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Department of Community Mental Health

Grant E. Mitchell, M.D.
Commissioner

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DATE: January 6, 2011

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Grant E. Mitchell, M.D.
Commissioner

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with The Loft: The Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, Inc. to provide professional and technical services to Westchester County residents including a Helpline and related services for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 for a total amount not to exceed \$22,000 to be paid monthly in accordance with approved annual program budgets

Authorization is requested to enter into an agreement with The Loft: The Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, Inc. to provide professional and technical services to Westchester County residents including a Helpline and related services for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 for a total amount not to exceed \$22,000 to be paid monthly in accordance with approved annual program budgets.

This Helpline provides the community with information, referrals, peer counseling, and crisis intervention. The Department of Community Mental Health has found that The Loft: The Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, Inc. has provided a wide range of services benefiting the community throughout Westchester.

The services to be provided pursuant to this contract will serve the public purpose of providing outreach and referral services, and a Helpline, for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender populations of Westchester County. The Loft has been unique in the County for the past twenty-five years in

serving the needs of these groups through the provision of a myriad of services, as well as counseling, for all in need of their expertise. As such, it is recommended that your Honorable Board determine that this contract is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 9, Sole Source Procurements.

The goals and objectives of the agreement are to assist these communities with referral services sensitive to their cultural needs. These services include medical, counseling, and legal referrals that address the issues of various age groups, including a growing number of residents 55 and over.

The goals and objectives are in the best interest of the County in terms of public health and safety in that crisis intervention is a focus of this effort. Trained volunteer counseling staff will have expertise in addressing issues related to HIV and AIDS, drug and alcohol abuse, homelessness, suicide, domestic violence, and bias-related crimes.

The goals and objectives are also in the County's best interest in terms of fiscal responsibility, as confronting the issues cited above before they develop into full-blown crises will save money on medical and social services costs.

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 on-going contact with the vendor regarding program claims and issues.

Accordingly, the County of Westchester is requesting permission to enter into a contract with The Loft: The Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, Inc. for the aforesaid purpose.

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

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION CONTRACT # 198-2011 - HONORARY VICE SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Community Mental Health, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester be and hereby is authorized to enter into an agreement with The Loft: The Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, Inc. to provide professional and technical services to Westchester County residents including a Helpline and related services for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 for a total amount not to exceed \$22,000 to be paid monthly in accordance with approved annual program budgets, and it be further

RESOLVED, that this contract is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy under Section 9 of said Policy as this is the only organization of its kind in the region providing the aforesaid services; 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 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 Contractor, then the Contractor shall have the right to terminate this 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.

Account to be

	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account T177	Dollars
2011	263	26	177L	4380	-----	\$ 22,000

Charged/Credited

Budget Funding Year(s): 2011 Start Date: 01/1/11 End Date: 12/31/11
(must match resolution)

Funding Source

Tax Dollars: _____

State Aid: _____ \$22,000

\$22,000

Federal Aid: _____

Other

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