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County Executive

Department of Community Mental Health

Michael Orth, M.S.W.
Commissioner

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Date: October 14, 2025

To: Honorable Members
Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

Subject: Authority to enter into an agreement with PEOPLE: Projects to Empower And Organize The Psychiatrically Labeled, Inc. (People Inc.), whereby People Inc. will manage a Crisis Stabilization Team in White Plains which will provide pre-arrest Alternative to Incarceration Care Coordination services for individuals in all cities, towns, and villages within Westchester County with mental health and substance use disorder needs, for a term commencing retroactively on October 1, 2025 and continuing through September 30, 2028 for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,487,868.00, payable pursuant to an approved annual budget of \$495,956.00.

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Community Mental Health (the "Department"), to enter into an agreement with PEOPLE: Projects to Empower And Organize The Psychiatrically Labeled, Inc. ("People Inc.") (the "Agreement"), whereby People Inc. will manage a Crisis Stabilization Team ("CST") in White Plains, which will provide pre-arrest *Alternatives to Incarceration* ("ATI") Care Coordination services for individuals in White Plains and surrounding communities with mental health and substance use disorder needs (the "Services"). The Services to be provided by the CST will include: family support, peer support, and *Social Worker/Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor* ("CASAC") services. The term of the Agreement will commence retroactively on October 1, 2025 and continue through September 30, 2028. In consideration for Services to be rendered, the County shall pay People Inc. an amount not-to-exceed \$1,487,868.00, payable pursuant to an approved annual budget of \$495,956.

The catchment area for the CST will include all cities, towns, and villages within Westchester County. Upon becoming operational, the CST will liaise with law enforcement in each of these jurisdictions to initiate pre-arrest diversion, support those seeking to successfully participate in problem solving courts, and develop models for Criminal Procedure Law §730 (Competency) Diversion and will be available to local courts to assist with arrestees and arraignments for assessment and stabilization needs as part of Alternatives to Incarceration.

The CST will serve a public purpose by preventing the arrest and incarceration of people living with serious behavioral issues, by providing intervention, assistance and care coordination.

The Department has complied with sections 6 and 13 of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures. On August 16, 2025, the Department issued a Request for Proposals "RFP" seeking proposals from qualified agencies to provide the Services. The RFP was posted on the County website for RFPs and was also sent to the Department's county-wide provider distribution list. The Department received two (2) proposals in response to the RFP.

The Department evaluated both proposals carefully and determined that People Inc. satisfied all of the evaluation criteria set forth in the RFP and that it would be in the best interests of the County to enter into the Agreement with People Inc. It should be noted that People Inc. has satisfactorily provided these services for the County pursuant to prior agreements.

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

MO/AA
Attachment

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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 enter into an agreement ("Agreement") with PEOPLE: Projects to Empower And Organize The Psychiatrically Labeled, Inc.(People Inc.) whereby People Inc. will manage a Crisis Stabilization Team in White Plains, which will provide pre-arrest diversion, support those seeking to successfully participate in problem solving courts, and developing models for Criminal Procedure Law §730 (Competency) Diversion and will be available to local courts to assist with arrestees and arraignments for assessment and stabilization needs as part of *Alternatives to Incarceration*, for a term commencing retroactively on October 1, 2025 and continuing through September 30, 2028, for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,487,868.00, payable pursuant to an individual approved annual budget of \$495,956; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that the Agreement is subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the "State Budget") proposed and adopted during the term of each Agreement. 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 or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. 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 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	Unit	Object/ Sub Object/	Trust Account	Activity	Dollars
263	26	A177	4380	T177	4000	495,956
263	26	A177	9853	T177		495,956
263	26	B177	4380	T177	4000	495,956
263	26	B177	9853	T177		495,956
263	26	C177	4380	T177	4000	495,956
263	26	C177	9853	T177		495,956

Budget Funding Year(s) 2025-2028 Start Date: October 1, 2025 End Date: September 30, 2028
(must match resolution)

Funding Source:

Tax Dollars: _____

State Aid: _____

Federal Aid: \$1,487,868.00 (pass through NYS OMH) _____

\$1,487,868.00 Other: _____
(must match resolution)

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