

November 5, 2020



RE: [REDACTED]

Dear Family of [REDACTED]

This is to inform you that the Ethics Committee has met and reviewed the care your family member. The physicians involved in caring for [REDACTED] believe that further supportive care is futile, with no chance of meaningful recovery. The Ethics Committee, through review of care, is in agreement that continued aggressive care is futile.

The law provides that if you are in disagreement with the Ethics Committee's determination, we must continue to provide all necessary care for life support for ten days from receipt of the letter. This is to allow you time to find another physician who agrees to provide the care that you request, as well as another facility if the physician does not have privileges at NWTHS. At the end of ten days, the physicians and NWTHS are not required to continue to provide life support except by court order.

Related to this we have provided you with the following information:

1. A copy of the previous letter notifying you of the date and time of the Ethics Committee consult. The letter includes the ten day process.
2. A copy of registry of healthcare providers and referral groups available to provide life sustaining treatment or other services relating to the Texas Advance Directives Act. The registry may be located at [www.dshs.texas.gov/thcic](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/thcic). The physician and NWTTH staff will assist you in providing medical information to physicians/facilities you have contacted that has expressed interest in accepting Jose Cobosportillo.
3. A copy of the portion of the medical record related to the current treatment received by the patient.

We know this is a difficult time for you, and decisions such as this are always difficult. If we can be of any further assistance to you, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Nancy Boyce'.

NWTHS Ethics Committee