

# Agenda Summary Report (ASR)

## Franklin County Board of Commissioners

<b>DATE SUBMITTED:</b> 02/17/2021	<b>PREPARED BY:</b> Lori Schmidt
<b>Meeting Date Requested:</b> 02/23/2021	<b>PRESENTED BY:</b> Stephen Sultemeier
<b>ITEM:</b> (Select One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent Agenda <input type="checkbox"/> Brought Before the Board <span style="margin-left: 300px;">Time needed:</span>	
<b>SUBJECT:</b> Memorandum of Understanding between Lourdes Health and Franklin County Corrections	
<b>FISCAL IMPACT:</b> The funding for this service is provided directly to Lourdes Health from Greater Columbia Administrative Services Organization. There is no fiscal impact for Franklin County.	
<b>BACKGROUND:</b> Mental Health providers, law enforcement, advocates, families, consumers and the Washington State Legislature have identified the lack of transitional services available for inmates with mental illness when released from county or city jails. This is in part due to a Department of Social and Health Services rule that inactivates inmates' medical coupons once a certain number of days in jail have been exceeded. In May, Regional Support Networks for establishing services intended to facilitate a safe transition for inmates with mental illness released into community services. This service will be provided by Lourdes Health and funded by Greater Columbia Administrative Services Organization. The MOU allows the Franklin County Corrections Center the ability to refer mentally ill inmates in need, to Lourdes Health.	
<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> It is recommended that the Board of Franklin County Commissioners sign the MOU and the Resolution	
<b>COORDINATION:</b> The Prosecutor's Office has reviewed and sign this MOU as to form	
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Memorandum of Understanding between Lourdes Health and Franklin County Corrections</li> <li>2. Resolution</li> </ol>	
<b>HANDLING / ROUTING:</b> One copy to Franklin County Corrections One copy to Lourdes Health	

*I certify the above information is accurate and complete.*



Stephen Sultemeier, Commander

**FRANKLIN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

**RE: IN THE MATTER OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND LOURDES HEALTH**

**WHEREAS**, both parties wish to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to provide inmate mental health service referrals to inmates within the Franklin County Correctional Center; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to RCW 36.01.010 and RCW 36.32.120 the legislative authority of each county is authorized to enter into contracts on behalf of the county and ensure the care of county property and management of county funds and business; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Franklin County Commissioners constitutes the legislative authority of Franklin County and desires to enter into the attached Agreement as being in the best interest of Franklin County.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Franklin County Commissioners hereby concurs with the recommendation to enter into the MOU with Lourdes Health to provide inmate mental health referrals to inmates within the Franklin County Correctional Center; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the attached Contract shall be effective upon signing and shall terminate December 21, 2022.

**APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Commissioner

Attest:

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Commissioner

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Clerk to the Board

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Commissioner

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cc: Sheriff's Department  
Corrections

**Memorandum of Understanding  
Between  
Lourdes Health  
And  
Franklin County Corrections Center**

**I. Purpose**

The Purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to address transition and reintegration services and define the working relationship between Lourdes Hospital LLC, a Delaware limited company d/b/a Lourdes Health, hereinafter referred to as "LH," and Franklin County Corrections Center, hereinafter referred to as "FCCC or "Jail", related to LH's contractual arrangement with Greater Columbia Behavior Health ASO, hereinafter referred to as "GCBH," to provide transition services to persons in the Jail with mental illness to expedite and facilitate their return to the community. This agreement will clarify the collaborative role and responsibilities between the two agencies with regard to the implementation of the Jail Services Program.

**II. Authority**

Mental Health providers, law enforcement, advocates, families, consumers, and the Washington State Legislature have identified the lack of transitional service available for inmates with mental illness upon release from county or city jails. This is in part due to a Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) rule that inactivates inmates' medical coupons once a certain number of in days in jail are exceeded. To that end, in May 2005, the Washington State Legislature developed funding to be made available to Regional Support Networks for establishing services intended to facilitate a safe transition for inmates with mental illness release into community service (ESSB-6090, Sec.204 Subsection 1 (h): Dept. of Social & Health Services-Mental Health Program).

**III. Roles and Responsibilities**

**A. LH Responsibilities:**

1. With current available funding in the amount of \$2,978.00 from Greater Columbia Administrative Services Organization, LH will provide a .5 Case Manager who will provide on-site and in-community transitional services to individuals with mental illness to expedite, facilitate, and coordinate successful return into the community.
2. LH will work with local Community Service Offices (CSO's) to facilitate expedition of applications or reinstatements of medical assistance for individuals with mental illness prior to release from jail.
3. LH will also provide the following:
  - a. Assist Jail staff or Jail Contract Staff in identifying individuals in need for service, or those eligible for diversion programs, and furloughs or

other releases from jail for the purposes of behavioral health treatment.

- b. Pre-release transitional planning to include but not be limited to: assessments, chemical dependency referrals, discharge planning with current providers, and identification of housing resources.
- c. Post-release outreach to ensure follow-up with CSO and behavioral health or other necessary appointments.

**B. Jail Responsibilities:**

- 1. The Jail staff and/or the Jail Contract Staff will refer offenders who appear to be experiencing mental health problems, indicate that they appear to be suffering from a mental illness or have a known history of mental health illness.
- 2. The jail will provide accommodation for meeting with offenders for the purpose of mental health evaluation and case manager services.
- 3. The jail or contract staff will assist Jail case manager in continuum of care up to release.

**IV. General Terms and Conditions**

This understanding shall commence upon the signatures of all parties and remain effect through December 31, 2022.

**V.** Nothing in this MOU creates a binding obligation on the parties and is intended only as guidance for actions by parties in performing their respective contractual and statutory duties.

**VI.** This MOU supersedes all prior MOUs relating to above services.

The parties to this Memorandum of Understanding have executed this Memorandum of Understanding to take effect as of the date written below.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**


**CONTRACTOR**

Lourdes Hospital LLC, a Delaware limited company d/b/a Lourdes Health

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Clint Didier, Chair

  
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Chad Pew, Interim CEO Lourdes Health

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Rocky Mullen, Pro-Tem

  
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Kevin Richardson  
Greater Columbia Behavioral Health ASO

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Brad Peck, Member

Constituting the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Washington.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk of the Board

Form of MOU Approved 1/12/, 2021 by:

  
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Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Franklin County