

ONBASE# 109827

DATE: October 4, 2024

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Joseph K. Spano
Commissioner of Correction

RE: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with St. John's Riverside Hospital ("St. John's"), pursuant to which St. John's will operate a comprehensive substance use disorder treatment program to address the unique needs of male and female jail residents with substance use disorders while incarcerated at the Westchester County correctional facility, for an amount not to exceed \$899,350.00, for a term commencing January 1, 2025 and expiring December 31, 2025.

Authority is 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 ("Agreement") with St. John's Riverside Hospital ("St. John's"), pursuant to which St. John's will operate a comprehensive substance use disorder treatment program ("Behavioral Solutions Program") to address the unique needs of male and female jail residents with substance use disorders while incarcerated at the Westchester County correctional facility ("County's Jail"). The County will pay St. John's an amount not to exceed \$899,350.00, pursuant to an approved budget, for the one (1) year period commencing January 1, 2025 and expiring December 31, 2025.

St. John's was selected to provide the services under the proposed Agreement because of their prior experience with the jail resident population relating to drug treatment. The County's agreement with St. John's for these services will expire on December 31, 2024.

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 our 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's Jail impacts public safety because it treats addiction and addresses the unique needs of both male and female with substance use disorders at the facility. Through education on addiction, recovery and supportive transition back into the community, offenders at the County's 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. The aforesaid St John's drug treatment program offers 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 jail residents while at the County's Jail.

Over the past 12 months:

- 193 jail residents participated in the Male Solutions drug program
- 153 jail residents completed the program prior to release to the community
- 47 female jail residents were admitted to the female Solutions program
- 28 female jail residents completed the female Solutions program

The substance use treatment provided by the Behavioral Solutions Program at the County's 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 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. 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 jail resident at DOC.
5. Successful transition to community and reduction in risk for relapse and recidivism.

The DOC will track and monitor the 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.

This Agreement is exempt from the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)(xvii).

Accordingly, approval of the attached resolution is most respectfully requested.

JKS/mz
Attachment

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Correction, is authorized to enter an agreement (“Agreement”) with St. John’s Riverside Hospital (“St. John’s”), pursuant to which St. John’s will operate a comprehensive substance use disorder treatment program to address the unique needs of male and female jail residents with substance use disorders while incarcerated at the Westchester County correctional facility, for an amount not to exceed \$899,350.00, for a term commencing January 1, 2025 and expiring December 31, 2025; 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 authorized designee is hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions reasonably necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Account to be Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
101	35	1000	4230		\$736,615
711	35	011X	4230	T011	\$162,735

Budget Funding Year(s) 2025 Start Date 01/01/2025 End Date 12/31/2025
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \$ 736,615

State Aid _____

\$899,350.00 Federal Aid _____
(must match resolution)

Other INMATE TRUST FUND \$ 162,735