



Department Source: Public Health and Human Services

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: January 16, 2024

Re: Business Associate Agreement with True North of Columbia, Inc.

## Executive Summary

A resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign a business associate agreement with True North of Columbia, Inc.

## Discussion

R208-23 authorized a services provider agreement with True North of Columbia, Inc. Because the agreement includes the purchase of individual therapy services, a business associate agreement (BAA) for social services providers is required as the City of Columbia is a hybrid covered entity under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). The BAA is intended to ensure provider compliance with all legal requirements, including but not limited to HIPAA.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None.

Long-Term Impact: None.

## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Inclusive and Equitable Community, Secondary Impact: Safe Community, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Economic Development, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

## Legislative History

Date	Action
12/18/2023	R208-23 authorized the associated social services provider agreement with True North of Columbia, Inc. <a href="https://gocolumbiamo.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6452988&amp;GUID=0513E792-A2E5-4D22-A30D-2206EA076F11&amp;Options=ID Text &amp;Search=r209-23">https://gocolumbiamo.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6452988&amp;GUID=0513E792-A2E5-4D22-A30D-2206EA076F11&amp;Options=ID Text &amp;Search=r209-23</a>

## Suggested Council Action

Should the Council agree with staff and commission recommendations, an affirmative vote is in order.