

County of Milwaukee Office of the Sheriff

David A. Clarke, Jr. Sheriff

Date:

January 8, 2013

To:

Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From:

Richard Schmidt, Inspector, Office of the Sheriff, Milwaukee County

Subject:

Request to execute a month to month extension of the Dialysis Service Contract with Wisconsin Renal/Biomedical Fresenius to continue to provide inmate medical health

services at the County Correctional Facilities of the Office of the Sheriff.

Pursuant to Milwaukee County Ordinance Chapter 56, the Sheriff is requesting a referral to the appropriate County Board committee for review and disposition, authorization to execute inmate health services contract for inmates at the County Correctional Facilities of the Office of the Sheriff.

Background

The Office of the Sheriff maintains a medical and mental health unit responsible for providing immate medical care in the two County Correctional Facilities. The County is currently operating under the Christensen Consent Decree, which dictates the minimum level of immate care.

The 2013 Budget transfers the responsibility of Inmate Medical for both Correctional Facilities to the New House of Correction effective April 1, 2013. Circumstances and litigation may delay or inhibit implementation. The Dialysis Contract/extension for services expired 12/31/2012.

The Office of the Sheriff is requesting to continue this contract on a month-to-month basis expiring 12/31/2013. Upon the resolution of all litigation, should Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office continue to be responsible for providing Inmate Medical to both Correctional Facilities, an RFP will be issued for future contract considerations.

Richard Schmidt, Inspector

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cc: Chris Abele, County Executive

Supervisor Mark Borkowski, Chair, Judiciary, Safety & General Services Committee

Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff Janelle Jensen, Committee Clerk Jennifer Collins, Research Analyst