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Honorable Alma E. Anaya
Cook County Board of Commissioners
118 N. Clark Street, Room 567
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Commissioner Anaya:

Thank you for reaching out to the Sheriff's Office with questions regarding our Fiscal Year 2020 budget. Please find our responses below.

1. **As you have shown in your presentation and we saw in our analysis of FTE totals in FY2016, FY2019 and the proposed FY2020 budgets, Your office's FTE count in 2020 is DOWN by 816 in comparison to 2016 (the year prior to the beginning of bond reform) even with your increase of 122 positions this year. That is a 12% drop in FTEs from 2016 due to the reductions in the jail populations. HOWEVER, in that same period your total budget has gone up nearly $84M or 16%. Given that personnel costs account for over 70% of your budget and your budget does not appear to include pension and construction costs, how do you explain the budget increase**

As we discussed earlier today, the budget increase is due to insurance benefits being moved into our budget from Cook County's Fixed Charges in 2017. In FY2016, the benefit cost in the Sheriff's Office Budget was $0.00. In FY2020, the benefit cost is $100,602,070.

2. **Could you provide a breakdown in savings in personnel, overhead and maintenance costs as a result of the demolition of Divisions 1 and 1A next year?**

As we discussed earlier today, overhead and maintenance costs are not included in the Sheriff's Office budget but rather in Cook County's facilities budget. We have realized $6.5 million savings in staffing costs due to the closure of Division 1 in February 2016.

3. **When comparing your budget to 2019, it appears that 35485 Research and 11135 Business Intelligence were previously joint programs. Can you confirm that they are**

being separated and if so, why? Are the 8 FTEs in research new positions? Are the 48 FTEs in Business Intelligence new positions?

There are no new FTEs in Research or Business Intelligence. Research and Business Intelligence were previously contained in the Bureau of Information Technology. In order to increase transparency, we moved these units into different business units this year.

4. Similarly, it appears that Community Corrections was previously under the Department of Corrections and is now its own program. Why?

Community Corrections includes Electronic Monitoring, the Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (SWAP) and Restoring Neighborhoods Workforce (RENEW). There are no new FTEs in Community Corrections. The participants in these units are not housed inside the jail. In order to increase transparency, we moved these units to a different business unit.

4a. Since this program includes review of electronic monitoring, how are you coordinating with related functions in the Office of the Chief Judge and the Clerk of the Circuit Court?

As we discussed earlier today, given the current jail population and the statutory mandate for the Judiciary to operate Pretrial Services, the Sheriff's Office agrees that the vast majority of electronic home monitoring should be consolidated under the Office of the Chief Judge. If the current Sheriff's Electronic Monitoring program is consolidated with the Chief Judge's Pretrial Services program, the Sheriff's Office would continue to handle fugitive apprehension of EM AWOLs and handle the monitoring of participants in Sheriff's Office step-down programs. I am attaching the correspondence we sent to Chief Judge Evans on October 3rd.

4b. What will the performance metrics be for this program?

Performance Metric Name
Community Corrections Output Metric Electronic Monitoring Participants per Month
Community Corrections Efficiency Metric EM Alerts Handled by Dispatchers EMU Alerts Dispatched to Street Unit
Community Corrections Outcome Metric Electronic Monitoring Success Rate

4c. Are the 121 FTEs new positions with a new classification and job description or are they current employees being transferred from another part of your office?

These are current employees being transferred.

4d. Community Corrections also includes RENEW. Can you please provide a list of projects/programs in which the detainees work?

RENEW is a post-incarceration program in which participants demolish or deconstruct abandoned structures in communities, learn deconstruction techniques, receive carpentry skills training and earn an OSHA-10 certification. This year, they have worked on 30 projects in Maywood, Riverdale, Orland Park, Chicago Heights, Park Forest, Schaumburg, Harvey, Richton Park and Blue Island.

Thank you for your support during this year's budget process. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Bradley Curry
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