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DATE: March 09, 2015

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 ("St. John's") pursuant to which St. John's will provide a comprehensive chemical dependence treatment program to male and female chemically dependent inmates while incarcerated at the Westchester County correctional facility for an amount not to exceed \$670,537, paid pursuant to an approved budget, commencing January 1, 2015 and expiring December 31, 2015.

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 St. John's located at 967 North Broadway in Yonkers, New York, pursuant to which St. John's will 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 \$670,537, paid pursuant to an approved budget, for the one year period commencing January 1, 2015 and expiring December 31, 2015.

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 on December 31, 2014.

Substance abuse treatment is a key fundamental component in achieving criminal behavioral change, because substance abuse is often a factor in criminal activity. Approximately 50% of our incarcerated population has been diagnosed with an addiction. Combining prison and community based treatment for drug addicted offenders often reduces the risk of recidivism and drug related criminal behavior.

The St. John's program at DOC impacts public safety because it treats addiction, and addresses the unique needs of both male and female chemically dependent inmates at the facility. Through education on addiction, recovery and supportive transition back into the community, offenders at the facility are given the opportunity to successfully reintegrate back to their community. It is well known that there is a high correlation between drug use and

criminal activity, the St John's drug treatment program offers inmates learning tools and strategies necessary for recovery from addiction, to break the cycle of arrest and incarceration.

The program provides quality addiction treatment services with an emphasis on relapse prevention; improved conduct and program participation while an inmate at DOC.

Evaluation:

Evaluation of the program's effectiveness was as follows:

- In a 12 month period, the recidivism rate of offenders who completed the Solutions program was 31.6%.
- In a 12 month period, the recidivism rate of offenders who did not complete the Solutions program was 38.76%

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.

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.

Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 04/09/2015 - 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 an agreement with Riverside Health Care System Inc. d/b/a/ St. John’s Riverside Hospital (“St. John’s”) pursuant to which St. John’s will provide a comprehensive chemical dependence treatment program to male and female chemically dependent inmates while incarcerated at the Westchester County correctional facility for an amount not to exceed \$670,537, paid pursuant to an approved budget, commencing January 1, 2015 and expiring December 31, 2015; 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		\$544,357
711	35	011Q	4230		\$126,180

Budget Funding Year(s) 2015 Start Date 1/1/2015 End Date 12/31/2015
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \$544,357
State Aid _____

\$ 670,537 Federal Aid _____
(must match resolution)

Other \$126,180 (Inmate trust fund)

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