



# **UMC/Inmate Medical Services**

**El Paso County**  
**December 17, 2018**



# Inter-local Agreement





# Strategic Goal

Details

- The idea is to use the County's hospital district to provide quality healthcare, in a cost effective manner to inmates held in the County's detention facilities.

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- A unified partnership/inter-local agreement with El Paso County Commissioners Court, the El Paso County Hospital District (EPCHD) and the El Paso County Sheriff.
- Provide cost effective healthcare, including mental health services.

Proposal

- This agreement will seek to meet healthcare jail standards and address issues that contribute to incarceration.
- Will allow for the County to pay actual costs of providing inmate health care services at both detention facilities.

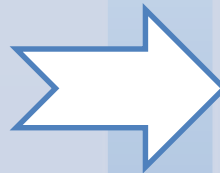


# Services Provided

All Services will be provided in compliance with the Texas Commission on Jail Standards

## Services

- Intake, transfer and regular assessments
- Sick call
- Dental care
- Mental Health Services
- Laboratory and Radiology Services
- Emergency Care
- EPCHD to create and maintain medical records on each inmate and report on services provided



## Services

- Care of Pregnant Inmates, Disabled Inmates or Inmates Requiring Long-Term Convalescent Care
- Detoxification
- Pharmacy Services
- Care of Detention System Staff
- Case Management Services for Referrals and Administrative Services
- Records Management



# Staffing

Staffing used by UMC will include:

**A Physical  
Health Provider  
at Each Facility  
(40 hrs. per  
week)**

**Physical Health  
Nursing –  
Registered  
nurses on a  
24/7 basis**

**Administrative  
Staff for  
Physical Health  
– A medical  
director &  
clerical staff**

**A Dental  
Provider (40  
hrs. per week)**

**Third Party  
Provider for  
Mental Health  
Services**



# Mental Health Services

- Emergence Health Network is the County's preferred provider of mental health.
- EPCHD will make a good faith effort to subcontract EHN
- If agreement fails, EPCHD will ask the County for authority to subcontract a different provider.
- EPCHD does plan to RFP for services during contract negotiations with EHN in order to meet the commencement date.
- Once the subcontract is obtained, EPCHD will propose an amendment of the Rate Schedule to cover the cost of those services.
- EPCHD will coordinate with the Mental Health Provider to ensure access to the EMR system and to provide appropriate/necessary mental health medications.



# County Obligations

## Sheriff

- Health Services Plan and Mental Disabilities/Suicide Prevention Plan
- Operational Management
- Training EPCHD on departmental and detention system policies
- Providing security and transportation of inmates
- Providing a daily census
- Providing inmate access to EPCHD
- Off-site transport when required
- Reviewing and accepting EPCHD policies and procedures

## Commissioners Court

- Reviewing and allocating funding for reasonable and required services
- Funding EPCHD for necessary capital equipment
- Assisting with implementation and installation for the EMR
- Reviewing contract to address contractual issues and for alignment with County's strategy.





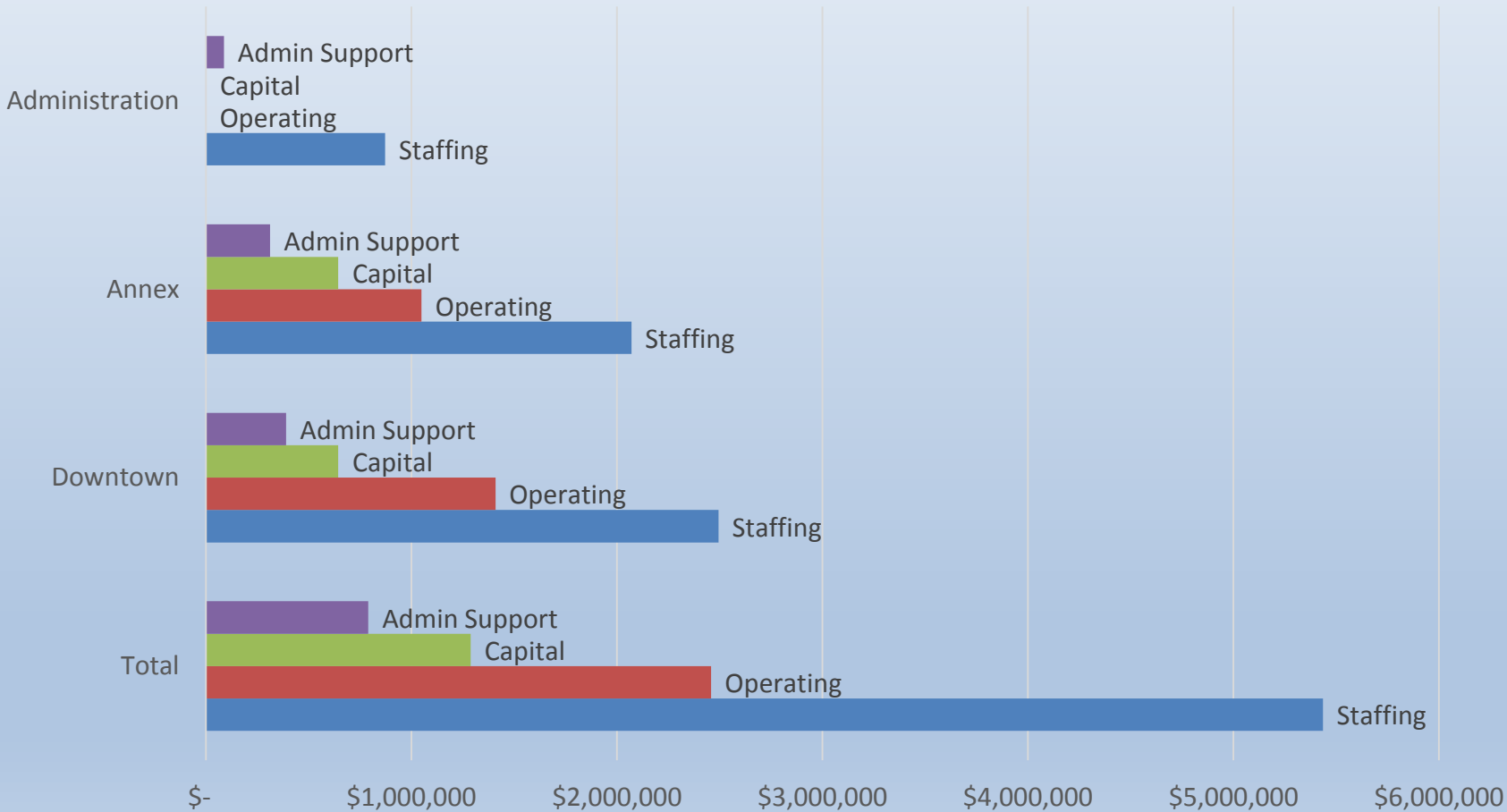
# Budget Impact

- Operations Costs = \$7,894,737
- Administrative Support = \$ 789,474
- Total Operations \$8,684,211
- Startup EPCHD Capital = \$1,287,616
- Transition Services = \$ 583,000 (not to exceed)





# Costs Breakdown





# Budget

- Funds are budgeted to cover the \$8,684,211 in operational and administrative support costs, which are a not to exceed amount.
- Savings may be realized for any costs that are lower than projected (vacancies, savings, insurance payment offsets, etc.)
- Capital purchases would come from CIP
- Transition Costs
  - Necessary for smooth transition
  - Have significantly reduced amount
  - The transition costs are not fully budgeted (\$210,000 deficit)
  - These costs will be paid first
  - Recommend using any savings from actual costs then allocating and using contingencies



# Questions

