



**Safety, Housing, Education
& Homelessness Committee**

***Committee Members: Kashmann, Chair; Ortega, Vice-Chair;
Espinoza; Gilmore; Kniech; Lopez***

Committee Staff: Shelley Smith

**Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 10:30 AM
City & County Building, Room 391**

Attendance

Present: 7 - Kashmann, Ortega, Espinoza, Gilmore, Kniech, López, New

Action Items

[18-0221](#)

Adds \$1 million to the master purchase order with Southern Foods Group, doing business as Meadow Gold Dairies, for a new contract total of \$1,750,000 for dairy products for inmates at the County Jail, the Denver Detention Center and emergency use by Denver Department of Human Services (0309A0216).

A motion offered by Councilmember Kniech, duly seconded by Councilmember Gilmore, that Council Resolution 18-0221 be approved for filing. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Kashmann, Espinoza, Gilmore, Kniech

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Ortega, López

Presentations

[18-0280](#)

Briefing: Denver Human Services - Rocky Mountain Human Services annual report

Justin Sykes, Department of Human Services, reviewed the timeline shared with Council previously to address issues. He noted they are not yet ready to discuss the new contract but would be ready to come back to Committee in a couple months to discuss it. He explained that unused money will be used for outreach and assessment to determine what the community thinks the needs are before determining how to expend the leftover funds.

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Shari Repinski, Rocky Mountain Human Services, presented the organization's required annual report noting the emphasis on client access, and providing data on where clients reside, how services are delivered, the history of the mill levy from 2015. She noted that, starting in 2017, meetings are held with all 4,500 individual clients to assess needs annually. She also discussed the expansion in providing services by community-based organizations and explained how individualized annual plans are developed.

Ms. Repinski explained the services delivered by Rocky Mountain Human Services including: babies & toddler early intervention, youth services which is primarily respite, and case management for adults. She detailed the new emphasis on outreach and community engagement including general public, clients and individuals with needs, and providers.

She discussed which programs have waiting lists, composed primarily of the 296 individuals waiting for residential services. Future efforts focus on exploring integrated medical and dental services and working with homeless clients with disabilities.

She answered questions from Councilmembers focused on early intervention and its integration with public school programs, individualized plans, revenues from the mill levy, how expenditures are tracked by individual, service, and service providers, the effort to focus mill levy expenditures only on Denver residents, the origin of early intervention service entitlement, age-related limits on eligibility of those with traumatic brain injury, potential to use funds for capital to increase residential options, whether residential is always appropriate and keeping Council apprised of outreach activities.

Consent Items

Below are items that were approved on the Committee's consent agenda today.

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[18-0249](#)

Approves a two-year no-cost extension of the contract with Hitachi Data Systems Corporation through 12-31-19 to correct a drafting error in the agreement for equipment and system maintenance of the High Activity Location Observation (H.A.L.O.) program (201417115-01).

Council Resolution 18-0249 was approved by consent.

[18-0258](#)

Adds \$1,503,000 and six months to the contract with ET Technologies, Inc. for a new total of \$2 million through 10-15-18 for on-call services for the management of hazardous materials and regulated wastes including emergency responses (ENVHL-201312428-02).

Council Resolution 18-0258 was approved by consent.