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County Executive

Department of Correction

Joseph K. Spano
Commissioner

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To: Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Joseph K. Spano
Commissioner of Correction

Re: Authority to enter into a Third amendment to an agreement with New York Correct Care Solutions Medical Services P.C. for the provision of comprehensive medical, dental and mental health services for all individuals in the custody of the Westchester County Department of Correction commencing July 26, 2019 and terminating July 25, 2022, with the County of Westchester having the sole option to renew the agreement for three (3) additional one (1) year renewal periods, in order to exercise the second renewal option to extend the term of the agreement from July 26, 2023 through July 25, 2024, provide for personnel changes and adjust the Average Daily Population.

Pursuant to a resolution adopted by your Honorable Board on July 3, 2019, the County of Westchester ("County") and New York Correct Care Solutions Medical Services P.C. ("NYCCS") entered into an agreement for the provision of comprehensive medical, dental and mental health services for all individuals in the custody of the Westchester County Department of Correction in Valhalla, New York for the term July 26, 2019 through July 25, 2022 (the "Agreement"), with the County of Westchester ("County") having the sole option to renew the Agreement for three (3) additional one (1) year renewal periods, upon the same terms and conditions in the total amount not to exceed of \$44,156,082, payable annually and respectively at a rate of \$14,397,000 (year 1), \$14,764,082 (year 2) and \$14,995,000 (year 3), payable pursuant to an approved budget. The Agreement further provides that if the average daily population increases or decreases by ten percent (10%) above or below 1,100 inmates in any given quarter, there shall be an associated modification of the sum due to the contractor.

By a resolution adopted by your Honorable Board on March 24, 2022, the County was authorized to amend the Agreement to permit NYCCS to employ up to two unlicensed mental health professionals to work under the direct supervision of NYCCS's Director of Mental Health.

Pursuant to a resolution adopted by your Honorable Board on July 27, 2022, the County was authorized to exercise its first option to extend the Agreement for the one-year term from July 26, 2022 through July 25 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$14,995,000, payable pursuant to an approved budget.

Approval of your Honorable Board is now requested to authorize the County to enter into a third amendment to the Agreement in order to exercise the County's second renewal option to extend the term of the Agreement from July 26, 2023 through July 25, 2024. The third amendment will also change the title for the Nurse Educator position to Assistant Director of Nursing; and provide additional positions including a Registered Nurse ("RN") for the MAT program, RN for the Detox program, RN for detox/booking, and a medical records clerk. Additionally, the Average Daily Population will change from a base of 900 to 790 for the downward price adjustment and 900 for the upward price adjustment. For the services to be provided pursuant to the third amendment, the County will pay NYCCS a total amount not to exceed \$16,249,497.00, payable pursuant to an approved budget. All remaining terms and conditions of the Agreement, as previously amended, will remain unchanged.

Wellpath Budget 2023-2024			
Positions	FTEs	Hours	Annual Cost
2% increase from prior year			15,294,900.00
Detox RN	1.75	70	361,419.00
MAT RN	1.40	56	247,490.00
Detox/Booking RN	1.50	60	309,788.00
Medical Records Clerk	0.40	16	35,900.00
Total NTE			16,249,497.00

Working with Community Mental Health, St. Johns Riverside Hospital and their medical provider, Wellpath, the Westchester Department of Correction has successfully developed a comprehensive Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program to support residents diagnosed with an opiate disorder. MAT is considered a cornerstone of best practice for recovery from substance abuse, improves medical and mental health outcomes and reduces relapses and recidivism. New positions and related cost:

The Department of Correction (the "Department") by way of the Departments, medical contract monitor has reviewed NYCCS's performance over the past four years and has found that their services have met and/or exceeded nationally recognized best practices. They have been responsive to the County and have professionally provided medical, dental and mental health services to individuals in the custody of the Department.

Additionally, in 2019, in order to complement our internal reviews, The Department of Correction entered into an agreement with Island Peer Review Organization, Inc. d/b/a IPRO ("IPRO") where IPRO would provide comprehensive quality assurance services in evaluating all medical services, including mental health services, provided to incarcerated individuals. This contract also served a public purpose by providing a means for the County to ensure that medical services provided to

individuals at the County Jail were in compliance with National Commission of Correctional Health Care (“NCCHC”) standards. Since 2019 IPRO has conducted six evaluations and have found Wellpath in compliance with professionally recognized standards.

The goal of the proposed extension agreement is to provide adequate and humane health care to all individuals in the Department’s custody. The performance by NYCSS will be monitored by Department staff utilizing regular reports.

I recommend approval of the attached proposed resolution.

JKS/DLV/dv
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 08/31/2023 - JOAN COCCIARDI, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Correction, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (“County”) is hereby authorized to enter into a third amendment to the agreement with New York Correct Care Solutions Medical Services P.C. (“NYCCS”) for the provision of comprehensive medical, dental and mental health services for all individuals in the custody of the Westchester County Department of Correction commencing July 26, 2019 and terminating July 25, 2022, with the County of Westchester having the sole option to renew the agreement for three (3) additional one (1) year renewal periods (“Agreement”), in order to exercise the second renewal option to extend the term of the Agreement for the term from July 26, 2023 through July 25, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the third amendment shall also change the title for the Nurse Educator position to Assistant Director of Nursing, and provide additional positions including a Registered Nurse (“RN”) for the MAT program, RN for the Detox program, RN for detox/booking, and a medical records clerk. Additionally, the Average Daily Population shall change from a base of 900 to 790 for the downward price adjustment and 900 for the upward price adjustment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that for the services to be provided pursuant to the third amendment, the County shall pay NYCCS a total amount not to exceed \$16,249,497.00, payable pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all remaining terms and conditions of the Agreement, as previously amended, shall remain unchanged; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, or his duly authorized designee, is hereby authorized to execute such documents and take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be Charged/credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	101	35	1000	4380		\$15,294,900.00
	101	35	G068	4380	X068	\$954,597.00

Budget Funding Year(s) 2023-2024 Start Date 7/26/23 End Date 7/25/24
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \$16,249,497.00 _____
State Aid _____
\$16,249,497.00 Federal Aid _____
(must match resolution) Other _____