

DATE: January 7, 2010

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Patsy Yang, DrPH
Acting Commissioner of Health

RE: Authorization to Enter into Contracts with Various Providers (as identified below), to provide TB Clinic Patient Chest X-Rays and other Radiological Tests and Interpretations as needed, for the Period 3/1/10 – 2/28/11, in the Aggregate Total Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$40,000, with each Provider to be paid pursuant to an approved budget at the same rates as negotiated by the Westchester County Department of Health

The Westchester County Department of Health (the "WCDH") seeks authorization to enter into contracts with various providers (as identified below), to provide TB clinic patient chest x-rays and other radiological tests and interpretations as needed, for the period 3/1/10 – 2/28/11, in the aggregate total not-to-exceed amount of \$40,000, with each Provider to be paid pursuant to an approved budget at the same rates as negotiated by the WCDH.

Providers:

Sound Shore Medical Center of Westchester
Phelps Memorial Hospital Center
Mount Vernon Hospital
St. Joseph's Hospital, Yonkers d/b/a St. Joseph's Medical Center
White Plains Hospital Medical Center
Hudson Valley Hospital Center

These contracts will promote the public health, safety and general welfare of Westchester County residents by providing the chest x-rays and other radiological tests and interpretations as needed that are necessary to determine the clinical status of patients with suspected, and/or confirmed cases of Tuberculosis ("TB"). In 2009, the WCDH had approximately 3,300 TB clinic visits.

The public purpose is to promote the public health and general welfare of County residents by ensuring access to public and preventive health care services in order to provide essential chest x-rays and other radiological tests and interpretations as needed, for the underinsured/uninsured as part of a complete TB curative treatment plan. It is in the County's best interest to contain the spread, and to encourage the prevention and management of this disease. Radiological testing and diagnosis is an early detection method that will decrease this risk as well as decrease treatment costs for the underinsured/uninsured thereby reducing costs to the taxpayer.

The goal and objective of this program is to protect the public health and safety of all Westchester County residents by significantly reducing the incidence of TB related illness among all age groups throughout the County and ensuring comprehensive and follow up medical care for all confirmed TB patients. All patients who receive chest x-rays and other radiological tests and interpretations as needed are screened and referred by WCDH clinics.

The program is tracked and monitored by the electronic recording of all hospital referrals and through review and audit of individual patient records and monthly service lists for each hospital. All confirmed or suspect TB cases are entered into the Health Information Network (HIN) using the required information/forms to generate monthly management reports which are used by the WCDH to monitor caseloads, service utilizations rates and payments for rendered services. Payments to all providers are made in accordance with the same rates as negotiated by the WCDH, and are eligible for State aid reimbursement from the New York State Department of Health.

These contracts are exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy under Section 3 (a) viii under contracts for medical and/or health-related services.

Your approval of the attached Resolution is respectfully requested.

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Attachment
cc: P. Yang, DrPH

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 2-4-2010 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

UPON A COMMUNICATION FROM THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Health (the "WCDH"), is hereby authorized to enter into contracts with various providers (as set forth in the attached Schedule "A"), to provide TB clinic patient chest X-rays and other radiological tests and interpretations as needed, for the period 3/1/10 – 2/28/11, in the aggregate total not-to-exceed amount of \$40,000, with each Provider to be paid pursuant to an approved budget at the same rates as negotiated by the WCDH; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that each of these contracts is subject to County appropriations; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that each of the contracts is subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the "State Budget") proposed and adopted during the term of the contracts. Each of the contracts shall contain a provision that 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 the State Budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable period of time after such releases(s) or adoption(s) to conduct an analysis of the impacts of any State Budget on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right to either terminate the contracts or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount and/or rate to any of the above Contractors, then the Contractor(s) shall have the right to terminate the Contract 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 all appropriate contracts or documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution in the manner prescribed by law.

Department of Health
 County of Westchester
 145 Huguenot Street, 8th Floor
 New Rochelle, New York 10801
 January 7, 2010

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	101	27	0010	4238-05		\$33,333 (2010)
	101	27	0010	4238-05		\$6,667 (2011)
Budget Funding Year(s) (must match resolution)	2010 - 2011		Start Date	3/1/10	End Date	2/28/11
Funding Source	Tax Dollars		\$25,600			
	State Aid		\$14,400			
\$40,000	Federal Aid					
(must match resolution)	Other					

SCHEDULE "A"

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