

Health, Human and Social Services Committee  
Mental Health/Office of Community Services  
AGENDA - AMENDED  
8/21/18

Committee Members:           Chairwoman Frasier  
  Supervisor McDevitt  
  Supervisor Braymer  
  Supervisor Diamond  
  Supervisor Hyde  
  Supervisor Leggett  
  Supervisor Loeb  
  Supervisor Magowan  
  Supervisor Sokol

I.       Action Agenda/New Business

1.       Resolution request to amend the 2018 Warren County budget to allow pass through of \$4,482 (100% State Aid – NYS Office of Mental Health) for direct care staff wage enhancements.
2.       Resolution request to extend the existing 2018 contract with Parsons Child and Family Center for provision of Mental Health Home-Based Crisis Intervention Services. The current contract for these services will expire 11/28/18. The extension term will be for the dates of 11/29/18 – 12/31/18. These are ongoing services funded by 100% State Aid (NYS Office of Mental Health).
3.       Resolution request to amend the 2018 contract with Northeast Parent and Child Society for children and youth mental health respite services. Request to add \$4,000 (100% State Aid, NYS Office of Mental Health), increasing the amount not to exceed from \$16,044 to \$20,044.
4.       Informational Updates: a) Jail-based transition services funding; b) Joseph P. Dwyer Veteran's Peer-to-Peer Services and Supports funding.

II.      Motion to adjourn

Attachments:

Resolution Requests

# ***RESOLUTION REQUEST FORM NO. 7***

## ***Request to Amend County Budget\****

*\*If this is the result of a grant award, also complete and submit Form No. 5 or 6*

**DEPARTMENT NAME: Mental Health/Office of Community Services**

**DATE: 8/21/18**

- (a) Purpose of Amendment: **To amend the 2018 Warren County budget for the Warren-Washington Association for Mental Health to allow for pass through of 100% State Aid for NYS OMH 2018 direct care staff wage enhancements in the amount of \$4,482.**
  
- (b) Appropriation Code, Object Code, Full Title and Amount: **A4320.0120 470, Mental Health Programs-Mental Health Association, increase by \$4,482.**
  
- (c) Revenue Code (with title), and Amount: **A4320.0120 3490, Mental Health Programs-Mental Health Association, increase by \$4,482.**

## ***RESOLUTION REQUEST FORM NO. 4***

### ***Request for Extending, Rescinding or Amending Existing Contract***

**DEPARTMENT NAME: Mental Health/Office of Community Services**

**DATE: 8/21/18**

- (a) Purpose of Contract Change: **To extend the existing 2018 contract with Parsons Child and Family Center for provision of Mental Health Home-Based Crisis Intervention Services through 12/31/18 so the contract term is alligned with the calendar year State Aid funding term (annual funding from NYS Office of Mental Health-100% State Aid). Extension term will be for the dates of 11/29/18 - 12/31/18.**
- (b) Resolution Number, or Numbers if Amended, which Authorized the Original Contract: **Resolution 414 of 2013, (RFP: WC-040-13)**
- (c) Name of Contractor: **Parsons Child and Family Center**
- (d) Address of Contractor: **60 Academy Rd., Albany, NY 12208**
- (e) Contractor's Contact Person and Telephone Number: **David Rossetti, Chief Officer of Behavioral Health Services (518-426-2651)**
- (f) Commencement Date of Extension: **11/29/18**
- (g) Termination Date of Extension: **12/31/18**
- (h) Payment Provisions: i) lump sum amount  
ii) hourly rate amount  
iii) total amount not to exceed **\$426,476 (annual)**  
iv) how will payments be made (i.e. monthly, quarterly, upon completion of the project, etc. **Quarterly advances with annual reconciliation via Consolidated Fiscal Report (CFR).**
- (i) Where are the Funds for this Contract? List Budget Code, Object Code, Full Title\* and Amount: **OR Capital Project OR Capital Reserve Project Number, and Title, and Amount: A.4320.0165 470, Mental Health Programs, Parsons Child & Family Center, Mental Health, \$426,476 (annual).**

Sample: A.1010 470 Legislative Board – Contract Sxx.xx  
Capital Project No. H289.9550 480 – Old Jail Renovations Sxx.xx

