

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

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

It is requested that Council approve the Memorandum of Agreement with New Horizons Community Service Board d/b/a New Horizons Behavioral Health (Columbus, GA), 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 \$250.00 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.

Muscogee County Prison has had a successful relationship with New Horizons Behavioral Health via the previous agreement. Consequently, the Warden and New Horizons Behavioral Health have agreed to enter into a new Memorandum of Agreement, which will be in effect for a twelve-month period through March 1, 2027, and automatically renew annually for three (3) additional twelve-month periods, unless either party gives thirty (30) days' notice of cancellation prior to such annual renewal date.

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.

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 THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH NEW HORIZONS COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD D/B/A NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (COLUMBUS, GA), 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 \$250.00 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, Muscogee County Prison has had a successful relationship with New Horizons Behavioral Health via the previous agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the Warden and New Horizons Behavioral Health have agreed to enter into a new Memorandum of Agreement, which will be in effect for a twelve-month period through March 1, 2027, and automatically renew annually for three (3) additional twelve-month periods, unless either party gives thirty (30) days' notice of cancellation prior to such annual renewal date; and,

WHEREAS, New Horizons Behavioral Health will provide the following services:

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

That the Mayor and or his designee is hereby authorized to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with New Horizons Community Service Board d/b/a New Horizons Behavioral Health (Columbus, GA), 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 \$250.00 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. 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 _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

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

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor