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DATE: April 15, 2014

TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner of Social Services

SUBJECT: Authority to enter into an agreement with The Mental Health Association of Westchester County, Inc. ("MHA") to operate the Single Homeless Assessment Center at Grasslands ("SHAC") to provide comprehensive assessments with an average annual capacity of 3,000 sessions and coordinate plans for treatment, housing and employment for homeless single adults for the term April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015 in an amount not-to-exceed \$622,020 to be paid in accordance with an approved budget and subject to appropriation

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This agreement serves a **public purpose** as it will promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Westchester County by providing comprehensive assessments and coordinated plans for treatment, housing and employment for homeless single adults.

The **goals and objectives** of this agreement are to provide homeless single adults with comprehensive assessments and coordinated plans for treatment, housing and employment. Clinicians provide comprehensive mental health and substance abuse assessments to individuals in order to refer them to services they will need to improve their daily

functioning, obtain employment and get education, develop a healthy social support network, improve their interpersonal relations and decrease the need for hospitalizations. Further, these services are provided by Masters and/or Doctoral level therapists, licensed mental health professionals, and a psychiatrist.

The **goals and objectives of this agreement are in the best interests of the County in terms of public health and public safety** in that the services provided through this contract will ensure the health and safety of the targeted population by providing them with varying forms of assessments and placing them in appropriate housing as well as to provide necessary referrals to hospitals, substance abuse programs and other community network providers. Further, the goals and objectives of this agreement are in the best interests of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility as assessing employability and providing supportive services may lead to employment which in turn will promote financial security and self sufficiency of the targeted population.

The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored through performance measurement indicators developed by the Department and approved by the County Budget Office. The tracking and monitoring include the submission of monthly statistics and quarterly reports as well as direct contact with the D.S.S. staff.

The Department is able to report the following Performance Measurement Indicators:

- 585 unduplicated customers were served
- 2,834 assessment and treatment sessions were completed
- 84% of customers served attended their 1st scheduled assessment appointment.
- 81% of the total number of customers referred to treatment attended their initial appointment.

This contract is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy under Section 3(a) viii, which exempts contracts for medical or health-related services and contracts with healthcare workers.

Accordingly, the County of Westchester is hereby requesting permission to enter into an agreement with The Mental Health Association of Westchester County, Inc. for the reasons stated above.

A resolution requesting the same is attached for your Honorable Board's approval.

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with The Mental Health Association of Westchester County, Inc. ("MHA") to operate the Single Homeless Assessment Center at Grasslands ("SHAC") to provide comprehensive assessments with an average annual capacity of 3,000 sessions and coordinate plans for treatment, housing and employment for homeless single adults for the term April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015 in an amount not-to-exceed \$622,020 to be paid in accordance with an approved budget; and be it further

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 after such release(s) or adoptions(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 either to terminate this Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Contractor, then the Contractor 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 any and all actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purpose this resolution.

Account to be Charged/Credited

	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2014	101	22	8900	5860	-----	\$466,515
2015	101	22	8900	5860	-----	\$155,505

Budget Funding Year(s): 2014-15
(must match resolution)

Start Date: 04/01/14

End Date: 03/31/2015

Funding Source

Tax Dollars: 71%
State Aid: 29%
Federal Aid:
Other:

\$622,020

(must match resolution)

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 05/22/2014 - JOMARY VIEIRA SECRETARY