Jail Health Services
Methadone Expansion RFA



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Presentation Goals

This presentation will cover the following topics related to this RFP and Contract:

- Background and Purpose
- Objectives of this contract
- Description of work & requirements
- Expected Deliverables
- Projected Timeline
- Award Amount
- Eligibility and evaluation criteria

Background and Purpose:

King County Jail health services is currently seeking to improve treatment options for patients with opioid use disorder by ensuring eligible patients have access to all FDA approved medications for opioid use disorder.

This contract is intended to expand methadone services at both adult jail facilities:

- King County Correctional Facility (Downtown Seattle)
- Maleng Regional Justice Center (Kent)

Eligible contractors must have a licensed provider with prescribing authority and DEA registration for Schedule II–V controlled substances. The selected contractor will operate a full-service Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) within the jail, providing medication initiation, continuation, evaluation, and support services.

Primary Contract Objectives

1. Complete a phased implementation that culminates in providing methadone initiation and full spectrum OTP care to KCCF and MRJC patients on-site.
2. Provide collaborative assessment of opioid use and determine presence of OUD when patients are referred for OTP level services.
3. Engage eligible patients in discussion of options for medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) and enroll appropriate patients in OTP services.
4. Ensure safe, secure, and medically appropriate administration of methadone within the correctional setting, in accordance with federal and state regulations.
5. Coordinate care transitions for patients entering or exiting the correctional facility, including enrollment in Contactor services during incarceration, re-entry planning, and Care Navigation services.
6. Reduce morbidity and mortality associated with OUD among incarcerated patients through evidenced based practice.

Description of work & requirements

Expected Clinical Services include:

- Methadone initiation
- Methadone administration (daily, including weekends/holidays)
- Methadone continuation (including patients enrolled with another OTP)
- Behavioral health and support services (care navigation, re-entry services, counseling)
- Clinical consultation with jail health services staff as needed

Expected support & administration:

- Regulatory and licensing leadership to stand up fixed site OTP clinic within both jail facilities
  - Preparation and lead process of receiving all federal and state compliance reviews, site reviews.
- Regular programmatic review meeting with JHS contract lead
  - Quality assurance, compliance review and continuous improvement

Projected Timeline

Q1 2027

Contract finalization & signing

Begin initial planning and program development phase

Start of clinical services:

- Methadone Continuation
- Limited Methadone initiation (limited to pregnant patients)
- Daily Methadone dosing

~ 40-50 project patient volume

Service phase 1

Service phase 2

Non-fixed site services

- Methadone continuation
- Methadone initiation open to all eligible patients (capped to 4 per day)
- Daily Methadone dosing

~ up to 60 patients per day

Completion of fix site construction at both sites

Q4 2027

Service phase 3

Full-service OTP clinic

- Fixed med unit OTP clinic at both sites
- Methadone continuation
- Methadone initiation open to all eligible patients
- Daily Methadone dosing

~ up to 100 patients per day

Expected Deliverables

To successfully meet contract requirements JHS expects to receive a detailed:

- Staffing plan outlining necessary staff for project phases, contingency plans, expected hiring timelines
- Relevant reports such as dosing logs, summary reports, critical incident reports
- Monthly Invoice package (detailed on slide 9)

Personnel Requirements

Staff that make up the team providing these services should meet the following minimum requirements:

Registered Nurse (RN)
WA RN license; no disciplinary actions; full scope in OTP/jail
Administers methadone, supervises LPNs, trains staff, manages diversion, withdrawal monitoring

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
WA LPN license; work under RN/ARNP supervision
Assists with dosing, record-keeping, and follows controlled-substance procedures under RN/ARNP

Medical Provider (MD/DO)
WA medical license; DEA registration; opioid CME; PMP registration & e-prescribing

Medical Provider (ARNP)
WA ARNP license; DEA registration II–V; 4-hour opioid CE; PMP registration & e-prescribing

SUD Assessor
Nationally/state certified SUD counselor; active certification; SUD assessment training

Care Coordinator
BSW/BA in relevant field; experience with reentry & transitions

*JHS is not prescribing the makeup of the team during this process, these requirements are being listed to highlight what may be needed regarding credentialing and training. Staff model makeup will be discussed during contracting

Award Amount

The estimated available budget:

- Approx. $1.2 million for services provided through December 31, 2027.

Cost reimbursable contract model requirements:

- Monthly invoice detailing salaries and wages; fringe benefits; materials and supplies; and indirect costs.
- Supporting documents for expenses including but not limited to general ledger, personnel timesheets, receipts for purchases.

Eligibility and Evaluation Criteria

Eligibility: This opportunity open to opioid treatment programs serving Seattle & King County region.

- Interested OTPs must submit a full and complete application with answers to the 14 questions included in the RFA.
- Applications are **Due December 3, 2026, no later than 2:00 PM PST.**
Evaluation:
- Applications will be evaluated by a review panel using the criteria provided in the solicitation.
- The selected contractor will be the applicant whose proposed plan best meets the needs, priorities, and operational requirements of the County.

Thank you for your interest!

Question and Answers



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