clinic, no low-income dental service currently exists in the area, she says.

For vision services, Baldrige says the county is lucky to be a participant in a national program that provides a free eye exam and a pair of glasses to needy children.

In any case, concern about the cuts shouldn't just be communitywide, Baldrige says. Uninsured children are 25 percent more likely to miss school, meaning not only do they fall behind but teachers must spend time helping them catch up.

Also, families without health insurance are likely to resort to care in hospital emergency rooms, Baldrige says. That means longer waits for other patients and higher costs for the community because those without insurance tend to wait until their conditions badly deteriorate before seeking medical treatment.

"All this has a big impact on the community," Baldrige said.

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TEXAS REP. JIM McREYNOLDS speaks at the Texas State Employees Union rally at Kiwanis Park Saturday afternoon.

McReynolds decries new bill at Texas State Employees Union Rally

Opponents fear shortage of aid to elderly, children, mental health patients

By ASHLEY COOK
Staff writer

Local state employees and some politicians fear the coming consolidation of human services departments will mean a shortage of aid to the elderly, children and mental health patients in East Texas, and an increased burden on the county budget, according to several speakers Saturday at a state-employee-union rally in

Kiwanis Park.

State Rep. Jim McReynolds, D-Lufkin, said provisions of House Bill 2292, passed during the 78th Legislative Session, will fold 11 state agencies, creating four new departments which will be under the direction of the Health and Human Services Commission Executive Commissioner, who is accountable "only to the governor." The executive commissioner will be directly appointing four directors to head the newly-formed agencies. Privately-run call centers that route to out-of-state companies will be put in place to respond to human services calls, including mental health inquiries.

McReynolds said he was unsure how many state employees would lose their jobs in the reorganization set to begin in January 2004.

Proponents of the bill say it will streamline health care and save the state \$1 billion.

Privatizing human services and mental health care to companies in it for the profit will mean short-changing patients, McReynolds said. This year's 10 percent budget cut, plus profit margin-increasing cuts will mean patients get left behind, McReynolds said, especially at places like Lufkin State School.

"Somebody's going to get a cold meal. Somebody's not going to get a washing when they need it," he said. "This bill has passed ... but we may be able to slow some of the provisions down."

County Judge Joe Berry said he was concerned taxpayers were going to bear the brunt of the fallout from the reorganization.

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"This is the passing down of mandates to county government. We've taken about as much as we can take," he said. "The old theme of 'no new taxes' is a joke."

Berry, who handles many of the mental health certifications in Angelina County, said patients were going to be backing up in local jails and emergency rooms for lack of needed care, especially with the recent closure of Memorial Health System's mental health floor and the repeated threat of the state hospital and state school closures.

Berry said the county pays for all mental health patient transfers and out-of-county court costs. The Angelina County Sheriff's Office has to do many transfers, he said.

"The answer is not a call center in Georgia. Do you like to call Sears and Roebuck when you have a problem? And these are our families," he said. "You need to be able to sit down with somebody who cares."

Recent cutbacks mean state employees themselves are having to look to government aid for their own families, Berry said.

"I hate to say it, but Angelina County employees have their own children on CHIPS," he said.

Mike Gross, vice president of the Texas State Employees Union and former Angelina County resident, likened the upcoming changes to the early days of the 1900s when state agencies were privately-owned.

Calling it a time of "unbelievable corruption," Gross recalled stories about fire departments fighting over calls while houses burned down.

"This is what we have to look forward to," Gross said.

"Texas has the thinnest safety net, ranking near fiftieth (in the nation) in all human services ... and that is before the change."

"If this is a good idea, it will withstand the light of day," Gross said, calling for more time for Texans to consider the sweeping human services changes. "Let's have some people who are accountable to voters look at it."

Eva Walker, a local emergency room nurse and mother of a mental health patient, said the human services changes will create a dangerous situation for patients and Angelina County residents.

"This is going to blow the roof off our hospitals. Do you know how many mental health people we have walking around the city now? We're not talking about what happens in Austin, we're talking about what happens in your backyard," Walker said.

Walker's broken leg was in a cast, which she said was the result of one of 11 recent violent incidents she's had with her teenage son, whose behavior is out of control because she cannot find adequate mental health care assistance in Angelina County.

"Do you want him in your backyard?" she asked the group assembled for the rally. "If you're going to decrease mental health care, you'd better increase your jail space and increase space in your cemeteries."

A union spokeswoman encouraged people to register to vote to "make their voice heard," and to contact Gov. Rick Perry to speak out against closing Angelina County human services facilities.

