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TO: The Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

DATE: March 23, 2015

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 3/1/15 – 2/29/16 for the provision of HIV-related services for residents of Westchester, Rockland, and Putnam counties

Contract Period: 3/1/15 – 2/29/16
Amount: \$3,925,772

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 New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene (NYCDOHMH) and the Westchester County Department of Health (WCDH) 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 2/28/15. On March 19, 2015, authorization was received to enter into a new three-year contract (the “Agreement”) with the NYCDOHMH for the budget period 3/1/15 – 2/28/18.

The Department of Health now requests authorization to enter into contracts for direct service provision for the first budget period 3/1/15 – 2/29/16 in a total amount not to exceed \$3,925,772 for the individual agency contract budgets listed. All agencies submitted continued funding applications with budgets subject to approval.

After having drawn up the new contract, the NYCDOHMH --- under its legal authority as stipulated in the Federal legislation --- advised of its intent to transfer *all* Ryan White contract management to a NYC entity later this year or early next year. Given the increasing program demands and financial burden for WCDH to administer the Tri-County Ryan White program under the law's 10% administrative cap, NYCDOHMH has determined that there will in fact be savings if a NYC-based agency, which is already administering Ryan White provider contracts in NYC, takes over administration for Tri-County as well. The WCDH and NYCDOHMH are developing a transition plan and all Tri-County Ryan White providers have been apprised of the planned changeover. Accordingly, the attached resolution also authorizes the assignment of contracts with the listed agencies providing HIV-related services for residents of Westchester, Rockland and Putnam countries to a NYC-based agency as directed by the NYCDOHMH.

Public Purpose The goals and objectives of these contracts are in the best interest 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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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 3/1/15 – 2/29/16 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.	\$ 387,763
Grace Church Community Center, Inc.	430,532
Greyston Health Services, Inc.	158,911
Hudson River HealthCare, Inc.	158,911
Hudson Valley Community Services, Inc.	1,057,729
Legal Aid Society of Rockland County, Inc.	86,871
Legal Services of the Hudson Valley	103,396
Open Door Family Medical Centers, Inc	154,282
Rockland County Department of Health	505,274
St. John’s Riverside Hospital	208,917
The Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center, Inc.	205,710
TOUCH – Together Our Unity Can Heal, Inc.	<u>467,476</u>
Total	\$3,925,772;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the contracts with the above listed agencies may be assigned to a New York City-based agency as directed by the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

County of Westchester
 March 23, 2015

Account to be
 Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Revenue	Trust Account	Dollars
263	27	927Q	4380	T027	\$3,925,772

Budget Funding Year(s) 2015-2016 Start Date 3/1/15 End Date 2/29/16

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid _____
 Federal Aid 100% pass-through
 Other _____

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACTS 03/15/2015 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY