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The Honorable Randy Tucker
Sheriff of Madison County
2941 U.S. Highway 51
Canton, MS 39046

RE: PROPOSAL TO ADD TELEPSYCHIATRY SERVICE

Dear Sheriff Tucker:

Given the increasing significance of mental health care in the correctional environment, with fewer and fewer community resources available, and more and more people in need of mental health services ending up in jails, we want to offer to you a new service to enhance our ability to care for mentally ill inmates in the Madison County Detention Center.

Under our current contract, there is a position for a "psych RN," which is a registered nurse with some additional training and experience in mental health care, to serve the jail 8 hours per week. What we would propose to do is to take the dollars we budget for the psych RN position, and apply them to the cost of having a board certified psychiatrist provide psychiatric services approximately 6 hours each week. Most weeks this would be accomplished remotely through telepsychiatry, but at least once per month the psychiatrist would see inmates in the jail. We are currently using telepsychiatry in Hancock County (Bay St. Louis), and it seems to be working well.

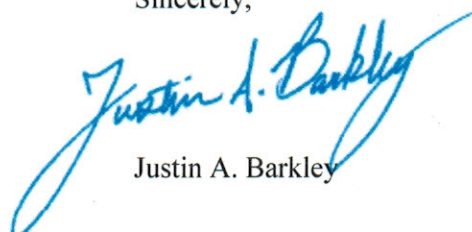
The additional cost for this service added to the remaining 6 months of the current, which runs through August 31, after subtracting the savings from eliminating the psych RN position, would be \$25,200, or \$4,200 per month.

The psychiatrist we would use is Dr. Parveen Kumar, who did his psychiatric residency at UMMC, and has over a decade of experience in correctional psychiatry at Central Mississippi Correctional Center in Pearl, before he came to QCHC and started serving our inmates in Hinds County, and through telepsychiatry, in Hancock County.

If there is any additional information we can provide, please let me know.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide care to the inmates at the Madison County Detention Center.

Sincerely,



Justin A. Barkley

Cc: Paul Millette, Dr. Johnny Bates, Dr. Don Kern, Dr. Mohamed Zein, Cissy McCarty, RN-MSN, Bron Bates