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Cashing in on CHIP

Michael Masters made a bundle working for the state, and you could too

BY DAVE MANN

The story of how Michael Masters milked the State of Texas for several million dollars should offer hope to anyone floundering in this job-bereft economy. If you're out of work, behind on your bills, wasting too many afternoons watching soaps, don't fret. Simply reinvent yourself as a subcontractor for the state. You too could earn \$200,000 a month seemingly just to make phone calls from your home. It's easy, really. All you need, apparently, is a friend or two at a private company that contracts with the state, a home office, and the kind of pliable conscience necessary to pilfer public money earmarked for poor kids' health care. It appears that's what Masters did. And with virtually no state oversight, Masters has not only gotten away with it, he's earning more money now than ever.

Here's how the deal went down: In May 2000, the state contracted with a New York-based insurance company named Clarendon Insurance to run the fledgling Children's Health Insurance Program in rural areas of Texas. CHIP is a joint state-federal venture that provides health insurance for low-income children whose parents can't afford private health plans but earn too much money to qualify for Medicaid. Clarendon, in turn, subcontracted with Masters and his wife, Rhonda, ostensibly to help manage the program. But no one's quite sure why Masters got this contract or exactly what services he provided, beyond a few administrative phone calls. Whatever he did, Masters was paid \$200,000 a month in state money for 18 months, beginning in May 2001. That works out to about \$3.6 million. In late 2001, the Masters moved from their modest Austin home into a newly built million-dollar mansion.

It appears Masters reinvested some of those state funds into his own business. Thanks to public seed money, Masters is now not just a state subcontractor, but the primary manager of Clarendon's entire rural CHIP contract.

Several state government watchdogs have recently become suspicious. The House General Investigating Committee and the State Auditor's Office are looking into the Masters' contract. Specifically, they're investigating why the Health and Human Services Commission played fast and loose with its money on the rural CHIP contract. The answer, according to numerous sources, is simple: HHSC maintains virtually no oversight of its subcontractors. Agency officials concede they don't keep a close eye on subcontractors such as Masters. They contend that kind of regulation is unnecessary since HHSC holds primary contractors responsible for the actions of their subs.

But the forthcoming state auditor's report may paint a different picture. The state auditor's office is examining all of the agency's CHIP contracts to determine whether lax oversight of CHIP subcontractors has cost the state millions in precious health care dollars—a painful waste at a time when state funds are so scarce. Last session, legislators helped close a \$10 billion budget gap by

"herding cats," a business term that's shorthand for organizing and trouble-shooting among disparate parties. Masters said most of his time was spent making phone calls to other subcontractors, state officials, and Clarendon. "My day has been and still is, spent... basically trying to solve problems and develop more business for us," Masters said. "That's my role, business development."

The "herding cats" remark elicited outrage from legislators when the deposition was circulated at the Capitol last April. Several state lawmakers, including Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos (D-Austin), and reps. Mike Krusee (R-Round Rock) and Garnet Coleman (D-Houston), called for an investigation into why Masters was paid so much state money for such minor administrative tasks. It seemed a particularly egregious waste of state funds since budget writers were about to axe several hundred thousand kids from CHIP and cut doctors' Medicaid reimbursement rates. In April, the general investigating committee held its first hearings on the rural CHIP contract.



Michael Masters' million-dollar West Austin mansion

photo by Jane Birnbaum

After the deposition went public, HHSC also became curious about the Masters contract³/₄ almost three years after Masters began working for the state. Agency officials questioned Clarendon in February 2003 about its payments to Masters, according to internal HHSC documents obtained by the *Observer* through the Texas Open Records Act. In at least two lengthy memos, Clarendon Vice President Dominic Hagger

strenuously defended his company's payments to Masters. HHSC consultant David Wilkes summed up Clarendon's position this way in a Feb. 26, 2003, memo, "In other words, [Hagger argues] although the payments [to Masters] may appear inappropriate, consider all these great things that we are accomplishing, i.e., the ends justify the means."

Later in the memo, Wilkes discredited several of Hagger's explanations, most notably that Clarendon and Masters receive the same administrative fee rate as other CHIP contractors. Wilkes pointed out that, in fact, HHSC pays Clarendon and Masters administrative fees almost 20 percent higher than it gives all other CHIP contractors. This is significant because when contractors grossly overcharge the state, it's usually under the fuzzy heading of administrative fees.

Beyond working the phones, it's not clear what else Masters did to earn his monthly windfall. But it appears the contract allowed Masters and his wife to significantly upgrade their lifestyle. In September 2001, Masters and his wife moved into a sprawling, custom-built mansion that, according to Travis County records, is valued at nearly \$1 million. It sits at the end of a high-dollar subdivision with a sweeping view of the West Austin hills.

Over a period of 18 months, while earning his monthly \$200,000 off the state, Masters took advantage of his cushy contract to build his company. According to the deposition and HHSC documents, he steadily grew his budget and staff. Eventually, the Masters moved their operation out of their house and into an office in West Austin. In September 2002, Masters ditched his first company and formed another corporation, known as Community Health Solutions of America Inc. (CHS), according to filings with the Texas Secretary of State's office.

