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DATE: October 19, 2018

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Michael Orth, M.S.W.
Commissioner, Department of Community Mental Health

Sherlita Amler, M.D.
Commissioner of Health

SUBJECT: Authority to amend an existing agreement with Lexington Center for Recovery, Inc., one of the original forty-six (46) listed entities approved by the Board of Acquisition and Contract on 12/15/16, in order to add services to address opioid use in the County and to increase the contract not-to-exceed amount by \$30,000 for a total revised amount not-to-exceed \$8,524,661, for the specific period from September 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

The County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Community Mental Health (“WCDCMH”) and Department of Health (“WCDH”), requests authority to amend an existing agreement with Lexington Center for Recovery, Inc., one of the original forty-six (46) listed entities approved by the Board of Acquisition and Contract on 12/15/16 for the period from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2021, in order to add services to address opioid use in the County and to increase the contract not-to-exceed amount by \$30,000 for a total revised amount not-to-exceed \$8,524,661, for the specific period from September 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. This agreement has been executed.

The WCDH will contribute a share of its funding received from Health Research, Inc.’s (“HRI”) Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant toward Lexington Center for Recovery, Inc. (“LCR”) for the period from September 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. These funds will be used to support LCR for their work on a Westchester County wide coordinated response to address opioid use in Westchester.

Under this contract amendment, LCR will provide the services of a Peer Advocate to address opioid use in Westchester County, through its established linkages with medical providers and other drug treatment support organizations.

The original agreement with LCR was entered into pursuant to Articles 25 and 41 of the New York State Mental Hygiene Law, pursuant to providing community behavioral health services, one of which is substance abuse recovery and treatment services. LCR is in a unique position to help the County implement its strategies to address opioid use.

In addition, the WCDCMH and WCDH will enter into an Interdepartmental Cooperative Agreement to address each department's responsibilities towards the accomplishment of the program strategies, primarily fiscal and programmatic.

The proposed amendment will serve a public purpose by ensuring that linkage to care is improved and a substance abuse treatment continuum of care will be provided to persons actively using opioids and persons who have overdosed or at risk for overdose.

The goals and objectives of the proposed amendment are to provide the services of a Peer Advocate to help link and facilitate access to a substance abuse treatment continuum of care for persons most at risk for opioid use and overdose and to provide support to local waived medical providers in the implementation and administration of buprenorphine.

The goals and objectives of the proposed amendment are in the best interests of the County in terms of health and the environment, as they will ensure that persons at risk for opioid use and overdose will be provided substance abuse treatment continuum of care.

The goals and objectives of the proposed amendment will be tracked and monitored by WCDCMH's monthly review of the amendment's work scope to ensure compliance with fiscal and programmatic objectives based on number of persons referred for treatment and the participation of local waived medical providers, and the WCDH's review of weekly time and effort documentation sheets which will support the achievement of the targets/outcomes set forth in scopes of work.

Except as otherwise expressly stated herein, all other terms and conditions of the original agreement shall remain unchanged.

Accordingly, I most respectfully recommend the adoption of the annexed Resolution.

MO/SA/rr/dc

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioners of the Department of Community Mental Health and Department of Health, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Community Mental Health (the "WCDCMH") and its Department of Health (the "WCDH"), is hereby authorized to amend an existing agreement with Lexington Center for Recovery, Inc., one of the original forty-six (46) listed entities approved by the Board of Acquisition and Contract on 12/15/16, pursuant to Articles 25 and 41 of the New York State Mental Hygiene Law, in order to add services to address opioid use in the County and to increase the contract not-to-exceed amount by \$30,000 for a total revised amount not-to-exceed \$8,524,661, for the specific period from September 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019;

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that except as otherwise expressly stated herein, all other terms and conditions of the original agreement shall remain unchanged; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this amendment is subject to County appropriations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this amendment 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 each 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 each agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to one or more contractors, then each such contractor shall have the right to terminate its agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized to take such action and execute such documents as may be necessary and proper to effect the purposes hereof.

Original Agreement	\$8,494,661
First Amendment	\$
Second Amendment	\$
This Amendment	\$30,000
TOTAL	\$8,524,661

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Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	27	550T	4380	T550	\$30,000

Budget Funding Year(s)
(must match resolution) 2018 - 2019 Start Date 09/01/2018 End Date 06/30/2019

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
State Aid _____
\$30,000 Federal Aid 100% Federal Pass Thru Funds
(must match resolution) Other _____

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 7/15/2018 - LISA MRIJAJ, SECRETARY