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TO: The Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

DATE: March 12, 2014

RE: Authority pursuant to Part A of the Federal Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act to enter into contracts with various health and supportive care agencies for the budget period 3/1/14 – 2/28/15 for the provision of HIV-related services for residents of Westchester, Rockland, and Putnam counties

Contract Period: 3/1/14 – 2/28/15
Amount: \$3,913,345

On July 10, 1991, the Board of Legislators authorized the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Health, to participate in the Ryan White CARE Act of 1990 on an ongoing basis by entering into Intergovernmental Agreements with the City of New York and the Counties of Rockland and Putnam.

For purposes of Title I of the CARE Act, the Federal Health Services & Resources Administration had determined that the City of New York and the Counties of Westchester, Rockland and Putnam together (the “Tri-County region”) comprised an eligible metropolitan area and, therefore, qualify for financial support from the program. Since 1991 the City of New York and the Westchester County Department of Health entered into contract under the CARE Act – and subsequently under Part A of the present-day reauthorized Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act – to fund HIV-related outpatient health and support services for residents in the Tri-County region through 2/28/14 as authorized on November 26, 2008. On February 20, 2014, authorization was received to enter into contract (the “Agreement”) with the City of New York for a new three-year budget period 3/1/14 – 2/28/17, the amount of the first-year period 3/1/14 – 2/28/15 not to exceed \$6,500,000.

In accordance with the Tri-County Ryan White Part A Steering Committee, the Department of Health now requests authorization to enter into contracts for direct service provision for the first budget period 3/1/14 – 2/28/15 in a total amount not to exceed \$3,913,345 for the individual agency contract budgets listed. All agencies submitted continued funding applications with budgets subject to approval.

Public Purpose The goals and objectives of these contracts are in the best interests of the County as the services to be provided benefit the public health of the citizens of Westchester. The goals of the Ryan White-funded programs are: 1) to promote the health of uninsured and underinsured Tri-County residents living with HIV/AIDS thereby minimizing avoidable opportunistic illnesses and costly emergency room visits and hospitalizations, and 2) to stem the further spread of the HIV epidemic across the region. The goals will be met through the following three objectives: a) identifying those already infected with HIV through outreach and counseling and testing; b) linking them to primary care and medications to suppress

HIV viral load and boost immune function; and c) providing supportive services to help patients maintain medical appointments and treatment regimens. These goals and objectives will continue to be measured via an ongoing quality management initiative that is jointly funded, implemented and monitored by the NYS, NYC, and Westchester County Departments of Health.

Approval of the attached resolution is respectfully requested.

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APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 04/03/2014 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY

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 is authorized – pursuant to Part A of the Federal Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act – to enter into contracts with various health and supportive care agencies listed below for the budget period 3/1/14 – 2/28/15 in order to provide HIV-related services to residents of Westchester, Rockland, and Putnam counties; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution in the manner prescribed by law.

Agency	Not to Exceed Amount Pursuant to an Approved Budget
Family Services of Westchester, Inc.	\$377,000
Grace Church Community Center, Inc.	404,000
Greyston Health Services, Inc.	154,500
Hudson River HealthCare, Inc.	154,500
Hudson Valley Community Services, Inc./d.b.a. ARCS	980,631
Legal Aid Society of Rockland County, Inc.	84,460
Legal Services of the Hudson Valley	100,526
Open Door Family Medical Centers, Inc.	150,000
Rockland County Department of Health	469,860
St. John's Riverside Hospital	203,118
The Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center, Inc.	200,000
TOUCH – Together Our Unity Can Heal, Inc.	454,500
Volunteers of America - Greater New York, Inc.	180,250
Total	\$3,913,345

County of Westchester
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Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Revenue	Trust Account	Dollars
263	27	027P	4380	T027	\$3,913,345

Budget Funding Year(s) 2014-2015 Start Date 3/1/14 End Date 2/28/15

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid _____
 \$3,913,345 Federal Aid 100% pass-through
 Other _____