After founding CHS, Masters signed a second contract with Clarendon. This new deal gave Masters more responsibility for managing the rural CHIP contract, including oversight of Clarendon's other subcontractors. People who follow the arcane realm of state contracts observe that having one

paying Clarendon may change."

For people like Janet Monteros, that kind of oversight, or lack thereof, isn't good enough. Monteros is a contract specialist with VISTA Health Plan, an Austin-based HMO that's contracted with HHSC. She worked for the Attorney General's office for eight years in the 1990s in the administrative law and open records divisions. She says HHSC subcontracts are sometimes a windfall for well-connected people such as Masters. It seems unconscionable for HHSC to simply hand money over for subcontractors, no questions asked. The end result is all well and good, but the state shouldn't be wasting millions to achieve it. How many more kids, Monteros asks rhetorically, could have been served with the money HHSC paid Masters?

Even Cooke acknowledges after pressing that everything wasn't copesetic with the Masters contract. "We have to be sure we're spending money wisely, and I think we're doing that. We've got a problem in this case. I think we're trying to address it."

After all, more privatization is on the way. Last session, lawmakers passed a massive overhaul of the state's health care safety net. The legislation privatizes several core state functions, including all eligibility and enrollment services for CHIP, Medicaid, welfare, social security, and food stamps. If the Masters case is a snapshot of structural problems at HHSC, as critics insist, then Mike Masters may be just the first in a wave. HHSC officials say they will reexamine their oversight of subcontractors in the looming HHSC reorganization. But Monteros has a more straight-forward solution, "If you don't have the personnel to adequately monitor a program, don't privatize it."

TAKING PRIVATIZATION TO EXTREMES. A NEW LAW ENDS THE PUBLIC SECTOR AS WE KNEW IT.

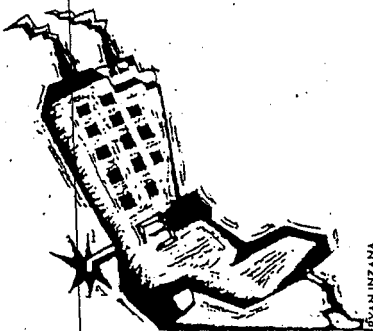
Texas, Inc.

KIM PHILLIPS-FEIN

In cowboy myth and frontier legend, Texas is a land of rebel outsiders, eternally defiant of the East's gray-suited Establishment. Yet the official symbols of the adoptive home of George W. Bush are traditional ones of authority and power. The Capitol building's garish pink dome, larger than that of the Capitol building in Washington, hovers over the city of Austin, a sprawling college town of seedy frat bars and New Age commerce. On the Capitol flagpole, the Lone Star flies below the American flag, emblem of the few brief years when slaveholding Texas was its own republic. A giant bronze statue honors the Confederacy, whose people, we are told, seceded for the mighty principles of 1776 and fought the North, outnumbered, until exhausted. To the side is a mammoth stone tablet, emblazoned with the Ten Commandments. And down the center of the Capitol plaza runs a recently refurbished stone walk, each brand-new brick bearing the name of a different corporate citizen: Enron, Wal-Mart, Philip Morris.

Yet just a few blocks away from the Capitol building there is evidence of another native Texas politics. In a small, one-story storefront, on a scraggly, tree-lined stretch of road, across the street from a temp agency, there hangs a purple-and-yellow sign, calling out to passersby: ORGANIZING FOR JUSTICE: SIGN HERE! This is the central office of the Texas State Employees Union, a statewide local of the Communications Workers of America. Opening the screen door to the office, one sees few posters on the whitewashed walls: Instead, they are covered with lists bearing the names of thousands of members across the state. High on one wall, almost in the corner, is a poem, stitched in needlepoint: "You can break my union heart, you may lock up my union body, you might dampen my union spirit, but you'll never control my union mind."

TSEU has been organizing public workers in Texas since 1980. It is a true industrial union, organizing most state workers without respect to department or occupation. For the past quarter-century it has been one of the few organizations in Texas to try to imagine, let alone to build, an alternative to the corporate frontier. There is no state income tax in Texas, and in fact, the legislature is constitutionally prohibited from passing one. As a result, hundreds of thousands of children were thrown off health insurance (Texas already led the country in the number of uninsured children) this past year to balance a \$10 billion budget deficit, while millions of dollars were cut from school funding. State Representative Debbie Riddle of Houston summarized the political logic of



such decisions in the *El Paso Times* this past spring: "Where did this idea come from that everybody deserves free education, free medical care, free whatever? It comes from Moscow, from Russia. It comes straight out of the pit of hell." In that spirit, the state legislature passed a bill this past May that will result in the privatization of eligibility determination for TANF (the program that replaced welfare), food stamps and Medicaid—fundamentally transforming the way social services are delivered in Texas. Mike

Gross, who once worked for the Texas Youth Commission and is now organizing coordinator of TSEU, says, "We are on the frontlines of the battle to protect the social safety net."

