

Questions about Oneida County Inmate Medical Services RFP

GENERAL:

1. Please confirm the ADP of 150 is what the program should be based upon. **Yes**
2. Please confirm the county is requiring 20 hours of Mental Health rather than 40 hours of mental health per week for services on-site within the facility. **Yes**
3. Is Oneida County Sheriff open to hiring a mental health provider for 30 hours instead of 20 hours as it may be difficult to fill this position at a part time position? **Yes**
4. Please confirm the county wishes to continue with a 12 hrs/day, 7 day/week nursing staff plan. **Yes**
5. Do you have RNs or LPNs? **We have RNs and would like to stay at this level.**
6. What is the current wage of the nurses? **\$42.00 an hour**
7. Are we open to one of the nurses taking a leadership role? **Yes as long as it is not a full time administration role.**
8. Can the provider be a Physician's Assistant? **Yes**
9. Is an Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system currently being utilized? If yes, who is the EMR vendor? And is the EMR platform county-owned/leased? **No**
10. Is the EMR part of the current vendor's services or is this something that the county sought out and pays for on their own through a separate contract? **No**
11. Who is the current vendor for pharmaceutical services? **Westwood**
12. Are dental visits currently performed on-site? If so, who is this through? **No. Inmates are transported to a local dentist within a miles of the jail.**
13. How many patient dental services are performed each month? **1-3 a month**
14. What is the average number of patients seen by nurse(s) each month for intake screenings, sick call, and H&Ps? **We had approximately 2,000 intake screenings in 2023. There are an average of 73 sick calls each month and 47 H&Ps.**
15. How long does the current medication pass take for the nurse(s) to complete? **Approximately an hour and a half to two hours. Can vary based on medication load.**

16. What times are medication passes within the facility? **7:30 AM- 9:30 AM, 5:00 PM-7:00PM**
17. EXHIBIT A – MEDICAL EQUIPMENT: Is this listing of equipment in the RFP county-owned and will be available to the new vendor? **Yes to both questions.**
18. The insurance limits noted for certain lines are higher than what we currently carry, is the county amenable to alternative limits proposed? **I believe that we can be amenable.**
19. Does the County have any plans to seek accreditation thru NCCHC or ACA? **No.**
20. Please indicate the number of hours per year to which the medical vendor would participate in officer training. **8 hours of training for two separate shifts so 16 total.**
21. Please indicate how long it will take the county to approve an applicant presented for background clearance. **1-3 days depending on manpower**
22. As an addenda was issued shortening the timelines for a start date, does the County still want a transition plan of 30-60 days noted within the proposal? **No**

MENTAL HEALTH / MAT

1. What is the average number of mental health patients per month seen/evaluated/assessed by the mental health provider(s) and/or nurse team? **8-10 a day**
2. What percentage of medications are mental health medications? **We do not have an answer to this, but our PA does not like to prescribe these types of medications so we believe it is low.**
3. What is the average number of patients placed on suicide monitoring each month for the past 12 months? **In 2023, we had 65 inmates placed on suicide watch. In 2024, we have had 20 inmates placed on suicide.**
4. Does the County current have a MAT program in place that is above and beyond continuance only, meaning counseling and induction services are performed on-site? **No and we are not open to this.**
5. Does the County feel the current number of hours covered each week by the mental health providers is sufficient? **There has been an ongoing issue with our current provider being available so we are not sure.**
6. Is Oneida County Sheriff open to hiring a mental health provider for 30 hours instead of 20 hours as it may be difficult to fill this position at a part time position? **Yes**
7. Would Oneida County be open to the use of telehealth? **Yes, in some situations.**