



COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

June 2, 2014

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

**Re: Authorization to Contract with 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 Renaissance Addiction Services, Inc. (RASI)

Existing New York State funding originally appropriated to Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services, Inc. will be transferred to Renaissance Addiction Services, 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 Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services Foundation, Inc. provided those services January 1, 2014, through June 30, 2014. The Department of Mental Health has completed a request for proposal process to choose a permanent provider for the continuation of the service; RASI is the successful applicant.

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 Renaissance Addiction Services, Inc.
Date: June 2, 2014

SUMMARY

Existing New York State funding originally appropriated to Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services, Inc. will be transferred to Renaissance Addiction Services, Inc. (RASI), for 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 for determining a permanent provider for the continuation of the service. RASI was the successful applicant.

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 Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services Inc. are now being transferred to Renaissance Addiction Services, Inc. for fiscal year 2014. No additional funding is necessary for this proposal.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Due to Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services Inc.'s loss of certification, Renaissance Addiction Services, Inc. will be contracted to provide the continuation of Residential Rehabilitation Services for Youth. 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 Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services, Inc. to 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 Renaissance Addiction Services, Inc. will be executed and the Department will oversee this provider's program operations, performance goals and contract compliance activities.

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A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

Re: Authorization to Contract with
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, Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services' loss of certification to provide certain services for Erie County was effective at midnight on December 31, 2013, requiring a new contractor to provide said services; and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2014, the Erie County Legislature approved Comm. 2E-21 (2014) authorizing the County to enter into a contract with the Alcohol and Drug Dependency Foundation, Inc. on an emergency basis for the period January 1, 2014, through June 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide uninterrupted services the Department of Mental Health recommends that the County immediately enter into a contract with Renaissance Addiction Services, Inc., for the period July 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, New York State Aid estimated at approximately \$614,979 previously budgeted for Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services Inc. to provide services to youth receiving residential chemical dependency rehabilitation services is available for this contract with Renaissance Addiction Services, Inc. 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 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 hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Renaissance Addiction Services Inc., for the period commencing July 1, 2014, and, ending on December 31, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to transfer funds in the amount of \$614,979 in the 2014 Budget originally budgeted in account 517517 for Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services to account 517767 (Renaissance Addiction Services Inc.) in order to cover the cost of the contract with Renaissance Addiction Services Inc. 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, the Division of Budget and Management and the County Attorney.

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