In some ways, the conservative attack on the union and the public sector in Texas today is a microcosm of the assault in the country as a whole. While business organizations and the corporations that stand to benefit lobby successfully for privatization and budget cuts, tens of thousands of state workers lose health insurance, and the social programs that make life bearable for the desperately poor are downsized.

But more is at stake than particular programs and specific benefits. The very existence of the public sector—controlled by people who are democratically accountable, run by workers who aren't in thrall to the Dow Jones—hangs in the balance. The real question in Texas, and in the country as a whole, is whether we want to fight social inequality through the collective power of the state, using its capacities for redistribution to help remedy the sharp inequities of the workplace, or whether we should let corporations, churches and the Salvation Army deal with the problems of the poor. The choice is between charity, with its baseline assumption of unequal power and resources, and the expansive vision of social democracy. Against great political odds, TSEU is fighting not only for its members but also, implicitly, for us all.

In a cool April morning last spring, TSEU held its Lobby Day at the state Capitol, in the middle of the biennial legislative session (the legislature meets for five months every two years). More than 2,000 workers from across the state converged in Austin. They boarded buses from Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Lubbock and other cities; one bus came all the way from El Paso, leaving at 6 PM the night before the rally from the opposite side of the state. Parole officers, admissions attendants in the state's mental hospitals, workers in state laboratories, people who help workers whose jobs have moved to Mexico find new employment, graduate teaching assistants—all came to the Capitol. Some had never been to a demonstration before; one shy Mexican-American man said, "This is my first adventure." Workers carried homemade signs up the hill to the Capitol complex:

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TAX KEN LAY; DON'T DUMP WALL STREET'S MESS IN TEXAS; HOUSTON: WE HAVE A (BIGGER) PROBLEM; THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE MASSACRE. At the end of the rally and march before going in to meet with their representatives, a union organizer led the crowd in a chorus of "Solidarity Forever," in English and then in Spanish—a sight George W. Bush probably never expected to see.

Historically, the Texas elite has been bitterly anti-union. With its oil industry and old manufacturing base, Texas is one of the more heavily industrialized Southern states, and union membership grew rapidly during World War II. The expansion of the labor movement was greeted with a harsh reaction. The state passed numerous restrictions on labor rights during and after the war, banning the closed shop, secondary boycotts, mass picketing—even before the Taft-Hartley Act of 1947, which limited such tactics nationally. Employers and state politicians accused unions organizing in oil ports of being the tools of a Communist plot.

For public workers, organizing is especially difficult. State workers in Texas are legally barred from collective bargaining, and TSEU—like many unions a hundred years ago—has no formal recognition. It depends for its existence on building major demonstrations of its members and lobbying state representatives. But through old-fashioned one-on-one organizing, the union has built a dense activist network with 12,500 members statewide (out of a pool of about 90,000 state employees). Dues are on a sliding scale, according to income, and they range from \$14 to \$19 a month. Although it cannot bargain contracts, the union is credited with winning pay raises and improvements in benefits in the past and stopping privatization in the mid-1990s, as well as countless smaller victories on the local level.

People like Judy Lugo, TSEU's president, built the union. Lugo is an earnest and unpretentious woman in her 40s. Twenty-three years ago, as a single mother with two children, she applied for welfare. She managed to get a job with the agency that helped her out, and today she is a supervisor in the Texas Department of Human Services, working in El Paso, the Rust Belt of Texas. Many of the people she sees applying for benefits in El Paso have college degrees, or used to work in factories that have vanished across the border. The high unemployment rate in the city keeps wages low. "In Dallas, you get a job in a Burger King and it will pay you \$9 or \$10. In El Paso, you get \$5.15."

Over her twenty-three years in the system, Lugo has seen the welfare system go through many changes. Staffing has gone down, and "staff are working more hours just trying to get the work done." Clients can't get through on the phone and aren't applying for benefits. She herself has been hurt by the cutbacks in the state workers' healthcare plan. "I've stopped taking one medication because I can't afford it," she says. Most of the time, in mainstream Texas politics, Lugo's work is sneered at as a spectacle of government bloat. The union is one of the few groups in the state to recognize the daily agony of poverty, to take seriously and lend dignity to the difficult lives of poor people. Meanwhile,

the Republican legislature obsessively and repetitively attacks government bureaucracy with the enthusiasm of an anorexic staring in the mirror. Representative Garnet Coleman of Houston, a union supporter, says, "They keep talking about cutting the fat, but we're way under the muscle and we're hitting the bone."

