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DATE: June 17, 2019

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

RE: Authorization to Enter into a Contract Amendment with Health Research, Inc. for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program Grant in order to allow additional time to spend down the Opioid Crisis funding allocation only, by extending the term from 6/30/19 through 08/31/19 with the contract total not-to-exceed amount to remain unchanged.

On May 31, 2018, your Honorable Board approved a Resolution (the “May 31, 2018 Resolution”) authorizing the County of Westchester (“County”), acting by and through its Department of Health (the “WCDH”), to enter into an agreement with Health Research, Inc. (“HRI”) to accept funding for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program Grant (“PHEP Program”), for the contract term from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, pursuant to an approved budget, in the contract amount not-to-exceed \$582,443.

After the May 31, 2018 Resolution was approved, the WCDH had received further notification from HRI that the initial contract funding amount had been increased by \$100,000 to a revised total contract amount not-to-exceed \$682,443. Of that increased new funding, \$75,000 was earmarked to address the public health opioid epidemic in New York.

Thereafter, on August 30, 2018, the May 31, 2018 Resolution was amended by your Honorable Board which authorized the WCDH to accept the additional \$100,000 funding. This new additional funding was added to the PHEP contract to allow New York State, through HRI, to allocate funding which could be more quickly accessed by the WCDH during a public health emergency, such as the opioid epidemic. The contract in the revised amount not-to-exceed \$682,443 was executed.

This PHEP Program will promote the public health, safety and general welfare of Westchester residents by improving the response capacity to a large scale biological and/or public health emergency event and supporting the infrastructure that would enable the County to respond to such threats whether naturally occurring or manmade.

The goals of this PHEP Program are to ensure the ability of the WCDH to respond in the event of a large scale public health emergency through the timely use of interventions known to prevent human illness from chemical, biological and radiological agents and naturally occurring health threats. Program objectives include, but are not limited to, enhancement of disease surveillance and early event detection systems, maintenance of relevant laboratory support, development or enhancement of response plans and protocols, and decreasing the time to identify causes, risk factors and appropriate interventions to those affected by threats and to restore health services and environmental safety.

Program tracking and monitoring are maintained through regular staff meetings, periodic review of emergency plans, updates through the NYSDOH Health Commerce system, review of epidemiological data, and attendance and participation in local and state sponsored drills, meetings and trainings. Status reports are sent to the NYSDOH on a quarterly basis.

Therefore, authority is hereby requested to enter into a contract amendment with HRI for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program Grant in order to allow additional time to spend down the Opioid Crisis funding allocation only, by extending the term from 6/30/19 through 08/31/19 with the contract total not-to-exceed amount to remain unchanged.

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

Approval of the attached resolution is respectfully requested.

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Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 07/11/2019 - LIOR MUKHAJ, 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 (the "WCDH"), is authorized to enter into a contract amendment with Health Research, Inc. for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program Grant ("PHEP"), in order to allow additional time to spend down the Opioid Crisis funding allocation, by extending the term from 6/30/19 through 08/31/19 with the contract total not-to-exceed amount to remain unchanged; and, be it further

RESOLVED, except as otherwise expressly amended herein that all other terms and conditions of the existing agreement shall remain unchanged; 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

Original Agreement	\$682,443
First Amendment	\$
This Amendment	\$0
TOTAL	\$682,443

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) 2018 -2019 Start Date 07/01/18 End Date 08/31/19

Funding Source	Tax Dollars	
	State Aid	
\$0	Federal Aid	<u>100% Federal pass through funds</u>
(must match resolution)	Other	