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DATE: May 14, 2010

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Cheryl Archbald, MD, MPH
Acting Commissioner of Health

RE: Resolution Authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the Westchester County Health Care Corporation (the "Corporation") whereby the Corporation will assist the Westchester County Department of Health in determining whether data anomalies exist with respect to the electronic reporting of prenatal care and birth information, for the period commencing upon execution and continuing through December 31, 2010, in the not to exceed amount of Six Thousand (\$6,000) Dollars, to be paid at the rate of \$45.00 per record retrieved.

As your Honorable Board is aware, Section 3307(4) of the New York Public Authorities Law requires the approval of the Board of Legislators and Board of Acquisition and Contract for agreements between the County and the Westchester County Health Care Corporation (the "Corporation"). Accordingly, on May 11, 2010, the Westchester County Board of Legislators adopted Act No. 46-2010, which authorized the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Health ("WCDH"), to enter into an agreement with the Corporation (the "Agreement") whereby the Corporation will assist the WCDH in determining whether data anomalies exist with respect to the electronic reporting of prenatal care and birth information, for the period commencing upon execution of the Agreement and continuing through December 31, 2010, in the not to exceed amount of Six Thousand (\$6,000) Dollars, to be paid at the rate of \$45.00 per record retrieved.

The WCDH is a participant with seven other local health departments comprising a local consortium that was organized under the New York State Department of Health's ("NYSDOH") Health Care Efficiency and Affordability Law for New Yorkers Grant Program ("HEAL NY"), for which it has received a portion of grant funding from Rockland County, the lead agency in this consortium. The consortium's goal is to enhance communication and cooperation at the local level and to work together in developing regional solutions to common health problems within the Hudson Valley region.

The Corporation and other hospitals in Westchester County enter prenatal care and other birth-related information into the NYSDOH's Statewide Perinatal Data System ("SPDS"), which is an electronic data system operated by NYSDOH and to which the WCDH has access.

This Agreement's public purpose is to promote the public health and general welfare of County residents by using a portion of the grant funding to properly assess the accuracy of prenatal care and other birth-related information reporting by the Corporation, since the WCDH has determined that incomplete or inaccurate data entries in the SPDS is impacting the accuracy, and thus the overall usefulness of this data.

The goal of this Agreement is to verify whether the data contained in the SPDS is consistent with the data contained within the Corporation's own patients' medical records pertaining to prenatal care. The Corporation will report back its findings to the WCDH. The objective is to use these findings to assist the WCDH, the Corporation and other hospitals in developing new strategies for improving the reporting of birth outcome data. In addition, the WCDH will study these findings to ascertain the impact, if any, of cultural or economic factors on pregnant women who receive this care.

It should be noted that WCDH will not have direct access to the Corporation's patient medical records. No other data other, than what is currently being provided through SPDS, will be provided by the Corporation or requested by WCDH. As such, WCDH would not be in violation of any confidentiality or HIPAA requirements.

This Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)viii, thereof.

It is in the County's best interest to conduct this analysis to ensure that pregnant women in Westchester County receive timely and sufficient prenatal care to effect positive birth outcomes.

This Agreement will be tracked and monitored by comparing the Corporation's findings entered into a review tool with the WCDH's data from SPDS.

A Resolution authorizing the County to enter into this Agreement is attached hereto for your consideration.

I recommend your favorable consideration of the annexed proposed Resolution.

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Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 6-3-2010 - JOMARY VIEIRA, 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 ("WCDH"), is authorized to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with the Westchester County Health Care Corporation (the "Corporation") whereby the Corporation will assist the WCDH in determining whether data anomalies exist with respect to the electronic reporting of prenatal care and birth information, for the period commencing upon execution of the Agreement and continuing through December 31, 2010, in the not to exceed amount of Six Thousand (\$6,000) Dollars, to be paid at the rate of \$45.00 per record retrieved; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this Agreement is subject to County appropriations; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this Agreement is also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the "State Budget") proposed and adopted during the term of this Agreement. The County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State Budget and/or the adoption of a State Budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable period of time after such release(s) or adoption(s), to conduct an analysis of the impacts of any such State Budget on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right to either terminate this Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Corporation, then the Corporation shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; 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.

Department of Health
 County of Westchester
 145 Huguenot Street, 8th Floor
 New Rochelle, New York 10801
 May 14, 2010

Original Agreement	\$	
First Amendment	\$	
This Amendment	\$	_____
TOTAL	\$	

Agreement #

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	263	27	957J	4380	T957	\$6,000

Budget Funding Year(s)		
(must match resolution)		
	<u>2010</u>	Start Date <u> </u> Upon Execution <u> </u> End Date <u>12/31/2010</u>
Funding Source	Tax Dollars	_____
	State Aid	_____
\$6,000	Federal Aid	_____
(must match resolution)	Other	NYSDOH
