

PS COMMITTEE #2
April 22, 2009

WORKSESSION

MEMORANDUM

April 20, 2009

TO: Public Safety Committee

FROM: Susan J. Farag, Legislative Analyst *SJF*

SUBJECT: **WORKSESSION: FY10 Operating Budget
Prisoner Medical Services NDA**

For FY10, the County Executive is recommending \$10,000 in funding for this NDA. This NDA provides reimbursements for medical costs incurred by persons under arrest but not under the custody of the Department of Correction and Rehabilitation. The Department of Correction and Rehabilitation administers this NDA because they, unlike other criminal justice agencies/offices, handle payments for inmate medical services. The spending history for this NDA is:

FY99	\$ 0
FY00	\$ 125
FY01	\$18,516
FY02	\$ 5,616
FY03	\$ 4,644
FY04	\$ 3,946
FY05	\$ 1,558
FY06	\$ 647
FY07	\$47,234
FY08	\$ 0
FY09 (To Date)	\$ 7,237

The costs for this responsibility are unpredictable. In FY07, over \$47,000 was spent. For FY08, no payments were made. In FY09, to date, \$7,237 has been spent. The County will have to provide for whatever costs are incurred no matter how much is in the initial budget of this NDA. While FY07 exceeded the \$10,000 appropriation, a majority of the last ten years has been below this amount. **Council staff recommends approval of \$10,000, as recommended by the Executive.**