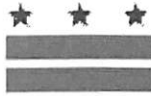


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Jeffrey S. DeWitt
Chief Financial Officer

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Jeffrey S. DeWitt
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: June 15, 2015

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement - "Compensation Agreement between the District of Columbia and District of Columbia Nurses Association, Compensation Unit 13 Approval Resolution of 2015"

REFERENCE: Draft resolution given to the Office of Revenue Analysis on June 10, 2015

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2015 budget and the proposed FY 2016 through FY 2019 budget and financial plan to implement the collective bargaining agreement.

Background

The resolution approves a collective bargaining agreement between the Department of Mental Health and the District of Columbia Nurses Association. The agreement covers approximately 69 employees from October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2017, and offers a retroactive wage increase of 3 percent in FY 2015, a 3 percent wage increase in FY 2016, and a 3 percent increase in FY 2017. The agreement also includes a tuition loan reimbursement for bargaining unit employees who may be eligible for up to \$66,000 over four years of service.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2015 budget and the proposed FY 2016 through FY 2019 budget and financial plan to implement the collective bargaining agreement.

The collective bargaining agreement will increase local fund expenditures by approximately \$216,000 in FY 2015 and \$2.7 million over the FY 2015 to FY 2019 financial plan period. FY 2015 costs will be paid from the Workforce Development Fund. It is important to note that the full increase in salaries would be higher, but the District is only responsible for approximately 63 percent of the salary expenditures; federal monies fund the remainder.

The Honorable Phil Mendelson

FIS "Compensation Agreement between the District of Columbia and District of Columbia Nurses Association, Compensation Unit 13 Approval Resolution of 2015", Draft resolution given to the Office of Revenue Analysis on June 10, 2015.

Cost of implementing "Compensation Agreement between the District of Columbia and the District of Columbia Nurses Association, Compensation Unit 13 Approval Resolution of 2015"						
	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018 ^a	FY 2019 ^a	TOTAL
Salary increases	\$216,000 ^b	\$439,000	\$669,000	\$679,000	\$689,000	\$2,700,000

TABLE NOTES

^a The agreement ends in FY 2017, so no significant growth assumed in FY 18 and FY 19.

^b Gross Fund Costs. Local Fund costs are \$137,000 in FY 2015 and \$1.7 million in the proposed FY 2016 through FY 2019 budget and financial plan.

**COMPENSATION
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT**

BETWEEN THE

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**(DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH REHABILITATION SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE FINANCE,
CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AGENCY
AND
THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER)**

(COMPENSATION UNIT 13)

AND

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NURSES ASSOCIATION

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

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PART II - COMPENSATION

ARTICLE 1: WAGES

SECTION A: FISCAL YEAR 2015

Effective the first day of the first full pay period beginning on or after October 1, 2014, bargaining unit employees actively on the payroll as of the date of approval of this Compensation Agreement by D.C. Council, shall receive a three percent (3.0%) increase.

SECTION B: FISCAL YEAR 2016

Effective the first day of the first full pay period beginning on or after October 1, 2015, bargaining unit employees actively on the payroll as of the date of approval of this Compensation Agreement by D.C. Council, shall receive a three percent (3.0%) increase.

SECTION C: FISCAL YEAR 2017

Effective the first day of the first full pay period beginning on or after October 1, 2016, bargaining unit employees actively on the payroll as of the date of approval of this Compensation Agreement by D.C. Council, shall receive a three percent (3.0%) increase.

SECTION D: Step Movement

All employees shall be eligible for step increases based on the following schedule, provided the employee's last performance rating was at least at the "Satisfactory" or a comparable level.

- Employees at Steps 1-4 – One (1) year at the current step,
- Employees at Steps 5-9 – Two (2) years at the current step

All government service shall be credited toward the waiting period for step increases.

SECTION E: Certification

Any bargaining unit employee who receives a nationally recognized certification (e.g., from ANA) shall receive a bonus in the amount of \$ 500.00.

SECTION F: Additional Degrees:

1. Any bargaining unit nurse who attains a BSN or MSN degree will receive a Quality Step Increase (a single basic pay adjustment of one step within the occupied grade). Any nurse who is at the top basic rate of pay for the grade at the

time of becoming eligible shall receive a one-time cash lump sum payment equal to 3.5% of salary. The obligation to supply proof of qualification will rest with the nurse.

