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County Executive

Department of Community Mental Health

Michael Orth, M.S.W.  
Commissioner

[85258]

Date: May 24, 2021

To: Honorable Members  
Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

Dr. Sherlita Amler, M.D.,  
Commissioner, Department of Health

Dr. Aleksandar Milovanovic, M.D.,  
Acting Medical Examiner, Department of Laboratories & Research

Subject: Request authority to amend a resolution approved on May 13, 2021, which authorized the County of Westchester to, among other things, enter into a grant agreement with Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene, Inc., to accept a grant in an amount of \$10,000.00, for the County to continue to participate in a project entitled "Learning from Loss: Using Suicide Fatality Review for Effective Prevention Activities," for an additional period of one year, from May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022, in order to revise the grantor's name from Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene, Inc. to Mental Health Association in New York State, Inc.

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By resolution approved on May 13, 2021 ("May 13<sup>th</sup> Resolution"), your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Community Mental Health ("Department"), to, among other things, enter into a grant agreement with Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene, Inc. ("RFMH"), in order for the County to accept grant funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 ("Grant"), for the County to continue to participate in the project entitled "Learning from Loss: Improving Suicide Fatality Review for Effective Prevention Activities" ("Project"), for an additional period of one year, from May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022. The grant agreement was not executed.

By way of background, by resolution approved on December 5, 2019 ("2019 Resolution"), your Honorable Board authorized the County, to enter into two (2) successive agreements with RFMH, in order to accept two (2) separate grants (collectively, the "Prior Grant"), each in the amount of \$48,000.00, for a total aggregate amount of \$96,000.00, for successive periods of one year, from May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020 and from May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021, for an effective, overall period from May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2021, for the Department, together with the Department of Health and the Department of Laboratories & Research, pursuant to a separate inter-departmental agreement, to participate in the Project. Pursuant to the 2019 Resolution, your Honorable Board also authorized the County, to enter into a sub-

awardee agreement (“MHA Agreement”) with The Mental Health Association of Westchester County, Inc. (“MHA”), in an amount not to exceed \$20,500.00, for the County to obtain consultation and support services for the Project’s staff in various areas related to the Project, for the period from May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2021 and to enter into a data sharing agreement (the “Data Sharing Agreement”) with the New York State Office of Mental Health (the “OMH”) to share information collected by the Medical Examiner on individuals who died in Westchester County by suicide, for the period from May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2021.

The Department has been advised by OMH, that Mental Health Association in New York State, Inc. (“MHANYS”) has been awarded a grant to continue the Project for the period from May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022. Accordingly, the County, acting by and through the Department, now seeks authority from your Honorable Board to amend the May 13<sup>th</sup> Resolution in order to revise the name of the grantor from RFMH to MHANYS since the grant agreement (“Grant Agreement”) will be executed between MHANYS and the County, for the County to continue to participate in the Project.

The objective of the Grant is to continue to improve the current system for suicide death reporting and prevention initiatives at the State and local levels.

Except as otherwise specifically amendment hereby, all remaining terms and conditions set forth in the May 13<sup>th</sup> Resolution shall remain unchanged.

Therefore, authority is hereby respectfully requested from your Honorable Board to adopt the attached resolution.

MO/CMC/TP

**RESOLUTION**

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Community Mental Health, Commissioner of the Department of Health and Acting Medical Examiner of the Department of Laboratories & Research be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the resolution approved on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (the “May 13<sup>th</sup> Resolution”), which authorized the County of Westchester (the “County”) to, among other things, enter into a grant agreement (“Grant Agreement”) with Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene, Inc. (the “RFMH”), to accept a grant in the total amount of \$10,000.00, to continue to participate in the project entitled “Learning from Loss: Using Suicide Fatality Review for Effective Prevention Activities” (the “Project”), for an additional period of one (1) year, from May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022, is hereby amended to revise the grantor’s name from RFMH to Mental Health Association in New York State, Inc.; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that except as otherwise specifically amended hereby, all remaining terms and conditions set forth in the May 13<sup>th</sup> Resolution shall remain the same; 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

	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars

Budget Funding Year(s) 2021-2022 Start Date: 05/01/21 End Date: 04/30/2022  
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars: \_\_\_\_\_  
State Aid: \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Aid: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

(must match the resolution)