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County Executive

Department of Community Mental Health

Michael Orth, M.S.W.  
Commissioner

**[109686]**

Date: August 20, 2024

To: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

Re: Resolution to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures, pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof, the procurement of additional community mental health services from National Alliance On Mental Illness of Westchester, Inc., under an amendment to its agreement to provide certain community mental health services.

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Authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures, pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof, the procurement of additional community mental health services (the "Additional Services"), for an amount not-to-exceed \$600,824.00, under an amendment (the "Amendment") to an agreement between the County of Westchester (the "County") and National Alliance On Mental Illness of Westchester, Inc. ("NAMI"), pursuant to which NAMI agreed to provide, pursuant to Articles 25 and 41 of the New York State Mental Hygiene Law, certain community mental health services, for the period from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2026, for an amount not-to-exceed \$260,181.00 (the "Agreement").

Your Honorable Board previously authorized the County to enter into an agreement with each of two other entities for certain community mental health services, which are the same as, or similar to, those provided by NAMI under the Agreement. However, both of those two entities advised the County that they were unable to contract with the County. In the meantime, the County, for well over two years, has been going without the services that were anticipated to be provided by the two aforementioned entities. Since the Agreement was executed in June of 2022, NAMI has been providing such community mental health services. Accordingly, the Department of Community Mental Health concluded that NAMI could most easily and expeditiously provide the Additional Services, for the period from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026.

Based upon the foregoing, it is proposed that the best interests of the County would be served by exempting from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures, pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof, the procurement of the Additional Services, under the proposed

Amendment.

I respectfully recommend the adoption of the attached resolution

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## RESOLUTION

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

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures, it is hereby determined that application of the procedural requirements contained therein, including the necessity of soliciting proposals, is neither cost effective nor expedient, and accordingly, not in the best interests of the County of Westchester (the "County") in connection with the procurement of additional community mental health services, effective January 1, 2024, for an amount not-to-exceed \$600,824.00, under an amendment (the "Amendment") to an agreement between the County and National Alliance On Mental Illness of Westchester, Inc. ("NAMI"), pursuant to which NAMI agreed to provide, pursuant to Articles 25 and 41 of the New York State Mental Hygiene Law, certain community mental health services, for the period from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2026, for an amount not-to-exceed \$260,181.00.

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