



Department  
of Emergency Services

Memorandum

**73555**

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. Timothy G. Haydock, M.D. to provide volunteer services as a Medical Director for the County's Public Access Defibrillation program, in exchange for which the County will indemnify and hold harmless Dr. Haydock 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, EMS Division, manages the County's Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) and Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training program. This program has coordinated the placement of over 120 Automated External Defibrillators (AED) in many County buildings, parks and emergency services vehicles. Additionally, the CPR/AED training initiative has resulted in having over 1100 County employees certified in CPR and in how to use an AED.

Early recognition and the immediate delivery of CPR is a critical part of providing lifesaving aid to people suffering sudden cardiac arrest. An employee trained in CPR and in the use of an AED can recognize the signs of sudden cardiac arrest and initiate immediate care prior to the arrival of medical personnel. The training provided ensures that employees are familiar with the signs and symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest, how to call for medical assistance and can provide immediate assistance.

In New York State, to be authorized to have a PAD program and utilize an AED, the County must identify a physician licensed in New York State (or New York State based hospital) knowledgeable and experienced in emergency cardiac care to serve as Emergency Health Care Provider ("Medical Director").

Dr. Haydock has been volunteering as the Medical Director for the County's PAD program for approximately 17 years and has been active in emergency medicine for decades. He has

extensive knowledge of the local, regional and state EMS systems. Recently, Dr. Haydock asked the County to indemnify him for his actions while volunteering as the PAD Medical Director. Based upon the foregoing, authorization is sought to enter into an agreement with Dr. Haydock, whereby Dr. Haydock will, on a volunteer basis, serve as Medical Director for the County's PAD program for a term commencing upon execution and continuing for five (5) years, in exchange for which the County will indemnify and hold harmless Dr. Haydock 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. Haydock, or the employees acting under Dr. Haydock'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 have CPR/AED training under the County's PAD program as required by New York State Public Health Law and the policies adopted by the New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services. 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 5/17/2020 - LISA M. PIAZZA, SUPERVISOR

