

February 4, 2010

TO: The Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Marlene E. Furtick, Executive Director
Westchester County Youth Bureau

RE: Authority to enter into an assignment agreement with the Children's Hospital Foundation at WMC ("CHF") and the Regional Medical Genetics Center ("RMGC") for the assignment by CHF to RMGC of its agreement with the County for the operation of the Healthy from Birth to Life program for the remainder of the contract term.

By resolution approved on March 19, 2009, your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester (the "County"), through its Youth Bureau (the "Youth Bureau"), to enter into an agreement with The Children's Hospital Foundation at WMC to operate the Healthy from Birth to Life Program (the "Program") for the program period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2011 in a total amount not to exceed \$230,769, pursuant to an approved budget (the "Agreement"). The Agreement was subsequently executed.

CHF has recently informed the Youth Bureau that it is changing direction and feels that the Program is no longer a good fit. Specifically, CHF's mission has been re-focused away from patient service-related programs toward construction and equipment purchasing projects. As a result, CHF has requested that the County redirect program funding to the Regional Medical Genetics Center ("RMGC"). RMGC, a foundation dedicated to the prevention of genetic diseases, has been providing patient services, counseling and educational programs in the Lower Hudson Valley for over 30 years. CHF has arranged, and all parties agree, that the Agreement should be assigned from CHF to RMGC for the balance of the contract term. RMGC's goals fit firmly within the scope of the Program. As such, it is the preferred repository for grant funds to implement the Program.

Accordingly, the attached resolution, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County, through the Youth Bureau, to enter into an assignment agreement (the "Assignment Agreement") with CHF and RMGC, for the operation of the Healthy from Birth to Life program for the remainder of the contract term, effective upon execution of the Assignment Agreement by all parties and approval of same by the Office of the Westchester County Attorney.

This Agreement provides health and illness prevention education to 30 youth, ages 13 - 21, who have a lack of information about pregnancy.

The goals and objectives of this Agreement are:

- of the 30 youth who participate in the program, 26 will gain insight into preventable causes of premature and low birth weight babies as measured by the pre-test/post-test
- of the 30 youth who participate in the program, 22 will learn ways of speaking to peers and adults about making healthy lifestyle choices to reduce preventable risks associated with premature and low birth weight babies as measured by the pre-test/post-test
- of the 30 youth who participate in the program, 24 will gain insight into perinatal issues and health beliefs in their community as measured by the pre-test/post-test

This Agreement is in the best interest of the County in terms of public health because long term goals of this project are to reduce the rates of low birth weight and premature births in Mt. Vernon and Peekskill by disseminating information on creating healthy lifestyles in the teen years and carrying that lifestyle into adulthood. If this resolution were not approved, youth would not have the knowledge or opportunity to prevent pregnancy, make healthy lifestyle choices and learn health beliefs as related to premature and low weight babies and health issues that affect them.

The program has successfully met all goals and objectives, reaching more youth than required by the contract. Each of the goals and objectives as stated above were tracked and monitored through monthly, quarterly and annual reports, Report Cards and by bi-yearly site visits from Youth Bureau Program Monitors. Various 2009 reports are attached for review.

This Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to section 3(a)xviii thereof.

In light of the above, I most respectfully request that your Honorable Board authorize the County to enter into the aforementioned Assignment Agreement.

MEF/MKC/jg

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Executive Director of the Westchester County Youth Bureau, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County") is hereby authorized to enter into an assignment agreement (the "Assignment Agreement") with the Children's Hospital Foundation at WMC ("CHF") and the Regional Medical Genetics Center ("RMGC"), for the assignment by CHF to RMGC of its agreement with the County for the operation of the Healthy from Birth to Life Program for the period from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2011, for the balance of the contract term, effective upon execution of the Assignment Agreement by all parties and approval of same by the Office of the Westchester County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee, is authorized and empowered to execute and deliver all instruments and to take all actions necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of this resolution.

Account to be charged/credited	Fund	Dept. code	Unit #	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
<u>Invest in Kids 2010</u>	101	52	2081	5100		\$N/A
<u>Invest in Kids 2011</u>	101	52	2081	5100		\$N/A

Budget Funding Year(s) 2009-11 Start Date January 1, 2009 End Date December 31, 2011
(must match resolution)

2010 Funding Source Tax Dollars \$50,000
\$ 76,923 Other \$26,923 (provided by the agency)
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