The privatization bill that passed the legislature early this past summer will dramatically change the way that social services are delivered in Texas. It collapses the twelve agencies that serve the neediest Texans—people such as nursing-home residents, abused children, the physically disabled and mentally impaired, the blind and the deaf—into five. It will reduce the work force for these agencies by about 3,500 people over the next two years. While the legislation includes items such as incentive payments for women on welfare who agree to take seminars on marriage, the core of the bill is to privatize the frontline offices of the welfare state. Hundreds of local welfare offices across the state that sign people up to receive food stamps, Medicaid, TANF, children's health insurance, disability and other public benefits will close. There will be no more face-to-face interviews (except in special situations). Instead, workers in four statewide call centers will enroll people from all over the state in programs over the phone. These call centers will be privatized.

By privatizing the frontline offices of the welfare state, Texas has placed citizens' well-being in the hands of shareholders and CEOs.

In addition, state mental hospitals and schools for the mentally disabled may now be sold to low bidders. The result is a huge step toward a welfare state run for profit and traded on the stock exchange—Texas, Inc.—in which the government places the lives and well-being of its poorest citizens in the hands of shareholders and CEOs. The changes start in January, and are supposed to be completed by the end of next summer (though this speedy timetable seems unrealistic to many).

The main corporate player pushing welfare privatization in Texas is ACS State and Local Solutions (the company was once a division of Lockheed Martin, the weapons manufacturer, which sold it to communications giant ACS a few years back). ACS handles contracts for welfare and work-force services, as well as other government functions, across the country. Texas and Florida are its largest markets. In Texas, in addition to holding contracts to run many of the state's work-force programs (helping people get jobs and training), ACS manages eligibility and re-enrollment for CHIP, the state-federal children's healthcare program, and it recently won a contract to process claims from Medicaid clients and pay doctors. The company has been eager to expand its reach over the Texas welfare system ever since the mid-1990s, when it helped push legislation that would have privatized eligibility determination in Texas for all human services—welfare, food stamps and Medicaid. The plan failed when Clinton refused to sign a waiver permitting the privatization (current federal law mandates that civil servants determine who can receive Medicaid and food stamps). Bush, on the other hand, is likely to approve such a waiver—opening the door not only for privatization of welfare eligibility in Texas but across the country (Florida already has a pilot project up and running). And ACS will be poised to win the call-center contracts when they go out next year.

Upper management at ACS State and Local Solutions lives in

a different world from the client base of the programs it controls. Almost all of the executives are white, and only three out of nineteen are women. Glossy brochures in the ACS office suite depict smiling children and describe the company's success in helping "customers" build a "career that they are in charge of. every step.

constant, the differences are at best minuscule and often favor public provision of services."

But since the way that a private company makes money with a state contract is by running the operation for less than the state

pursuing devolution and dismantling what remains of the New Deal. Currently, Bush plans to subcontract hundreds of thousands of federal jobs that are now performed by civil servants. The effect, as in Texas, will be to dole out the public sector to politically connected corporate donors, while attacking one of the few remaining economic sectors where unions still wield substantial power. The ideology of the free market justifies the choice to grant huge contracts governing the lives of the poorest citizens to men and women more accountable to shareholders than to the public good. Yet the image of nimble, agile corporations zipping through an abstract marketplace hides deeper assumptions of a sharply hierarchical social order, for the justification of privatization is ultimately that CEOs are the only people who can be trusted with social power—never women like Judy Lugo.

In Texas, TSEU is determined to keep on fighting privatization. The union has defeated the privatization of welfare delivery in Texas before, and organizers hope that enough people can be educated and organized to stop it this time around too. After all, privatization looks even worse on the ground than on paper. Already corporations are asking that their bids for government contracts be kept secret, beyond public scrutiny. It's not hard to see

why: *The Texas Observer* has reported that Gregg Phillips, the man appointed to oversee the reorganization of the agencies, previously oversaw a failed privatization effort in Mississippi; one of his first actions in office in Texas has been to grant a large contract to his previous employer, Deloitte Consulting. Meanwhile, county governments are starting to realize that local Department of Human Services offices are slated for closure, and many are unhappy about it—especially since they are picking up the healthcare costs of the children who have been kicked off Medicaid. Two county governments have passed resolutions condemning the privatization law, and the mayor of Raymondville, a town in south Texas, has publicly protested the planned closure of the local DHS office. The union held a large training session for activists across the state in September, attended by about a hundred people who are determined not to let their jobs go into the private sector so easily. Despite rhetoric about improving services, organizers say, almost no one who uses the welfare system or works in it believes privatization is going to make things better. Reality may be the potent solvent to dissolve the ideology of the free market. In a state of rebels and mavericks, perhaps someday joining the union will be seen as the most powerful rebellion of all. ■



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The Honorable Donece Gregory
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Dear Ms. Gregory:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding House Bill 2292, the health and human services consolidation bill. As you no doubt are aware, House Bill 2292 was passed by both the Texas House of Representatives and the Senate. While a reorganization of this magnitude is certain to encounter difficulties along the way, the end result will be to provide consumers of health and human services programs greater accessibility and service at a lower cost to taxpayers.

