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Date: August 30, 2019

To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Joseph K. Spano
Commissioner of Correction

Subject: Authority for the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with Island Peer Review Organization, Inc. d/b/a IPRO for the purpose of providing comprehensive quality assurance services in evaluating all medical services provided to inmates incarcerated at the County's Department of Correction, for an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the period from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

The County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Correction (the "Department"), is requesting authority to enter into an agreement with Island Peer Review Organization, Inc. d/b/a IPRO ("IPRO") pursuant to which IPRO will provide comprehensive quality assurance services in evaluating all medical services, including mental health services, provided to inmates incarcerated at the County's Department of Correction (the "Department"), for a term commencing on October 1, 2019 and continuing through September 30, 2020 (the "Agreement"). In consideration for services to be rendered, the County will pay IPRO an amount not-to-exceed \$50,000, payable at approved rates.

Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, IPRO will conduct four (4) on-site audits during the term of this contract, which shall include a full review of the services provided by New York Correct Care Solutions Medical Services, P.C., as measured against professionally recognized standards, and will report its findings to the Commissioner of Correction.

This contract will serve a **public purpose** by providing a means for the County to ensure that medical services provided to inmates at the County Jail are in compliance with National Commission of Correctional Health Care ("NCCHC") standards.

The **goals and objectives** of this agreement are:

- to evaluate inmate medical records to determine whether NCCHC standards of care have been met.
- to conduct four (4) such evaluations during the contract term
- to prepare a report of the findings

These **goals and objectives are in the best interests of the County in terms of health and safety** in that the efforts put forth through this contract are designed to maintain and protect the integrity of the inmate healthcare system in the County Jail. Improving the efficiency and accountability of the inmate healthcare system by preventing and detecting fraudulent, wasteful and abusive practices protects the health and safety of the inmate population.

The goals and objectives of this agreement will be tracked and monitored by the Department.

The proposed Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)viii which exempts contracts for health-related services.

Accordingly, authority is requested to enter into an agreement with Island Peer Review Organization, Inc. d/b/a IPRC to provide the above said services.

Approval of the attached resolution by your Honorable Board is respectfully requested.

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Attachment

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (“County”), acting by and through its Department of Correction, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Island Peer Review Organization, Inc. d/b/a IPRO (“IPRO”), pursuant to which IPRO will provide comprehensive quality assurance services in evaluating all medical services provided to inmates incarcerated at the County’s Department of Correction, for an amount not to exceed \$50,000, payable at approved rates, for the period from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020 (the “Agreement”); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreement is subject to County appropriations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 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 the 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 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 the Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Agency, then the Agency shall have the right to terminate the Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, or his authorized designee, is hereby authorized to execute all instruments and take all actions necessary to implement this resolution.

Account to be Charged/Credited

Year	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
10/19-9/20	101	35	1000	4380		50,000

Budget Funding Year(s): 2019-2020 Start Date: 10/01/19 End Date: 9/30/20
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars: \$50,000.00
 State Aid:
\$ 50,000 Federal Aid:
 (must match resolution) Other: