

DATE: January 7, 2014

TO: Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mike Hafemann, Superintendent, Milwaukee County House of Correction (HOC)

SUBJECT: From the Superintendent, House of Correction, requesting authorization to pay electronic monitoring services invoices from the 2013 EMU contracts with JusticePoint Inc and WCS until the new vendor(s) is selected by the RFP process.

Issue

When the Superintendent arrived, in May of last year, he developed contracts for the Electronic Monitoring (EM) program. The contract term selected was from the end of May to December 31, 2013. It was envisioned that a new vendor(s) would be selected via the RFP process for 2014.

The RFP process has been initiated but will not be finalized and approved until the February or March board cycle. Therefore, the HOC has been required to enter into month-to-month contracts with JusticePoint Inc and WCS, as anticipated and discussed at board meetings last fall.

Both JusticePoint Inc and WCS have agreed to continue services under the expired contracts until a new vendor(s) is selected. Board approval is required for these additional services and balances due.

Discussion

As envisioned by the terms of the 2013 Adopted Budget and Amendment 1A062, the funds approved for EMU programming were to be transferred back to the House of Correction in order to enable the operation of the EMU program once the Superintendent was put into place. Since the Superintendent assumed control of the House of Correction in May of 2013, the funds were subsequently transferred to the HOC, and he reinstated the program as expected.

Given the success of the program, the number of inmates out on electronic monitoring via GPS has increased above projections. EMU billing is based on a sliding daily fee scale for the number of inmates approved and out on electronic monitoring. Based on current monthly billing, the total balance due for both vendors totals about \$76,000 a month.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the County Board of Supervisors confirm approval of payments to these vendors that have allowed us to continue the EM program. We anticipate the new

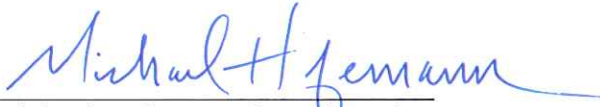
vendor(s) will be selected soon through the RFP process. According to the RFP timeline (copy attached), we anticipate selecting a new vendor(s) around January 31st, so we will be seeking Board approval in the March cycle.

Fiscal Effect

The costs for these services have already been identified in the 2013 and 2014 budgets. The per diem revenues associated with the program are set by ordinance. At this time, the revenues are more than the EM service costs. The net effect of the EM program appears* to be positive revenue of about \$174,000 per year. A fiscal note form is attached.

*There can be additional costs associated with electronic monitoring which might be reflected elsewhere in the actual budget (e.g., additional Correction Officers to manage the program or participate in an Absconder unit). We still feel that overall costs are lower than expenses. A recent audit that was completed by the County's Audit Department does show there is a cost benefit to maintaining a robust EM Program.

Respectfully Submitted,



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