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To: Honorable John P. Daley, *Chairman*
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From: Debra D. Carey
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CC: Annette C.M. Guzman, DBMS, *Budget Director*
Andrea M. Gibson, CCH Interim Chief Business Officer
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Date: November 12, 2020

Re: Request for Information from FY2021 Department Budget Hearing

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing held on November 4, 2020 to discuss the FY2021 Executive Budget Recommendation.

I. Request ID#4020-01

Commissioner Deer asked for specific transportation data that relates to the transportation needs of the underserved patients that will be coming to CCH from the Woodlawn and Near South clinics for treatment(s).

Response:

There is an insurance benefit for transportation available for patients, public transportation, and parking availability. Transportation is available to CountyCare members to and from CCH locations, CountyCare High Risk members to non-CCH locations, Medicaid and Medicare patients to and from CCH locations, Hospital/ED/Surgery discharges for Uninsured/CareLink during normal business hours.

II. Request ID#4020-03

Commissioner Degnen asked for clarity regarding the PM table on Page E-17 for Mental Health Status in which it lists 2,082 mental health caseloads.

Response:

CCH affirms what was provided in the hearing. The 2,124 in this category are those detainees who need mental health services out of the total detainee population.

III. Request ID#4020-03

Commissioner Degnan requested information on the status of the newly credentialed Behavioral Health billing?

Response:

Through October, CCH has collected \$1.34M year to date for behavioral health claims that had not been billed in prior years.

IV. Request ID#4020-05

Commissioner Britton and Anaya asked what the practical consequences are if the Affordable Care Act is overturned.

Response:

See attached for the fact sheet on the impact of the potential ACA repeal (*Attachment #1*). The 94,000 CountyCare members would no longer have insurance, which would result in the health plan becoming \$600M smaller. In addition, CCH would lose the \$100M plus revenue source from other ACA adults in other Medicaid Managed Care plans. In addition, CCH would expect over \$600M in additional costs from newly uninsured patients coming to CCH for care. Medicaid Managed Care plans provide comprehensive benefits to ACA adult members, including medical, behavioral health, pharmacy, dental, vision, and transportation services. If ACA were to be repealed, members would lose access to this comprehensive coverage.

V. Request ID#4020-06

Commissioner Miller asked for a breakout of the funding allocations for Mental Health services.

Response:

See attached breakdown of the \$30M in mental health services (*Attachment #2*).

VI. Request ID#4020-07

Commissioner Miller asked a breakout of the Housing Program's performance metrics.

Response:

Please refer to attachment "CCH Housing Department Program Metrics" (*Attachment #3*).

VII. Request ID#4020-08

Commissioner Kevin Morrison asked for a breakout of page E-5, Ambulance Services, as well as the reasoning behind the appropriation going from \$8.7M to \$4.8M.

Response:

The FY2020 Budget is comprised of \$340,000 for Cermak transportation and \$4.5M for system wide transportation. The reduction relates to both contract savings and modifications to the program compared to last year.

VIII. Request ID#4020-07

Commissioner Lowry asked about the plan staff for Renal Dialysis in year one – after year one will those positions be brought in-house?

Response:

The current Pro forma and operational plan is to have a three-year operational agreement with a vendor that will assist CCH in operating the Provident Dialysis Center.

IX. Request ID#4020-08

Commissioner Miller requested an update on the highlights of the Center for Health Equity.

Response:

Please see attached (*Attachment #4*).

As always, please let us know if you have any additional questions.