



Austin/Travis County Sobriety Center

City Council Work Session

June 21, 2016



Agenda

- Background
- Provisions of the Interlocal Agreement
- Next Steps



BACKGROUND



Past Council Actions

March 20, 2014

Resolution 20140320-051 to “develop an implementation plan and funding strategies for a sobriety center.”

Established the Sobriety Center Planning Committee

Sobriety Center Planning Committee

Andy Brown, Attorney at Law; Committee Chair

Judge Nancy Hohengarten, County Court at Law #5

Roger Jefferies, TC, Justice and Public Safety

Art Acevedo, Austin Police Chief

Asst. Chief Jason Dusterhoft, APD

Robin Peyson, Austin ROSC Initiative

Dr. Paul Hinchey, Office of Medical Director

Dr. Tom Coopwood, Central Health

Joel Ferguson, Austin Recovery

Bill Brice, Downtown Austin Alliance

Pete Valdez, Downtown Austin Community Court



Planning Committee (cont'd)



Dr. Carlos Tirado

Ashton Cumberbatch, Seton Healthcare Family

Dr. Chris Ziebell, University Medical Center

Dr. Kerby Stewart, TDSHS

Philander Moore, TDSHS

Dick Rathgerber, Salvation Army

Sgt. Henry Gonzales, Salvation Army

David Escamilla, Travis County Attorney

Ana Almaguel, TCHHS, Veteran's Services

Maria Talamo, Austin Recovery System of Care

Jason Howell, SoberHood

Sobriety Center Implementation Report

April 27, 2015



Recommended services:

- A safe place for sobering up.
- Medical screening to ensure appropriateness for services at the Center.
- Referrals to treatment.
- Peer recovery in lieu of clinicians or counselors.
- Security.

Implementation Report (cont'd)



Recommended characteristics:

- An estimated annual staffing expense of \$1.3 M for 27 full time equivalent positions and related staffing and administrative costs.
- 5,000 square foot facility with a 30 to 40 bed capacity.
- Easily accessible from central Austin.
- In close proximity to public transportation, medical, psychiatric, and detoxification services.



Past Council Actions (cont'd)

June 11, 2015

Sobriety Center Planning Committee presented its report. Resolution 20150611-010 “creating an Austin-Travis County Intergovernmental Working Group [IWG] to make recommendations regarding a **location, governance structure** and **funding plan** for a sobriety center.”

IWG Recommendations

Use a local government corporation (LGC)
for governance and operation of the
Sobriety Center

- Must comply with Open Meetings Act and Public Information Act.
- Exempt from property tax.
- Considered a governmental unit with regard to Tort Claims Act.
- Allows for fund-raising efforts.



Recommendations (cont'd)

Use the Medical Examiner's Building as the location for the Sobriety Center

- Easily accessible from Central Austin.
- In close proximity to public transportation, medical, psychiatric, and detoxification services.
- Serves as County's in-kind contribution.





Past Council Actions (cont'd)

October 8, 2015

Resolution 20151008-002 to “negotiate an interlocal agreement with Travis County for the creation of a sobriety center that incorporates the terms recommended by the Austin-Travis County Intergovernmental Working Group.”

