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COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

February 26, 2016

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

Re: Authorization to Amend Contract with Restoration Society Inc.

Dear Honorable Members:

Please find enclosed a memorandum and proposed resolution pertaining to an increase in the 2016 contract with Restoration Society Inc. (RSI), with which Erie County currently contracts for Office of Mental Health and Department of Housing and Urban Development funding only.

On February 18, 2016 the County was notified that New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) funding in the amount of \$250,000 is available for the fiscal year 2016 as a result of RSI receiving the agency's new Youth Clubhouse Planning Supplement Award. State aid is expected to annualize in 2017 at the same amount. NYS is requiring swift implementation of the initiative; this has been awarded to RSI based on results of a statewide request for proposals process conducted by OASAS. Therefore, the Department of Mental Health is requesting authorization to amend and increase its existing contract with the aforementioned provider.

Should your Honorable Body require any further information, please contact Commissioner Michael Ranney 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 Amend Contract with Restoration Society Inc.
Date: February 26, 2016

SUMMARY

Erie County currently contracts with Restoration Society Inc. (RSI) for Office of Mental Health and Department of Housing and Urban Development funding. However, on February 18, 2016 the County was notified that New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) funding in the amount of \$250,000, (annualized also to \$250,000 starting in 2017) is available for the fiscal year 2016 to implement support services associated with RSI being granted the new Youth Clubhouse Planning Supplement Award. These services will help youth and young adults develop the necessary social skills to promote long-term health, wellness, recovery and a drug-free lifestyle.

The Department of Mental Health is requesting authorization to expand its existing contract with the aforementioned provider.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The funding for this action is derived entirely from NYS OASAS. These funds are being appropriated to RSI in the amount of \$250,000 for the fiscal year 2016. No additional funding is necessary for this proposal.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Due to New York State's desire to implement these new services quickly, the Erie County Department of Mental Health is requesting the authorization to amend its existing contract with the respective provider to allow for a swift and effective implementation. RSI secured this award as a result of a statewide RFP process conducted by OASAS. The proposed resolution assures that services will be able to be implemented in a manner that will comply with the time sensitive nature of this funding award.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This is an addition of NYS OASAS funding to the RSI contract in order to provide community based mental and behavioral health services associated with the provider being granted the new Youth Clubhouse Planning Supplement Award from OASAS.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Failure to approve this action would delay and possibly jeopardize the implementation of and access to the expanded resources being made available to Erie County to provide community based mental and behavioral health services as a result of this award.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Erie County Department of Mental Health's contract with RSI will be amended to reflect this new OASAS funding and the Department will oversee the provider's program operations, performance goals and contract compliance activities.

**RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**

Re: Authorization to Amend Contract with Restoration Society Inc.

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Mental Health is responsible for the delivery of a comprehensive range of community based mental and behavioral health services for the residents of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, a 2016 budget appropriation was allocated to Restoration Society Inc. (RSI) for provision of Office of Mental Health and Department of Housing and Urban Development services; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) has informed the Erie County Department of Mental Health of a \$250,000 increase to its State Aid for fiscal year 2016 (annualized also to \$250,000 starting in 2017), with a quick time frame requirement for implementing the associated mental and behavioral health services; and

WHEREAS, in order to quickly implement these mental and behavioral health services, the Erie County Department of Mental Health recommends that the County immediately amend its contract with RSI for the provision of the targeted mental and behavioral health services related to the new OASAS funding; and

WHEREAS, no County funds will be necessary for Erie County to accept this state aid to serve individuals residing in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, \$250,000 in NYS OASAS funding is being appropriated to RSI for fiscal year 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that in order to implement mental and behavioral health services to youth and young adults associated with the new Youth Clubhouse and enable them to develop the necessary social skills for promoting long-term health, wellness, recovery and a drug-free lifestyle, the Department of Mental Health is authorized to immediately amend the agency contract of RSI; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to accept the NYS OASAS funding and amend the 2016 contract with RSI for a period commencing April 1, 2016 (and annually thereafter); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to process the following budgetary adjustment:

2016 Budget
Department of Mental Health, Business Area 124
Cost Center 1241020, Fund 110

<u>Revenue</u>		<u>Increase</u>
406860	State Aid	\$250,000
<u>Expense</u>		<u>Increase</u>
517768	Restoration Society ASA	\$250,000

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.