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Acting Commissioner

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DATE: October 25, 2010

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Grant E. Mitchell, M.D.
Acting Commissioner, Department of Social Services

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the **Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center, Inc.** for the provision of medical screening of assisted homeless families and singles for the assessment of health needs to address any barriers to employment, movement from homelessness and independence from public assistance, for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 for an amount not to exceed \$370,000 to be paid on a monthly basis pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation

Transmitted herewith is a Resolution requesting authority to enter into an agreement with Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center, Inc. for the provision of medical screening of assisted homeless families and singles for the assessment of health needs to address any barriers to employment, movement from homelessness and independence from public assistance, for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, for an amount not to exceed \$370,000 to be paid on a monthly basis pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriations. There has been no increase in the amount requested from that of last year.

The Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center, Inc. has been providing this assistance over the past several years and has continued to do so for both homeless families and singles at the Grasslands Homeless Shelter and the Westhab Coachman Family Centers in Valhalla and White Plains respectively. Assessments and screening are provided to household members, including children and adults, to assist in identifying health problems and barriers to employment, thus leading toward improved health and self-sufficiency.

The services to be provided pursuant to this contract will serve a **public purpose** by assisting the County of Westchester to identify and address medical issues which may present impediments to employment for singles and families who are on public assistance.

The **goals and objectives** of the program are to provide medical screening and assessments of assisted homeless individuals and families in order to identify and address barriers to self-sufficiency and independence that might prevent someone from working.

The goals and objectives are in the County's **best interest in terms of public health, and public safety** as they are aimed at providing medical screening to adults and children and assessments to identify health problems, thus leading toward improved health and physical well-being of this population.

These goals and objectives are in the **best interest of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility** in that providing the assessments will help improve their health and therefore the economic situations of the targeted population, as they will obtain employment and become self sufficient. This, in turn, will help reduce the number of people who are dependent on public assistance as they will be better prepared and able to seek and gain employment.

The **goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored** by the program office using the performance measurement indicators developed by the Department and approved by the County Budget Office as well as through contact with the vendor regarding issues that arise.

The **Department is able to report that the vendor's Performance Measurement Indicators** reflect that the program met its goal of providing medical screening and assessments to eligible customers referred by the Department. The facility accepted 100% of appropriate referrals during the 2010 contract period. As of 9/30/10, the following outcomes were achieved by this program:

Coachman through September 2010:

511 assessed
208 received follow-up care
117 referred for specialty care
139 seen as walk-ins

Grasslands Homeless Shelter through September 2010:

625 assessed
26 received follow-up care
112 referred for specialty care
625 employability assessments

This contract is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy under Section 3 (a) viii which exempts contracts for medical or health-related services and Section 3 (a) xiv which exempts any procurement for the purpose of entering into a contract with not-for-profit organizations for the purposes of providing aid, care and support to persons in need of public assistance.

Accordingly, the County of Westchester is requesting authority to enter into an agreement with Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center, Inc. for the above stated purpose.

A resolution requesting the same is attached for your Honorable Board's approval.

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RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center, Inc. for the provision of medical screening of assisted homeless families and singles for the assessment of health needs to address any barriers to employment, movement from homelessness and independence from public assistance, for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, for an amount not to exceed \$370,000, to be paid on a monthly basis pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this contract is subject to County Appropriation; 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 governor of a proposed 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 Contractor, then the Contractor shall have the right to terminate the agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is empowered to execute any document necessary to implement this resolution.

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JANUARY WEIRA, SECRETARY

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
101	22	4500	4420	_____	\$370,000

Budget Funding Year(s): 2011
(must match resolution)

Start Date: 1/1/11

End Date: 12/31/11

Funding Source

Tax Dollars:

State Aid: 50%

Federal Aid: 50%

Other

\$370,000

(must match resolution)

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