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TO: The Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Cheryl Archbald, MD MPH
Acting Commissioner of Health

DATE: August 19, 2011

RE: Authority – pursuant to Part A of the Federal Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act – to amend eight contracts to increase the not-to-exceed contract amounts for various health and supportive care agencies for the budget period 3/1/11 – 2/29/12

Contract Period: 3/1/11 – 2/29/12
Amount: \$162,841

On July 10, 1991, the Board of Legislators authorized the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Health, to participate in the Ryan White CARE Act of 1990 on an ongoing basis by entering into intergovernmental agreements with the City of New York and the Counties of Rockland and Putnam.

For purposes of Title I of the CARE Act, the Federal Health Services & Resources Administration had determined that the City of New York and the Counties of Westchester, Rockland and Putnam together (the “Tri-County region”) comprised an eligible metropolitan area and, therefore, qualify for financial support from the program. Since 1991 the City of New York and the Westchester County Department of Health entered into contract under the CARE Act – and subsequently under Part A of the present-day reauthorized Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 – to fund HIV-related outpatient health and support services for residents in the Tri-County region through 2/28/14 (the “Agreement”) as authorized on November 26, 2008. The Agreement covers six (6) budget periods each at a not-to-exceed amount of \$6,500,000 for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$39,000,000.

The Department of Health, in accordance with the Tri-County Ryan White Part A Steering Committee, now requests authorization to amend contracts with the following seven (7) agencies in order to enhance services for the budget period 3/1/11 – 2/29/12: Grace Church Community Center, Inc. by \$50,000, from \$402,000 to \$452,000, for housing; Mid-Hudson AIDS Task Force, Inc. /d.b.a. AIDS Related Community Services by \$50,000, from \$835,250 to \$885,250, for food/nutrition and transportation; Rockland County Department of Health by \$16,750, from \$449,860 to \$466,610, for HIV testing and housing; St. John’s Riverside Hospital by \$4,497, from \$274,102 to \$278,599; The Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center, Inc. by \$4,497, from \$200,000 to \$204,497; The Mount Vernon Hospital by \$4,497 from \$254,500 to \$258,997, for HIV testing; TOUCH – Together Our Unity Can Heal, Inc. by \$50,000, from \$404,500 to \$434,500, for food/nutrition; and Urban League of Westchester County, Inc. by \$2,600, from \$138,000 to \$140,600, for HIV testing.

These agency contracts, all of which are executed, are exempt from Section 3(a)(viii) of the Procurement Policy relating to “contracts for medical or health-related services,” and Section 3(a)(xiv) relating to procurement “for the purpose of entering into a contract or contracts with not-for-profit organizations for the purposes of providing aid, care and support to persons in need of public assistance.”

Public Purpose: The goals and objectives of these contracts are in the best interest of the County as the services to be provided benefit the public health of the citizens of Westchester. The goals of the Ryan White-funded programs are: 1) to promote the health of uninsured and underinsured Tri-County residents living with HIV/AIDS thereby minimizing avoidable opportunistic illnesses and costly hospitalizations, and 2) to stem the further spread of the HIV epidemic across the region. The goals will be met through the following three objectives: a) identifying those already infected with HIV through outreach and counseling and testing; b) linking them to primary care and medications to suppress HIV viral load and boost immune function; and c) providing supportive services to help patients maintain medical appointments and treatment regimens. These goals and objectives will continue to be measured via an ongoing quality management initiative that is jointly funded, implemented and monitored by the NYS, NYC, and Westchester County Departments of Health.

Approval of the attached resolution is respectfully requested.

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Acting Commissioner of Health, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Health is authorized – pursuant to Part A of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act – to amend eight (8) contracts for the total not-to-exceed amount of \$162,841 for the budget period 3/1/11 – 2/29/12, pursuant to an approved amended budget for each agency listed below in the new contract amounts not-to-exceed listed below; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute all appropriate contracts or documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution in the manner prescribed by law.

	Original Contract Amount	Amendment Amount	New Not-to- Exceed Contract Amount
Grace Church Community Center, Inc.	\$402,000	\$50,000	\$452,000
Mid-Hudson Valley AIDS Task Force, Inc./d.b.a. AIDS Related Community Services	835,250	50,000	885,250
Rockland County Department of Health	449,860	16,750	466,610
St. John's Riverside Hospital	274,102	4,497	278,599
The Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center, Inc.	200,000	4,497	204,497
The Mount Vernon Hospital	254,500	4,497	258,997
TOUCH – Together Our Unity Can Heal, Inc.	404,500	30,000	434,500
Urban League of Westchester County, Inc.	138,000	2,600	140,600
Total Amendments		\$162,841	
Balance of Funds (to be sought at a later date)		\$833,524	

County of Westchester
August 19, 2011

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	27	027L	4380	T027	\$162,841

Budget Funding Year(s) 2011-2012 Start Date 3/1/11 End Date 2/29/12

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid _____
\$162,841 Federal Aid 100% pass-through _____
 Other _____