COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

June 2, 2014

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

Re: Authorization to Contract with Horizon Village, Inc.
IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION REQUESTED

Dear Honorable Members:

Please find enclosed a memorandum and proposed resolution pertaining to the establishment of a six-month 2014 contract with Horizon Village, Inc.

Existing New York State funding originally appropriated to Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services, Inc. will be transferred to the Horizon Village, Inc. for the period of July 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014, to ensure the uninterrupted provision of services by the Erie County Department of Mental Health. The Department of Mental Health has completed a request for proposal process and has selected Horizon Village, Inc. as the 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

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Enclosure

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Erie County Department of Mental Health
Re: Authorization to Contract with Horizon Village, Inc.
Date: **June 2, 2014**

SUMMARY

Existing New York State and, associated Erie County Maintenance of Effort (MOE) funding originally appropriated to Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services, Inc. will be transferred to Horizon Village, Inc. for the period July 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014, to ensure the uninterrupted provision of services by the Erie County Department of Mental Health.

The Department of Mental Health has completed a request for proposal process from which Horizon Village, Inc. has been selected as the permanent provider for the continuation of the service through December 31, 2014.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The funding for this action is derived from New York State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (NYS OASAS) and, associated Erie County MOE. These funds, originally budgeted for Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services Inc. are now being transferred to Horizon Village, Inc. for July 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014. No additional funding is necessary for this proposal.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Due to Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services Inc.'s loss of certification, Horizon Village, Inc. will be providing crisis and inpatient services to individuals receiving medically monitored withdrawal, medically supervised withdrawal and, inpatient rehabilitation services. Horizon Village, Inc. 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 Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services, Inc. to Horizon Village, Inc. to provide medically monitored withdrawal, medically supervised withdrawal and, inpatient rehabilitation 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, 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
Horizon Village, 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, Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services' loss of certification to provide certain services for Erie County was effective midnight December 31, 2013, requiring a new contractor to provide said services; and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2014, the Erie County Legislature approved Comm. 2E-2, authorizing the County to enter into a contract with Horizon Village, Inc. for the provision of mental health services previously provided by Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services, on an emergency basis, for the period January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014; and

WHERAS, in order to provide uninterrupted services the Department of Mental Health recommends that the County immediately enter into a contract with the Horizon Village, Inc. effective for July 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, New York State Aid and Erie County funding previously budgeted for Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services Inc. to provide medically monitored withdrawal, medically supervised withdrawal and inpatient rehabilitation services is available for this contract with Horizon Village, Inc. without the need for additional County funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that in order to provide uninterrupted medically monitored withdrawal, medically supervised withdrawal and, inpatient rehabilitation services the Department of Mental Health is authorized to immediately enter into an agency provider agreement consistent with the completed comprehensive RFP process 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, Inc. for the period commencing July 1, 2014, and, ending December 31, 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 to account 517663 (Horizon Village, Inc.), in order to

cover the cost of the contract with Horizon Village, Inc. estimated at $775,360 for the period July 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014; 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.