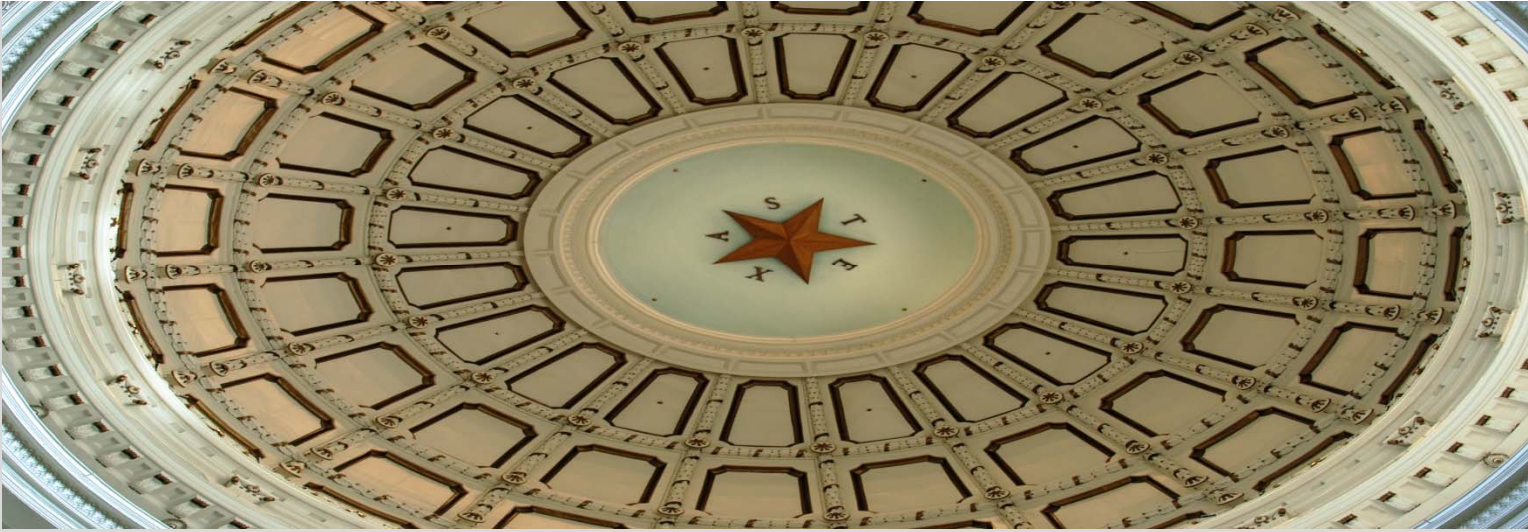


PROVISIONS OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT (ILA)



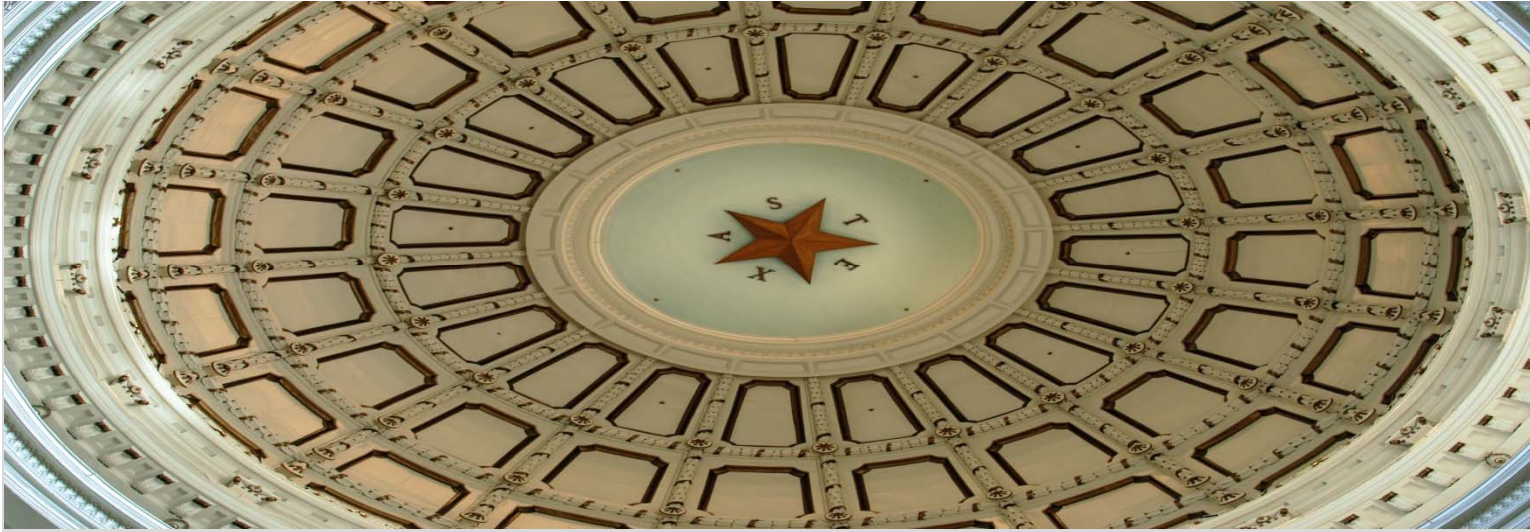
What does the ILA achieve?

