

October 26, 2021

SUBJECT

Consideration of Approval of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Plano on Behalf of the Plano Animal Shelter for Veterinary Technology Field Training

RECOMMENDATION

The District President recommends approval of the proposed Interlocal Agreement with the City of Plano on behalf of the Plano Animal Shelter for Veterinary Technology Field Training.

RATIONALE

Collin College offers education and training in Veterinary Technology, but currently operates without facilities to house or perform live animal instruction on campus. The program's accrediting body, American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), does not require an institution to own animals for instruction. However, AVMA does require that some 250 essential tasks be performed on live animals by students enrolled in the program.

Shelters around the district provide access to a significant number of animals in need of medical care. Students and homeless animals benefit from a partnership between the Collin County Veterinary Technology program and local animal shelters, such as the Plano Animal Shelter. These shelters often operate on a limited veterinary care budget. Shelters in the area have been successful thus far by utilizing volunteers and contracting part-time help with local veterinarians. A shortage of veterinarians and licensed technicians in Collin's district has caused the demand on available professionals in private sectors to significantly increase, leaving very little time for those same professionals to devote time to shelters and rescues. This partnership provides students with real-world, hands-on training and provides shelter animals with high-quality veterinary care. Shelter animals receiving full prevention care measures and a clean bill of health are more adoptable. Students will not only learn necessary medical skills required for Academic Excellence, but will experience Collin's Core Values such as Service and Involvement, Dignity and Respect (to all beings), and Integrity every time they step through the door of one of these shelters to serve the animals of the community.

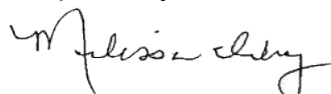
RESOURCE PERSONNEL

Melissa Irby, Chief Financial Officer

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Interlocal Agreement (City of Plano Animal Shelter)

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Melissa Irby, Chief Financial Officer