



# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

December 1, 2017

The Honorable  
Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street – Fourth Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**Re: Authorization to Accept Grant Funding and Amend Contracts  
Due to SAMHSA Sub award for NYS ACHIEVE – Revised**

Dear Honorable Members:

Please find attached a resolution requesting an amendment to Sub award grant funding from SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration), which will help maintain a project called NYS Youth and Families ACHIEVE (Advancing Care through Health Integration and Evidence-based Effort). This Honorable Body previously approved of the initial resolution back on April 27, 2017 by way of Comm. 7E-14 which requested two agency contracts be amended to account for the provision of the related services; this revision requests two additional agency contracts be amended starting in Year 2.

If your Honorable Body requires any further information, please contact Commissioner Michael Ranney at the Department of Mental Health. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark C. Poloncarz".

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

MCP/ds  
Enclosure

cc: Commissioner Michael Ranney

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Erie County Department of Mental Health  
**Re:** Authorization to Accept Grant Funding and Amend Contracts Due to SAMHSA  
Sub award for NYS ACHIEVE -- Revised  
**Date:** December 1, 2017

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### **SUMMARY**

Legislative authorization was previously granted to accept \$500,000 annually for the period 10/1/16 – 9/30/20 in Sub award funding from SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) to establish a grant budget, and to amend the existing contracts with New Directions Youth and Family Services and Community Connections of NY for the provision of the related services of a pilot project called NYS Youth and Families ACHIEVE (Advancing Care through Health Integration and Evidence-based Effort). This revision requests the addition of two (2) more agencies - Mental Health Association and Families CAN, which the Erie County Department of Mental Health currently contracts with, to help provide the related services. Going forward, there is the possibility that contracts of pre-existing providers that are not currently listed here may need to be added in order to carry out the necessary provision of the related services. This would not involve any need for County share dollars, but merely a reallocation of the original SAMHSA funding.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The funding for this action is derived entirely 100% from SAMHSA Sub award dollars. No County tax levy is necessary to support this request.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION/BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Erie County Department of Mental Health, through SAMHSA, had been awarded \$500,000 annually, for a four (4) year period that began 10/1/16, to be allocated under the direction of Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene, Inc. The Department of Mental Health seeks to amend its contracts with New Directions Youth and Family Services, Community Connections of NY, Mental Health Association (agency added starting 10/1/17) and Families CAN (agency added starting 10/1/17) for the provision of these services. The funds are part of a NYS collaborative to implement NYS Youth and Families ACHIEVE, a project which will integrate the High Fidelity Wraparound (HFW) model with NYS's Medicaid Health Homes Service Children program model for youth and young adults with serious emotional disturbance (SED) - ages 12 to 21 years - with high and complex needs including placement or risk of placement, and their families.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

In addition to potentially jeopardizing the future receipt of grant awards, we would be unable to provide the vital services as outlined above. Erie County views this as an opportunity to not only

enhance current local practice and related infrastructure, but also to help inform the challenges and opportunities presented by the environment of behavioral health transformation to further expand the practice of HFW.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

The Department of Mental Health will work with the Division of Budget and Management to amend the grant appropriations, and then will continue to monitor the revised outcomes being delivered from the resultant amended contracts with New Directions Youth and Family Services, Community Connections of NY, Mental Health Association and Families CAN. In addition, ECDMH will be diligent in its efforts to comply with all requirements as outlined in the related Sub award agreement.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

Re: Authorization to Accept Grant Funding  
and Amend Contracts Due to SAMHSA  
Sub award for NYS ACHIEVE – Revised

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

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Mental Health had been awarded \$500,000 annually for four years that began 10/1/16 with SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) funding as part of a grant to help implement the NYS Youth and Families ACHIEVE (Advancing Care through Health Integration and Evidence-based Effort) project; and

WHEREAS, Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene, Inc. has selected the Erie County Department of Mental Health to oversee the provision of the related services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Mental Health previously requested and was granted legislative approval via Comm. 7E-14 on April 27, 2017, to accept the Federal funds and to establish a grant budget in Fund 281; and

WHEREAS, no County funds will be necessary for Erie County to accept this federal aid to serve high-risk individuals and their families residing in Erie County and to amend the current appropriations in the previously approved grant 124ACHIEVESAMHSA1620 to include current Department of Mental Health provider agencies Mental Health Association and Families CAN, along with the option of amending additional provider contracts going forward.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to revise the appropriations in the previously approved SAMHSA grant and to have the Department of Mental Health oversee the provision of related services by amending its contracts with New Directions Youth and Family Services, Community Connections of NY, Mental Health Association and Families CAN, along with the option, going forward, of amending additional provider agencies that the Department of Mental Health currently contracts with – prior to 2020 when this grant ends, as follows:

Erie County Department of Mental Health  
Grant Fund 281, Fund Center 12410  
October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2020  
124ACHIEVESAMHSA1620

Revenue	Initial Budget	Change	Amended Budget
Account 414000 – Federal Aid	<u>\$2,000,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,000,000</u>
Total Revenue	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,000,000

Appropriation	Initial Budget	Change	Amended Budget
Account 517560 – Comm Connections OMH	\$1,165,000	(\$637,230)	\$527,770
Account 517730 – New Directions OMH	835,000	(53,985)	781,015
Account 517701 – Mental Health Assoc OMH	0	352,503	352,503
Account 517607 – Families CAN OMH	<u>0</u>	<u>338,712</u>	<u>338,712</u>
Total Appropriation	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,000,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that to the extent this subcontract may constitute a professional, technical or other consultant service, the County Administrative Code requirement in Section 19.08 for a Request for Proposal (RFP) is hereby waived, as this Honorable Body has previously approved of the County's acceptance of this SAMHSA Sub award by way of Comm. 7E-14 on April 27, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to establish and adjust budgets as required to comply with State and Federal approved funding levels and adjust items of appropriations and revenues which may be impacted by changes to the grantor award, provided there are no changes to county share amounts; 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.