



November 7, 2018

The Honorable Jesús G. García
Cook County Board of Commissioners
118 N. Clark Street, Room 567
Chicago, IL 60602

Re: Responses to Questions regarding Sheriff's Office Budget

Dear Commissioner García:

During Sheriff Dart's budget hearing on October 23, 2018, you had a question we indicated we would respond to in writing. Please find our response below to that question as well as the questions from your letter on October 24, 2018.

1. Does the recent report from Chicago's Inspector General on the city's gang database impact how the Sheriff's Office uses RGID?

RGID operates under 28 CFR Part 23 Federal Regulations, which provides guidelines for best practices and protects individuals' civil rights and liberties. Chicago's database is different from RGID and is not 28 CFR Part 23 compliant. We do not expect this recent report to affect RGID, as the database already meets these strict federal guidelines.

2. What is the Sheriff's Office doing to provide mental health services inside the jail and with pre-trial services and post-detention services?

The Sheriff's Office assesses individuals at pre-bond for mental illness and substance use issues, notifying the State's Attorney's Office and Public Defender's Office to see if diversion to community-based treatment is an appropriate option. Our staff also works with the non-profit organization Be Well before bond court to provide referrals for community-based treatment. In the jail, the Sheriff's Office offers mental health services through our Therapeutic Healing Recovery Initiative for Vitality and Empowerment (THRIVE) and Mental Health Transition Center (MHTC) programs. The MHTC also offers community re-entry services upon discharge from custody. Additionally, we do outreach to eligible individuals on electronic monitoring to offer case management and connect them to mental health services in their communities.

3. Does the Sheriff's Office coordinate and share administrative costs with CCHHS and City of Chicago mental health and outpatient services?

Although the Sheriff's Office does not share administrative costs with CCHHS or the City of Chicago for these services, we do work regularly with Cermak, a CCHHS hospital, to provide services for detainees in the jail. As the Sheriff noted during the hearing, we continue to be open to collaborate with other stakeholders to best serve Cook County residents in need of mental health services.

4. Where in the Sheriff's Office budget are the costs for the above services and programs located?

The costs for mental health services in the Sheriff's Office budget can be found in the personnel line items under Inmate Programming and Services. There are fewer than 20 employees who provide these services for more than 2,000 detainees.

Thank you again for your continued support during this year's budget process. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



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Chief Operating Officer

cc: Honorable John P. Daley, Finance Chairman
Cook County Board of Commissioners