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To: Honorable Members
Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

Re: Authority to further amend an agreement with Mental Health Empowerment Project, Inc., for the provision of workforce/Peer training services under the "Westchester County Opioid Response and Overdose Prevention Initiative," in order to add Friends of Recovery Westchester, Inc. as an approved subcontractor.

By resolution approved by your Honorable Board on September 28, 2023 ("September 2023 Resolution"), the County of Westchester (the 'County'), acting by and through its Department of Community Mental Health (the 'Department') was authorized to enter into nine agreements (individually, the "Agreement," and collectively, the "Agreements") with nine entities listed below, to provide addiction and opioid use disorder services including treatment, prevention, harm reduction, workforce issues and training for the period July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024, in a total aggregate amount not to exceed \$2,654,811, with the County having the sole option to renew the term of each Agreement for up to two (2) one-year terms. The Agreements were subsequently executed.

On January 16, 2025, your Honorable Board approved a resolution ("January 2025 Resolution") authorizing the County to amend the Agreements (individually, the "First Amendment," and collectively, the 'First Amendments') in order for the County to exercise the first of its two (2) options to extend the term of each Agreement for one additional year, commencing on January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, and to increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$1,652,832, from a total aggregate amount not to exceed \$2,654,811 to a new total aggregate not to exceed amount of \$4,307,643. The First Amendments were subsequently executed, except for the First Amendment with Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc. ("WJCS").

On July 17, 2025, your Honorable Board approved a resolution authorizing the County to amend the January 2025 Resolution in order to increase the not-to-exceed amount under the First Amendment with WJCS by \$78,086, from a total not-to-exceed amount of \$50,983.00 to a total amount not-to-exceed \$129,060.00, in order to implement the treatment training portion set forth in the original Agreement; and (ii) reflect an increase to the total aggregate not-to-exceed amount under the Agreements of \$78,086, from \$4,307,643 to \$4,385,729. The First Amendment with WJCS was subsequently executed.

On November 26, 2025, your Honorable Board authorized the County to further amend the Agreements (the “Second Amendments”) in order for the County to exercise the second and last option to extend the term of each Agreement for one additional year, commencing January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, and to increase the total aggregate amount under the Agreements by \$1,592,445, from a total aggregate amount of \$4,385,729.00 to a new total aggregate amount of \$5,978,174, to be paid pursuant to the below individual approved program budgets:

Agency	Service	Contract Period 7/1/23 - 12/31/24	First Amendment Term 01/01/25 - 12/31/25	Second Amendment Term 01/01/26 - 12/31/26
Lexington Center for Recovery, Inc.	Treatment	\$ 395,237.00	\$ 242,125.00	\$ 222,755
Family Services of Westchester, Inc.	Treatment	\$ 330,278.00	\$ 220,185.00	\$ 202,570
Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc.	Treatment/Trainin	\$ 234,988.00	\$ 129,069.00	\$ 118,743
St. John's Riverside Hospital	Treatment	\$ 380,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 230,000
Partnership to End Addiction	Prevention	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 368,000
Family Services of Westchester, Inc.	Recovery	\$ 176,434.00	\$ 117,623.00	\$ 108,213
Urban League of Westchester County, Inc.	Harm Reduction	\$ 249,458.00	\$ 166,305.00	\$ 153,001
Cornerstone Family Healthcare	Harm Reduction	\$ 173,416.00	\$ 115,611.00	\$ 106,362
Mental Health Empowerment Project, Inc.	Workforce/Peers	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 82,800
		\$ 2,654,811.44	\$ 1,730,918.00	\$ 1,592,445
			Second Amendment total:	\$ 5,978,174

The Second Amendments were subsequently executed or are in the process of being executed.

Authority is now hereby requested from your Honorable Board for the County to further amend (“Third Amendment”) the agreement with Mental Health Empowerment Project, Inc. (“MHEP”), in order to authorize Friends of Recovery Westchester Inc. as an approved subcontractor to assist MHEP with the Workforce/Peer training services during the last renewal term, expiring December 31, 2026.

Except as specifically described above, all terms and conditions of the Agreements shall remain in full force and effect.

The proposed Third Amendment will serve a public purpose by continuing to support overarching service themes which include service integration to best treat co-occurring disorders, service equity, and meaningful evaluation that demonstrates reduced suffering and positive impacts on the social determinants of health.

The Department has complied with the Westchester County Procurement Policy as detailed in the September 2023 Resolution.

Authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County to enter into the proposed Third Amendment.

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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”), acting by and through its Department of Community Mental Health (the ‘Department’), is hereby authorized to further amend (“Third Amendment”) the agreement with Mental Health Empowerment Project, Inc. (“MHEP”), for the provision of workforce/peer training services, in order to authorize Friends of Recovery Westchester Inc. as an approved subcontractor to provide Workforce/Peer training services under the MHEP agreement during the last renewal term, commencing on January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED that all terms and conditions of the agreement shall remain in full force and effect; 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.	Major Program, Program & Phase or unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2026	263	26	Y071	4380	T071	N/A

Budget Funding Year(s) 2026 Start Date: 01/01/2026 End Date: 12/31/2026

Funding Source (must match resolution)
Tax Dollars: \$ _____
State Aid: **N/A** _____
Federal Aid: _____
Other: _____

N/A
(must match the resolution)