

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Extension of Memorandum of Agreement for Mental Health Services for Muscogee County Prison
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the one-year extension of the Memorandum of Agreement with New Horizons Community Service Board d/b/a New Horizons Behavioral Health (Columbus, GA), through February 12, 2026, for inmate mental health services for the Muscogee County Prison. New Horizons Behavioral Health will provide five telephone consultations and contract administration in the amount of \$500.00 per month. Provider services will be \$150.00 per hour; clinician services will be \$100.00 per hour; psychologist services will be \$100.00 per hour; and additional consultations beyond the five monthly telephone consultations will be \$50.00 per call.

New Horizons Behavioral Health will provide the following services:

- Bi-monthly (every 8 weeks) visits to the Muscogee County Prison. Visits may be conducted during evenings and weekends.
- Telephone consultation with nursing staff at Muscogee County Prison.
- Suicide Assessment and Suicide Watch: Muscogee County Prison inmates on suicide watch will receive daily reassessment visits from the Mental Health Professional.
- Psychiatric Services
- Medication Management
- 24-hour Crisis Intervention
- Referral and information for Muscogee County Prison inmates receiving mental health services prior to release.

Per Resolution No. 403-23, dated October 24, 2023, Council authorized the execution of a 1-year Memorandum of Agreement with New Horizons Behavioral Health. The term, which initiated on February 13, 2024, expires on February 12, 2025. However, the Warden has requested an extension of the Memorandum of Agreement for a one (1) year period, in order to complete an RFP process and award a new contract.

Funding is available each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: General Fund – MCP – Warden – Consulting; 0101 – 420 – 1000 – MCCI – 6315.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH NEW HORIZONS COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD D/B/A NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (COLUMBUS, GA), THROUGH FEBRUARY 12, 2026, FOR INMATE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE MUSCOGEE COUNTY PRISON. NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WILL PROVIDE FIVE TELEPHONE CONSULTATIONS AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 PER MONTH. PROVIDER SERVICES WILL BE \$150.00 PER HOUR; CLINICIAN SERVICES WILL BE \$100.00 PER HOUR; PSYCHOLOGIST SERVICES WILL BE \$100.00 PER HOUR; AND ADDITIONAL CONSULTATIONS BEYOND THE FIVE MONTHLY TELEPHONE CONSULTATIONS WILL BE \$50.00 PER CALL.

WHEREAS, the vendor provides the following services:

- Bi-monthly (every 8 weeks) visits to the Muscogee County Prison. Visits may be conducted during evenings and weekends.
- Telephone consultation with nursing staff at Muscogee County Prison.
- Suicide Assessment and Suicide Watch: Muscogee County Prison inmates on suicide watch will receive daily reassessment visits from the Mental Health Professional.
- Psychiatric Services
- Medication Management
- 24-hour Crisis Intervention
- Referral and information for Muscogee County Prison inmates receiving mental health services prior to release; and,

WHEREAS, Per Resolution No. 403-23, dated October 24, 2023, Council authorized the execution of a 1-year contract with New Horizons Behavioral Health. The contract, which initiated on February 13, 2024, expires on February 12, 2025. However, the Warden has requested an extension of the Memorandum of Agreement for a one (1) year period, in order to complete an RFP process and award a new contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a one-year extension of the Memorandum of Agreement with New Horizons Community Service Board dba New Horizons Behavioral Health (Columbus, GA), through February 12, 2026 for mental health services for inmates at Muscogee County Prison. New Horizons Behavioral Health will provide five telephone consultations and contract administration in the amount of \$500.00 per month. Provider services will be \$150.00 per hour; clinician services will be \$100.00 per hour; psychologist services will be \$100.00 per hour; and additional consultations beyond the five monthly telephone consultations will be \$50.00 each. Funding is available each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: General Fund – MCP – Warden – Consulting; 0101 – 420 – 1000 – MCCI – 6315.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting _____
Councilor Chambers voting _____
Councilor Cogle voting _____
Councilor Crabb voting _____
Councilor Davis voting _____
Councilor Garrett voting _____
Councilor Hickey voting _____
Councilor Huff voting _____
Councilor Thomas voting _____
Councilor Tucker voting _____

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor