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Community Corrections Update

City Council Safety and Housing Committee Presentation

July 29, 2020

GEO contract for community corrections services ended 12/31/19.

Denver Cognitive Behavioral Intervention program re-launched June 2020

- 48 male clients
- Collaborative CC/DSD
- County Jail Bldg 19

Current client waitlist (accepted and awaiting placement) as of July 23 = 120+

COVID-19 Impacts

- Population Reductions
- Protocol
- Provider sustainability

General Updates

	<u>FY19/20 Physical Bed Capacity</u>	<u>FY19/20 Funded Beds</u>	<u>FY20/21 Physical Bed Capacity</u>	<u>FY20/21 Funded Beds</u>
Corecivic	360	333	300	234
Ind House	115	113	115	114
ARTS	116	108	116	109
Denver EMBARC CBT	0	0	48	48
GEO	157	134	0	0
Total	748	688	579	505

Procurement for community corrections services timeline:

- Request for Information (RFI) from interested providers-May 2020
- Review information/responses- July/Aug 2020
- Request for Proposals (RFP)- September 2020
- Awards/Contracts – Oct/Nov 2020

Maintaining services during the community corrections procurement:

- Acceptance of state funds for fiscal year 20/21 (7/1/20-6/30/21)
(-183)bed reduction from FY19/20
(-3.8) million funding reduction
- Extension of service provider contracts with Independence House and Univ of Colorado-Addiction Research and Treatment Services through Dec to allow for the procurement process to complete.

20-0686

Accepts funding in the amount of \$ 14,617,066.43 from the State of Colorado to operate the Denver FY20/21 community corrections program.

20-0687

Request an amendment extending services with University of Colorado Addiction Research and Treatment Services (ARTS) through December 2020.

This amendment adds \$2,100,000.00 for a new contract total of \$6,370,380.12.

20-0688

Request an amendment extending services through December 2020 with RRK Enterprises (d/b/a Independence House). This amendment adds \$1,500,000.00 for a new contract total of \$4,426,465.50

CCAG Recommendation #01. Request extension of Corecivic contract.

- Propose to Denver City Council an extension through June 2021 with Corecivic to operate no more than 250 residential beds.

Status: On-target

City Council approved an extension with Corecivic through June 2021. Corecivic has initiated bed reductions by consolidating program operations from four facilities to three facilities. The Columbine program located at 4280 Columbine Street ceased operation in June 2020. This consolidation along with the resident population reductions in community corrections programs related to Covid19 result in Corecivic operating below the 250 bed capacity set in the contract extension language.

CCAG Recommendation #02. Status reporting of Community Corrections Advisory Group Recommendations

- The Denver Division of Community Corrections will provide a report detailing progress and status of the CCAG recommendations to the City Council and the Denver Community Corrections Board no later than June 2020 and every six months thereafter through June 2021.

Status: On-going.

CCAG Recommendation #03. Feasibility of lease or purchase and identification of additional service providers

- The City should explore the possibility of leasing or purchasing one or more CoreCivic community corrections zoned properties.
- The City should also explore opportunities to identify additional service providers including promising or emerging operators expressing an interest in the provision of community corrections services.

Status: On-going

- A procurement for community corrections services; including services at the Tooley Hall site was issued in May 2020. Our initial target intended to issue the RFI in March, however, it was delayed due to activity associated with COVID19. The response due date was extended until July 10, 2020 to allow potential responders additional time to respond due to the pandemic as well as delays associated with the state budget for FY21.
- Discussions with Corecivic regarding property lease or acquisition were impacted as a result of budgetary and other challenges associated with COVID19. The division of real estate has re-initiated conversations with Corecivic reps.

CCAG Recommendation #04. Explore expanded use of the Intensive Supervision Program (ISP-I)

- The Denver Community Corrections Board should work collaboratively with the Department of Corrections to expand the use of ISP-I as part of the Department's new reentry programming at Colorado Correctional Center and the Denver Women's Correctional Facility.

Status: Ongoing

During COVID19, Governor Polis issued an Executive Order in part creating the ability for the Department of Corrections to transition individuals from prison to ISP-Inmate status without the requirement of review by a community corrections board. Despite this authority, only a small number of individuals were identified and released directly from prison. Review of the information provided by DOC indicate there were less than 20 individuals released in Denver County.

The intent of this recommendation was to increase this population with the understanding the DOC was working with community based WAGEES providers who were developing a process for greater access for prison in-reach and early services which would presumably stabilize individuals and alleviate the need for residential programming. This effort was delayed during the pandemic.

CCAG Recommendation #05. Improve community corrections complaint reporting and monitoring.

- The Denver Division of Community Corrections should develop a better and confidential process to allow community corrections clients or family members to raise issues, concerns, and complaints and a thorough process for responding to clients in a timely manner.

Status: On-going

Denver Community Corrections Board staff continues to work with interested parties on the development of a policy and process to make improvements in this area. Finalizing the policy was delayed during COVID19. The goal will be to adopt a policy by Fall 20.

CCAG Recommendation #06. Analysis of direct sentence outcomes

- The Denver Division of Community Corrections and the 2nd JD Court/ Probation Department should analyze the successful completion rate for diversion clients and make recommendations for residential program and supervision changes to improve outcomes.

Status: On-going

CCAG Recommendation #07. Review the Length of Stay in residential programming

- The Denver Division of Community Corrections should work with the Division of Criminal Justice-Office of Community Corrections and referring agencies to determine the feasibility of reducing the length of stay in residential programs and the development of a shorter-term stabilization program.

Status: Ongoing

CCAG Recommendation #08. Review of zoning code and city ordinances

City ordinances and zoning regulations should be reviewed and modified to permit expansion of smaller, community-based residential options for community corrections clients.

Status: In progress

- The work through CPD and the Group Living Project continues.

CCAG Recommendation #09. Community Corrections Standards review

The Denver Division of Community Corrections should continue efforts to work with the Division of Criminal Justice- Office of Community Corrections and other interested stakeholders to continue to review and waive any standards that do not pose a public safety concern or limit innovative programming. Additionally, institute a clear waiver process with specific criteria and reasonable decision-making timelines.

Status: Ongoing

A subgroup of advisory group members and other interested individuals met with representatives from the Division of Criminal Justice whose office promulgates the residential community corrections standards. This work has stalled, in part due to COVID19.

The procurement for the City of Denver community correction service does request that proposers identify which standards they as providers would need to revisit or waiver if selected.

CCAG Recommendation #10. On-going analysis and evaluation of community corrections programs

- The Denver Division of Community Corrections should evaluate whether there is adequate funding for and, if necessary, receive additional funding to strengthen their research capacity to better analyze outcome trends and evaluate community corrections programs for effectiveness.

Status:

The state FY 21 allocation to Denver County was significantly reduced as a result of program closures and state budget reductions. Denver's bed allocation was reduced by 27% (183 beds); funding was reduced by 3.8 million including a 20% reduction for the DCC office in administrative funding.