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DATE: December 2, 2025

TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Sherlita Amler, M.D.
Commissioner of Health

Re: Authority for the County of Westchester to further amend an agreement with St. John's Riverside Hospital, for the Maternal & Child Health Partnership Pilot Initiative Program to address and improve Black maternal and child health outcomes and reduce racial health inequities in the County, for a term commencing on July 1, 2024 and terminating on December 31, 2025, for a revised total amount not-to-exceed \$660,000, in order to extend the term thereof from December 31, 2025 through June 30, 2026 to allow for completion of certain elements of the scope of work

By resolution approved on November 23, 2022 (the "November 23rd Resolution"), your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Health (the "Department"), to enter into an agreement with St. John's Riverside Hospital ("SJRH"), pursuant to which SJRH would provide the Maternal & Child Health Partnership Pilot Initiative Program ("Pilot Program") to address and improve Black maternal and child health outcomes and reduce racial health inequities in the County, for an initial term commencing on January 1, 2023 and terminating on June 30, 2024 for an amount not-to-exceed \$330,000, payable monthly pursuant to an approved budget, with the County reserving an option to renew the agreement for an additional 18 month period, from July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025, on the same terms, conditions and budgets as provided under the initial term (the "Agreement").

The November 23rd Resolution was thereafter amended by your Honorable Board by Resolution approved on January 5, 2023 (the "January 5th Resolution"), in order to authorize one subcontractor and to change the payment interval from monthly to quarterly. This Agreement was subsequently duly executed.

By resolution approved on June 13, 2024 (the "June 13th Resolution"), your Honorable Board authorized the County to amend the Agreement in order to: (i) exercise its option to renew the Agreement with SJRH to continue the Pilot Program, for a term commencing on July 1, 2024 and terminating on December 31, 2025 (the "Option Term"), in the amount not-to-exceed \$330,000, thereby increasing the total contract amount to \$660,000, payable quarterly pursuant to an approved budget; (ii) authorize a list of subcontractors to perform a portion of the services during the Option Term; and (iii) modify the scope of work to include the planning and implementation of a "TeamBirth" Initiative (the "First Amendment"). The First Amendment was subsequently executed.

Under the terms of the Agreement, as amended by the First Amendment, SJRH was to provide services consisting of technical and administrative support to maintain a Black Maternal & Child Center of Excellence (BMCCE) facilitated by Sister to Sister International and in collaboration with other community partners, continued bias training and coaching for all SJRH maternity staff and third and fourth year medical students, and the planning and implementation of a TeamBirth initiative.

SJRH has recently informed the County that due to an unanticipated significant vouchering delay by one of SJRH's subcontractors, timely budget modifications required to spend down all funds were not possible. In addition, there have been some delays in executing the complete video production which is a project SJRH intends to complete in 2026.

Therefore, the County is hereby requesting authority to further amend the Agreement with SJRH in order to extend the term thereof from December 31, 2025 through June 30, 2026, to allow for the completion of certain elements of the scope of work.

The proposed Agreement will serve an important public purpose by improving Black maternal and child health outcomes and reducing racial health inequities in Westchester County by addressing these inequities and through capacity building of key community partners.

The goal of the program is to continue to support:

- The Health Equity programming in the Maternity Unit and through the CARES Committee (Committee for Achieving Regional Equity in Healthcare)
- Overall Health equity goals through input of the hospital's consumers using surveys and focus groups
- Continued implicit bias training and coaching for staff
- Introduction of evidence-based practices, including TeamBirth, to improve experience and outcomes for Black birthing people

The objectives of the program are to:

- Develop dashboards to quickly communicate data on health equity to our community members.
- Review and update maternity unit policies & job descriptions to align with implicit bias efforts
- Continue to increase patient satisfaction levels for Black birthing individuals
- Decrease the number of C-sections among NTSV births among all birthing people
- Achieve equity in C-sections by decreasing the number of C-sections among all Black birthing people
- Increase the percentage of Black birthing people who choose to deliver at SJRH

- Implement the TeamBirth principles and interventions within the maternity unit at SJRH to decrease the C-section rate among NTSV births and increase the satisfaction of Black birthing people with the hospital's services.
- Provide one educational video for use in the maternity unit by December 31, 2024.

The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored by the Department on a quarterly basis through quantitative and qualitative reporting that tracks progress towards goals and objectives above.

The Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy (the "Policy") pursuant to Section 3(a) viii thereof, which exempts contracts for medical and health related services.

Except as specifically amended herein, all other terms and conditions of the existing option Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

Accordingly, authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County to enter into this Amendment.

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Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 12/11/2025 - RAYMOND S. SISKY, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Health, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Health (the "Department"), is hereby authorized to further amend an agreement with St. John's Riverside Hospital ("SJRH"), for the Maternal & Child Health Partnership Pilot Initiative Program to address and improve Black maternal and child health outcomes and reduce racial health inequities in the County, for a term commencing on July 1, 2024 and terminating on December 31, 2025 for a revised total not-to-exceed amount of \$660,000, payable quarterly pursuant to an approved budget (the "Agreement"), in order to extend the term thereof from December 31, 2025 through June 30, 2026, to allow for the completion of certain elements of the scope of work; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that except as specifically amended hereby, all remaining terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect; 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 the State Budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable period of time after such release(s) or Adoptions(s), to conduct an analysis 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 the Contractor, then the Contractor shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

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

Original Agreement	\$330,000
First Amendment	\$330,000
Second Amendment	\$ 0
This Option	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$660,000

Agreement # _____

<u>Account to be Charged/Credited</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Dept</u>	<u>Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit</u>	<u>Object/ Sub-Object</u>	<u>Trust Account</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
	N/A					

Budget Funding Year(s)
(must match resolution) 2024-2026 Start Date 07/01/2024 End Date 06/30/2026

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Tax Dollars</u>	_____
	<u>State Aid</u>	_____
<u>\$</u>	<u>Federal Aid</u>	_____
<u>(must match resolution)</u>	<u>Other</u>	_____

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