

**113157**

DATE: March 3, 2026

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, pursuant to which St. John's Riverside Hospital agreed to provide 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 June 30, 2026, for a revised total amount not-to-exceed \$660,000.00, in order to i) retroactively expand the agreement's scope of work for the continued support of TeamBirth initiative to reduce C-section rates and enhance pre-birth education to improve childbirth experiences and outcomes, effective January 1, 2026; ii) increase the not-to-exceed amount authorized thereunder by an additional amount not to exceed \$220,000.00, for a total aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$880,000.00, payable quarterly pursuant to an approved budget; iii) extend the term of the agreement from June 30, 2026 through December 31, 2026; and (iv) authorize the use of four (4) subcontractors.

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By resolution approved on November 23, 2022 (the "November 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> Resolution was amended on January 5, 2023 (the "January 5<sup>th</sup> Resolution"), in order to authorize one subcontractor and to change the payment interval from monthly to quarterly. This Agreement was duly executed.

By resolution approved on June 13, 2024 (the "June 13<sup>th</sup> Resolution"), your Honorable Board authorized the County to amend the Agreement with SJRH in order to: (i) exercise its option to renew the existing Agreement, for a term commencing on July 1, 2024 and terminating on December 31, 2025 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 services during the option term; and (iii) modify the scope of work (the “First Amendment”). The First Amendment was subsequently executed.

Under the terms of 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.

By resolution approved on December 11, 2025 (the “December 11<sup>th</sup> Resolution”), your Honorable Board authorized the County to further amend the Agreement for the sole purpose of extending the term thereof from December 31, 2025 through June 30, 2026, in order to allow for completion of certain elements of the scope of work by one of SJRH’s subcontractors and for timely budget modifications required to spend down all funds (“Second Amendment”). The Second Amendment has been executed.

To that end, the County, acting by and through its Department, is now requesting authority to further amend the Agreement with SJRH, as amended, in order to i) retroactively expand the Agreement’s scope of work for the continued support of TeamBirth initiative to reduce C-section rates and enhance pre-birth education to improve childbirth experiences and outcomes, effective January 1, 2026; ii) increase the not-to-exceed amount authorized thereunder by an additional amount not to exceed \$220,000.00, for a total aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$880,000.00, payable quarterly pursuant to an approved budget; and iii) extend the term of the agreement from June 30, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

The parties also contemplate that SJRH would use the following subcontractors to perform a portion of the services under the Agreement:

Boston Children’s Health Physicians, LLP  
400 Columbus Avenue, Suite 200 East  
Valhalla, NY 10595

Services: Additional evening and/or weekend hours for neonatologist (Team Birth integrated) coverage. Funds will be used to compensate for time on-site, NOT to reimburse for care provided.

IOE Total Consulting (Cheryl Hunter Grant)  
5 Caspian Road  
Cortlandt Manor, NY 10566

Services: Support internal evaluation of maternal health project, including evaluation of C-Section rates. Connect pre-natal and post-natal patients to community resources, including community doula support. Support pre-birth education on accessing doula services & TeamBirth.

Beryl Weaver  
357 N Broadway, #1K  
Yonkers, NY 10701

Services: Connect pre-natal and post-natal patients to community resources, including community doula support. Support pre-birth education on accessing doula services & TeamBirth.

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Services: Continue to support Team Birth implementation through data collection and analysis, ongoing coaching, and new provider training. Team Birth is a care process innovation that aims to promote communication, teamwork, and shared decision-making in labor to improve childbirth experiences and outcomes for mothers, babies, and families.

The proposed Amendment 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:

- Evidence-based practices, including TeamBirth, to improve experience and outcomes for Black birthing people.
- Evaluation of Nulliparous, Term, Singleton, Vertex (NTSV) C-Section rates and efforts to reduce racial disparities in NTSV C-Section rates.
- Improved access to high quality care for high-risk deliveries by integrating a nights/weekends neonatologist into the Team Birth framework.
- Educating and referring pregnant patients to community resources, including community doula support.

The objectives of the program are to:

- Decrease the percentage of C-Sections among NTSV births among all birthing people from 32.3% to 23.6% by March 2030.
- Achieve equity in C-sections by decreasing the number of C-sections among all Black birthing people from 41.6% to 23.5% by 2030.
- Achieve racial equity in patient experience as measured by the Team Birth *Mothers Autonomy in Decision Making* (MADM) survey.
- Reach 200 perinatal patients with information on and referrals to community resources, including community doula services.

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 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.

SA/dc  
Attachment

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## 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"), pursuant to which SJRH agreed to provide 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 June 30, 2026, for a revised total not-to-exceed amount of \$660,000 (the "Agreement"), in order to i) retroactively expand the Agreement's scope of work for the continued support of TeamBirth initiative to reduce C-section rates and enhance pre-birth education to improve childbirth experiences and outcomes, effective January 1, 2026; ii) increase the not-to-exceed amount authorized thereunder by an additional amount not to exceed \$220,000.00 to pay for the additional services rendered, for a total aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$880,000.00, payable quarterly pursuant to an approved budget; and iii) extend the term of the Agreement from June 30, 2026 through December 31, 2026; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that SJRH is hereby authorized to subcontract with the following agencies to perform a portion of the services under the Agreement:

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**RESOLVED**, that except as specifically amended hereby, all remaining terms and conditions of the existing 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  
 Third Amendment       \$220,000  
 TOTAL                     \$880,000

Agreement #

<u>Account to be Charged/Credited</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Dept</u>	<u>Major Program, Program &amp; Phase or Unit</u>	<u>Object/ Sub-Object</u>	<u>Trust Account</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
		101	27	0010-4000	4380	

Budget Funding Year(s)  
 (must match resolution)    2023-2026    Start Date    01/01/2023    End Date    12/31/2026

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Tax Dollars</u>	<u>\$220,000</u>
	<u>State Aid</u>	_____
<u>\$220,000</u>	<u>Federal Aid</u>	_____
<u>(must match resolution)</u>	<u>Other</u>	_____

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