\*as listed in budget and LOGOS

## ***RESOLUTION REQUEST FORM NO. 4***

### ***Request for Extending, Rescinding or Amending Existing Contract***

**DEPARTMENT NAME: MENTAL HEALTH/OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**DATE: 8/21/18**

- (a) Purpose of Contract Change:  
**To amend 2018 contract with Northeast Parent and Child Society for provision of specialized mental health respite services for children and youth. Request to add \$3,955 (already budgeted) to current \$16,044 contract for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$19,999**
- (b) Resolution Number, or Numbers if Amended, which Authorized the Original Contract:  
**Resolution No. 507 of 2017, amended by Resolution No. 69 of 2018**
- (c) Name of Contractor:  
**Northeast Parent and Child Society, Inc.**
- (d) Address of Contractor: **530 Franklin St., Schenectady NY 12304**
- (e) Contractor's Contact Person and Telephone Number:  
**William Gettman Jr., Chief Executive Officer - (518) 346-1284**
- (f) Commencement Date of Extension: **n/a**
- (g) Termination Date of Extension: **n/a**
- (h) Payment Provisions: i) lump sum amount  
ii) hourly rate amount **yes, per contract**  
iii) total amount not to exceed **\$19,999**  
iv) how will payments be made (i.e. monthly, quarterly, upon completion of the project, etc.)  
**monthly voucher for services rendered**
- (i) Where are the Funds for this Contract? List Budget Code, Object Code, Full Title\* and Amount: **OR** Capital Project **OR** Capital Reserve Project Number, and Title, and Amount:  
**A.4310 470, Mental Health Admin., Contract - \$59,396 (100% State Aid)**

Sample: A.1010 470 Legislative Board – Contract \$xx.xx  
Capital Project No. H289.9550 480 – Old Jail Renovations \$xx.xx

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# Joseph P. Dwyer Veteran Peer Services Program

The Joseph P. Dwyer Veteran Peer Services Program is exclusively funded and overseen by the New York Senate. Created in 2012, the first year of funding was for a pilot program in Jefferson, Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Suffolk Counties. These innovative programs were named after Army Medic PFC Joseph P. Dwyer, who risked his life to carry an injured Iraqi boy to safety. Sadly, after discharge Veteran hero Dwyer, died from an overdose, after years of struggling with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

In the Dwyer Program, the Senate recognized that a major roadblock in seeking help for post-traumatic stress is the stigma associated with mental health problems. The Dwyer program was created to allow veterans a place where the stigma of seeking help is not a factor: veteran peer-to-peer support in either one-to-one or group settings. These programs were intended to compliment traditional behavioral health care. Peers are trained to recognize when mental treatment is needed and be a liaison to helping members connect with services.

Each county has flexibility in designing and implementing the Dwyer program. The program was initially intended to provide peer-counseling services to veterans suffering from PTSD; however, the mission of the program grew to include more veteran peer services. Programs now include focus on the reintegration of veterans into society; access to suicide prevention/intervention measures; encourage family, friend, and community connectiveness; outreach and education; linkages to housing and employment; and building peer resiliency. These programs have become the social network where veterans take care of each other in a trusting and safe atmosphere.

The Senate also commissioned the SUNY Albany School of Social work for overall and periodic evaluations of the program. The School has provided in depth evaluation findings for specific counties with recommendations as well identifying best practices for all counties. The School also oversees ongoing communication coordination between the counties so that lessons learned and overcoming obstacles can be shared.

The experience of the program can be summed up with the following observation from the SUNY School of Social Work:

*"Although it may not be immediately clear to the casual observer, the work done by these veterans across the Dwyer-funded counties is staggering in scope, and life-saving in nature. Quantifying the impact of such work is difficult if not truly impossible. Yet the ability of any given program or staff member within a program to alter the life course of an individual veteran can mean the difference between life and death. And if the programs have saved even one life, the effectiveness of these programs can be easily characterized as a resounding success."*

The Fiscal Year 2019 Budget included \$3.7 million for the Program. The Senate has provided approximately \$18 million since the creation of the program.

The program has expanded significantly since 2012, after the current year's planned expansion is implemented will span 23 counties: Broome, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Columbia, Dutchess, Erie, Genesee, Jefferson, Monroe, Nassau, Niagara, Onondaga, Orange, Orleans, Putnam, Rensselaer, Rockland, Saratoga, Suffolk, Warren, Washington, Westchester, and Wyoming. The program has served over ten thousand veterans and their families since its creation through peer-to-peer and other services.

- ✓ Suicide assessment
- ✓ Depressions and burn-out
- ✓ Grief management
- ✓ Domestic violence
- ✓ Crisis management
- ✓ Nonverbal communication
- ✓ Mental health consultation and referral information
- ✓ Traumatic intervention
- ✓ Limits and liability

**IMPLEMENTATION:** Each county will follow:

- Administration procedures
- Program procedures
- Evaluation criteria
- Confidentiality limitations

**EVALUATION:** Each county will participate in the evaluation conducted by the School of Social Welfare at the University at Albany, State University of New York. This includes the systematic collection of information about the activities, characteristics, and outcomes of programs for program improvement, replication, and decision-making. Additionally, each county will develop a plan for program sustainability in the event that future funding is jeopardized.