- Describes how to create the Local Government Corporation (LGC).
- Sets forth the responsibilities and obligations of both Parties.
- Proposes a Cost Model describing the expenses to be shared by the City and County.
- Term: through September 30, 2017; one renewable term through September 30, 2018.



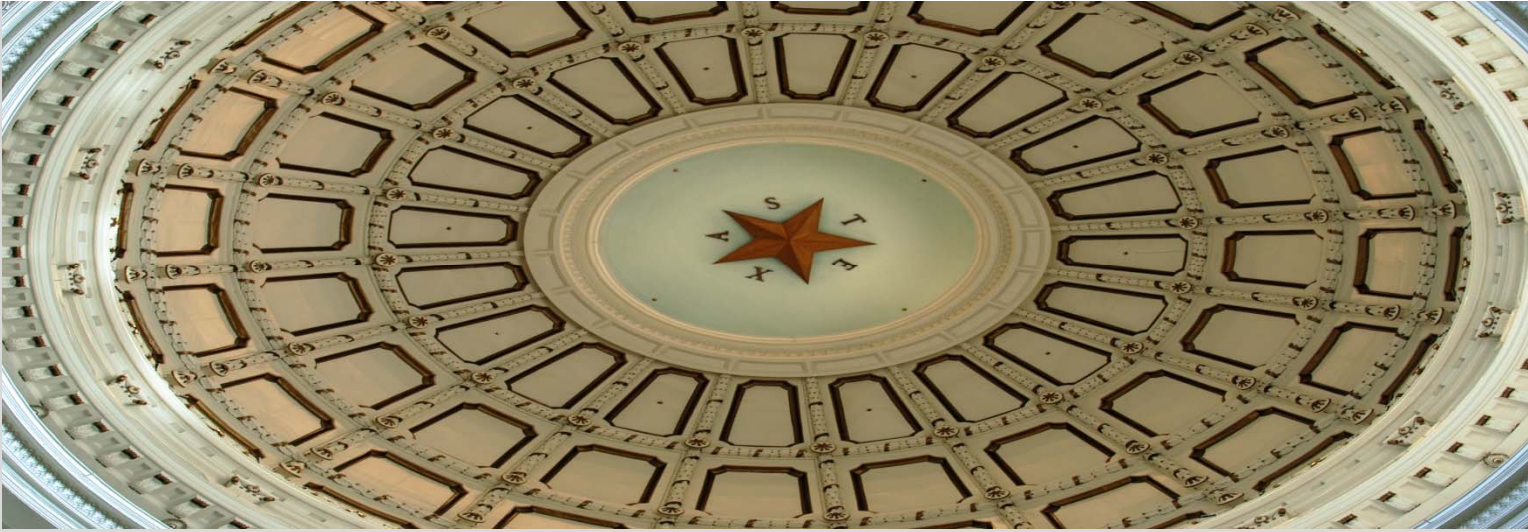
Creation of the Local Government Corporation (LGC)

- Establishes the process of creating the LGC.
- Establishes 9 Board members.
- Specifies LGC to be self-insured.



