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## ADOPTED – BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508 AUGUST 4, 2022

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508 COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

## RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO RTP FITNESS AND RECOVERY ATHLETIC TRAINERS OLIVE-HARVEY COLLEGE

WHEREAS, City Colleges' District Office advised in late August 2021 that the Colleges would no longer be able to contract the services of Athletico who has been providing athletic training services for the colleges for several years. Colleges were told to use the funds saved from the cessation of the contract with Athletico, to hire a full time athletic trainer. This directional change had an immediate impact on both Olive-Harvey and Richard Daley Colleges since both colleges had games that started in the fall 2021. Per the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) guidelines, home teams have to provide an Athletic Trainer at each game played at home. Both Colleges had to feverishly seek athletic trainers and were able to contract RTP Fitness and Recovery Athletic Trainers (hereafter referred to as RTP) for an estimated amalgamated sum of \$2,400. While this amount and contract worked for the fall games there were challenges for winter and spring sports.

Although the full time positions were posted and the Olive-Harvey team was hopeful someone would have been hired within a reasonable timeframe, we were unable to attract any qualified candidates. This might have been due to the fact it was the middle of the school year and athletic season. Since no promising candidate was found and we were unable to find any other vendor to provide the service, we did a bid recap with a request for waiver for us to continue to use RTP. This bid recap was eventually approved and the documents sent the Legal Department for a contract to be drafted. In the interim, we continued using the services of RTP for our winter and spring men's and women's basketball as well as baseball. Otherwise we would have to cancel all of our homes games.

Since we had played games without a contract by the time Legal received the contract, they (the Legal Department) informed us that they could not do a contract for services already rendered. RTP is owed \$8,200.

**WHEREAS,** the college recommends payment to RTP Fitness and Recovery Athletic Trainers to cover these outstanding charges.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508, County of Cook and State of Illinois, hereby approve payment to RTP Fitness and Recovery Athletic Trainers in the amount of eight thousand two hundred dollars (\$8,200).