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DCHHS Corrected Study on the Cost of Homelessness in Dallas & Collin Counties

Dallas (November 5, 2024) – A corrected new report by Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) reveals the significant economic burden homelessness places on Dallas and Collin counties. The study estimates the total cost associated with homelessness in 2023 to be \$193,606,366.

“This report sheds light on the true cost of homelessness, which extends far beyond the immediate needs of those experiencing it,” said Dr. Philip Huang, Director of DCHHS. “These costs impact taxpayers, healthcare systems, and our entire community.”

Key Findings:

- Based on the Housing Forward 2023 Point-in-Time count that identified 4,410 individuals experiencing homelessness in Dallas and Collin Counties, the total estimated annual costs were \$193,606,366 (\$43,901 per capita)
- The largest cost component is medical treatment, accounting for approximately \$60,406,945, or 31% of the estimated annual total cost.

Other significant cost components include:

- Hospitalizations: \$49,383,753
- Mental health services: \$17,257,247
- Emergency room visits: \$16,493,400
- Incarceration: \$16,850,311
- Emergency sheltering: \$33,214,708

For a complete copy of the updated report, please visit:

<https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/dchhs/data-reports/reports.php>

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