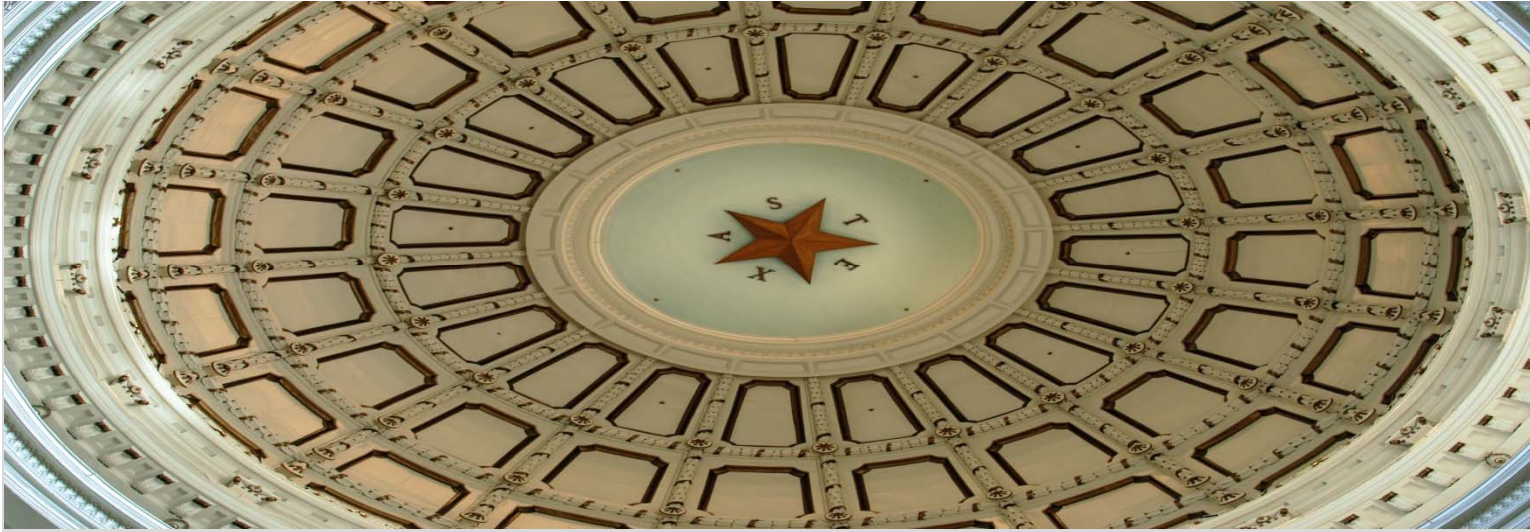
LGC Creation (cont'd)

- Board member makeup
 - 4 appointed by City
 - 4 appointed by County
 - 1 jointly appointed
- Areas of expertise
 - Legal; medical; behavioral health; public health; chemical dependency and addiction; philanthropy and fundraising; business and tax; and community advocacy



LGC Creation (cont'd)

- Ex-officio members
 - City Manager
 - County Judge
 - Police Chief
 - Austin-Travis County EMS Chief
 - Health & Human Services Director

