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DATE: August 24, 2011

TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition & Contract

FROM: Mae Carpenter, Commissioner
Department of Senior Programs and Services

RE: Authorization to amend a grant agreement with the New York State Office for the Aging, pursuant to which the County accepted an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 grant, for an amount not-to-exceed \$24,750, for a term from April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011, in order to extend the term to April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2012

By resolution approved on October 1, 2010, your Honorable Board authorized the County to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Office for the Aging ("NYSOFA") to accept an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("ARRA") Communities Putting Prevention to Work: Chronic Disease Self-Management Program grant to implement peer-to-peer health education and prevention training under the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program for the Mid-Hudson Valley of New York State, for an amount not-to-exceed \$24,750, for the term April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011 (the "Agreement"). The Agreement was subsequently executed.

The County was recently notified that NYSOFA has agreed to extend the term of the Agreement by an additional year, from a term of April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011 to a term of April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2012. Accordingly, the County now seeks authority from your Honorable Board to amend the Agreement in order to extend the term thereof from April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011 to April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2012.

Except as specifically amended hereby, all remaining terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain the same.

The proposed amendment will serve a public purpose by providing funds to provide Westchester County seniors with services and activities that will foster good health, increase awareness and understanding of healthy lifestyles and promote physical and mental health. These services may include: peer-to-peer education classes; promotion of early detection of various chronic diseases through peer education; training sessions on how to self-manage chronic diseases; the promotion of early detection of various health problems through education and/or testing; stress education and medication management workshops, and the administration of influenza and other vaccines.

The goals and objectives of the proposed amendment are to promote the development of wellness activities and preventive health activities that will promote good health in Westchester County seniors by increasing their awareness and knowledge of how to self-manage chronic diseases and develop healthy lifestyles.

The goals and objectives of the proposed amendment are in the best interests of Westchester County in terms of the promotion of public health, as the aim of the services to be funded by the grant is to reduce or delay hospitalizations or institutionalization, thereby reducing Medicaid costs for the County, State and Federal governments and improving the general well-being of the County's elderly.

The goals and objectives of the proposed amendment will be tracked and monitored through monthly reporting activities and onsite reviews to determine if the contract's performance goals and objectives are being met in a fiscally responsible and appropriate fashion.

Accordingly, I recommend adoption of the proposed resolution.

MC/SJ/bdm/nn

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