House Bill 2292 will improve the eligibility process through the use of technology while ensuring all clients have the opportunity to meet with a state employee if they desire, a process that has proven to be popular with clients of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). While technology will help modernize the eligibility process, state employees will continue to be a valuable part of the health and human services delivery system in Texas.

Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns and know that I appreciate hearing from you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can ever be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Dewhurst".

David Dewhurst
Lieutenant Governor

DD:jw

RESOLUTION
CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF HB 2292 (78TH REGULAR SESSION)

WHEREAS, H.B. 2292, signed into law by the Governor on June 10, 2003, mandates the reorganization of twelve state Health and Human Services Agencies and functions into five new agencies; and

WHEREAS, the transition Legislative Oversight Committee was appointed to oversee the consolidation of health and human services agencies set in motion by H.B. 2292; and

WHEREAS, as hundreds of Tyler County residents depend on the services provided by departments and agencies subject to elimination and/or reorganization under H.B.2292 and that these same citizens could be relatively impacted by the reduction of Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program funding and leaving entities to make up the difference in funding; and

WHEREAS, in Tyler County great harm could come to local communities caused by the lost of state jobs numbering approximately eleven with an estimated annual loss of \$220,000.00 in salaries and in an area of one of the highest unemployment rates in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Tyler County has a large portion of its population made up of elderly, disabled, and low income and there is a lack of transportation services for the citizens of this area so the possibility of closing the Texas Department of Human Services Offices in this area would have a devastating effect on our residents.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Commissioners' Court of Tyler County believes that it is in the best interest of the citizens of our county and that the radical reorganization envisioned by H.B.2292 not be implemented.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14TH DAY of MAY, 2004

Jerome Owens, County Judge

C.D. Woodrome, Commissioner, Pct.#1

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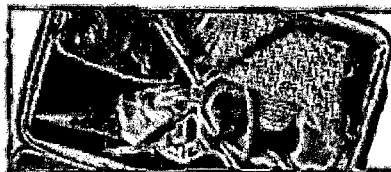
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Dear HRSA Partners:

On September 26, 2003, the Network submitted a grant application to the Health Resou Services Administration for funding under the Rural Health Network Development grant. the third year we applied for this grant. **3RD TIMES THE CHARM - WE WERE FUNDE**

Each of you were listed as a member of the applying consortium as per a Memorandum of Agreement executed between your agency and the Network.

This funding when included with other support and funding received by the Network in th days brings total funding for 2004 to ~~\$324,164~~. Receipt of this funding after three years by a lot of people was like receiving "Manna from Heaven".

Of course now the work really begins as we develop the programs as outlined in the att and objectives. In a few weeks a day long retreat for HRSA Partners and the ETHAN B Directors will be scheduled to discuss our next steps. I will be in touch soon with some | for this event.



East Texas Health Access Network

Serving Jasper, Newton, Sabine, San Augustine and Tyler Counties

ETHAN Funding Update

Updated: 05/14/2004

Sources of Financial and In-Kind Support of ETHAN Activities

1. \$11,700 in financial commitment from Network members (3 counties, 1 city, and 1 community partner to support Network operations.
2. \$45,899 – Year 1, \$39,925, Year 2 renewal grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to support Network operations.
3. \$5,000 from the Trull Foundation to support the development of a minority, church-based diabetes education program.
4. \$500 from the Tyler County Hospital Auxiliary to support the development of a minority, church-based diabetes education program.
5. \$25,000 from St. Luke's Episcopal Health Charities to support the development of a fee-based prescription assistance program.
6. \$33,778 from the CHRISTUS Fund to support the development of a fee-based prescription assistance program.
7. \$199,787 from the Health Resources and Services Administration, Rural Health Network Development grant to employ staff, develop volunteer base, establish a web-based resource directory and development of a chronic disease case management program. Year 2 and 3 funding subject to availability of funds and satisfactory progress of project \$199,783 and \$195,089. Total 3 year budget \$594,659.
8. \$159,125 in-kind support per a memorandum of agreement executed by Network members. Support includes use of office space, equipment, testing and office supplies and dedicated personnel time.

Total Cash Support 2004 \$321,664

Total In-Kind Support 2004 \$159,125

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Prescription Assistance Program

(409) 384-2099

***The East Texas Health Access Network (ETHAN)
and RxMedConnection have formed a partnership to
connect those in need to FREE prescription medications.***

The Facts:

- This program helps to link those with fixed incomes, low income, no health insurance or prescription drug coverage to pharmaceutical company's patient assistance programs.
- Over 2,500 medicines available.
- 90-day supply of most medicines.
- Only one form to complete.
- 6 – 8 weeks to receive initial supply of medicines.
- No per application charge, just a flat \$15.00 per month processing fee, payable quarterly.
- Fee refundable if determined ineligible for participation in this program.

