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DATE: April 22, 2016

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 Affordable Care Act Consumer Assistance Program Grant, a component of the Community Health Advocates Program, for the period 4/1/16 through 3/31/17, in the amount not-to-exceed of \$58,465, 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 the Community Service Society of New York (“CSSNY”) to accept funding for the Affordable Care Act Consumer Assistance Program Grant (“CAP”), which is a component of the Community Health Advocates Program (“CHA”), for the period 4/1/16 through 3/31/17, in the amount not-to-exceed \$58,465, pursuant to an approved budget.

In March 2010, the federal health reform bill (called the Affordable Care Act or ACA) was signed into law. Under the ACA, New York State established a State-operated exchange called the New York State of Health Marketplace (NYSOH). NYSOH serves several functions including access to affordable health insurance coverage and response to consumers’ requests for assistance. New York State contracts with CSSNY to establish a state-wide CHA network to provide consumer assistance to New York’s consumers and small businesses.

The public health and general welfare of all Westchester residents including parents, children, seniors, and individuals from culturally, geographically and linguistically isolated communities will continue to be served by re-establishing a CHA program in the County.

The goals and objectives of the CHA program is to assist all residents in understanding, navigating, and finding affordable health insurance and health care options including Medicaid, Medicare, Child Health Plus, Essential Plan, Qualified Health Plans, hospital charity care programs, and prescription assistance programs. CHA will help those who are experiencing difficulty accessing and using existing health insurance benefits including coverage obtained in the NYSOH Marketplace. CHA also serves as “first responder” by reporting back to policy makers on health care system issues identified at the ground level.

During the grant period, the WCDH expects to serve an average of 65 clients each month by providing individual and personalized assistance.

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The agreement requires the County to indemnify the Community Service Society (CSS) as follows:

The Subcontractor shall defend, hold harmless and indemnify the State, DOH and its employees, and CSS and its agents, employees and volunteers from liability upon any and all claims, losses, damages, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys’ fees, on

account of any alleged, actual injuries or death to any person, or any alleged or actual damages to property on account of any negligence, omissions or commissions, intentional tort, or failure to comply with the terms of this Agreement or arising from the performance of this Agreement, or otherwise, by the Subcontractor, its officers, trustees, employees, agents, for services to be provided pursuant to this Agreement.

I certify that my department, a.) has copies of, or access to, all applicable laws, rules, regulations, grant applications, and grant agreements (including any master grant agreement), as well as any guidance or instructions received from the agency making the grant (the "Grant Terms"), b.) has reviewed the Grant Terms, c.) is aware of and understands all of the Grant Terms, and d.) can and will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

Approval of the attached resolution is respectfully requested.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 05/19/2016 - LISA M. HARRIS, 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”), is authorized to enter into contract with the Community Service Society of New York (“CSSNY”) to accept funding for the Affordable Care Act Consumer Assistance Program Grant (“CAP”), which is a component of the Community Health Advocates Program (“CHA”), for the period 4/1/16 through 3/31/17, in the amount not-to-exceed \$58,465, pursuant to an approved budget; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County as Subcontractor shall defend, hold harmless and indemnify the State, DOH and its employees, and CSS and its agents, employees and volunteers from liability upon any and all claims, losses, damages, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys’ fees, on account of any alleged, actual injuries or death to any person, or any alleged or actual damages to property on account of any negligence, omissions or commissions, intentional tort, or failure to comply with the terms of this Agreement or arising from the performance of this Agreement, or otherwise, by the Subcontractor, its officers, trustees, employees, agents for services to be provided pursuant to this Agreement; 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
 10 County Center Road, 2nd Floor
 White Plains, New York 10607
 April 22, 2016

Original Agreement	\$
First Amendment	\$
Second Amendment	\$
This Amendment	\$
TOTAL	\$ _____

Agreement #

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	263	27	080R	9853	T080	\$23,748
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Budget Funding Year(s) (must match resolution) 2016-2017 Start Date 4/01/16 End Date 3/31/17

Funding Source	Tax Dollars	_____
	State Aid	<u>Pass thru Community Service Society of NY</u>
\$58,465	Federal Aid	<u>Pass thru Community Service Society of NY</u>
(must match resolution)	Other	_____