

**[79648]**

DATE: September 23, 2020

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Michael Orth, MSW  
Commissioner, Department of Community Mental Health

SUBJECT: Authority to amend the agreement with PEOPLE: Projects to Empower and Organize the Psychiatrically Labeled, Inc. (“People, Inc.”), whereby People, Inc. manages a Crisis Stabilization Team which provides pre-arrest alternative to incarceration care coordination services for individuals in White Plains and surrounding communities with mental health and substance use disorder needs, in order to exercise the first of the County’s two options to renew the agreement for a one-year period commencing on October 1, 2020 and continuing through September 30, 2021.

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By resolution of your Honorable Board on September 26, 2019 (the “Resolution”), the County of Westchester (the “County”), acting by and through its Department of Community Mental Health (the “Department”), was authorized to enter into an agreement (the “Agreement”) with PEOPLE: Projects to Empower and Organize the Psychiatrically Labeled, Inc. (“People, Inc.”), pursuant to which People, Inc. manages a crisis stabilization team (“CST”) providing pre-arrest alternative to incarceration care services for individuals with mental health and substance use disorder needs (the “Services”), for a term commencing on October 1, 2019 and continuing through September 30, 2020 for an amount not-to-exceed \$444,353.00, with the County having the sole option to renew the agreement for up to two one-year periods. The Agreement was subsequently executed.

The County now respectfully requests authority from your Honorable Board to enter into an amendment to the Agreement (the “First Amendment”) in order to exercise its first one-year option to extend the term thereof by one year to expire on September 30, 2021 and to increase the not-to-exceed amount thereof by \$444,353.00, to a new total not-to-exceed amount of \$888,706.00.

Except as specifically described above, all terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

The proposed First Amendment will serve a public purpose by continuing to provide pre-arrest alternative to incarceration care services to individuals with mental health and substance use disorder needs.

The goal and objective of the proposed First Amendment is to prevent the arrest and incarceration of people living with serious behavioral issues, by providing intervention, assistance and care coordination.

The goals and objectives of the proposed First Amendment will be tracked and monitored by the Department

Accordingly, I respectfully recommend the adoption of the attached Resolution.

MO/TP/JRC  
Attachment

**RESOLUTION**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester (the “County”) is hereby authorized to amend its agreement with PEOPLE: Projects to Empower and Organize the Psychiatrically Labeled, Inc.(“People, Inc.”), pursuant to which People, Inc, manages a crisis stabilization team which provides pre-arrest alternative to incarceration care coordination services for individuals with mental health and substance use disorder needs, for a term commencing on October 1, 2019 and continuing through September 30, 2020 for an amount not-to-exceed \$444,353, in order to exercise its first one-year option to extend the term thereof by one year to expire on September 30, 2021 and to increase the not-to-exceed amount thereof by \$444,353.00, to a new total not-to-exceed amount of \$888,706; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed budget of the State of New York and/or the adoption of the State budget or any amendments thereto, and after the County has a reasonable period of time to conduct an analysis of the impacts of such budget(s) on County finances, to terminate the agreement authorized herein or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to People, Inc., then People, Inc. shall have the right to terminate the 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.

Account to be Charged/Credited

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Dept</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Object/ Sub Object/</b>	<b>Trust Account</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Dollars</b>
263	26	177V	4380	T177	4000	444,353

Budget Funding Year(s) 2020-2021 Start Date: October 1, 2020 End Date: September 30, 2021  
(must match resolution)

Funding Source: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Dollars: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Aid: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Federal Aid: \$ 444,353 (pass through NYS OMH) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\$444,353  
 (must match resolution)