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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 08, 2018

DATE: Wednesday, May 02, 2018

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Chief Deputy Tom Green, Washoe County Sheriff's Office
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THROUGH: Chuck Allen, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the Washoe County Health District and the Sheriff's Office to provide family planning services to female inmates housed at the Washoe County Detention Facility [No fiscal impact] with the effective date of May 08, 2018. If approved, have the BCC Chair execute the agreement. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

Approve and execute an Interlocal Agreement between the Washoe County Health District and the Sheriff's Office to provide family planning services to female inmates at the Washoe County Detention Facility. The services provided include women's reproductive health services, birth control options, diagnostic services and screenings at no cost to the Sheriff's Office. The initial agreement will be for the period of May 08, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and will automatically renew for two successive one-year periods for a total of three years on the same terms unless either party gives the other written notice of nonrenewal at least 60 days prior to June 30 of each year.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities.

PREVIOUS ACTION

There are no prior actions by the Board on this partnership.

BACKGROUND

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office houses female inmates charged with a variety of crimes. During any given month, in excess of 200 females are housed in the Detention Facility. Female inmates face unique challenges, both in their medical care and relative to family planning. Unlike many facilities across the nation, the Sheriff's Office, through

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the contracted medical provider, provides prenatal care, however there are not current services for family planning.

By partnering with the Washoe County Health District, the inmates will be provided services vital to improved overall health. Studies have shown that many women first find out they are pregnant when entering a correctional setting. At the time of their arrest and incarceration, many pregnant inmates lack prenatal care and need considerable support to improve the clinical outcomes of their pregnancies. Research has demonstrated that these women are not consistently provided counseling relative to reproductive health. With past medical histories and high rates of substance use disorders, incarcerated inmates tend to have high-risk pregnancies.

Pregnant inmates have high levels of psychological distress, yet often do not receive counseling and support services specific to reproductive health matters. This agreement will provide such services.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve an Interlocal Agreement between the Washoe County Health District and the Sheriff's Office to provide family planning services to female inmates housed at the Washoe County Detention Facility [No fiscal impact] with the effective date of May 08, 2018. If approved, have the BCC Chair execute the agreement.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: Move to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the Washoe County Health District and the Sheriff's Office to provide family planning services to female inmates housed at the Washoe County Detention Facility [No fiscal impact] with the effective date of May 08, 2018. If approved, have the BCC Chair execute the agreement.