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TO: The Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Cheryl Archbald, MD MPH
Acting Commissioner of Health

DATE: May 20, 2010

RE: Authority – pursuant to Part A of the federal Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act – to amend a resolution to increase the not-to-exceed contract amounts for two agencies for the budget period 3/1/10 – 2/28/11

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| Contract Period: | 3/1/10 – 2/28/11 |
| Amount: | \$45,094 |

On July 10, 1991, the Board of Legislators authorized the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Health, to participate in the Ryan White CARE Act of 1990 on an ongoing basis by entering into intergovernmental agreements with the City of New York and the Counties of Rockland and Putnam.

For purposes of Title I (now “Part A”) of the CARE Act, the federal Health Services & Resources Administration had determined that the City of New York and the Counties of Westchester, Rockland and Putnam together (the “Tri-County region”) comprised an eligible metropolitan area and, therefore, qualify for financial support from the program. Since 1991 the City of New York and the Westchester County Department of Health entered into contract under the CARE Act – and subsequently under the present-day reauthorized Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 – to fund HIV-related outpatient health and support services for residents in the Tri-County region through 2/28/14 (the “Agreement”) as authorized on November 26, 2008. The Agreement covers six (6) budget periods each at a not-to-exceed amount of \$6,500,000 for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$39,000,000.

On January 21, 2010, a resolution (the “January 21st Resolution”) was approved to accept funding from the City of New York in the not-to-exceed amount of \$6,500,000 for the budget period 3/1/10 – 2/28/11, and to enter into contracts for direct service provision for the same period.

On April 22, 2010, a resolution was approved to amend the January 21st Resolution to increase the not-to-exceed contract amounts of several agencies in order to provide cost-of-living-adjustments and additional medical case management and transportation services, as well as to enter into a new contract for food services. The April resolution increased the total not-to-exceed amount for all contracts to \$4,588,259, leaving a balance of \$1,261,741 to be sought at a later date.

The Department of Health now requests that the not-to-exceed contract amounts for two more providers, whose contracts have not yet been executed, be increased: 1) Mid-Hudson Valley AIDS Task Force, Inc./d.b.a. AIDS Related Community Services, by \$20,000 for early intervention services, from \$836,193 to \$856,193, in order to convert to a new “social networking” model to identify more newly infected persons with HIV and connect them to medical care and treatment; and 2) Family Services of Westchester, Inc., by \$25,094, from \$391,593 to \$416,687, for mental health services, in order to address a waiting list of patients.

These agency contracts are exempt from Section 3(a)(viii) of the Procurement Policy relating to “contracts for medical or health-related services,” and Section 3(a)(xiv) relating to procurement “for the purpose of entering into a contract or contracts with not-for-profit organizations for the purposes of providing aid, care and support to persons in need of public assistance.”

Public Purpose: The value and importance of the goals and objectives of the services to be provided are in the best interest of the County as these services benefit the public health of the citizens of Westchester. The goals of the Ryan White-funded services are 1) to promote the health of uninsured and underinsured Tri-County residents living with HIV/AIDS thereby minimizing avoidable opportunistic illnesses and costly hospitalizations, and 2) to stem the further spread of the HIV epidemic across the region. The goals will be met through the following three objectives: a) identifying those already infected with HIV through outreach and counseling and testing; b) linking them to primary care and pharmaceuticals to suppress HIV viral load and boost immune function; and c) providing supportive services to help patients maintain medical appointments and treatment regimens. These goals and objectives will continue to be measured via an ongoing quality management initiative that is jointly funded, implemented and monitored by the NYC, NYS and Westchester County Departments of Health.

Were these contracts not funded, the Tri-County region would likely see the proliferation of HIV infection, an increase in HIV-related morbidities, more unreimbursed inpatient stays, and a rise in mortalities.

Approval of the attached resolution is respectfully requested.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACTS - 6/3/2015 JIMMY VEIPA, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Acting Commissioner of Health, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Health is authorized to amend the January 21st Resolution to increase the not-to-exceed contract amounts for: 1) Mid-Hudson Valley AIDS Task Force, Inc./d.b.a. AIDS Related Community Services, by \$20,000 for early intervention services, from \$836,193 to \$856,193; and 2) Family Services of Westchester, Inc., by \$25,094, from \$391,593 to \$416,687, for mental health services, with both contract increases pursuant to approved budgets; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute all appropriate contracts or documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution in the manner prescribed by law.

County of Westchester
May 20, 2010

Account to be
Charged/Credited

| Fund | Dept | Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit | Object/ Sub- Object | Trust Account | Dollars |
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| 263 | 27 | 027K | 4380 | T027 | \$45,094 |

Budget Funding Year(s) 2010-2011 Start Date 3/1/10 End Date 2/28/11

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid _____
\$45,094 Federal Aid 100% pass-through
 Other _____

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