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THE MILE HIGH CITY

2018 Denver Health Operating Agreement

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Safety, Housing, Education, and
Homelessness Committee

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- The Denver Health and Hospital Authority was formed as a state authority under state statute in 1997 to operate the former Denver General Hospital.
- City/County of Denver adopted a Charter amendment in 1996 to replace the Department of Health and Hospitals with the Department of Environmental Health, which retained the authority and regulatory powers of the local public health agency.
- Annual Operating Agreement outlines services Authority provides to the City and City provides to Authority.

- Services are divided into Core Services and Non-Core Services.
 - **Core services** include the Medically Indigent Payment, Emergency Medical Services, Public Health, Denver CARES, prisoner medical services at DHHA, etc.
 - **Non-Core services** include child welfare, jail medical services, marijuana public health impact monitoring and communication, etc.
- City also provides services to DHHA including payroll, legal, radio replacement, fuel, 911 call taker, etc.

Highlights of Key Changes to Core and Appendix A

- Restated the Operating Agreement for the first time in 20 years.
 - Core services have not changed
- Restructured Emergency Medical Services section and added training capacity for additional Fire EMT-B skills.
- Restructured Public Health section to clarify roles, responsibilities and budget to increase efficiency and collaboration.
- New Case Coordinator position for high utilizers at Denver CARES.
- Continued Substance Treatment Services funding to backfill for lost grant funding.
- Expanded partnership with RMPDC for toxicological analysis of marijuana derivatives.

- **Highlights of Key Changes to Appendix B**
 - Adding staffing for Smith Road Building 24, and relief staffing for nurses in the jails.
 - Increased methadone treatments for patients in the jails.
 - 5 new sections in Appendix B, Non-Core Services:
 - Substance Treatment and Education Program
 - Heartsaver® Training
 - Tactical Casualty Care Training
 - Psychological Fit for Duty Examinations
 - Office of the Medical Examiner Services

The total proposed 2018 contract amount is \$64,047,203 for services to DHHA and receipt of funds in the amount of approximately \$2,526,371 for City services provided to DHHA.

Summary of Budget Changes

Proposal Name	City Department	Number of Contract FTE	Amount
DHHA A-2 QA EMRS Oversight FTE	Department of Safety	.67	\$ 77,587.00
DHHA A-2 Position Upgrade and New Position	Fire Department	1	\$ 83,074.00
DHHA A-3 Public Health Director of Epidemiology and Informatics	Environmental Health	.5	\$ 93,489.00
DHHA A-3 Public Health RN Infectious Disease Outbreak and Surveillance	Environmental Health	.8	\$ 72,846.00
DHHA A-4 Security Increase Request	Human Services (Office of Behavioral Health Strategies)	1	\$ 50,519.00
DHHA A-4 Case Coordinators	Human Services (Office of Behavioral Health Strategies)	1	\$ 45,943.50
DHHA A-4 Capital Replacement Van	Human Services (Office of Behavioral Health Strategies)	0	\$ 168,837.00
DHHA A-5 Jail Methadone Expansion	Human Services (Office of Behavioral Health Strategies)	0	\$ 52,461.00
DHHA A-5 Substance Treatment Services Decrease	Human Services (Office of Behavioral Health Strategies)	0	\$ (56,563.00)
DHHA B-3 Building 24 Staff Expansion	Sheriff's Department	~4.52	\$ 480,175.00
DHHA B-3 Increased Nursing Support Expansion	Sheriff's Department	~4.95	\$ 487,381.00
DHHA B-4 Child Welfare Base Changes	Human Services (Child Welfare)	0	\$ 12,138.00
DHHA B-6 Marijuana Surveillance Base Increase	Environmental Health	0	\$ 5,685.00
DHHA B-7 OME Relocation Lease Increase	Environmental Health	0	\$ 412,113.00
DHHA B-NEW Substance Treatment and Education Program Marijuana	Environmental Health	~1.45	\$ 89,220.00

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