



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 19, 2022

SUBJECT: Approval of two new Licensed Nurse Practitioners to support the new medication-assisted treatment program in the Adult Jail

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of two new Licensed Nurse Practitioners to support the new medication-assisted treatment program in the Adult Jail

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

According to The Bureau of Justice Statistics, nearly two-thirds of people in jail meet the criteria for drug dependence or abuse. Reducing the number of people with substance use and mental health disorders in local jails depends on developing greater community capacity to treat these conditions. Until that capacity is developed, the Deschutes County Adult Jail will remain a vital intercept for treating people with opioid use disorders.

Ideal Option, PLLC (IO) delivers office-based Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for addiction to opioids, alcohol, and other substances. IO provides treatment with medications like Suboxone and Vivitrol for addiction to opioids and other substances. The company received a grant funded by Measure 110 to operate MAT programs in Oregon jails.

The implementation of the MAT program in the Deschutes County Adult Jail will require adding two Licensed Nurse Practitioners working on our jail team.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

This program will require an increase to the Sheriff's Office budget of \$87,000 for FY23. These funds will be passed through to the Sheriff's Office from Ideal Options, the administrator of the MAT program and the recipient of a grant to establish the program in the Deschutes County Adult Jail. Thus, we expect the cash flow to be neutral.

ATTENDANCE:

Joe Brundage, Business Manager
Michael Shults, Captain