

# CFMG/Wellpath Contract Extension

June 25, 2024 Board of Supervisors Meeting



# Background

- CFMG/Wellpath has provided healthcare services (medical and mental health) to the incarcerated population in the Sheriff's correctional facilities, as well as medical services for youth held in the Probation Department's juvenile facilities since April 1, 2017
- There have been five previous Amendments to the original Agreement (note: the 2022 amendment was inadvertently labeled "fourth" amendment instead of "third")
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – Inclusion of Northern Branch Jail (5/2020)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Inclusion of Jail-Based Competency Treatment (JBCT) Program (7/2020)
  - 4<sup>th</sup> – Addition of 6.9 FTE to support *Murray* settlement (8/2022)
  - 5<sup>th</sup> – CPI increase (9/2023)
  - 6<sup>th</sup> – 3-month extension w/ no change to terms/staffing (5/2024)

# Changes to the Landscape

- 09/2019 – Wellpath began Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program at Main Jail
- 11/2020 – Sheriff/Wellpath opened Jail-Based Competency Treatment (JBCT) Program
- 02/2021 - Court granted final approval of the Stipulated Judgment in the Murray v. County of Santa Barbara Case
- 01/2022 – Sheriff’s Office opened/operated Northern Branch Jail
- 07/2023 – Sheriff’s Office opened behavioral health units (BHUs)
- 02/2024 – Probation permanently closed Los Prietos Boys Camp
- Staffing Analysis for Healthcare completed for Sheriff’s Office facilities
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Report delivered April 2023
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Report pending finalization

# Summary of Seventh Amendment to Agreement

- Term: July 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024 (9 months)
- Costs:

	<b>Year 7</b>	<b>3-Month Status Quo Extension</b>	<b>9-Month Amendment</b>	<b>Year 8 Total</b>	<b>Year 7 to Year 8 Increase/Decrease</b>
<b>Healthcare Services</b>	<b>(April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024)</b>	<b>(April 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024)</b>	<b>(July 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025)</b>	<b>(April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025)</b>	
<b>Sheriff Total</b>	\$13,249,922.68	\$3,492,901.94	\$12,071,353.24	\$15,564,255.18	\$2,314,332.50
<b>Probation Total</b>	\$1,473,430.70	\$368,357.68	\$1,160,800.51	\$1,529,158.19	\$55,727.49
<b>Healthcare Services Total</b>	\$14,723,353.38	\$3,861,259.62	\$13,232,153.75	\$17,093,413.37	\$2,370,059.99

# Modifications to the Agreement

- Closure of Los Prietos Boys Camp and subsequent movement of nursing staff to allocate additional hours to Juvenile Justice Center
- Enhanced Liquidated Damages Provisions for Staffing Vacancies
- Enhanced language around Section 17.2 Payment Reductions for Staffing Shortfalls
- JBCT/EASS removed as services provided by subsidiary CHRS (separate Agreement expected to be presented in July 2024)
- Addition of 16.6 FTE to improve healthcare services and achieve greater compliance with *Murray* settlement

# Modifications to the Agreement

- Addition of 16.6 FTE Positions
  - 5.7 FTE Nurses (5.6 LVN/0.1 RN)
  - 2.0 FTE Psychiatric Technicians
  - 2.0 FTE Discharge Planning Liaisons
  - 2.0 FTE Medical Assistant
  - 1.0 FTE Nurse Practitioner
  - 1.0 FTE Facility Coordinator (NBJ)
  - 1.5 FTE M/H Clinicians
  - 1.0 FTE Substance Use Disorder Counselor
  - 0.4 FTE Medical Records Clerk

# Anticipated Improvements with Staffing Enhancements

- Increased medical coordination for discharge planning services provided to individuals being released from custody
- Expansion of MAT program
- Increased provision of counseling services to patients in MAT program
- Improvements in medication delivery compliance
- Increased supervisory oversight of jail healthcare
- Decreased patient wait times for provider visits
- Increased clinical interactions in BHUs

# Next Steps

- Continue to make meaningful progress in *Murray* settlement
- Work with Public Health and BWell to continue to improve MAC/CQI meetings and auditing to ensure corrective action plans correct identified deficiencies appropriately
- Work with Public Health to onboard Board-authorized positions to oversee healthcare contract
- Complete and release Request for Proposals (RFP) for healthcare services to begin April 1, 2025
- Work with Wellpath and County partners to implement CalAIM



# Recommended Actions

- That the Board of Supervisors:
  - a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Seventh Amendment to Agreement for Services with California Forensic Medical Group (CFMG/Wellpath) for healthcare services (medical and mental health services) at the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office jail facilities and only for medical services for Probation's juvenile facilities, to extend these services from July 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025, and an increase the not to exceed amount by \$13,232,153.75 for this nine-month contract extension period in a total amount not to exceed \$88,767,268.35 for the contract term; and
  - b) Determine that the above action is not a "Project" subject to CEQA section 15378(b)(5), since the activity is an organizational or administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.