

# Memorandum



DATE January 19, 2018  
TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
SUBJECT **Meadows RIGHT Care Pilot Program Press Conference**

Please be advised the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute is coordinating a press conference on Monday, January 22 to announce the launch of the RIGHT Care Pilot Program. Officials from DFR and DPD along with representatives from Parkland Health & Hospital System will participate in the event. The press conference will take place at 1:00 p.m., at Dallas Fire Station #6, located at 2301 Pennsylvania Avenue.

On January 10, 2018, City Council approved to amend the City's current agreement to permit the RIGHT Care Program grant provider, W.W. Caruth, Jr. Foundation and Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute, to contract with Parkland Foundation to select and hire mental health professionals to support the program. Through the three-year \$2.2 million grant, the RIGHT Care Program will provide a comprehensive, and coordinated, response to 911 calls involving behavioral health emergencies. This effort will be accomplished through the dispatching of a team made up of a DFR Paramedic, a DPD Officer and a mental health professional to mitigate these calls.

If you are available to attend the press conference, we would appreciate your support.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

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