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DATE: May 5, 2011

TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Grant E. Mitchell, M.D., Commissioner
Department of Community Mental Health

SUBJECT: Authority to enter into an agreement with the Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law ("Bazelon"), pursuant to which the County will participate in Bazelon's Performance Improvement Project, for a term commencing on February 1, 2011 and terminating on either January 31, 2013 or at the conclusion of the last national meeting of Performance Institute Project sites, whichever comes later, for an amount not-to-exceed \$54,000 to be paid to the County by Bazelon

Authority is respectfully requested for the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Community Mental Health (the "Department"), to enter into an agreement with the Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law ("Bazelon"), pursuant to which the County will participate in Bazelon's Performance Improvement Project by having a Performance Improvement Coordinator to convene and coordinate local Steering Committee and Performance Improvement team meetings, serve as the primary liaison for the project, participate in conference calls, and ensure completion of various surveys and reports associated with the project, for a term commencing on February 1, 2011 and terminating on either January 31, 2013 or at the conclusion of the last national meeting of Performance Institute Project sites, whichever comes later, for an amount not-to-exceed \$54,000 to be paid to the County by Bazelon.

The Performance Improvement Project is a national effort/research study to identify and support with data opportunities to prevent incarceration for those in crisis in the community because of their mental health issues. This data and study will be used to promote policy changes (e.g. Medicaid reimbursement rules) that will help communities respond in more helpful ways and to connect individuals to services instead of jail or prison.

The study design and results will be developed and reviewed by a steering committee representing various stakeholders in the county. This study process needs to be managed by a Performance Improvement Coordinator (e.g. to manage schedule meetings, reports, data analyses).

The proposed agreement will serve a public purpose of identifying and supporting with data opportunities to prevent incarceration for those in crisis in the community because of their mental health issues.

The goal and objective of the proposed agreement is to provide funding for the Performance Improvement Project, which will facilitate the County's participation in the Performance Improvement Project.

The goal and objective of the proposed agreement is in the best interests of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility, as it will provide funding for the Performance Improvement Project, which would otherwise, in the absence of alternative funding, be entirely funded by the County.

The goal and objective of the proposed agreement will be tracked and monitored by the staff of the Department of Community Mental Health.

I recommend your favorable consideration of the annexed proposed Resolution.

GEM/TP/bdm/nn

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 05/19/2011 - JOHANN VERA, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Community Mental Health, be it hereby:

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Community Mental Health (the "Department"), is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law ("Bazelon"), pursuant to which the County will participate in Bazelon's Performance Improvement Project, by having a Performance Improvement Coordinator to convene and coordinate local Steering Committee and Performance Improvement team meetings, serve as the primary liaison for the project, participate in conference calls, and ensure completion of various surveys and reports associated with the project, for a term commencing on February 1, 2011 and terminating on either January 31, 2013 or at the conclusion of the last national meeting of Performance Institute Project sites, whichever comes later, for an amount not-to-exceed \$54,000 to be paid to the County by Bazelon; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is authorized to execute all instruments and to take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	26	522L	9856	T522	\$ 27,000
263	26	522M	9856	T522	\$ 27,000

Budget Funding Year(s) 2 Start Date 2/1/2011 End Date 1/31/2013
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid _____
 Federal Aid _____
 \$ 54,000 Other \$54,000
 (must match resolution)