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Community Corrections Update

City Council Safety and Housing Committee Presentation

February 5, 2020

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

- Williams Street Center closed in October 2019 resulting in the loss of 84 female residential beds in Denver County
- Tooley Hall closed in December 2019 resulting in the loss of 73 male beds including the specialized Cognitive Behavioral Treatment (CBT) in Denver County

- Total loss= 157 beds
- Male non-specialized (-25)
- Female non-specialized(-84)
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy(-48)

Strategies to restore some of the bed capacity:

Tooley Hall Site (female programming)

- Evaluation of Space Renovation
- Goal to restore female programming in Denver County Fall 2020

CBT program at the Denver County Jail/Building 19

- Collaborative initiative with Denver Sheriff Department and Community Corrections
- Community Corrections staff will administer CBT programming
- Goal to restore programming 1Q 2020

Corecivic Operations

- Represents approximately 330 beds
- Current contract ends June 2020
- Services include specialized Intensive Residential Treatment (IRT) and Sex Offender programming
- *State RFPs for Specialized Program*
 - *IRT (to be awarded July 2021)*
 - *Sex Offender (to be awarded July 2022)*

Current waitlist (accepted and awaiting placement) as of January 31

- Department of Corrections accepted clients awaiting placement= 90
- Direct Sentence accepted clients awaiting placement= 30

12 member group formed in Fall 2019 to advise EDOS on options resulting from the City Council decision to end contracts with GEO and Corecivic

- Greg Mauro, Director, Denver Community Corrections - Co-Chair
- Hassan Latif, Director, Second Chance Center - Co-Chair
- Mike Anderson, Citizen Member, Denver Community Corrections Board
- Honorable Karen Brody, 2nd JD District Court Judge
- Honorable Candi CdeBaca, Denver City Council District 9
- David Johnson, Director Colorado Department of Corrections - Division of Adult Parole/Community Corrections
- Jane Prancan, Chair and Citizen Member, Denver Community Corrections Board
- Mannie Rodriguez, Service Provider
- Michelle Sykes, Community Member
- Dianne Tramutola-Lawson, Citizen Member, Denver Community Corrections Board
- Joe Thome, Director Colorado Division of Criminal Justice
- Honorable Jamie Torres, Denver City Council District 3

- Conducted several meetings during the Fall 2019
- Produced a set of recommendations (10)

Recommendation alignment to CC Advisory Group Goals

- Desire to develop a more successful community corrections programming model
- Increase options for community provider support services
- Minimize adverse impacts on the prison population
- Provide a prison diversion sentencing option for the District Court

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.
- *The advisory group supports an extension to provide re-entry services to returning citizens.*
- *The advisory group recognizes the need to improve outcomes and the service delivery model.*
- *The advisory group believes an extension past the June 2020 contract term is necessary to provide short-term system stabilization and opportunity for new programming ideas to implement for community corrections services in Denver.*
- *The contract terms should support the policy decision of ending the relationship with Corecivic as a service provider.*
- *The city's Division of Community Corrections must be committed to exploration and implementation of the additional recommendations.*
- *The contract terms should take into consideration any reductions in community corrections bed needs resulting from additional recommendations and make corresponding reductions in the second year of the contract allocations.*

Request an extension with Corecivic for an additional one-year term through June 2021 totaling an amount up to \$ 5,553,112.10.

- *Includes a reduction in funded beds at Corecivic from 330 to 250 by October 1, 2020*
- *Funding is provided by the State through annual allocation letter (June 2020)*
- Execute the strategy of the City Council decision to end the relationships with GEO and Corecivic as community corrections service providers
- Provide a strategic separation
- Minimize adverse impacts for individuals/families/ criminal justice system
- Maintain opportunities for residential placements while new model/programs develop



DENVER What happens if extension is not approved?

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- Program consolidation and closure begins (nearly 50% of Denver capacity)
- Additional pressures on system capacity both prison beds and judicial sentencing options
- Longer waitlists for placement
- Direct sentence offender await placement in Denver Jail
- Fewer options for returning citizens

Procurement of proposals/qualifications from potential service providers

- 60-90 day process
- Goal is to complete by June 2020

Focus on efforts outlined in the recommendations

Progress Report to City Council in June 2020



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