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DATE: December 11, 2020

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Joseph K. Spano  
Commissioner of Correction

RE: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with St. John's Riverside Hospital ("St. John's"), pursuant to which St. John's will provide a comprehensive chemical dependence treatment program to male and female chemically dependent inmates while incarcerated at the Westchester County correctional facility, for an amount not to exceed \$757,620.00, for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring December 31, 2021.

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Authority is requested from your Honorable Board for the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Correction ("DOC"), to enter into an agreement ("Agreement") with St. John's Riverside Hospital ("St. John's"), pursuant to which St. John's will provide a comprehensive chemical dependence treatment program ("Behavioral Solutions Program") to male and female chemically dependent inmates while incarcerated at the County's correctional facility ("County's Jail"). The County will pay St. John's an amount not to exceed \$757,620.00, pursuant to an approved budget, for the one (1) year period commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring December 31, 2021.

St. John's was selected to provide the services under the proposed Agreement because of their prior experience with the inmate population relating to drug treatment. The County's prior agreement with St. John's for these services expires on December 31, 2020.

Substance abuse treatment is a key fundamental component in achieving criminal behavioral change, because substance abuse is often a factor in criminal activity. Approximately 50% of our incarcerated population has been diagnosed with an addiction. Combining prison and community based treatment for drug addicted offenders often reduces the risk of recidivism and drug related criminal behavior.

The Behavioral Solutions Program at the County's Jail impacts public safety because it treats addiction and addresses the unique needs of both male and female chemically dependent inmates at the facility. Through education on addiction, recovery and supportive transition back into the community, offenders at the County's Jail are given the opportunity to successfully reintegrate back into their community. It is well known that there is a high correlation between drug use and criminal activity. The aforesaid St John's drug treatment program offers inmates

the learning tools and strategies necessary for recovery from addiction and how to break the cycle of arrest and incarceration.

The Behavioral Solutions Program provides quality addiction treatment services with an emphasis on relapse prevention; improved conduct and program participation to inmates while at the County's Jail.

Over the past 12 months:

- 115 inmates participated in the Male Solutions drug program
- 107 inmates completed the program prior to release to the community
- 52 female inmates were admitted to the female Solutions program
- 24 female inmates completed the female Solutions program

The substance abuse treatment provided by the Behavioral Solutions Program at the County's Jail is an important component of the offender's ability to successfully transition back to the community.

The goals and objectives of the proposed Agreement are to address the unique needs of both male and female chemically dependent inmates through education on addiction, recovery and transition back into the community.

1. To provide education about addiction and recovery and the relationship to functional life areas.
2. Inmate learning of the tools and strategies necessary for recovery from addiction and breaking the cycle of arrest and incarceration.
3. Provision of quality addiction treatment services with an emphasis on relapse prevention.
4. Improved conduct and program participation while an inmate at DOC.
5. Successful transition to community and reduction in risk for relapse and recidivism.

The DOC will track and monitor the Agreement by conducting quarterly program evaluations. Additionally an annual report will be completed to determine program effectiveness and the achievement of the stated goals and objectives.

This Agreement is exempt from the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)(xvii).

Accordingly, approval of the attached resolution is most respectfully requested.

JKS/CMC  
Attachment

**RESOLUTION**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Correction, is authorized to enter an agreement (“Agreement”) with St. John’s Riverside Hospital (“St. John’s”), pursuant to which St. John’s will provide a comprehensive chemical dependence treatment program to male and female chemically dependent inmates while incarcerated at the Westchester County correctional facility, for an amount not to exceed \$757,620.00, for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring December 31, 2021; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that this Agreement is subject to County appropriations; and be it further

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

**RESOLVED** that the County Executive or his/her authorized designee is hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions reasonably necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Account to be Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
101	35	1000	4230		\$503,831
711	35	011U	4230		\$ 253,789

Budget Funding Year(s) 2021 Start Date 01/01/2021 End Date 12/31/2021  
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \$ 503, 831  
State Aid \_\_\_\_\_

\$ 757,620.00 Federal Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
(must match resolution)

Other 253,789(Inmate trust fund)