

2015 Denver Health Operating Agreement

Tuesday, October 14, 2014 Safety and Well-being Committee







- The Denver Health and Hospital Authority was formed/absorbed by Denver General Hospital in 1997.
- City/County of Denver retained regulatory and some public health functions incorporating them into the Department of Environmental Health.
- Annual Operating Agreement outlines services
 Authority provides to the City and City provides to
 Authority.



Structure of Agreement

- 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 Family Crisis Center, jail medical services at the County Jail, etc.
- City also provides services to DHHA including payroll, legal, radio replacement, fuel, 911 call taker, etc.



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Highlights of Key Changes

- No change in medically indigent payment (\$30,777,300).
- Increase in funding for EMS training to the Fire Department (\$34,670) and DIA EMS Paramedic Service (\$669,485).
- Authority's Public Health Department will serve as medical officer for City's Department of Environmental Health.
- Added reporting requirements for Medicaid billing and enrollment into Affordable Care Act programs for care of prisoners at DHHA.
- More detailed invoicing/flexibility in adjusting services to need at Family Crisis Center.

Companion Agreements

- Amendment to South Westside Clinic agreement
- New Public Health Marijuana Data Collection agreement



2015 DHHA Budget Initiatives

Total proposed 2015 contract amount is \$58,471,100 for services to DHHA and receipt of funds in the amount of \$1,487,951 for City services provided for DHHA.

2015 Budget Items	Amount
Denver Public Health	
Public Health Marijuana Surveillance	\$223,509
Denver CARES	
Denver CARES Addiction Counselors	\$278,588
Family Crisis Center	
Family Crisis Center – 0.25 FTE Pediatric Physician	\$47,000
Jail Medical	
Health Information Management Upgrade	\$40,617
Health Information Management FTE Hours Increase	\$10,226
Dental X-ray machine for County Jail	\$21,009
Increase in Medical Hours	\$18,411
Psychologist and Social Worker	\$188,982
Jail Medical Case Manager (Filled)	\$0
South Westside Clinic	\$250,000
	\$1,078,342