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COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street – Fourth Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION REQUESTED

RE: Authorization to allow the Erie County Department of Mental Health to increase the 2011 agency funding and contract with Catholic Charities of WNY, Inc.

Dear Honorable Members:

The attached proposed resolution requests Legislative Action authorizing Erie County to increase agency funding for Catholic Charities of WNY, Inc., by \$162,938.

Should your Honorable Body require any further information, please contact Alexander McDougall in 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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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
FROM: Erie County Department of Mental Health
RE: Authorization to allow the Erie County Department of Mental Health to increase the 2011 agency funding and contract with Catholic Charities of WNY, Inc.
DATE: February 17, 2012

SUMMARY

Request for Legislative Action authorizing Erie County to contract with Catholic Charities of WNY, Inc. and increase the 2011 appropriation by \$162,938.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The funding for the appropriation and contract increase will be derived from available sources in GL Account #516020, Professional Service Contracts within the SPOA Grant. No County Tax dollars are necessary to support this request.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

This additional funding will enable the Erie County Department of Mental Health through its contract with Catholic Charities of WNY, Inc., to increase and enhance services to at risk and chemically dependent youth and their families.

BACKGROUND

Funding under the NYS Promise Zone Initiative will provide for a Promise Zone Coordinator to oversee the development and coordination of a Promise Zone at identified Buffalo Public Schools. Components of the program include planning and working with community partners to bring Medical, Respite, and Job Readiness resources to at risk youth and families residing in targeted communities and schools. Catholic Charities of WNY, Inc. was jointly identified by New York State and the Buffalo School System as the preferred recipient of Promise Zone funding.

The Multisystemic Therapy Program at Catholic Charities of WNY, Inc., will incorporate Contingency Management Evidenced Based Practices. The funding will expand the service capability to address the service needs of at risk chemically dependent youth and their families toward the goal of reducing their service system penetration to deep-end residential programs. Catholic Charities of WNY, Inc. is the sole provider of Multisystemic Therapy programming in Western New York.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The New York State Aid revenue dollars will not be awarded to Catholic Charities of WNY, Inc., to provide enhanced service to significantly at risk youth and families in Erie County.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Erie County Executive will authorize the Erie County Department of Mental Health to allocate this funding through reallocation of funding to the 2011 appropriation and contract with Catholic Charities of WNY, Inc. The 2011 contract with Catholic Charities of WNY, Inc. will be increased by \$162,938 in New York State Aid revenues and Professional Service Contracts. Catholic Charities of WNY, Inc. will enhance and expand services to youth and families in Erie County.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

Re: Authorization to allow the Erie County Department of Mental Health to increase the 2011 agency funding and contract with Catholic Charities of WNY, Inc.

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

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Mental Health has available \$162,938 in New York State Aid revenues and Professional Service dollars to enhance the NYS Promise Zone Initiative at identified Buffalo Public Schools and expand the Multisystemic Therapy Contingency Management program for chemically dependent youth; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Mental Health has an established 2011 appropriation and contract with Catholic Charities of WNY, Inc., to provide behavioral health services to youth and families in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, New York State has identified Catholic Charities of WNY, Inc., as the preferred recipient of these additional funds to provide the enhanced services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the 2011 Single Point of Accountability Grant (#124SPOA2011) appropriation for Catholic Charities of WNY, Inc., (GL #517541), be increased by \$162,938; the source of these funds being available balance in Professional Service Contracts (GL #516020), and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be authorized to amend and increase the 2011 appropriation and contract for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, with Catholic Charities of WNY, Inc., by an amount not to exceed \$162,938, 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 & Management.