



COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

July 8, 2016

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

Re: Youth Detention Mental Health Services

Dear Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests authorization for the Department of Mental Health to amend the existing agreement with University Psychiatric Practice Inc. to improve and enhance mental health services at the Youth Detention Facility.

The budget of the Department of Mental Health will be increased in the amount of \$110,000 to be reimbursed through an interdepartmental billing with Youth Detention. Youth Detention will receive increased reimbursement and utilize available balances to fully fund this proposal.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact the Commissioner of Mental Health Michael Ranney or Deputy Commissioner Paul Kubala at Erie County Secure Detention. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
 Erie County Executive

MCP/bb
 Enclosure

cc: Paul Kubala, Deputy Commissioner, Erie County Youth Services
 Michael Ranney, Commissioner, Erie County Menal Health

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Erie County Youth Services
Re: Youth Detention Mental Health Services
Date: July 8, 2016

SUMMARY

The attached resolution requests authorization for the Department of Mental Health to amend the existing agreement with the University Psychiatric Practice Inc. to improve and enhance mental health services at the Youth Detention Facility.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The budget of the Department of Mental Health will be increased in the amount of \$110,000 to be reimbursed through an interdepartmental billing with Youth Detention. Youth Detention will utilize available balances and increased reimbursement to fully fund this proposal.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Early identification and treatment of mental health disorders in the juvenile population is critical to help youth stabilize and begin treatment that will have a positive impact on their lives. Providing mental health services is also an important factor in reducing recidivism and preventing adult imprisonment.

The expanded contract with the University Psychiatric Practice Inc. will include activities from a behavioral health perspective that will improve staff training and develop standard operating procedures, such as new intake and admission assessment methods, new risk assessment techniques, and new treatment plans. Standardized mental health training for staff and credentialing programs for direct care staff will also be established.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Currently the Department of Mental Health contracts with the University Psychiatric Practice Inc. to provide mental health services to the juvenile population at the Erie County Detention Facility. This resolution will serve to expand the contract to provide enhanced services to the existing population and the anticipated 16 to 17 year olds that will be added to the detention population based on the New York State Raise the Age initiative.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Failure to approve this resolution will hinder the recovery of juveniles held at detention needing mental health services and potentially increasing the likelihood of future juvenile justice involvement.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The current contract with the University Psychiatric Practice Inc. will be amended and budget adjustments will be initiated.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
YOUTH SERVICES DIVISION

RE: **Youth Detention Mental Health Services**

WHEREAS, the Youth Services Division wishes to enhance and expand existing mental health services at the Detention Facility which are currently provided by the University Psychiatric Practice Inc. through a contract with the Department of Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, early identification and treatment of mental health disorders in the juvenile population is critical to help youth stabilize and begin treatment that will have a positive impact on their lives and serve to help them become responsible adults in the community; and

WHEREAS, the contract will improve staff training and develop standard operating procedures, such as new intake and admission assessment methods, new risk assessment techniques, and new treatment plans; and

WHEREAS, enhancing services will also serve to address the mental health needs of the anticipated 16 and 17 year olds that will be added to the detention population based on the New York State Raise the Age initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Services Division will be able to utilize State reimbursement and available balances within their 2016 Budget to fund this request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to amend the current contract with University Psychiatric Practice Inc. in the amount of \$110,000 for the enhancement of mental health services at the Youth Detention Facility starting July 1, 2016, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following Budget adjustments are hereby authorized:

2016 Budget	
Department of Mental Health - Fund Center 12410	
Expense	Increase/(Decrease)
Account 517845 University Psych Practice	\$ 110,000
Account 912400 ID Billing DMH	<u>(110,000)</u>
Total	\$ 0

Division of Youth Services - Fund Center 12520

Revenue

Account 407610 State Aid - Secure Local	\$ 53,900
Expense	
Account 516020 Professional Services	\$ (56,100)
Account 912400 ID Billing DMH	<u>110,000</u>
Total Expense	\$ 53,900
Net (Revenue less Expense)	\$ 0

and be it further

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