

2024 Wellpath Amendment, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) and Wellpath, LLC (Wellpath) entered into a certain Agreement for inmate health care services, effective as of February 27, 2019, relating to the provisioning of health care services and delivery to resident populations at the Criminal Justice Facility and Community Reintegration Center (CRC), formerly known as the House of Correction; and

WHEREAS, the County and Wellpath entered into Amendment 1 of the Agreement on September 21, 2020, to modify the health care staffing plan/matrix, which included changes to the Medical Director’s hours to allow for invoicing of long-term care services provided by a Certified Nursing Assistant to update certain reporting requirements, to modify the definitions section to add definitions for key positions, and to temporarily modify staff penalty calculations; and

WHEREAS, the County and Wellpath entered into Amendment 2 of the Agreement on October 22, 2020, to add language requiring Wellpath to comply with all State, Federal, and local orders related to pandemic preparedness, and the Coronavirus Disease pandemic (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, the County and Wellpath entered into Amendment 3 of the Agreement on February 17, 2021, to extend the initial termination date of the Agreement to March 31, 2026, with the option, at the sole discretion of the County, to further extend the term of the Agreement for up to three additional one-year renewal periods, and to update the agreed-upon pricing applicable through the extended term of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2022, Wellpath began analyzing wage rates to request an equitable increase to wages for certain staff members based on impacts to the health care labor force as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the County and Wellpath entered into Amendment 4 on August 25, 2022, to modify the Agreement to allow for a temporary waiver of staffing penalties; and

WHEREAS, due to unforeseen circumstances, Wellpath was not able to enact reinvestment under Amendment 4; and

42 WHEREAS, the County and Wellpath entered into Amendment 5 of the
43 Agreement on February 1, 2023, to, implement a temporary waiver of staffing penalties
44 for six months to allow Wellpath to invest funds saved from these penalty reductions to
45 increase the pay rates for Licensed Practical Nurses, Registered Nurses, and Master of
46 Public Health experts, with the goal of improving retention and reducing the vacancy
47 rates of those positions, with no guarantee that the County would approve or fund
48 permanent wage increases for those positions; and
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50 WHEREAS, the County and Wellpath are requesting to amend the Agreement as
51 more particularly set forth herein; and
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53 WHEREAS, the Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services, at its
54 meeting of December 10, 2024, considered File No. 24-877 for information only per
55 Section 59.52(31)(d), Wisconsin State Statutes; and
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57 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of December 12, 2024,
58 recommended adoption of File No. 24-877 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,
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60 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorize
61 the Superintendent, Community Reintegration Center (CRC), to execute a contract
62 amendment with Wellpath, LLC (Wellpath) to increase compensation for Wellpath's
63 delivery of health care services to the Milwaukee County Jail and the CRC by
64 \$1,000,000 for each remaining service year of the Agreement; and
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66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the aforementioned contract extension will only
67 be executed after review and approval by the Office of Economic Inclusion, Department
68 of Administrative Services (DAS), Office of Corporation Counsel, and Risk
69 Management, DAS.
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