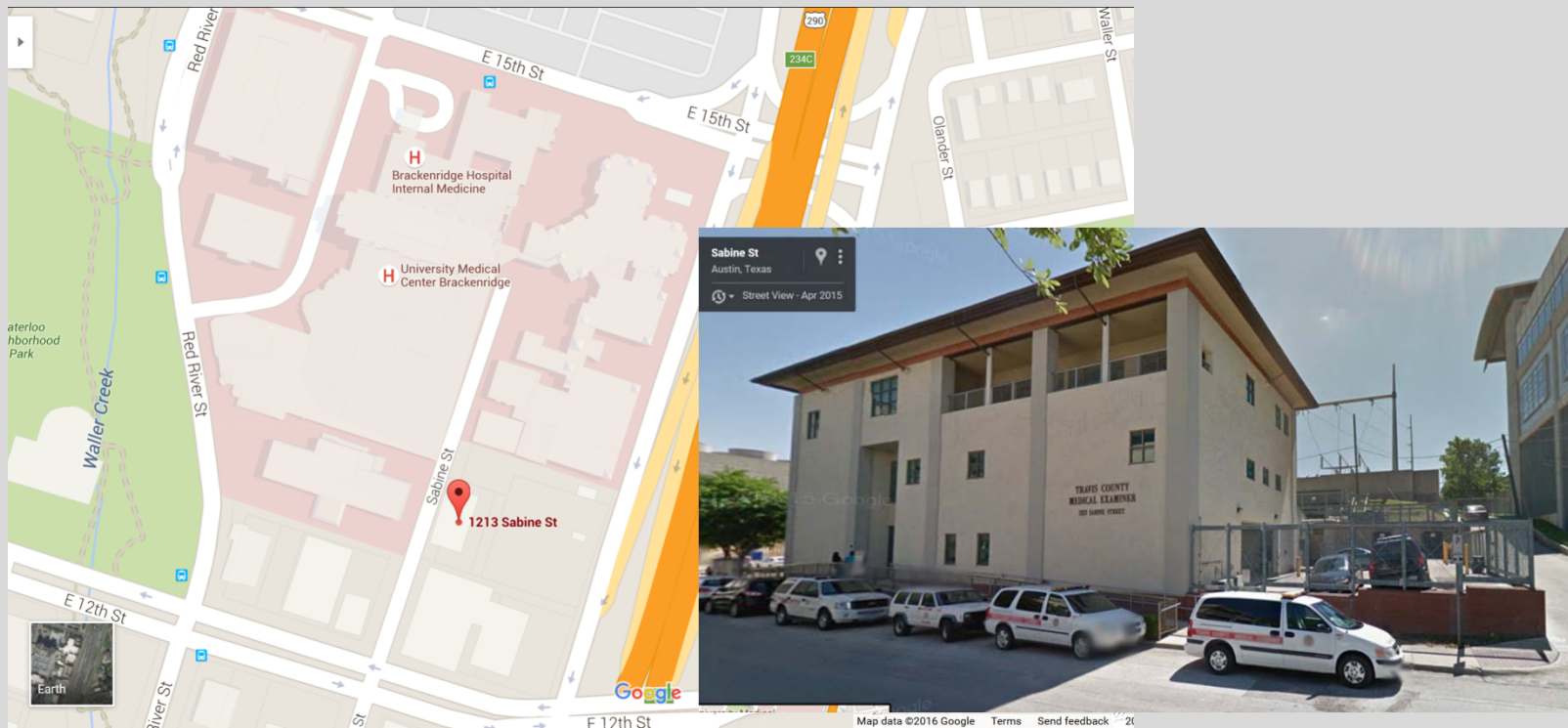


County Responsibilities

- Provide Medical Examiner building and parking for the Sobriety Center.
- Renovate the building (\$887,100 estimated cost).
- Maintain responsibility for physical maintenance of the building.

Medical Examiner's Building

- 1213 Sabine Street
- Floor 1 – 6,210 sf
- Floor 2 & 3 – 4,200 sf each



ME Building (cont'd)



