

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: 11/11/2024

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Chantell Jewell, Superintendent, Milwaukee County Community Reintegration Center (CRC)

Subject: From the Superintendent, Community Reintegration Center requesting retroactive to April 1, 2024, authorization to enter into a Professional Services Contract Amendment exceeding \$300,000 with Wellpath LLC to increase compensation for Wellpath's delivery of healthcare services to the Milwaukee County Jail and the Community Reintegration Center by \$1,000,000 for each remaining service year of the agreement.

File Type: Action Report

POLICY

Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	MCGO 56.30
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BACKGROUND

In 2018, with support from the Department of Administrative Services - Procurement Division, the Community Reintegration Center (CRC) and Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office issued a Request for Proposals for a Correctional Medical Services provider for a new contract for health care services in the Jail and CRC beginning in 2019 (RFP 98180020: Correctional Medical Services).

RFP 98180020: Correctional Medical Services was issued on July 20, 2018. The RFP closed for submissions on September 14, 2018. Following evaluation by an Evaluation Committee comprised of County medical, correctional operations, legal, risk, and fiscal professionals, the Evaluation Committee recommended award of the RFP to Wellpath, LLC.

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors in File No. 19-192 approved the contract for an initial two-year term period expiring on March 31, 2021, with eight (8) one-year options.

Before the initial two-year term expired, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors in File No. 20-877 approved extending the contract for an additional five-year period, with

three additional one-year extension options. That extension was signed as of February 17, 2021.

On February 8, 2022, Synthia Peterson, Regional Vice President of Wellpath sent a letter to Chantell Jewell, the Superintendent of the Community Reintegration Center, and Earnell Lucas, Milwaukee County Sheriff. The letter from Wellpath requested an increase of \$1,000,907.04 in addition to the annual 3% increase which equals \$616,812.84 already allowed in the current Wellpath contract. Wellpath stated that 100% of the increase would go towards Wellpath salaries to mitigate the extraordinary effects of the current medical staffing crisis that is occurring in the United States.

On April 22, 2022, CRC staff met with Wellpath Staff to gather more information regarding the proposal.

On June 15, 2022, a subsequent meeting was held with staff from DAS-Procurement, The Community Reintegration Center, Office of the Sheriff, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance, and Corporation Counsel. In that meeting it was decided to waive six (6) months collection of staffing penalties from Wellpath which allowed them to use those funds to support the requested staff salary increases. After the six-month period, Wellpath was able to provide data and evidence that the proposed increases produced positive results, regarding staff vacancies. Furthermore, staffing penalties were restarted after the six-month period and a request is being submitted for a contract amendment that includes an increase to implement the proposed changes.

On October 11, 2024, Milwaukee County Office of Corporation Counsel received notice that Wellpath has agreed to the attached contract amendment increasing compensation to the Wellpath contract beginning retroactive to April 1, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

The Superintendent of the Community Reintegration Center respectfully submits this action item to request the authority to enter into a contract amendment with Wellpath LLC to increase compensation for Wellpath's delivery of healthcare services to the Milwaukee County Jail and the Community Reintegration Center by \$1,000,000 for each remaining service year of the agreement.

FISCAL EFFECT

A fiscal note form is attached.

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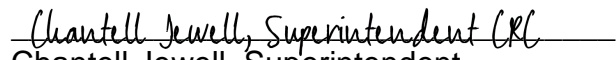
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PREPARED BY:

Michael Bickerstaff, Public Safety Fiscal Administrator, Community Reintegration Center

APPROVED BY:


Chantell Jewell, Superintendent
Milwaukee County Community Reintegration Center

ATTACHMENT:

Contract Amendment 6

cc: County Executive David Crowley
Mary Jo Meyers, Chief of Staff, County Executive's Office
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