



Department
of Emergency Services

Memorandum

73545

Date: December 18, 2019

To: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: John M. Cullen
Commissioner of Emergency Services

Re: **Authorization to enter into an agreement with Dr. Mark Papish M.D. to provide volunteer services as a Medical Director for the County's Department of Emergency Services Emergency Medical Dispatch program, in exchange for which the County will indemnify and hold harmless Dr. Papish for a five-year term commencing on January 1, 2020 and expiring on December 31, 2024.**

The County of Westchester ("County") through its Department of Emergency Services, Emergency Communications Center ("ECC"), provides Emergency Medical Dispatch ("EMD") services to many of the fire and emergency medical service agencies in the county. The EMD program is nationally recognized and consists of standardized protocol driver questions that help make a determination of call severity and the ability to provide immediate medical intervention recommendations to a caller.

The EMD program requires the oversight of a physician medical director familiar with emergency medicine, the local emergency medical services ("EMS") system and local EMS protocols. The EMD Medical Director oversees the medical care aspects of an emergency medical dispatch including, responsibility for the medical decision and care advice rendered by the emergency medical dispatcher and emergency medical dispatch agency; approval and medical control of the operational medical dispatch priority reference system (EMDPRS); evaluation of the medical care and pre-arrival instructions rendered by the EMD personnel; direct participation in the EMD system evaluation and continuous quality improvement process, and the medical oversight of the training of the EMD personnel.

Dr. Papish has been volunteering as the Medical Director for the County's EMD program for approximately eight years. He has extensive knowledge about emergency medicine, the local EMS system and local EMS protocols. Recently, Dr. Papish asked the County to indemnify him

for his actions while volunteering as the EMD program Medical Director. Based upon the foregoing, authorization is sought to enter into an agreement with Dr. Papish, whereby Dr. Papish will, on a volunteer basis, serve as Medical Director for the County's EMD program for a five-year term commencing on January 1, 2020 and expiring on December 31, 2024, in exchange for which the County will indemnify and hold harmless Dr. Papish for damages from injuries or death alleged to have been sustained by any person arising out of either any alleged act or omission by Dr. Papish, or the employees acting under Dr. Papish's medical direction, which occurred while acting within the scope of his public duties.

The public purpose of this agreement is to obtain a Medical Director for the County's employees that are certified in Emergency Medical Dispatch by Priority Dispatch System™. The agreement will be monitored by the Department of Emergency Services staff.

This agreement is exempt from the County's Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)(viii) thereof.

Based upon the foregoing, I respectfully request that your Honorable Board approve the attached Resolution.

JMC/jrc
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACTS 01/15/2020 LISA M. PISA SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Emergency Services, be it hereby:

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (“County”) is authorized to enter into an agreement with Dr. Mark Papish, M.D., whereby Dr. Papish shall, on a volunteer basis, serve as Medical Director for the County’s Department of Emergency Services Emergency Medical Dispatch program for a five-year term commencing on January 1, 2020 and expiring on December 31, 2024, in exchange for which the County will indemnify and hold harmless Dr. Papish for damages from injuries or death alleged to have been sustained by any person arising out of either any alleged act or omission by Dr. Papish, or the employees acting under Dr. Papish’s medical direction, which occurred while acting within the scope of his public duties; and be it further

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

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
n/a					

Budget Funding Year(s) _____ Start Date _____ End Date _____
(must match resolution)

Funding Source	Tax Dollars	_____
	State Aid	_____
\$ _____	Federal Aid	_____
(must match resolution)	Other	_____