

**[65185]**

DATE: September 25, 2018

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Michael Orth, MSW  
Commissioner, Department of Community Mental Health

SUBJECT: Authority to enter into an agreement with PEOPLE, Inc., whereby PEOPLE, Inc. will manage a Crisis Stabilization Team which will provide pre-arrest Alternative to Incarceration Care Coordination services for individuals in White Plains and surrounding communities with mental health and substance use disorder needs, for a term commencing on October 1, 2018 and continuing through September 30, 2019 for an amount not-to-exceed \$468,368, payable pursuant to an approved budget.

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Authority is requested for the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Community Mental Health (the "Department"), to enter into an agreement with PEOPLE, Inc. (the "Agreement"), whereby PEOPLE, Inc. will manage a Crisis Stabilization Team ("CST") which will provide pre-arrest Alternative to Incarceration ("ATI") Care Coordination services for individuals in White Plains and surrounding communities with mental health and substance use disorder needs (the "Services"). The Services to be provided by the CST will include: family support, peer support, and Social Worker/CASAC services, as well as the services of a part-time Nurse Practitioner. The term of the Agreement will commence on October 1, 2018 and continue through September 30, 2019. In consideration for Services to be rendered, the County shall pay PEOPLE, Inc. an amount not-to-exceed \$468,368, payable pursuant to an approved budget.

The catchment area for the CST will include White Plains, as well as Scarsdale and Mamaroneck Town and Village, and most of the Town of Greenburgh. Upon becoming operational, the CST will liaise with law enforcement in each of these jurisdictions to initiate pre-arrest diversion as mental health and substance use disorder ATI, and will be available, 24/7/365 to local courts to assist with arrestees and arraignments for assessment and stabilization needs as part of the ATI.

It should be noted that the Department maintains a long-range plan to build a Crisis Stabilization Center ("CSC") around, and in support of the CST, with the CST ultimately becoming self-sustaining as part of the CSC.

The CST will serve a public purpose by preventing the arrest and incarceration of people living with serious behavioral issues, by providing intervention, assistance and care coordination.

The Department has complied with sections 6 and 13 of the Westchester County Procurement Policy. On August 31, 2018, the Department issued an RFP seeking proposals from qualified agencies to provide the Services. The RFP was posted on the County website for RFPs and was also sent to the Department's county-wide provider distribution list. Four (4) providers (Choice of NR, HDSW, PEOPLE Inc. and Search for Change) submitted proposals in response to the RFP. Following a careful review of each proposal with reference to the evaluation criteria contained in the RFP, PEOPLE, Inc. was ranked highest by the review committee

Accordingly, I most respectfully recommend the adoption of the attached Resolution.

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Attachment

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**RESOLUTION**

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Community Mental Health, be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester (the "County") is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with PEOPLE, Inc. whereby PEOPLE, Inc. will manage a Crisis Stabilization Team which will provide pre-arrest Alternative to Incarceration Care Coordination services for individuals in White Plains and surrounding communities with mental health and substance use disorder needs, for a term commencing on October 1, 2018 and continuing through September 30, 2019 for an amount not-to-exceed \$468,368, payable pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized to take such action and execute such documents as may be necessary and proper to effect the purposes hereof.

Account to be Charged/Credited

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Dept</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Object/ Sub Object/</b>	<b>Trust Account</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Dollars</b>
263	26	177T	4380	T177	4000	468,368
263	26	177T	9853	T177	4000	468,368

Budget Funding Year(s) 2018  
(must match resolution)

Start Date: October 1, 2018 End Date: September 30, 2019

Funding Source:

Tax Dollars: \_\_\_\_\_

State Aid: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Aid: \$ 468,368(pass through NYS OMH)\_\_\_\_\_

\$468,368  
(must match resolution)

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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