University Medical Center
Brackenridge

HealthSouth

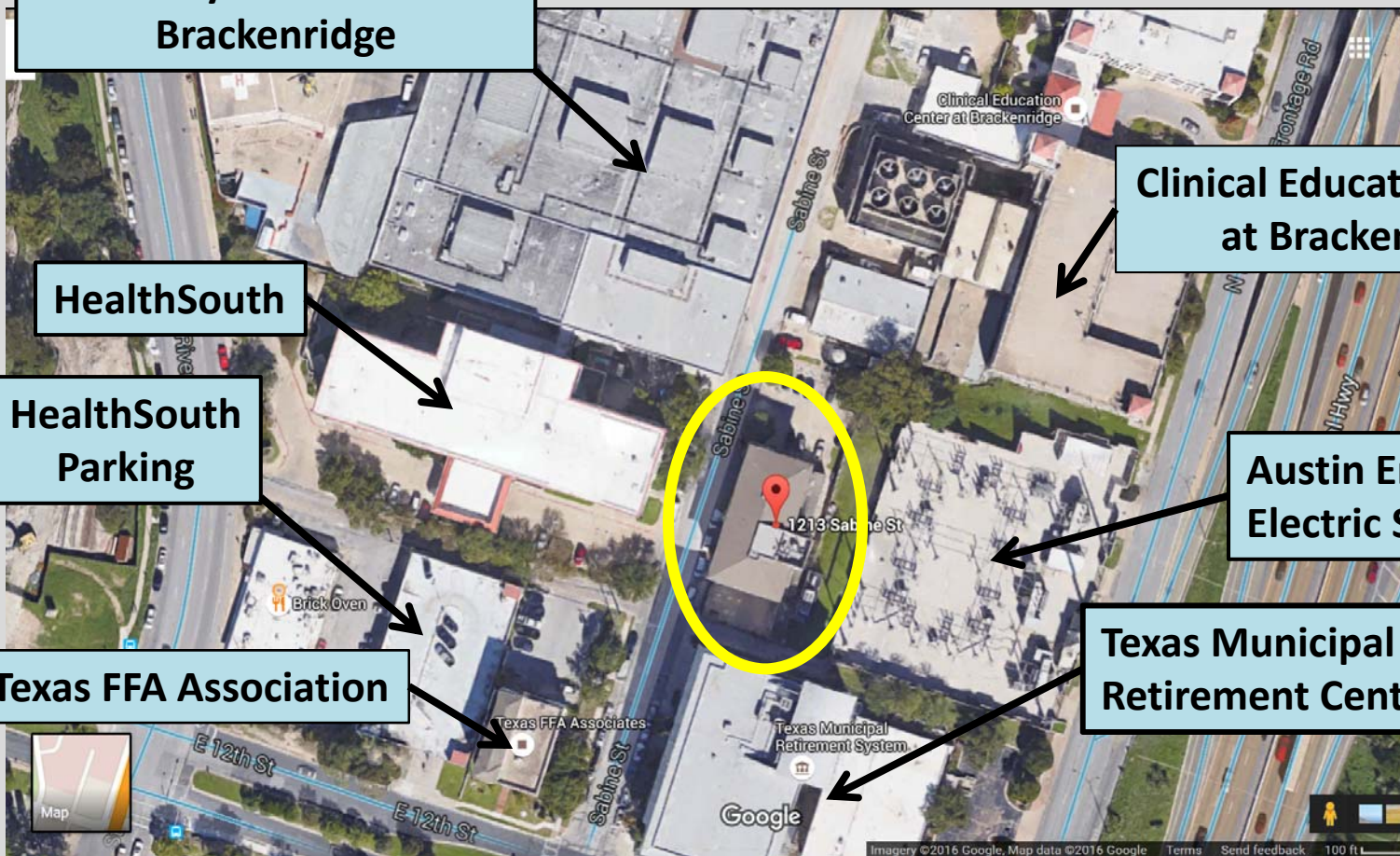
HealthSouth
Parking

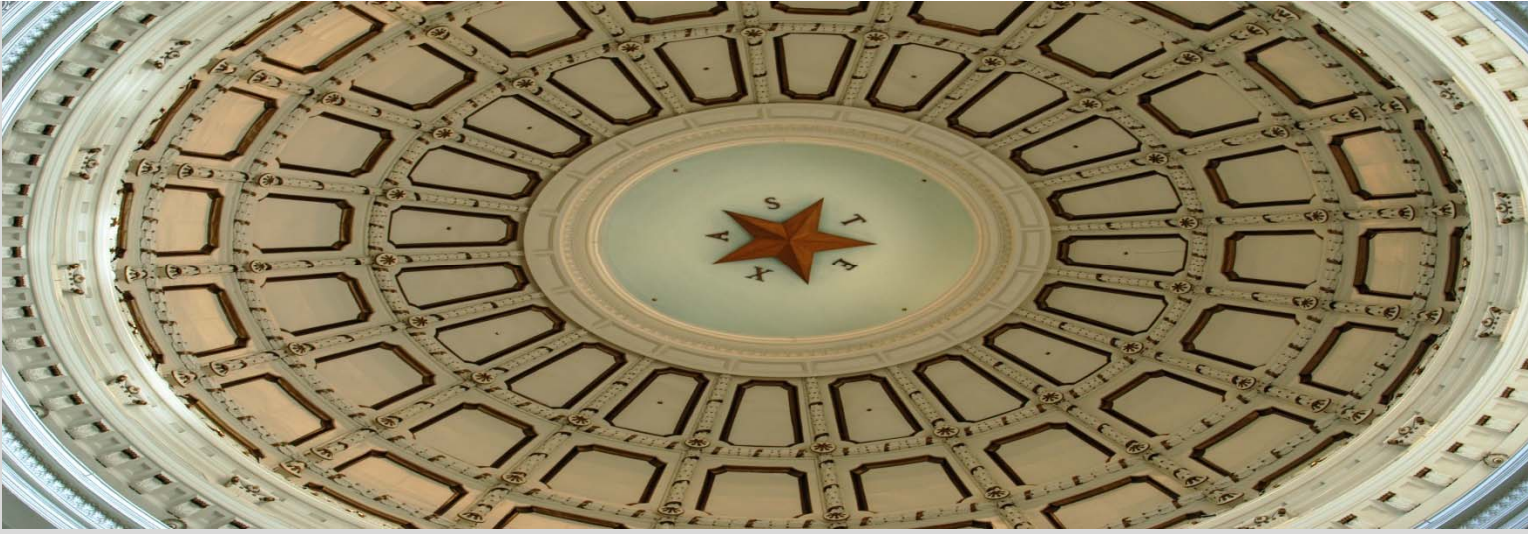
Texas FFA Association

Clinical Education Center
at Brackenridge

Austin Energy
Electric Substation

Texas Municipal
Retirement Center





City Responsibilities

- Pay for initial furnishing, fixtures and equipment.
- Pay annual operating cost not covered by other revenue.
- Provide for custodial maintenance and security, IT services and security, physical security.