2. Any bargaining unit nurse who attains a degree in a health related field which is determined by the Employer to be directly related to performance of assigned duties, will receive a Quality Step Increase (a single basic adjustment of one step within the occupied grade). Any nurse who is at the top basic rate of pay for the grade at the time of becoming eligible shall receive a one-time cash lump sum payment equal to 3.5% of salary. The obligation to supply proof of qualification will rest with the nurse.

SECTION G: New Hires

The Employer shall place new bargaining unit hires as follows at the appropriate grade:

Years of RN experience	Step
0 - <1	1
1 - <2	2
2 - <3	3
3 - <4	4
4 - <5	5
5 - <7	6
7 - <9	7
9 - <11	8
11 - <13	9
13+	10

ARTICLE 2: NIGHT DIFFERENTIAL

SECTION A:

A differential of ten percent (10%) will be paid to bargaining unit employees for the entire night shift except when a Sunday differential applies, provided that the employee performs regularly scheduled night work between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

SECTION B:

All part-time employees working evening or night shifts or employees assigned temporarily to perform night work, as referenced above, shall receive the appropriate differential. Night differential shall not be considered basic pay for any purpose except for computing overtime under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

SECTION C:

An employee who performs regularly scheduled non-overtime work shall be entitled to pay at a rate equal to ten percent (10%) of his or her basic pay for that work, payable on an hour-for-hour basis, in increments of one-quarter (1/4) of an hour for each fifteen (15) minutes and portion thereof in excess of fifteen (15) minutes.

SECTION D:

An employee shall be entitled to a night differential for night work performed when he or she is assigned temporarily, except on an overtime basis, to a tour of duty other than his or her own.

ARTICLE 3: OVERTIME REST PERIODS

Any bargaining unit employee who is required to work three (3) hours or more beyond his/her regularly scheduled tour of duty shall be entitled to a thirty (30) minutes paid rest period, to be taken at such time as patient care or work needs permits. If no such time occurs during the overtime period, he/she shall receive an additional one-half hour of pay.

ARTICLE 4: OUT OF TITLE WORK

If a nurse is assigned a position normally filled by an employee of a higher grade for longer than thirty (30) consecutive days, he/she shall receive the rate of pay for the higher graded position for the balance of his/her service in that job. A temporary promotion in excess of 120 days shall be subject to the competitive promotion procedures.

ARTICLE 5: UNIFORM ALLOWANCE

The Uniform allowance of \$350.00 shall be paid annually to eligible employees required to wear uniforms in accordance with management-established practices. To the extent that lab coats are required by the Employer, they will be supplied by the Employer, and the uniform allowance does not apply.

ARTICLE 6: EDUCATION

SECTION A:

The District shall provide a minimum of \$750.00 per bargaining unit employee for annual training/educational opportunities, in accordance with the terms of the applicable working conditions agreement covering the bargaining unit employee or District-wide regulations (if not addressed in the applicable working conditions agreement). Requests for training shall be submitted a minimum of 30 days in advance of the training/course and must be approved by the employee's supervisor prior to attendance. Attendance at such training/course must occur in the fiscal year in which the payment for training is made or reimbursement is required.

SECTION B:

Tuition reimbursement and administrative leave shall be provided for training in accordance with the applicable regulations.

SECTION C:

Employees will be eligible for no more than five (5) days administrative leave to attend professional meetings, workshops, seminars, etc. related to the performance of nursing duties or job responsibilities as long as staffing needs permits. Requests for administrative leave shall be submitted as far in advance as possible to permit appropriate staffing adjustments, if necessary.

ARTICLE 7: ANNUAL LEAVE/COMPENSATORY TIME BUYOUT

SECTION A:

An employee who is separated or is otherwise entitled to a lump-sum payment under the District personnel regulations for the District of Columbia Government shall receive such payment for each hour of unused annual leave or compensatory time in the employee's official leave record.

SECTION B:

The lump-sum payment shall be computed on the basis of the employee's rate at the time of separation in accordance with such personnel regulations.

