



## Board Summary Report

**Date:** July 7, 2020  
**To:** Board of County Commissioners  
**Through:** Tyler Brown, Sheriff  
**From:** Vince Line, Bureau Chief  
**Subject:** Restoring Individuals Safely and Effectively (RISE) Staff Increase Proposal

### Request and Recommendation

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, hereinafter (ACSO), requests the Board of County Commissioners authorize the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners to sign the 4th Amendment to the Agreement for Services between Arapahoe County and Correct Care Recovery Solutions, hereinafter (CCRS), regarding the Restoring Individuals Safely and Effectively (RISE) program, hereinafter ("RISE Program"). This amendment extends the Agreement until June 30, 2021 and increases staffing assigned to the Restoring Individuals Safely and Effectively (RISE) program and increases the per bed, per day cost paid by Wellpath, LLC.

The changes made by this Amendment were approved by the Board of County Commissioners at a study session on July 6, 2020.

### Background

The Sheriff's Office has been hosting the RISE program since late 2013, when the County first entered into an agreement with GeoCare. This first iteration of the program called for a maximum of 22 beds. At that time, the per bed, per day cost was set at \$88.86. The program was staffed by seven deputy sheriffs providing dedicated supervision during programming, with night and weekend supervision covered by general jail staff. In 2015 the daily rate was increased to \$91.08 and the program was expanded to a total of 52 beds. Since then, the program has expanded to 94 beds staffed by 2 sergeants and 19 deputy sheriffs. Notwithstanding the added supervision hours and ancillary space allotted to the program, the per bed cost has been unchanged since 2015 and remains at \$91.08.

The \$91.08 per bed cost covers housing, 24-hour program-dedicated supervision, meals, clothing, bedding, and toiletries. At the close of each year, the costs and revenue generated by the program are reconciled. Any revenue overages are retained by the Detention Facility to cover possible future shortages and provide additional resources to inmates. Overages retained from 2016 helped fund a facility-wide project to mitigate suicide attempts by those entrusted to our care. This project included a number of tasks identified to reduce potential hang points in the inmate housing areas. Overages retained in 2017 addressed numerous security-related deficiencies identified in the front lobby to the Detentions Facility and provided funding to install a separate Kosher area of the kitchen to serve inmates and RISE patients requesting Kosher diets. Overages retained from 2018 and 2019 have been used to provide an additional mental health professional to the staff.

**Links to Align Arapahoe**

Foster Safe Communities and Foster a Healthy and Vibrant County – The RISE program helps by evaluating and restoring criminal defendants to a state where they can continue in the legal process. Overall mental health of program participants is significantly increased; the program provides a service to partnering organizations that is in great demand by restoring these individuals in a much quicker time frame than the sister program at the Colorado Mental Health Institute – Pueblo.

**Discussion**

Current negotiations between the Sheriff’s Office and Wellpath, LLC involve adding 3 deputies to supervise the program. This staff increase would necessitate the addition of a supervising lieutenant dedicated half time to the program. The additional cost to cover just the salary and benefits to this additional staff is \$379,876.20, or \$31,656.33 per month. Assuming an average daily population of 71 patients, this cost would be covered by an increase of \$11.69 in the current \$91.08 per bed rate, bringing the new per bed rate to \$102.77.

The new staffing model adding 3 deputies to the RISE Program will free up a current FTE assigned to Detentions Operations staff. ACSO proposes the upgrading of this position (NCDS Position 20001810) to .5 Lieutenant to allow for the other half of the new supervising Lieutenant for the RISE program.

The proposed span of control for the RISE Lieutenant’s position would be supervision of 2 Sergeants and 22 Deputies. This position would also assume some administrative functions assigned by the Detentions Operations Captain who currently supervises 4 line operations Lieutenants, 18 line operations Sergeants, 1 administrative Sergeant and 2 civilian staff members. This is in addition to administrative responsibilities associated with being the Captain of Detentions Operations and a member of the Sheriff’s Office Command Staff.

**Alternatives**

The alternative is to not increase the staff to the proposed levels of .5 Lieutenant, 2 Sergeants, and 22 Deputies.

**Fiscal Impact**

If the daily per bed rate paid by Wellpath, LLC is raised from \$91.08 to \$102.77, it would cover the costs of the additional staff proposed, thereby having no fiscal impact on Arapahoe County’s General Fund.

**Concurrence**

The Sheriff’s Office Detention and Administration Bureaus are in concurrence with this decision.

**Attorney Comments**

**Reviewed By:**

Olga Fujaros, Budget & Logistics Manager  
Vincent Line, Detention Bureau Chief  
Tyler Brown, Sheriff  
Finance Department  
County Attorney

**RESOLUTION NO.** . It was moved by Commissioner and duly seconded by Commissioner to adopt the resolution authorizing the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners to sign the 4th Amendment to the Agreement Regarding the Use of the Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Office Detention Facility for a Restoration to Competency Program for Individuals Found Incompetent to Stand Trial, pursuant to the terms and conditions therein.

The vote was:

Commissioner Baker, ; Commissioner Conti, ; Commissioner Holen, ; Commissioner Jackson, ; Commissioner Sharpe, .

The Chair declared the resolution adopted and so ordered.