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TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Robin Schlaff
Director, Office for Women

DATE: November 10, 2015

SUBJECT: Authority to enter into an agreement with Westchester County Health Care Corporation to expand the Forensic Acute Care Team Program to include services for children/adolescents and adults, for a term commencing January 1, 2015 and continuing through December 31, 2015, for an amount not to exceed \$80,000

The attached Resolution, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women, (the "County") to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with Westchester County Health Care Corporation ("WCHCC"), pursuant to which WCHCC will expand its Forensic Acute Care Team ("FACT") Program to include services for children/adolescents and adults at the Valhalla Campus of Westchester Medical Center, for a term commencing January 1, 2015 and continuing through December 31, 2015, for an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00, payable quarterly, pursuant to an approved budget.

In 2013, WCHCC established the FACT Program in response to the growing need for improved quality care for acute services for adolescents ages 12 to 18, offering forensic medical services to all children/adolescents presenting with concerns for acute sexual abuse or assault. The Program has since experienced an increase in patients over the age of 18 -- 44% by the end of September 2014. Therefore, WCHCC has determined it necessary to expand its FACT Program to include adult patients.

By Act 198-2015, which was approved by the Westchester County Board of Legislators on November 5, 2015, (the "Act") the County was authorized to enter into enter into an intermunicipal agreement with WCHCC, pursuant to which WCHCC will expand its FACT Program to include services for children/adolescents and adults at the Valhalla Campus of Westchester Medical Center, for a term commencing on January 1, 2015 and continuing through December 31, 2015, for an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 (the "IMA").

Accordingly, authority is now respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County to enter into the IMA with WCHCC.

The proposed IMA will serve a public purpose by providing effective and timely emergency department medical care for children/adolescents and adults who are potential victims of acute sexual abuse or assault.

The goals and objectives of the proposed IMA are for WCHCC to provide:

- medical and forensic care for adolescents and adults presenting with concerns for sexual abuse and/or assault in accordance with hospital policies and protocols, including
 - 1) provision of seven days of preventative medication for HIV and other medications to reduce the risk of sexually transmitted diseases and/or pregnancy,
 - 2) evidence collection,
 - 3) multi-disciplinary collaboration with investigative authorities, and
 - 4) a designated, stocked exam and treatment room for the sensitive care of these vulnerable patients;
- evidence-based, peer-reviewed, and skilled interpretation of medical findings by physicians and nurses trained in the field of forensic medicine;
- expert testimony in WCHCC cases, where applicable;
- community education on sexual assault/abuse for hospital emergency departments within Westchester County; and
- continuing medical education for community hospital professionals.

The goals and objectives of the proposed IMA will be tracked and monitored by the Office for Women.

The procurement of the proposed IMA is exempt from the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)(viii) thereof, which exempts contracts with agencies engaging healthcare workers.

Attached for your consideration is a proposed Resolution.

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Director of the Office for Women, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women, (the "County") is hereby authorized to enter into an intermunicipal agreement (the "IMA") with Westchester County Health Care Corporation ("WCHCC"), pursuant to which WCHCC will expand its Forensic Acute Care Team ("FACT") Program to include services for children/adolescents and adults at the Valhalla Campus of Westchester Medical Center, for a term commencing January 1, 2015 and continuing through December 31, 2015, for an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00, payable quarterly, pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this IMA is subject to County appropriations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this IMA 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 IMA. 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 of time after such release(s) or adoption(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 to either terminate this IMA 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 IMA upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents and take any actions necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be charged/credited:

FUND	DEPT	Major Program, Program & Phase, Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars	Funding Year
101	11	0900	4380	N/A	\$80,000	2015

Budget Funding Year(s) 2015 Start Date: 1/1/2015 End Date: 12/31/2015
 (must match resolution)

\$80,000
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars \$80,000
 State Aid _____
 Federal Aid _____
 Other _____