ARTICLE 8: INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

PART I: SICK LEAVE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

In order to recognize an employee's productivity through his/her responsible use of accrued sick leave, the Employer agrees to provide time-off in accordance with the following:

SECTION A:

A full time employee who is in a pay status for the Leave Year shall accrue annually:

1. Three (3) days off for utilizing a total of no more than two (2) days of accrued sick leave.
2. Two (2) days off for utilizing a total of more than two (2) but not more than four (4) days of accrued sick leave.
3. One (1) day off for utilizing a total of more than four (4) but no more than five (5) days of accrued sick leave.

SECTION B:

Employees in a non-pay status for no more than two (2) pay periods for the Leave Year shall remain eligible for incentive days under this Article. Sick leave usage for maternity and catastrophic illness/injury, not to exceed two (2) consecutive pay periods, shall not be counted against sick leave for calculating eligibility for incentive leave under this Article.

SECTION C:

Time off pursuant to a sick leave incentive award shall be selected by the employee and requested at least three (3) full workdays in advance of the leave date. Requests for time off pursuant to an incentive award shall be given priority consideration and the employee's supervisor shall approve such requests for time off unless staffing needs or workload considerations dictate otherwise. If the request is denied, the employee shall request and be granted a different day off within one month of the date the employee initially requested. Requests for time off shall be made on the standard Application for Leave form.

SECTION D:

All incentive days must be used in full-day increments following the Leave Year in which they were earned. Incentive days may not be substituted for any other type of absence from duty. There shall be no carryover or payment for any unused incentive days.

SECTION E:

Part-time employees are not eligible for the sick leave incentive as provided in this Article.

PART II: PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

In order to recognize employees' productivity through their accomplishment of established goals and objectives, special acts toward the accomplishment of agency initiatives, demonstrated leadership in meeting agency program and/or project goals and/or the District's Strategic Plan initiatives, the Employer, in accordance with criteria established by the Agency and the Union, agrees to establish pilot incentive programs within agencies, including time off without loss of pay or charge to leave as an incentive award.

ARTICLE 9: OVERTIME

SECTION A:

Hours of work authorized in excess of eight hours in a pay status in a day or forty hours in a pay status in a work week shall be overtime work for which an employee shall receive either overtime pay or compensatory time unless the employee has used unscheduled leave during the eight hours shift or the forty hours work week. The unscheduled leave rule will not apply when an employee has worked a sixteen hour shift (back to back) and takes unscheduled leave for an eight hour period following the back to back shift or where an employee has indicated his or her preference not to work overtime and the Employer has no other option but to order the employee to work overtime. Scheduled leave is leave requested and approved prior to the close of the preceding shift.

SECTION B:

Overtime work, as described in section A, above, shall be compensated at one and one-half (1.5) times the employee's regularly scheduled hourly rate. The employee, at his/her option, may elect to receive compensatory time at the rate of one and one-half (1.5) hours for each hour of work for which overtime is payable.

SECTION C:

Overtime will not be paid for employees on a compressed schedule. A compressed schedule for a full-time employee is an 80-hour bi-weekly basic work requirement which is scheduled for less than ten (10) workdays. A compressed schedule for a part-time employee is less than an 80-hour bi-weekly basic work requirement which is scheduled for less than ten (10) workdays.

ARTICLE 10: CALL-BACK/ON-CALL

SECTION A:

A minimum of four hours of work shall be credited to any employee who is called back to perform unscheduled work either on a regular workday after he/she has completed the regular work schedule and has left his/her place of employment, or when not scheduled and informed in advance, on one of the days when he/she is off duty. Only time spent actually performing work, shall count as "hours worked" and be credited toward overtime compensation under the provisions of this Agreement and the requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). In addition, employees shall be paid the night shift differential for all overtime hours actually worked between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

SECTION B:

1. An employee may be required to be on call prior to or after having completed his/her regular tour of duty. The employer shall specify the hours during which the employee is on call; and shall compensate the employee at a rate of twenty-five (25%) of his/her basic rate of pay for each hour the employee is on call.
2. For the purpose of this Agreement, time spent in an on-call status for which an employee will be considered on duty and time spent on standby duty shall be considered hours of work, and therefore eligible for compensation, if:
 - a. The employee is restricted to an agency's premises, or so close thereto that the employee cannot use the time effectively for his or her own purposes; or
 - b. The employee, although not restricted to the agency's premises:
 - (1) Is restricted to his or her living quarters or designated post of duty;
 - (2) Has his or her activities substantially limited; and
 - (3) Is required to remain in a state of readiness to perform work.
3. The employee's schedule must specify the hours during which he/she shall be required to remain on call.

SECTION C:

An employee will not be considered off duty and time spent shall not be considered off work if:

1. The employee is requested to leave a telephone number or to carry an electronic device for the purpose of being contacted, or, if the employee is allowed to make arrangements of such that any work, which may arise during the on-call period, will be performed by another person approved by management; and
2. The restrictions in section B.2.a and B.2.b.(1), (2) and (3) do not apply.

ARTICLE 11: PREMIUM PAY FOR WEEKEND WORK

The District shall pay premium pay at the rate of twenty-five percent (25%) of the employee's basic rate of pay for each hour the employee performs work on Saturday and Sunday. All part-time employees working Saturdays and Sundays shall also receive premium pay for weekend work at the rate set forth, above.

ARTICLE 12: BENEFITS

SECTION A: LIFE INSURANCE

1. Life insurance is provided to covered employees in accordance with §1-622.01 et seq. of the District of Columbia Official Code (2001 Edition)¹ and Chapter 87 of Title 5 of the United States Code.
 - (a) District Official Code §1-622.03 requires that benefits shall be provided as set forth in §1-622.07 to all employees of the District first employed after September 30, 1987, except those specifically excluded by law or by rule.
 - (b) District Official Code §1-622.01 requires that benefits shall be provided as set forth in Chapter 87 of Title 5 of the United States Code for all employees of the District government first employed before October 1, 1987, except those specifically excluded by law or rule and regulation.
2. The current life insurance benefits for employees hired on or after October 1, 1987 are: The District of Columbia provides life insurance in an amount equal to the employee's annual salary rounded to the next thousand, plus an additional \$2,000. Employees are required to pay two-thirds (2/3) of the total cost of the monthly premium. The District Government shall pay one-third (1/3) of the total cost of the premium. Employees may choose to purchase additional life insurance coverage through the District Government. These additions to the basic coverage are set-forth in the schedule below:

Optional Plan	Additional Coverage	Premium Amount
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¹ All citations to the D.C. Official Code within this Agreement are to the 2001 Ed., as amended, and shall be abbreviated as "District Code".

Optional Plan	Additional Coverage	Premium Amount
Option A – Standard	Provides \$10,000 additional coverage	Cost determined by age
Option B – Additional	Provides coverage up to five times the employee's annual salary	Cost determined by age and employee's salary
Option C – Family	Provides \$5,000 coverage for the eligible spouse and \$2,500 for each eligible child.	Cost determined by age.

Employees must contact their respective personnel office to enroll or make changes in their life insurance coverage.

SECTION B: HEALTH INSURANCE

1. Pursuant to D.C. Official Code §1-621.02, all employees covered by this agreement and hired after September 30, 1987, shall be entitled to enroll in group health insurance coverage provided by the District of Columbia.
 - (a) Health insurance coverage shall provide a level of benefits comparable to the plan(s) provided on the effective date of this agreement. Benefit levels shall not be reduced during the term of this agreement except by mutual agreement of the District, representatives of Compensation Unit 13 and the insurance carrier(s). District employees are required to execute an enrollment form in order to participate in this program.
 - (b) The District may elect to provide additional health care providers for employees employed after September 30, 1987, provided that such addition of providers does not reduce the current level of benefits provided to employees. Should the District Government decide to expand the list of eligible providers, the District shall give Compensation Unit 13 representatives notice of the proposed additions.
 - (c) The employee contribution for total premium cost of the employee's selected plan is established by the D.C. Official Code.
2. Pursuant to D.C. Official Code §1-621.01, all District employees covered by this agreement and hired before October 1, 1987, shall be eligible to participate in group health insurance coverage provided through the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHB) as provided in Chapter 89 of Title 5 of the United States Code. This program is administered by the United States Office of Personnel Management.