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DATE: August 13, 2012

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

RE: Authorization to enter into separate no cost Memoranda of Understanding with Hudson Valley Hospital Center and HealthStar Network, Inc., d/b/a Stellaris Health Network, for their ongoing collaborative participation in the Community Health Electronic Surveillance System (C.H.E.S.S.) designed to provide an early warning on outbreaks of illnesses, or unusual occurrences that may be intentional or accidental in nature that could bring harm to the local population, for a five-year period from June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2017

The County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Health (“WCDH”), seeks authorization to enter into separate no cost memoranda of understanding (“MOUs”) with Hudson Valley Hospital Center (“HVHC”) and HealthStar Network, Inc., d/b/a Stellaris Health Network (“Stellaris”), for their ongoing collaborative participation in the community health electronic surveillance system (“C.H.E.S.S.”) designed to provide an early warning on outbreaks of illnesses, or unusual occurrences that may be intentional or accidental in nature that could bring harm to the local population, for a five (5) year period from June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2017.

Under the terms of the proposed MOUs, HVHC and Stellaris will continue to supply electronic health care data to the WCDH for analysis purposes.

The purpose of these MOUs is to promote the public health, safety and general welfare of Westchester County residents by analyzing real-time statistics to coordinate and implement an effective response to an emerging or sudden public health threat.

The goal and objective of C.H.E.S.S. is to provide early detection and situational awareness of potential bioterrorist and public health events that are disease oriented, naturally occurring or man-made, in order to distribute medical counter-measures to the public.

The C.H.E.S.S. system will be tracked and monitored by HVHC, Stellaris and WCDH for successful data transmission and authentication.

These MOU's are not procurements and are not subject to the Westchester County Procurement Policy.

Your approval of the attached resolution is respectfully requested.

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Attachment

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 separate no cost memoranda of understanding (“MOUs”) with Hudson Valley Hospital Center (“HVHC”) and HealthStar Network, Inc., d/b/a Stellaris Health Network (“Stellaris”) for their ongoing collaborative participation in the community health electronic surveillance system (“C.H.E.S.S.”) designed to provide an early warning on outbreaks of illnesses, or unusual occurrences that may be intentional or accidental in nature that could bring harm to the local population, for a five (5) year period from June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2017; and, be it further

RESOLVED, under the terms of the proposed MOUs, HVHC and Stellaris will continue to supply electronic health care data to the WCDH for analysis purposes; 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.

Department of Health
 County of Westchester
 10 County Center Road, 2nd Floor
 White Plains, New York 10607
 August 13, 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
	N/A					

Budget Funding Year(s) _____ Start Date _____ End Date _____
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source	Tax Dollars	_____
	State Aid	_____
	Federal Aid	_____
\$	Other	_____
(must match resolution)		