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DATE: May 6, 2014

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Sherlita Amler, M.D.
Commissioner of Health

RE: Authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with New York Medical College for the Implementation of a NYSDOH approved Opioid Overdose Prevention Program, with New York Medical College acting as Program Director and Westchester County, by and through its Department of Health, acting as Clinical Director, to train first responders in the County to prevent fatal opioid overdoses, for the period commencing upon the execution of the MOU through March 18, 2016 or until termination by either party with thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party, at no cost to the County.

The County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Health ("WCDH"), seeks authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with New York Medical College ("NYMC") for the implementation of a New York State Department of Health ("NYSDOH") approved Opioid Overdose Prevention Program ("OOP Program"), to collaboratively train first responders (police, fire, EMS) in the County to prevent fatal opioid overdoses which may occur to members of the public, for the period commencing upon the execution of the MOU through March 18, 2016, at no cost to the County. Either party may terminate the agreement upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party.

Pursuant to New York State Public Health Law Section 3309(1), Part 80 of Title 10 (Health) of the NYCRR was recently amended by adding a new section 80.138 – Opioid Overdose Prevention Programs – which authorizes the NYSDOH to approve locally administered and operated OOP Programs in New York State. The WCDH has registered with NYSDOH and was recently granted a Certificate of Approval to operate the OOP Program in collaboration with NYMC. Medical prescribers are granted the legal authority to prescribe all approved medications to counter an opioid overdose. Under the terms of the OOP Program and proposed MOU New York Medical College would act as Program Director and WCDH would act as Clinical Director. Training would initially be provided to non-medically trained law enforcement officers in Westchester County at the NYMC campus, with other possible sites in the future that would need to be approved by the NYSDOH. Upon completion of the training, these officers and other first responders, as Trained Overdose Responders ("TORs"), would be capable of administering Naloxone and/or other approved medication and emergency resuscitation measures to prevent an opioid overdose in an individual.

The NYSDOH, AIDS Institute will provide all medications and supplies at no cost to County for use by TORs.

This OOP Program and MOU will promote the public health and general welfare of the County by training first responders in Westchester County to effectively respond to and prevent potential fatal opioid overdoses in individuals.

The goal of the OOP Program and MOU is to administer a NYSDOH approved training program to ensure that eligible first responders successfully complete all components of the program, are evaluated and monitored by the Clinical Director, enroll in refresher courses and annual review policies and procedures. The objective is to maintain a cadre of TORs to address the critical public health issue of increasing opioid overdoses.

The OOP Program will be tracked and monitored by the Program and Clinical Directors' maintenance of a log of TORs, log of affiliated prescribers, and records of medical encounters and Naxolone administration. In addition, all opioid overdose reversals shall be recorded and reported to NYSDOH and reviewed monthly by both the Program and Clinical Directors.

The proposed MOU is a joint undertaking and does not involve the procurement of services by the County. Accordingly, it is not subject to the County Procurement Policy.

Approval of the attached resolution is respectfully requested.

SA/dc

Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 05/29/2014 JOMAR NEIRA, SECRETARY

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"), seeks authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with New York Medical College ("NYMC") for the implementation of a New York State Department of Health ("NYSDOH") approved Opioid Overdose Prevention Program ("OOP Program"), to collaboratively train first responders (police, fire, EMS) in the County to prevent fatal opioid overdoses which may occur to members of the public, for the period commencing upon the execution of the MOU through March 18, 2016, or until termination by either party with thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party, at no cost to the County; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that under the terms of the OOP Program and proposed MOU, New York Medical College would act as Program Director and WCDH would act as Clinical Director; 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
10 County Center Road, 2nd Floor
White Plains, New York 10607

Agreement # _____

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	N/A					

Budget Funding Year(s) (must match resolution) _____ Start Date Upon execution End Date March 18, 2016 or until termination by either party

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