** Please note the \$15.00 (\$45 quarterly) charged for processing assistance applications by this program does not include any fee that your physician or pharmacy may charge for processing the medications received by his or her office.*

Q: How do I qualify?

A: You qualify if you have no prescription drug coverage through any state, federal or private program such as Medicaid, or the Veteran's Administration and your annual income is below \$16,000 (single) or \$25,000 (family). For cancer or AIDS patients annual income can go as high as \$60,000.

Q: How do I enroll?

A: First, talk with your physician and let him know that you need help obtaining prescription medications. Your physician's cooperation is needed to sign prescription assistance applications and to dispense the free medications received by his/her office. Second, call the *ETHAN* and *RxMedConnection* office at (409) 384-2099 to receive an enrollment packet or for more information about which of your medications are available through this program.

Q: What about refills/reorders?

A: In order to track refill and reorder dates, it is the patient's responsibility to notify the *ETHAN* and *RxMedConnection* office upon (1) receipt of their medications; (2) any change in the type or dosage of medication taken; (3) if they do not receive their medications in a 6 – 8 week period.

Additionally, all paperwork received from the pharmaceutical programs must be forwarded to the program office for placement in the patient's file. *ETHAN* nor *RxMedConnection* can guarantee the timely shipment of medications ordered, therefore, it is the patient's responsibility to maintain an adequate supply of medications at all times and at their own expense.

IMPORTANT NOTICES: *ETHAN* nor *RxMedConnection* dispense prescription medications, provide medical or medication advice. Such advice must be obtained from your physician. All patient information is confidential and is shared only with your physician and the pharmaceutical companies providing your free prescription medications.

A Primer on the New Drug Discount

By Patricia Barry
April 2004

What are Medicare discount cards?

The cards are intended to provide interim help toward prescription drug costs from June 1 until the full Medicare drug benefit begins in January 2006. They offer discounts on some drug prices. They do not provide drug coverage.

There is no single "Medicare" card. Many competing cards will be offered by "sponsors"—private companies that include health insurers, Medicare HMOs, pharmacy benefit managers—that have been approved by Medicare. There will be a choice of at least two cards in each state and many more in some areas.

Who can get a discount card?

All Medicare beneficiaries, except those who receive drug coverage from Medicaid. (But check eligibility if you're in a state pharmacy assistance program in Florida, Maryland, Illinois, Vermont or Wisconsin.) You don't have to sign up.

How many cards can I use?

You can choose only one Medicare-approved card. During the 18-month program, you can change to another card once, at the end of 2004. If you are enrolled in a Medicare HMO that sponsors a card, you can apply only for that card. You can use non-Medicare discounts (for example, from pharmacies) as well, but not for the same prescription.

Do I need a Medicare card?

It depends. If you already have adequate drug coverage, or are getting better savings through other cards, an assistance program or mail order from abroad, this card may not be worthwhile. If you currently pay full retail price, or your drug coverage doesn't meet all your costs, a card could help up to a point. If you're eligible for the low-income credit, a card will have real value.

What will the cards cost?

By law, no card can cost more than \$30 a year, and some may cost less. People eligible for the low-income credit pay no fee.

What discounts would I get?

Discounts will vary between cards. Medicare officials estimate savings averaging 10 to 15 percent, with perhaps up to 25 percent on certain brands and more on some generics. One drawback: Sponsors will be allowed to change prices weekly.

Can I get discounts on all my drugs?

It depends. Some cards will offer "open formularies," which means they'll include discounts on all drugs. Others will discount only certain drugs, but they're likely to offer greater savings than those with open formularies.

Can I use this card at any pharmacy?

No. Each sponsor will specify which pharmacies accept its own card. Some will also offer mail order,

which can mean greater savings. None of the cards can be used to buy drugs from other countries.

What is the low-income credit?

It is a federal subsidy, under which Medicare will pay 90 to 95 percent of drug costs up to \$600 a year in 2004 and 2005, as well as waive the \$30 enrollment fee.

You can get this credit if your 2004 income is below \$12,569 (single) or \$16,862 (married). There is no asset test.

Even if eligible by income, you don't qualify if you have drug coverage from Medicaid (including state pharmacy programs that receive Medicaid funding), group health insurance, military or veterans health benefits or the federal employees health program.

But you *do* qualify if you're enrolled in a Medicare HMO that sponsors a discount card or in a state pharmacy assistance program that doesn't get Medicaid funding.