Cost Model

- Costs are shared 78% City and 22% County over a 10 year projection of operations.
- Estimated 10 year total cost of operations: \$22,500,000



Cost Model (cont'd)

- Revenue assumptions are not included.
- Potential for fundraising and in-kind contribution.
- Cost avoidance (law enforcement, emergency room).

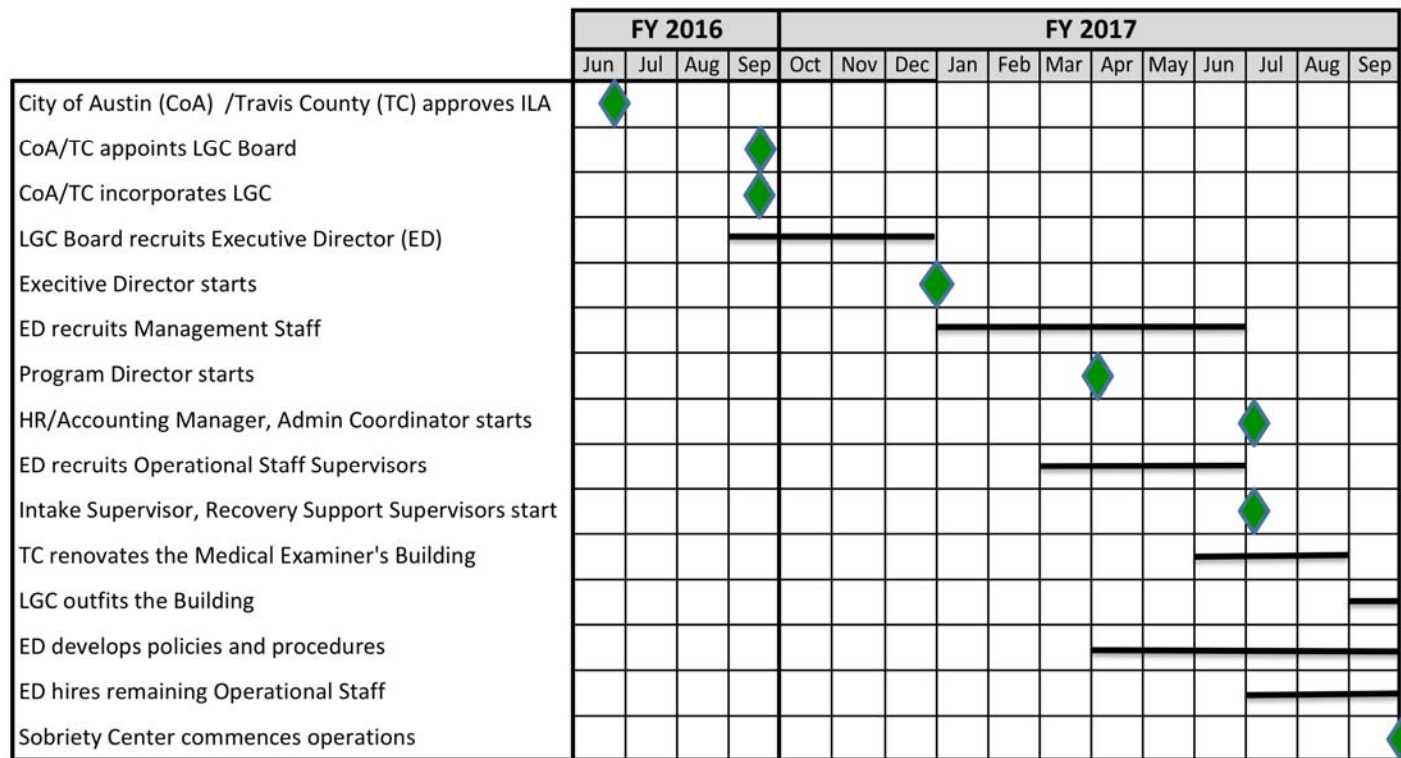


City Contribution

- FY 17: The City will pay the LGC \$380,000
- FY 18: Estimated annualized cost \$1,724,500*
- Years 3-10: 3.4% annual increase

