



COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

January 13, 2014

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

**Re: Authorization to Contract with Horizon Village
IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION REQUESTED**

Dear Honorable Members:

Please find enclosed a memorandum and proposed resolution pertaining to the establishment of a 2014 contract with Horizon Village.

Existing New York State funding originally appropriated to Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services, Inc. ("ADDS") will be transferred to the Horizon Village for fiscal year 2014 to ensure the uninterrupted provision of services by the Erie County Department of Mental Health. The Department of Mental Health will commence a request for proposal process in order to choose a permanent provider for the continuation of the service.

If your Honorable Body requires any further information, please contact Commissioner Ellery Reaves at the Department of Mental Health. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark C. Poloncarz", is written over a faint, larger version of the signature.

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/mc
Enclosure

cc: Commissioner Ellery Reaves

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Erie County Department of Mental Health
Re: Authorization to Contract with Horizon Village
Date: January 13, 2014

SUMMARY

Existing New York State funding originally appropriated to Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services, Inc. ("ADDS") will be transferred to Horizon Village for fiscal year 2014 to ensure the uninterrupted provision of services by the Erie County Department of Mental Health.

The Department of Mental Health will commence a request for proposal process in order to choose a permanent provider for the continuation of the service tentatively planned to begin on July 1, 2014.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The funding for this action is derived entirely from New York State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services ("NYS OASAS"). These funds, originally budgeted for ADDS are now being transferred to Horizon Village for fiscal year 2014. No additional funding is necessary for this proposal.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Due to ADDS's loss of certification, Horizon Village will be providing crisis and inpatient services to individuals receiving medically monitored withdrawal and medically supervised withdrawal services. Horizon Village is certified through the NYS OASAS and provides comprehensive substance use disorder and rehabilitation services. Equipment purchased with State funding through the County will be transferred to the said provider of services. The proposed resolution assures that services will remain uninterrupted to individuals currently receiving crisis or inpatient services.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This is a transfer of funding from ADDS to Horizon Village to provide medically monitored withdrawal and medically supervised withdrawal services through the Erie County Department of Mental Health.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Failure to approve this action would disrupt the continuity of care for individuals currently receiving crisis/inpatient treatment for substance use disorders.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

An Erie County Department of Mental Health contract with Horizon Village will be executed and the Department will oversee this provider's program operations, performance goals and contract compliance activities

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**

Re: Authorization to Contract with Horizon Village

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Mental Health is responsible for the delivery of a comprehensive range of mental health and chemical dependency services for the residents of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services' loss of certification was effective midnight December 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide uninterrupted services the Department of Mental Health recommends that the County immediately contract with the Horizon Village effective January 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, funding estimated at approximately \$757,198 derived from New York State Aid and previously budgeted for Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services Inc. to provide medically monitored withdrawal and medically supervised withdrawal services; shall be made available to Horizon Village without the need for additional county funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that in order to provide uninterrupted medically monitored withdrawal and medically supervised withdrawal services the Department of Mental Health is authorized to initially suspend their normal request for proposals ("RFP") process and immediately enter into an agency provider contract until a comprehensive RFP process can identify an agency to provide the service on a permanent basis, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into a contract with Horizon Village for the period commencing January 1, 2014 and ending on the last day of service provided before the agency chosen through the County RFP process takes over the provision of service, approximately June 30, 2014, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to transfer funds in the 2014 Budget originally budgeted in account 517517 for Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services, in order cover the cost of the contracts with Horizon Village Inc. estimated at \$757,198, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be furnished to the Office of the County Executive, the Department of Mental Health, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Division of Budget and Management.