

**Columbia County Answers in Red Posted 06/15/2021**

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Dear Lt. McDowall,

Wellpath respectfully submits the following questions for your Request for Proposal for Contract Medical, Dental, and Mental Health Services for the Columbia County Jail.

1. Section 16, page 20, Insurance – Wellpath respectfully requests an exception to provide a \$10,000,000 insurance limit for Professional liability. Wellpath would provide an \$8,000,000 limit for Professional Liability. The current insurance market has reduced the available insurance limit capacity. The County loss runs further support the low claim volume and risk exposure for the professional liability claims.

**Please place exception and proposed language in proposal.**

2. Item 21, p. 28, requires copies of complaints filed in each case. Given our size and number of clients (over 300), such a requirement would be onerous, as this would be a manual process resulting in thousands of pages. Additionally, this information is protected by confidentiality restraints. We respectfully request the County waive the requirement to provide copies of complaints.

**We will not waive this requirement.**

3. Section IV. I - Performance Bond – Please provide details on the amount required for the performance bond required for this contract.

**The amount required would be .75% of the total contract cost.**

Considering the County's budget, since a performance bond has not been required previously, would the County be willing to waive the performance bond requirement?

**If a Performance Bond is not available, we will include liquidated damages for the failure to provide staff and the performance of work.**



4. Item 7, page 15, requires an external audit of jail medical records. To avoid overestimating audit costs and considering the County's budget, Wellpath requests the ability to place a CAP on the cost of this requirement. Is this acceptable to the County?

Please place exception and proposed language in proposal.

- a. Would the County please provide the latest version of standard J211 cited in item 7, page 15, above, as the Oregon Sheriff's website does not list that standard?

#### G211

**If the jail has an outside medical provider, the jail must have a contract with a third party to do an audit of some jail medical files to determine if the outside provider is providing adequate health care. If the third party finds deficiencies, they should be documented and the outside medical provider should be required to correct the problem. The files should be selected at random, but the jail should make sure the sample of files includes high-risk inmates with serious medical needs - such as those with chronic care needs or pregnant inmates.**

**Rationale.** Jail staff lack the medical training to determine whether an outside medical provider is providing adequate health care to inmates, and an outside medical provider may have a financial incentive to provide less care than is necessary. By having a third party audit random medical files, the jail can get an objective opinion about the quality of health care being provided.

**Compliance.** Compliance with this standard can be achieved by having a contract with a third party medical provider (doctor, nurse practitioner, physician assistant) to randomly audit some jail medical files, and a policy that requires the information be brought to the attention of the jail medical provider and remedied within a specified period of time.

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Thank you for giving us this opportunity to continue providing your inmate health care needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JR Roth", written over a light blue horizontal line.

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