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DATE: October 31, 2011

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin M. Cheverko
Commissioner of Correction

RE: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an Agreement with Riverside Health Care System Inc. d/b/a/ St. John's Riverside Hospital to provide a comprehensive chemical dependence treatment program to male and female chemically dependent inmates while incarcerated at the Westchester County correctional facility in an amount not to exceed (\$648,511) Dollars commencing January 1, 2012 and expiring December 31, 2012

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester (the "County") acting by and through its Department of Correction ("DOC"), to enter into an agreement with Riverside Health Care System Inc. d/b/a St. John's Riverside Hospital ("St. John's") located at 967 North Broadway in Yonkers, New York, to provide a comprehensive chemical dependence treatment program to male and female chemically dependent inmates while incarcerated at the County's correctional facility. The County will pay St. John's an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Forty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Eleven (\$648,511) Dollars, pursuant to an approved budget, for the one year period commencing January 1, 2012 and expiring December 31, 2012.

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, 2011.

The public is best served by this contract in that the program impacts public safety because there is a high correlation between drug use and criminal activity. By treating addiction, the incidence of crime in the community is subsequently reduced. The DOC 2007 recidivism report concluded that male inmates who participated in the Solutions program have lower risk of returning to jail. The 2008 recidivism report showed that out of the 289 offenders who completed Solutions in that year, 89 (30.7%) recidivate within 12 months, so that 70% of those who completed the program did not recidivate. Similarly, the 2009 recidivism report showed that out of the 285 offenders who completed the program in that year, 70 (24.2%) recidivated within 12 months, thus over 70% of those who completed the program did not recidivate in 12 months. This rate

compares favorably to the 2010 rate of General Population Offenders (1527) who recidivated (527), representing a recidivism rate of 37.9%. Therefore, those who completed the Solutions' program in 2010, recidivated at a rate 21% lower than those who did not complete the program.

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 substance abuse treatment provided by the Solutions program at DOC is an important component of the offender's ability to successfully transition back to the community. Substance abuse treatment is a key fundamental component in achieving criminal behavioral change. Substance abuse is often the factor in criminal activity. Approximately 50% of our incarcerated population has been diagnosed with an addiction. Combining prison and community based treatment for drug addiction offenders reduce the risk of both recidivism and drug related criminal behavior and relapse to drug use.

The Department will track and monitor the contract 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.

KMC/mlg
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 into an agreement with St. John’s Riverside Hospital to provide a comprehensive chemical dependence treatment program to male and female chemically dependent inmates while incarcerated at the County’s correctional facility in an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Forty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Eleven (\$648,511) Dollars, pursuant to an approved budget, for a term commencing January 1, 2012 and expiring December 31, 2012; 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 the Hospital, then the Hospital shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED that the County Executive or his 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		\$ 610,734
711	35	011M	4230	T011	37,777

Budget Funding Year(s) 2012 Start Date 01/01/2012 End Date 12/31/2012
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \$610,734

State Aid _____

\$ 648,511 Federal Aid _____
(must match resolution)

Other \$37,777

APPROVED BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONTRACT - 12/29/12 COUNTY CLERK, SECRETARY