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DATE: August 17, 2021

TO: Board of Acquisition & Contract

FROM: Mae Carpenter, Commissioner
Department of Senior Programs and Services

RE: Authority to enter into an agreement with Westchester Public/Private Membership Fund for Aging Services, Inc. to provide a Telehealth Intervention Program for Seniors under Unmet Need Program, for an amount not-to-exceed \$100,000 in State funds, subject to an approved budget, for the program period commencing on April 1, 2021 and continuing through September 30, 2021.

The County of Westchester, (the "County"), acting by and through the Department of Senior Programs & Services (the "Department"), seeks authority from your Honorable Board to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with the Westchester Public/Private Membership Fund for Aging Services, Inc. (the "Contractor") to expand/provide a Telehealth Intervention Program for Seniors ("TIPS") under the Unmet Need program (the "Program") for an amount not to exceed \$100,000 in State funds, subject to an approved budget, for the program period commencing retroactive to April 1, 2021 and continuing through September 30, 2021.

It should be noted that NYSOFA recently informed the Department that it has extended the April 01, 2020 through March 30, 2021 Unmet Need Program period through September 30, 2021 in order to optimize utilization of the grant funds that were unexpended due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

These Unmet Need funding will allow for the expansion of services under the Program and will be used specifically to provide remote Patient Monitoring Kits for TIPS-at -Home which, benefits seniors.

The proposed Agreement will serve a public purpose by providing direct benefits towards improved mental and physical health status and lower out of pocket and system costs.

The goals and objectives of the proposed Agreement are to improve patient outcomes and to provide access to quality care at lower costs to the individual and taxpayers.

The goals and objectives of the proposed Agreement are in the best interests of the County in that keeping individuals healthy in their own homes has been shown through multiple US and international studies and reports to lower costs for both individuals and the health care system through fewer medical visits and hospitalizations, while also delivering effective preventive health services. In addition, aging-in-place is significantly less expensive than aging in an institutional health care centers. Therefore, services will ultimately reduce preventable physician and hospital interventions for congregate and community-dwelling

elderly and will have an impact on individual health status and wellbeing, as well as out-of-pocket costs.

The goals and objectives of the proposed Agreement will be tracked and monitored through monthly reporting activities submitted by the Contractor and by the Department through onsite reviews to determine if the contract performance goals and objectives are being met in a fiscally responsible and appropriate fashion.

The agreement with the Contractor is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3 (a) (xix) thereof.

Accordingly, I most respectfully recommend adoption of the attached proposed resolution.

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RESOLUTION

UPON COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES:

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the 'County') is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with the Westchester Public/Private Membership Fund for Aging Services, Inc. (the "Contractor") to provide a Telehealth Intervention Program for Seniors under the Unmet Need program (the "Program"), for an amount not to exceed \$100,000 in State funds, subject to an approved budget, for the program period commencing retroactive to April 1, 2021 and continuing through September 30, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreement with the Contractor is subject to County appropriations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreement with the Contractor is also subject to the further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the "State Budget") proposed and adopted during the term of these Agreements. 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 the Agreement with the Contractor or to renegotiate the amount and rate approved therein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Contractor, then the Contractor 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 be, and hereby is, authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be
Charged

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	85	T06V	4380	T1006	\$100,000

Budget Funding Year(s) 2020 Start Date: 4/1/2020 End Date: 9/30/2021
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars: \$0

State Aid; \$100,000

\$100,000 Federal Aid: \$0

(must match resolution)

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