JAIL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

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1. Section 2.4 requires a provider to be "available for on-site emergency mental health needs" 24/7/365, while Section 1.0 describes this as "24/7/365 on-call coverage." Does the County require a provider to be physically present at the jail around the clock, or is phone or telehealth emergency coverage acceptable, with an on-site response when clinically necessary? Responding to evaluate when necessary. They are not required to be onsite around the clock.

2. If an on-site response is required for an emergency, what is the County's expected response time for a provider to be on site after the initial call? The expectation would be to respond as soon as possible after acknowledging the call. A reasonable response would be under 4 hours to allow for the responding person to make arrangements.

3. Section 2.3 requires the provider to conduct "clinics at least two times a month." Are these clinics intended for psychiatric evaluation and medication prescribing, counseling services, or both? Both, with priority being on evaluation and prescribing first.

4. Is telehealth acceptable for routine follow-ups? Yes, telehealth is acceptable. In person follow up would be requested by Jail Administration on a case-by-case basis.

5. Does Section 2.4 require a clinician physically present at the jail within a specified response time, or would telehealth consultation followed by onsite response when necessary be acceptable? Follow up for crisis calls are done in person, if it is a call where there isn't an immediate crisis then telehealth with in person follow up as necessary would be acceptable.

6. How many inmates were placed on suicide watch during the preceding 12 months, and how many required after-hours onsite assessments? 3-5 a month on average.

7. Does the jail currently employ nursing or medical personnel, and who is responsible for medication administration, emergency stabilization, and medical orders? Yes

8. Is the County receptive to a hybrid model involving a local onsite mental health clinician and a remote psychiatric prescriber? Yes.

9. Are emergency onsite visits reimbursable separately, or must all emergency coverage be included in the annual contract price? We need an included cost for the contract for budgeting.

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10. Would the jail consider routine scheduled staffing/alternative staffing recommendations? We are open to discussing staff options.

11. Does the jail employ other licensed mental health professionals? No.

12. Do the services extend to the Huber facility? Yes

13. What is the ADP of the Jail and the Huber facility? 130