* Includes 27 FTEs

Year 1 Phasing



FY17 Cumulative Spending



JAN-MAR	APR-JUN	JUL-SEP	FY17 Total
\$27,000	\$44,400	\$308,300	\$379,700
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Director hired 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program Director hired 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HR/Accounting Manager hired Admin Coordinator hired Intake Supv hired Recovery Support Supv hired Initial startup costs* 	

* Initial startup costs include: Furniture, fixtures & equipment; IT systems/security; building security



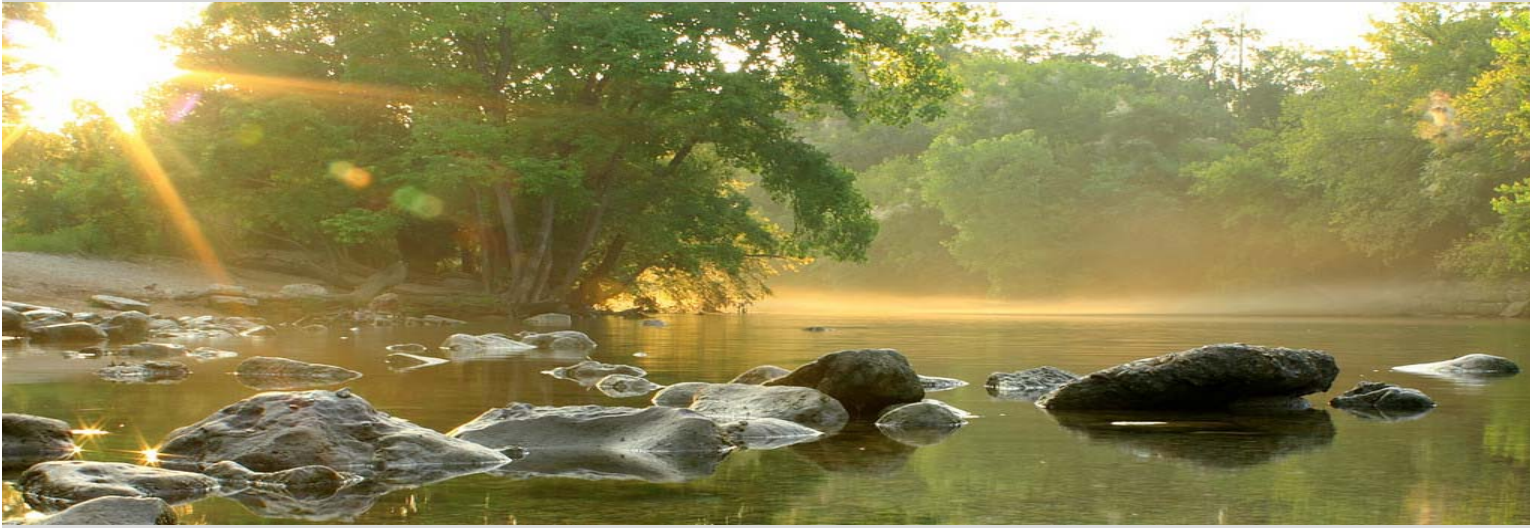
County Contribution

- Year 1: Renovations equivalent to approximately \$1,075,000 and ongoing maintenance.
- Years 2-10: In kind credit of 10% of the appraised value of the ME building: \$437,000 (appraised value of \$4.37 million).



Miscellaneous Provisions

- Formal assessment after 5 years
 - Assess whether the location continues to be the best solution.
 - Consider changing conditions in areas adjacent to the Sobriety Center, as well as opportunities that might exist to co-locate the facility with supplemental resources in other parts of the city.



Next Steps

- June 23: City Council consideration
- June 28: County Commissioners Court consideration
- August: Formation of the LGC
- August: Council considers funding for the Sobriety Center
- September – December: Executive Director Recruitment