

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: April 18, 2019

TO: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, and Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors;
Anthony Staskunas, Chair, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, Judiciary, Safety, and General Services Committee
James “Luigi” Schmitt, Chair, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, Finance and Audit Committee

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SUBJECT: Correctional Health Care Self-Operation (CHCSO) Project Update

REQUEST

Administration received a standing request from the Board, File 19-14, to provide the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors’ Judiciary, Safety, and General Services and Finance & Audit Committees with an updated informational report on the status of the Correctional Health Care Self-Operation (CHCSO) Project. Based on a recent meeting of stakeholders on this project, it was further identified that one area would require active Board input and support at this time:

On April 8, 2019 the project team discussed several potential models for the assignment of the Responsible Health Authority (“RHA”) designation required under NCCHC Standard J-A-02. The RHA standard and information related to the discussion which occurred on April 8 are available on pages 2-5 of the Judiciary Committee Update Report (attached). Following robust discussion, the Strategic Team selected a model for assignment of the RHA designation, and this report requests the Board’s active support of the selected assignment model.

This report is responsive to the request for an informational report, and also requests action by the County Board on the item mentioned above.

BACKGROUND

Background pertaining to the Christensen Consent Decree, Correctional Medical Services Contract, RFP for Correctional Medical Services, Resolution authorizing and directing the County to provide a plan for self-operation of correctional medical care, and Correctional Health Care Self-Operation (CHCSO) Project and related project decisions and updates may be found in:

- File 18-788 Informational Report (Item 1 of the October 18, 2018 Judiciary, Safety and General Services Committee meeting);
- File 18-898 Informational Report (Item 3 of the November 29, 2018 Judiciary, Safety and General Services Committee meeting);
- File 18-898 Informational Report (Item 29 of the December 6, 2018 Finance and Audit Committee meeting);
- File 19-14 Informational Report (Item 3 of the January 24, 2019 Judiciary, Safety and General Services Committee meeting);
- File 19-14 Informational Report (Item 8 of the February 1, 2019 Finance and Audit Committee meeting);
- Files 19-192, 19-193, 19-194 19-195, and 19-196 Action Reports (Items 9-13 of the February 1, 2019 Finance and Audit Committee meeting);
- File 19-14 Informational Report (Item 2 of the March 7, 2019 Judiciary, Safety and General Services Committee meeting);
- File 19-14 Action Report (Item 1 of the March 19, 2019 Special Session of the Judiciary, Safety and General Services Committee);
- File 19-14 Action Report (Item 48 of the March 21, 2019 meeting of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors).

Information from the above-referenced reports and the related resolutions is not included in this report.

Throughout the months of March and April, the CHCSO Project Team has continued to work diligently on the analysis and development of the new Correctional Health Care Department and related operations. The Project Team has provided the attached CHCS Project Update Report for your review. We welcome the policy guidance, thoughts, and suggestions of the Judiciary, Safety and General Services and Finance and Audit Committee(s) and their colleagues on the Board as we proceed in discovery. We are providing this data for your information and consideration as our valued partners in this process.

On Monday, April 8, 2019 the second monthly meeting (strategic guidance) was held. The Project Team discussed the item contained in the CHCSO Project Update Report. The following question was treated which requires Board action:

RHA Assignment.

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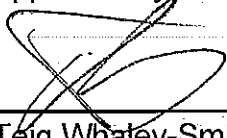
The model the Project Team selected is “**Correctional Health Care Department as RHA**”. If the new Correctional Health Care Department is assigned as RHA, the “designated individual” under the NCCHC standard who will ensure policies are carried out would be the Director of the CHCD. The responsible physician, mental health professional, and dentist would fill clinical roles required by the standard, if the Director is not a clinician.

Any model of RHA assignment will provide accountability to the County Board and a method to ensure Board policies pertaining to the correctional health services mission will be appropriately carried out, and any model will also follow all state statutes and County ordinances pertaining to the approval of annual budget(s) and contract(s) which require the review and approval of the Board.

RECOMMENDATION

The Director of the Department of Administrative Services respectfully submits this action item to request the Board’s adoption of the Correctional Health Care Department as Responsible Health Authority model for assignment of the Responsible Health Authority designation required for National Commission on Correctional Health Care accreditation of the County’s correctional health care services, when self-operated.

Approved by



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