



To: Bob McDonald,

From: Will Fenton

Date: 10/26/2022

Subject: Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Case Management Subcontract

The Denver Department of Public Health and Environment (DDPHE) is currently negotiating an agreement with Empowerment Program, Inc., to extend the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) case management contract for a fifth and final year before releasing a request for proposal (RFP) solicitation for future services. The program diverts people with behavioral health issues into intensive case management in lieu of arrest for low level crimes. The original one-year agreement had a contract end date of 3/31/19 and was shifted upon the first contract renewal in 2019 to 6/30/20 to align with the corresponding grant term. Because of this shift to a contract term end date of June 30th from March 30th, this proposed extension for a fifth year would exceed the allowable contract duration of five years by three months. Executive Order 8 states that agencies should limit the duration of contracts to three to five years at which time a new solicitation should be initiated absent special circumstances. The order specifies that it will be the applicable manager's responsibility to authorize and justify any deviation from this policy. Because it is only an additional three months, and because the services will be rebid for future services after this final contact extension, it is the recommendation of the division of Shared Services & Business Operations and the division of Community & Behavioral Health that this request to exceed the maximum five-year contract term receive your approval.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob McDonald".

Bob McDonald

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