

**28663**

**DATE:** August 13, 2012

**TO:** Board of Acquisition and Contract

**FROM:** Sherlita Amler, MD  
Commissioner of Health

**RE:** Authorization to enter into Contract with the Community Service Society of New York to accept continued funding for the Community Health Advocates Program Grant for the period August 15, 2012 through February 21, 2013, in the amount not-to-exceed \$31,815.79, pursuant to an approved budget

The County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Health ("WCDH"), seeks authorization to enter into contract with Community Service Society of New York ("CSSNY") to accept continued funding for the Community Health Advocates ("CHA") Program Grant for the period August 15, 2012 through February 21, 2013, in the amount not-to-exceed \$31,815.79, pursuant to an approved budget.

In March 2010, the Federal health care reform bill called the Affordable Care Act was signed into law. Under this Act, states have the option to establish a state-operated exchange. Those operating an exchange are required to offer consumer assistance. The New York State Department of Health ("NYSDOH") has contracted with CSSNY to pilot consumer assistance that provides education and assistance to local communities on health insurance coverage and health care access. Funding through this grant will allow WCDH to offer consumer assistance. No County matching funds will be used to support this program.

The public health and general welfare of County residents will be served by establishing the CHA program in the County to reach underserved culturally and linguistically isolated clients and to create a platform to provide client feedback and concerns to NYS policymakers.

The goal and objectives of the CHA Program are to provide individualized counseling sessions, education and presentations on health insurance, counseling, advocacy and support on a variety of health-related issues to clients including enrollment into various payor types, such as public programs, private individual or employer-sponsored coverage.

During the grant period the WCDH expects to serve clients through a combination of individualized consumer assistance and community presentations.

This program will be tracked and monitored through client satisfaction surveys, reporting to CHA database number of clients served and activities performed.

I certify that my department, a.) has copies of, or access to, all applicable laws, rules, regulations, grant applications, and grant agreements (including any master grant agreement), as well as any guidance or instructions received from the agency making the grant (the "Grant Terms"), b.) has reviewed the Grant Terms, c.) is aware of and understands all of the Grant Terms, and d.) can and will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

Approval of the attached resolution is respectfully requested.

## RESOLUTION

UPON A COMMUNICATION FROM THE 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 contract with Community Service Society of New York ("CSSNY") to accept continued funding for the Community Health Advocates ("CHA") Program Grant for the period August 15, 2012 through February 21, 2013 in the amount not-to-exceed \$31,815.79, pursuant to an approved budget; 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.

Agreement #

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	263	27	080M	9853	T080	\$31,815.79

Budget Funding Year(s) (must match resolution) 2012-2013 Start Date 8/15/12 End Date 2/21/13

Funding Source

Tax Dollars		
State Aid		
<b>\$31,815.79</b>	Federal Aid	
(must match resolution)	Other	<u>Community Service Society of NY -PASS THRU</u>