COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

December 30, 2013

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

Re: Authorization to contract with the Research Foundation for SUNY

Dear Honorable Members:

Please find enclosed a memorandum and proposed resolution pertaining to the establishment of a 2014 contract with the Research Foundation for SUNY on behalf of the University at Buffalo Department of Family Medicine.

Existing New York State funding originally appropriated to University of Buffalo Family Medicine, Inc. will be transferred to the Research Foundation for SUNY on behalf of the University at Buffalo Department of Family Medicine for fiscal year 2014 to ensure the uninterrupted provision of services by the Erie County Department of Mental Health.

If your Honorable Body requires any further information, please contact the Commissioner Ellery Reaves from 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: Ellery Reaves

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Erie County Department of Mental Health
Re: Authorization to contract with the Research Foundation for SUNY
Date: December 30, 2013

SUMMARY

Existing New York State funding originally appropriated to University of Buffalo Family Medicine, Inc. will be transferred to the Research Foundation for SUNY on behalf of the University at Buffalo Department of Family Medicine for fiscal year 2014 to ensure the continuation of services by the Erie County Department of Mental Health.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The funding for this action is derived entirely from the New York State Office of Mental Health. These funds, originally budgeted for University of Buffalo Family Medicine, Inc., are now being transferred to the Research Foundation for SUNY on behalf of the University at Buffalo Department of Family Medicine for the fiscal year 2014. No additional funding is necessary for this proposal.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Consistent with New York State Health Reform to transform the way recipients receive physical and behavioral health care services, the objective of the Research Foundation for SUNY on behalf of the University at Buffalo Department of Medicines is to stabilize medically and behaviorally complex individuals by engaging them to an integrated system of care. Family Medicine will utilize evidence based practices to adhere to the critical time intervention practices. The target population will represent individuals who are referred from Erie County specialty courts, NYS Parole, as well as Erie County Single Point of Access (SPOA) with the goal of preventing re-institutionalization.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This transfer of funding from the University of Buffalo Family Medicine Inc., to the Research Foundation for SUNY on behalf of the University at Buffalo Department of Family Medicine is focused on assisting high risk/high need individuals with managing routine healthcare and wellness. The funding will be allocated and contract compliance will be monitored through the contract with the Erie County Department of Mental Health.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Failure to approve this action would compromise the ability to address the co-existing health complexities for high risk individuals who are not connected to an integrated healthcare system; without Critical Time Intervention services the identified population is likely to be re-hospitalized/ re-institutionalized in the corrections systems.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

An Erie County Department of Mental Health contract with the Research Foundation for SUNY on behalf of the University at Buffalo Department of Family Medicine 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 Research Foundation for SUNY

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, the Erie County Department of Mental Health has been allocated New York State Aid funding in the amount of $385, 609 by the New York State Office of Mental Health to provide Critical Time Intervention to high risk individuals; and

WHEREAS, the original budget appropriation was allocated to University of Buffalo Family Medicine Inc. and is now being transferred to the Research Foundation for SUNY on behalf of the University at Buffalo Department of Family Medicine; and

WHEREAS, no additional County funds are necessary for this request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into a contract with the Research Foundation for SUNY on behalf of the University at Buffalo Department of Family Medicine for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed $385,609, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transactions are hereby authorized in the 2014 Budget of the Department of Mental Health,

Fund Center 12410 – Mental Health Program Administration

	Increase/(Decrease)
Acct. 517764 - Research Foundation for SUNY	385,609
Acct. 517837 - UB Family Medicine	(385,609)
Total	0

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.