

# Memorandum

To: Board of Managers  
From: Jonny F. Hipp, Administrator  
Date: July 19, 2019  
Re: July 23<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting Agenda Item 3.A

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## **INTRODUCTION:**

The purpose of this agenda item 3.A is to select a professional vendor/consultant to review the existing Hospital District-funded program relating to diversion of persons from jails or other detention facilities, provision of crisis intervention teams, expansion of mobile crisis outreach, and development of jail-based competency restoration.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Nueces County ("County"), Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities ("NCMHID"), and the Nueces County Hospital District ("NCHD") entered into agreements for the terms July-September 2018 and October 2018-September 2019 for the purposes of NCMHID providing certain mental health-related programs relating to diversion of persons from County jails or other detention facilities, provision of crisis intervention teams, expansion of mobile crisis outreach, and development of jail-based competency restoration. For the initial term, NCHD budgeted \$1,539,146 and NCMHID subsequently refunded NCHD unused funds of \$1,303,513.20. For the subsequent term, NCHD budgeted \$6,156,588 and NCMHID is expected to refund NCHD unused funds after September 2019 in an amount to be determined.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The NCMHID programs above have been in operation for about one year and NCMHID has provided periodic reports on achievements of the programs to both the County and NCHD during that time. Due to the importance of reducing the jail population to the County and the amounts expended by NCHD for the programs, both parties desire to undertake an experiential review of the NCMHID programs described above to determine their efficacy and receive recommendations.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The County and NCHD have jointly reviewed and assessed the predominant professional vendors/consultants who have the discipline-specific knowledge, skill, and intelligence to perform the review and who have also performed and continue to perform the type of review described above; the Administrator is prepared to make a selection recommendation to the Board regarding the vendor/consultant who the parties believe is best-suited to perform the review.

*John F. Wipp*