

25843

DATE: March 27, 2012

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Sherlita Amler, M.D.
Commissioner of Health

RE: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Health (“WCDH”), to enter into an agreement with the Westchester County Health Care Corporation (“WCHCC”), pursuant to the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 and 29 CFR 1910.120, to establish a medical surveillance program for the employees of the WCDH’s Occupational and Environmental Health Unit who may be exposed to hazardous substances or health hazards, for a term commencing upon execution through December 31, 2016, for a total amount not to exceed One Hundred Ten Thousand (\$110,000.00) Dollars

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 WCHCC. On March 26, 2012, the Westchester County Board of Legislators adopted Act No. 2012-17, authorizing the County, acting by and through its Department of Health (“WCDH”), to enter into an agreement with WCHCC, pursuant to the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 and 29 CFR 1910.120, whereby WCHCC will establish a medical surveillance program for the employees of the WCDH’s Occupational and Environmental Health Unit who may be exposed to hazardous substances or health hazards.

The term of the agreement will commence upon execution and expire on December 31, 2016. The WCDH will pay WCHCC a total amount not to exceed One Hundred Ten Thousand (\$110,000.00) Dollars at the rates set forth in Schedule "A" attached hereto. Both parties shall have the right to terminate the agreement on ninety (90) days written notice to the other. The prior agreement for these services was with WCHCC and has expired.

The public purpose is to promote the public health and general welfare of County residents by ensuring that these above-identified employees are kept in good health to maintain their readiness and availability to respond to public health emergencies that may compromise environmental quality.

The goals and objectives of the agreement will serve to protect the WCDH’s employees who may be exposed to hazardous substances or health hazards in the regular course of their duties. In addition, the objectives of this agreement will ensure the County’s compliance with federal law. This agreement will be tracked and monitored by the WCDH to ensure that its employees are examined and monitored annually for any adverse health conditions and that they are fit to respond to emergencies that may negatively affect the environment and public health. A total of fourteen (14) WCDH employees are monitored under this agreement through the receipt of lists from the WCHCC that include the names of employees who have been sent for examination and monitoring.

Although Section 3307(4) of the New York Public Authorities Law authorizes the County to enter into agreements with WCHCC, the WCDH solicited written quotations from two (2) hospitals: WCHCC and St. John’s Riverside Hospital. The only quotation that was responsive to the request was received from WCHCC.

A Resolution for your consideration is annexed hereto. I recommend your favorable consideration of the annexed proposed Resolution.

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Attachment

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, through its Department of Health ("WCDH"), is authorized to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with the Westchester County Health Care Corporation ("WCHCC") pursuant to the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 and 29 CFR 1910.120, whereby WCHCC shall establish a medical surveillance program for the employees of the WCDH's Occupational and Environmental Health Unit who may be exposed to hazardous substances or health hazards; and be it further

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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 WCHCC, then the WCHCC 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 authorized and empowered to execute and deliver all instruments and take all actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Department of Health
 County of Westchester
 145 Huguenot Street, 8th Floor
 New Rochelle, New York 10801
 March 27, 2012

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
		101	27	0010	4380	
	101	27	0010	4380		\$22,000 (2013)
	101	27	0010	4380		\$22,000 (2014)
	101	27	0010	4380		\$22,000 (2015)
	101	27	0010	4380		\$22,000 (2016)

Budget Funding Year(s) (must match resolution)	<u>2012-2016</u>	Start Date	Upon execution	End Date	<u>12/31/16</u>
Funding Source	Tax Dollars	<u>\$70,400</u>			
	State Aid	<u>\$39,600</u>			
\$110,000 (must match resolution)	Federal Aid	_____			
	Other	_____			

SCHEDULE "A"

WCHCC - Fees for Services

TEST

COST

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Baseline Physical Examination	
Physical Examination - includes general physical examination, with particular attention to conditions that may affect respirator use, increase susceptibility to heat stroke or in any way impair the worker's ability to perform adequately while wearing Personal Protective Equipment under conditions that may be expected at the work site.	\$125.00
Medical and Occupational History	Included in Physical Exam
Written report to Patient (results, recommendations, opinion, limitations)	Included – no charge
Written report to WCDOH (opinion, limitations, confirm results sent to patient)	Included – no charge
Chest x-ray (PA/lateral), with B-reading: \$300.00	\$100.00 Standard x-ray
Pulmonary Function Test: includes FVC, FEV1, FVC, FEV1/FVC, FEF 25-75	\$50.00
Electrocardiogram	\$45.00
Neurobehavioral baseline exam	\$450.00
Laboratory Testing Complete blood count and platelets and blood chemistry screen including: calcium, phosphorus, sodium, potassium, chloride, LDH, SGOT, total bilirubin, GGT, SGPT, alkaline phosphatase, cholesterol, triglycerides, total protein, globulin, albumin, A/G ration, BUN, creatinine, uric acid, glucose, iron; and urinalysis	\$280.00
Blood lead testing	\$45.00
Blood FEP & ZPP (Zinc Protoporphorin) testing	\$60.00
RBC Cholinesterase	\$45.00
Serum PCB level	\$100.00
Urine heavy metals (lead, cadmium, arsenic, mercury) 24 Hour Collection or Spot Test	\$325.00
Annual Surveillance	
Physical Examination	\$125.00
Pulmonary Function Test: includes FVC, FEV1, FVC, FEV1/FVC, FEF 25-75	\$50.00
Electrocardiogram (every five years)	\$45.00
Chest x-ray (PA/lateral), with B-reading (as outlined in scope of services): \$300.00	\$100.00 Standard x-ray
Laboratory Testing Complete blood count and platelets, blood chemistry as above, urinalysis	\$280.00
Blood lead testing	\$45.00
Blood FEP & ZPP (Zinc Protoporphorin) testing	\$60.00
RBC Cholinesterase	\$45.00
Serum PCB level	\$100.00
Urine heavy metals (lead, cadmium, arsenic, mercury) 24 Hour Collection or Spot Test	\$325.00
Neurobehavioral exam, if needed	\$450.00

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Follow-up Visit for Respirator Certification	
Medical Questionnaire, respirator certification physical exam, certificate	\$125.00
Respiratory FIT Test Clearance	Included in questionnaire & respiratory exam
Additional Testing/Other Services when medically indicated	
Urinary hippuric acid level	\$110.00
Urinary phenols	\$105.00
Pulmonary gas diffusion	\$225.00
Stress Test	\$210.00
Audiometric testing (utilizing standardized, calibrated audiometer)	\$35.00
Tetanus (Td/Tdap) Vaccine (routine every 10 years; interim if medically indicated due to concerns of exposure)	\$25.00
Consult with other specialties	To be billed separately based on services provided
Vision testing baseline (utilizing standardized testing)	\$30.00

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT 04/05/2012 JOMARY WEIR, SECRETARY