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Hello:

First, thanks for everything you have done to help DMH with the staffing crisis.

DMH facilities have started to get quotes from SLS for staffing. No facilities have confirmed/accepted the help, yet, because the cost estimates are high.

For Northwest Community Supports (NWCS – Marshall/Higginsville/Independence area), 3 LPNs and 36 Home Care Aides guaranteed 48 hours a week for approximately 11 weeks would cost \$1,770,640. This does not include the travel and lodging cost of these staff.

For context, to fund the up to \$3 per hour increase for NWCS would be \$2.5M.

Northwest Missouri Psych Hospital (NMPRC - St. Joseph) requested 2 LPN (1 day/1night), 4 RNs (2 day/2 night) and 14 Home Care Aides (4 day/10 nights) 48 hours a week for 30 days. The labor estimate provided by SLS is \$1.2M and the mileage/lodging estimate is \$579k. The total cost is \$1,820,544.

Again, for context, to fund the up to \$3 per hour pay increase for NMPRC is \$630k. An additional \$473k would fund a \$4 week-end differential.

Not sure DMH facility next steps with the SLS contract, but if it is used, it will further impact the morale at these facilities. Thanks for your time and efforts around this issue...val

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