The \$600-a-year credit will be added to any Medicare-approved discount card you choose. Any credit unused at the end of 2004 can be rolled over to next year and used together with the \$600 credit for 2005. One drug manufacturer, Merck, says it will give free supplies of its products to customers who use up each \$600 before year's end.

How do I decide which card (if any) is right for me?

The tricky part is comparing the different Medicare cards to see which of your drugs they offer at a discount, how much you might save and whether those savings are better than other discounts available to you. These resources can help you make a decision:

- A comparison of Medicare cards will be posted on the official Medicare website after May 1. You can type in your Zip Code and see the drug prices and services offered by each sponsor in your area. Or call (800) 633-4227 for similar information.
- Your state health insurance assistance program (SHIP) or local community center may give advice.
- AARP has created an Rx Worksheet, (PDF file on AARPmagazine.org) a chart on which you can note the drugs you take, what you pay now and prices offered by different Medicare cards.

How do I apply for a card?

You can apply any time after May 3. Sponsors will send out mailings this month with application forms for discount cards and the \$600 credit. Fill out and return the form(s) to the sponsor of the card you've chosen.

Now, pull up AARPmagazine.org's Rx Discount Card Worksheet (it's a PDF file) to help determine which discount card is best for you.

**Price Comparison: The Department of Veterans Affairs, Canada, Drugstore.com and the Medicare Discount Card
The Ten Drugs Most Frequently Prescribed to Seniors, 2003**

Rank by # of Claims	Drug Name	Strength	Dose Form	Therapeutic Category	Price Per 30 Days of Therapy				
					VA	Canada	Drugstore .com	Medicare Discount Card	
								Low	High
1	Lipitor	10 mg	tab	Lipid-Lowering Agent	\$40.55	\$35.42	\$62.99	\$67.07	\$80.48
2	Plavix	75 mg	tab	Anti-platelet Agent	\$99.67	\$53.13	\$114.99	\$114.38	\$126.59
3	Fosamax	70 mg	tab	Osteoporosis Treatment	\$42.96	\$28.02	\$64.99	\$62.95	\$72.96
4	Norvasc	5 mg	tab	Calcium Channel Blocker	\$25.38	\$28.34	\$42.99	\$42.82	\$54.69
5	Celebrex	200 mg	cap	Anti-inflammatory/Analgesic	\$62.60	\$27.67	\$76.99	\$80.42	\$192.75
6	Zocor	20 mg	tab	Lipid-Lowering Agent	\$69.27	\$48.70	\$123.99	\$101.92	\$265.02
7	Prevacid	30 mg	cap cr	Gastrointestinal Agents	\$70.85	\$44.27	\$120.99	\$111.63	\$157.03
8	Protonix	40 mg	tab	Gastrointestinal Agents	\$26.83	\$42.06	\$98.99	\$87.49	\$133.06
9	Lipitor	20 mg	tab	Lipid-Lowering Agent	\$60.74	\$44.27	\$94.99	\$96.42	\$114.47
10	Norvasc	10 mg	tab	Calcium Channel Blocker	\$38.89	\$42.06	\$60.99	\$59.08	\$79.84

Drugs and Ranking: This list is the ten drugs most frequently prescribed to seniors in 2003 based on claims volume from Pennsylvania's senior prescription drug program, PACE, the largest outpatient prescription drug program for seniors in the country.

VA Prices: VA prices are prices for the Federal Supply Schedule and reflect what the Department of Veterans Affairs pays for these drugs. The prices were current as of April 26th, 2004 and were collected from the Pharmacy Benefits Management Strategic Health Care Group in the Department of Veterans Affairs. Prices are calculated based on the number of units available through the Federal Supply Schedule that most closely matches the number of units shown in the table.

Canadian Prices: Prices are for Ontario and reflect the amount the Ministry of Health will reimburse. The information is from the Ontario Drug Benefit Formulary/Comparative Drug Index, Edition 38, Update C, April 6, 2004. In Canada, Protonix is marketed as Pantoloc.

Currency Conversion: Canadian currency conversion from XE.com, mid-market rates 4-22. \$1 CAD = \$.737911 USD

Drugstore.com prices: Prices for Drugstore.com were collected on April 19 to capture prices available prior to the Medicare discount card. Drugstore.com is an internet prescription drug vendor; its prices are available nationally.

Medicare Prices: Prices reflect the highest and lowest prices listed for participating Medicare drug discount cards offered in 10 zip codes representing a diverse combination of rural and urban areas (Cincinnati; Detroit; Las Vegas; Los Angeles; Miami; New York; Olin, Iowa; Pittsburgh; Santa Fe; and Seattle). For urban areas, zip codes were searched for pharmacies in a 3-mile radius. For rural areas, the search was for a 15 mile radius. This corresponds to access requirements for prescription drug plans under the Medicare drug benefit. Prices are those posted April, 29th on Medicare.gov.