



COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

January 13, 2014

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

**Re: Authorization to Contract with Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services Foundation, Inc. and Renaissance Addiction Services, Inc.
IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION REQUESTED**

Dear Honorable Members:

Please find enclosed a memorandum and proposed resolution pertaining to the establishment of a 2014 contract with Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services Foundation, Inc. and Renaissance Addiction Services, Inc.

Existing New York State funding originally appropriated to Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services, Inc. will be transferred to the Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services Foundation, Inc. and Renaissance Addiction Services, Inc., 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,


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 the Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services Foundation, Inc. and Renaissance Addiction Services, Inc.
Date: January 13, 2014

SUMMARY

Existing New York State funding originally appropriated to Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services, Inc. (“ADDS”) will be transferred to the Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services Foundation, Inc. and Renaissance Addiction Services, Inc., 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 the Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services Foundation, Inc. and Renaissance Addiction Services, Inc. for fiscal year 2014. No additional funding is necessary for this proposal.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Due to ADDS’s loss of certification, Renaissance Addiction Services, Inc. will be established to provide the continuation of residential rehabilitation services to youth. The Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services Foundation, Inc. and Renaissance Addiction Services, Inc. will oversee a 62-bed residential treatment campus for chemically dependent adolescents. 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 youth receiving residential rehabilitation services.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This is a transfer of funding originally intended for ADDS to the Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services Foundation, Inc. and Renaissance Addiction Services, Inc. to provide residential treatment for chemically dependent adolescents through the Erie County Department of Mental Health.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Failure to approve this action would disrupt the continuity of care for youth receiving residential rehabilitation who are chemically dependent.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

An Erie County Department of Mental Health contract with the Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services Foundation, Inc. and Renaissance Addiction Services, Inc. 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 the Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services Foundation, Inc. and Renaissance Addiction Services, Inc.

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, a 2014 budget appropriation was allocated to Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services for provision of mental health and chemical dependency services; and

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

WHEREAS, in order to provide uninterrupted services the Department of Mental Health recommends that the County immediately contract with the Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services Foundation, Inc. effective January 1, 2014 and subsequently contract with Renaissance Addiction Services, Inc., on the first day of that corporation's existence; and

WHEREAS, funding estimated at approximately \$614,980 derived from New York State aid and previously budgeted for Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services Inc. to provide services to youth receiving residential chemical dependency rehabilitation services shall be made available for this request without the need for additional county funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that in order to provide uninterrupted services to youth receiving residential chemical dependency rehabilitation the Department of Mental Health is authorized to initially suspend the County request for proposals ("RFP") process and immediately enter into agency contracts 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 hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services Foundation, Inc. for a period commencing January 1, 2014 and ending on the first day of the Renaissance Addiction Services Inc., corporation's existence; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into a contract with Renaissance Addiction Services, Inc. commencing the first day of the corporation's existence and ending on the last day of service before the agency chosen through the

County RFP process takes over the provision of service, currently estimated at 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 to cover the cost of the contracts with the Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services Foundation, Inc. and Renaissance Addiction Services Inc., 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.