

Indigent Health Care Update

June 27, 2023

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- Existing 30-year Contract with the Medical Center Hospital Authority expired on June 30, 2022
- Section 7-102 of the Columbus Charter required an amendment for a change to the 3 mills for Indigent Care per the 1949 Act
- 10/12/2021 - City Council passed Resolution #354-21 to request the local legislative delegation to introduce a local act that will update and redefine healthcare purposed for the health care levy of up to three mills of ad valorem tax
- 04/18/2022 – House Date Signed by Governor (Act 639)
- 04/26/2022 – FY23 Recommended Budget includes 2.5 mills for Indigent Health Care, \$12+ million which was approved in the budget.
- 05/31/2022 – Resolution 135-22 for Indigent Care Support passed by City Council to allow for reimbursement by successful bidders from July 1, 2022

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- October 3, 2022 – RFP 23-0009 issued for Health Care Services for medically indigent persons in Muscogee County to include certain services for inpatient and outpatient care for incarcerated persons at the Muscogee County Jail. The requested services consist of medical, pharmaceutical, and mental health services.
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- Medical services include but not are limited to acute inpatient and outpatient hospital care, x-ray, laboratory, and primary medical care.

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- Medically Indigent Person
 - Resident of Muscogee County
 - Not covered by commercial insurance or any other government health plan
 - Income eligibility
- Successful bidders of the RFP will have the opportunity to seek reimbursement for cost of services beginning July 1, 2022 in accordance with the provisions of the contract once approved by City Council

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- Four proposals were received on December 30, 2022:
 - *The Medical Center, Inc. dba Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown*
 - *MercyMed of Columbus, Inc.*
 - St. Francis Health, LLC dba St. Francis Hospital/Emory Healthcare
 - Tree of Life Healthcare, Inc.
- Voting Members: Sheriff's Office, Finance Department, Private-sector medical professional
- Alternate Voters: Community Reinvestment, Human Resource
- Non-voting Advisory Members: City Attorney's Office, City Manager's Office

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- Committee had the initial kick off meeting in November 2022
- Met multiple times in January – March 2023 to review the proposals and requested numerous clarifications from the responders
- Formal presentations – April 2023
- Evaluations completed – May 2023
- Award Recommendation – June 2023

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- Voting Members unanimously recommend:
 - *The Medical Center, Inc. dba Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown*
 - 30+ years of providing services
 - Available resources
 - *MercyMed of Columbus, Inc.*
 - Provides services to the indigent population
 - Strategically located to provide access to services
- Annual contracts will be executed for one year with the option to renew for four additional one-year terms

QUESTIONS

