

**22969**

**DATE:** November 14, 2011

**TO:** Board of Acquisition and Contract

**FROM:** Sherlita Amler, MD  
Commissioner of Health

**RE:** Authorization to enter into Contract with the Community Service Society of New York to accept funding for the Community Health Advocates Program Grant for the period November 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012, in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000, pursuant to an approved budget

The County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Health (“WCDH”), seeks authorization to enter into contract with Community Service Society of New York (“CSSNY”) to accept funding for the Community Health Advocates (“CHA”) Program Grant for the period November 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012, in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000, pursuant to an approved budget.

In March 2010, the Federal health care reform bill called the Affordable Care Act was signed into law. Under this Act, states have the option to establish a state-operated exchange. The New York State Department of Health (“NYSDOH”) has contracted with CSSNY to pilot consumer assistance approaches to provide education and assistance to local communities on health care coverage and related issues. Funding through this grant will allow WCDH to offer consumer assistance. No County matching funds will be used to support this program.

The public health and general welfare of County residents will be served by establishing the CHA program in the County to reach underserved culturally and linguistically isolated clients and to create a platform to provide client feedback and concerns to NYS policymakers.

The goal and objectives of the CHA Program are to provide individualized counseling sessions, education and presentations on health insurance, counseling, advocacy and support on a variety of health-related issues to clients including enrollment into various payor types, such as public programs, private individual or employer-sponsored coverage.

During the grant period the WCDH expects to serve approximately 800 clients through a combination of individualized consumer assistance and community presentations.

This program will be tracked and monitored through client satisfaction surveys, reporting to CHA database number of clients served and activities performed.

Approval of the attached resolution is respectfully requested.

## RESOLUTION

UPON A COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH, BE IT HEREBY

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Health ("WCDH"), is authorized to enter into contract with Community Service Society of New York ("CSSNY") to accept funding for the Community Health Advocates ("CHA") Program Grant for the period November 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012, in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000, pursuant to an approved budget; 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.

Department of Health  
 County of Westchester  
 145 Huguenot Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 New Rochelle, New York 10801  
 November 14, 2011

Agreement #

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	263	27	080L	9853	T080	\$50,000
Budget Funding Year(s) (must match resolution) <u>2011-2012</u> Start Date <u>11/01/11</u> End Date <u>9/30/12</u>						
Funding Source		Tax Dollars	_____			
		State Aid	_____			
<b>\$50,000</b>		Federal Aid	_____			
(must match resolution)		Other	<u>Community Service Society of NY -PASS THRU</u>			