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DATE: April 29, 2022

TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

Marguerite Beirne, Chief Information Officer
Department of Information Technology

SUBJECT: Request authority for the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with Coordinated Care Services, Inc. to develop fidelity assessments, performance monitoring and sustainability assessments in order to evaluate and improve the performance and fiscal sustainability of newly created Mobile Crisis Response Teams under the County's Project Alliance Initiative, for a term commencing on May 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023, for an amount not to exceed \$75,000, pursuant to an approved budget.

Authority is hereby requested from your Honorable Board for the County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through its Department of Community Mental Health ("DCMH"), to enter into a consulting agreement ("Agreement") with Coordinated Care Services, Inc. ("CCSI"), pursuant to which CCSI will develop fidelity assessments, performance monitoring and sustainability assessments in order to evaluate and improve the performance and fiscal sustainability of the newly created Mobile Crisis Response Teams ("MCRTs") under the County's Project Alliance. The County's Project Alliance Initiative is a multifaceted, cross-department initiative which includes implementing training opportunities, accessing mental health and substance use services, expanding the use of specialized teams to respond to county-wide behavioral/mental health crisis calls and exploration of co-response initiatives. The proposed Agreement will be for a period from May 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$75,000, payable monthly pursuant to an agreed upon payment schedule, and pursuant to an approved budget.

The goal of the Agreement is to develop the necessary performance assessment tools in order to properly evaluate MCRTs' performance and better establish well defined objectives and desired outcomes for such MCRTs, such as increased access to services, rapid response timelines, trauma informed response, access to immediate assessment of mental health needs, early intervention and diversion, effective engagement in care, effective care coordination and fiscal sustainability.

The proposed Agreement will serve a public purpose by developing measurement standards to facilitate tracking, monitoring, and quantifying continuous improvement across MCRTs and create a data reporting roadmap that will facilitate streamlined network management analysis, population health insights, financial sustainability planning, oversight, and quality improvement processes as well as to ensure successful funding capacity and sustainability

The goal and objective of the proposed Agreement will be tracked and monitored by the DCMH. CCSI will provide progress updates and developments on a monthly/project phase basis.

A Resolution of even date herewith has been submitted to exempt the procurement of the proposed Agreement from the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)xxi thereof as compliance with such policy would not be in the best interests of the County.

An appropriate Resolution is herewith attached for your Honorable Board's consideration.

MO/TP/cmc
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 05/12/2022 - RAYMOND SQUIN, SECRETARY

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, is hereby authorized to enter into a consulting agreement (the "Agreement") with Coordinated Care Services, Inc. ("CCSI"), pursuant to which CCSI will develop fidelity assessments, performance monitoring and sustainability assessments in order to evaluate and improve the performance and fiscal sustainability of the newly created Mobile Crisis Response Teams (MCRTs), under the County's Project Alliance Initiative. The proposed Agreement will be for a period from May 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000, payable pursuant to an agreed upon payment schedule; 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 CCSI, then CCSI 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 be, and hereby is, authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents and take any actions necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be charged/credited:

Funding Year(s)	Fund	Dept.	Major Program, Program & Phase, Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2022	101	26	2000	4380		\$75,000

Budget Funding Year(s) 2022
(must match resolution)

Start Date: 5/01/2022

End Date: 3/31/2023

\$75,000
(must match resolution)

Funding Source:

Tax Levy \$75,000

State Aid _____

Federal Aid _____

Other _____