

## The Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute's Statement on Lt. Governor Dan Patrick's Announcement of the Dementia **Prevention Research Institute of Texas**

DALLAS – Nov. 18, 2024 – Andy Keller, the president and CEO of the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute, released this statement applauding Lt. Governor Dan Patrick's announcement of the Dementia Prevention Research Institute of Texas (DPRIT) as a major legislative initiative for the Texas Senate:

"Lt. Governor Dan Patrick's Dementia Prevention Research Institute of Texas (DPRIT) is a bold vision for treating, and ultimately curing, dementia and the neurological disorders it encompasses. Lt. Governor Patrick's vision centers on a proven Texas model of bringing world-leading research and innovation to our state: CPRIT has shown to be the best way to not just find cures but build treatment capacity to care for Texans and catalyze innovators to bring cures to Texans sooner. Upon passage, the state that put a man on the moon and is leading the charge against cancer will hold the incredible potential to prevent, treat, and cure the neurological diseases that affect so many Texans, setting the stage for us to build a healthier tomorrow for every Texan, no matter the diseases that afflict them."

## About Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute

Independent and nonpartisan, the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute works at the intersection of policy and programs to create equitable systemic changes so all people in Texas, the nation, and the world can obtain the health care they need. The Meadows Institute provides state and national leaders with data-driven, trusted policy and program guidance, and works to shift the focus of new investments toward early intervention for children and families, address the mental health crisis in our jails and emergency rooms, and help all people with mental health needs recover and be well. Learn more at <a href="https://mmhpi.org">https://mmhpi.org</a>

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