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Department of Correction

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**ONBASE # 113679**

DATE: May 11, 2026

TO: Westchester County Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Joseph K. Spano  
Commissioner, Department of Correction

RE: Authority for the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with St. John's Riverside Hospital for the provision of St. John's comprehensive substance use disorder treatment program to address the unique needs of County jail residents with substance use disorders, for a term commencing retroactively on January 1, 2026 and continuing through December 31, 2026, for an amount not to exceed \$899,350.00.

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Authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Correction ("DOC"), to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with St. John's Riverside Hospital ("St. John's") for the provision of St. John's comprehensive substance use disorder treatment program ("Behavioral Solutions Program") to address the unique needs of County jail (the "County Jail") residents with substance use disorders, for a term commencing retroactively on January 1, 2026 and continuing through December 31, 2026, for an amount not to exceed \$899,350.00, payable pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriations.

St. John's was selected to provide the services under the proposed Agreement because of their prior experience with the County Jail resident population relating to drug treatment. The County's prior agreement with St. John's for these services expired on December 31, 2025.

Substance use treatment is a key fundamental component in achieving criminal behavioral change because substance use is often a factor in criminal activity. Approximately 50% of the County's incarcerated population has been diagnosed with an addiction. Combining prison and community based treatment for drug addicted offenders often reduces the risk of recidivism and drug-related criminal behavior.

The Behavioral Solutions Program at the County Jail impacts public safety because it treats addiction and addresses the unique needs of both males and females with substance use disorders at the facility. Through education on addiction, recovery, and supportive transition back into the community, offenders at the County Jail are given the opportunity to successfully reintegrate back into their community. It is well known that there is a high correlation between drug use and criminal activity. St John's Behavioral Solutions Program offers County Jail residents the learning tools and strategies necessary for recovery from addiction and how to break the cycle of arrest and incarceration.

The Behavioral Solutions Program provides quality addiction treatment services with an emphasis on relapse prevention, improved conduct, and program participation to residents while at the County Jail. All participants will receive a comprehensive discharge plan for continued support in the community.

Over the past 12 months:

- 194 County Jail residents participated in the male Behavioral Solutions Program.
- 152 County Jail residents completed the Behavioral Solutions Program prior to release into the community.
- 74 female County Jail residents were admitted to the female Behavioral Solutions Program.
- 38 female County Jail residents completed the female Behavioral Solutions Program.
- 418 female County Jail residents participated in weekly addiction support group.

The substance use treatment provided by the Behavioral Solutions Program at the County Jail is an important component of the offender's ability to successfully transition back to the community.

The goals and objectives of the proposed Agreement are to address the unique needs of both male and female County Jail residents with substance use disorders through education on addiction, recovery and transition back into the community:

1. To provide education about addiction and recovery and the relationship to functional life areas.
2. County Jail resident learning of the tools and strategies necessary for recovery from addiction and breaking the cycle of arrest and incarceration.
3. Provision of quality addiction treatment services with an emphasis on relapse prevention.
4. Improved conduct and program participation while a County Jail resident at DOC.
5. Via a comprehensive discharge plan successful transition to community and reduction in risk for relapse and recidivism.

The DOC will track and monitor the proposed Agreement by conducting quarterly program evaluations. Additionally, an annual report will be completed to determine program effectiveness and the achievement of the stated goals and objectives.

The proposed Agreement is exempt from the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures pursuant to Section 3(a)(xvii) thereof, which exempts any “procurement for the purpose of entering into a contract or contracts with persons to provide care, treatment, counseling, referral or rehabilitative or preventative services to individuals with mental illness, intellectual/developmental disabilities, and those experiencing addiction and/or substance abuse.”

Accordingly, I respectfully recommend your Honorable Board’s approval of the attached Resolution.

JKS/KM/mcz  
Attachment

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## RESOLUTION

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

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Correction, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with St. John's Riverside Hospital ("St. John's"), for the provision of St. John's comprehensive substance use disorder treatment program to address the unique needs of County jail residents with substance use disorders, for a term commencing retroactively on January 1, 2026 and continuing through December 31, 2026, for an amount not to exceed \$899,350.00, payable pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

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

**RESOLVED** that this Agreement is also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the "State Budget") proposed and adopted during the term of this 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 this Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to St. John's, then St. John's shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that the County Executive or his/her duly authorized designee is hereby authorized and empowered to execute and deliver any instruments and take any and all actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

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Account to be  
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
101	35	1000	4380		\$899,350.00

Budget Funding Year(s) 2026 Start Date 01/01/2026 End Date 12/31/2026  
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \$ 899,350.00

State Aid \_\_\_\_\_

\$899,350.00 Federal Aid \_\_\_\_\_

(must match resolution)

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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