

**39978**

DATE: April 24, 2014

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 \$660,628, paid pursuant to an approved budget, commencing January 1, 2014 and expiring December 31, 2014

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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 SIXTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT (\$660,628.00) DOLLARS, to be paid pursuant to an approved budget, for the one year period commencing January 1, 2014 and expiring December 31, 2014.

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 expired December 31, 2013.

The high incidence of alcohol and/or substance dependence in the incarcerated population is well documented. The renewed use of substances upon discharge is likewise considered the primary predictor of future criminal activity and incarceration.

The public is best served by this contract in that the program impacts public safety because of the high correlation between drug use and criminal activity. By treating addiction, the incidence of crime in the community is subsequently reduced.

St. John's Riverside Hospital, in partnership with WCDOC, operates a comprehensive chemical dependence treatment program designed to meet the unique needs of the inmate population and to make the most productive use possible of their term of incarceration.

In the past 12 months, 571 inmates participated in the Solutions substance abuse program, and year to date 341 participated, and completed the program. All participants that completed the program were discharged with an after care plan that included referrals to after care treatment and support services in the community.

According to a one month follow-up of tracked graduates – a measure which is a benchmark for success – 74% of Solution graduates reported they maintained abstinence from all mood-altering substances and 56% reported that they had found suitable housing.

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

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 05/22/2014 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY

**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 SIXTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT (\$660,628.00) DOLLARS, to be paid pursuant to an approved budget, for a term commencing January 1, 2014 and expiring December 31, 2014; 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		\$594,565
711	35	011P	4230	T011	\$ 66,063

Budget Funding Year(s) 2014 Start Date 1/1/2014 End Date 12/31/2014  
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \$594,565

State Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$ 660,628 Federal Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
 (must match resolution)

Other \$66,063 (Inmate trust fund)

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