AGENDA
ELDER CARE COMMITTEE
JUNE 24, 2019

PREVIOUS BUSINESS:
APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 68 FOR 2019 REGARDING ANCILLARY LAUNDRY SERVICES FOR ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS IN THE EXPANDED IN HOME SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY PROGRAM (EISEP)
Honorable Andrew Joyce and Members of the Albany County Legislature:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

The Committee on Elder Care of the Albany County Legislature met on March 25, 2019. Chairperson Willingham, Messrs. Ethier, Commissio, Hogan, Touchette, Crouse, and Ms. McKnight were present. Mr. Beston and Ms. Chapman were excused. The following items were discussed and/or acted upon:

Approving Previous Meeting Minutes: Unanimously Approved

1. Authorizing an Agreement with Chem Rx/PharmMerica Regarding Pharmacy Services for the Nursing Home: The Executive Director of the Albany County Nursing Home requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Chem Rx/PharMerica for the provision of pharmacy services for the Albany County Nursing Home in an amount not to exceed $240,000 per year for a total amount not to exceed $720,000 for the term commencing August 1, 2019 and ending July 31, 2022 with two one-year renewal options. After further discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

2. Authorizing an Agreement with GovConnection, Inc. for the Purchase of Televisions and Wall Mounts for the Albany County Nursing Home: The Executive Director of the Albany County Nursing Home requested authorization to enter into an agreement with GovConnection, Inc. for the purchase of televisions and universal wall mounts for resident rooms and common areas at the Albany County Nursing Home in an amount not to exceed $177,258 for a term commencing May 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. After further discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to move the proposal forward for legislative action with a favorable recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,
COMMITTEE ON ELDER CARE

WANDA F. WILLINGHAM, Chairperson
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June 12, 2019

Hon. Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Legislative Clerk’s Office
112 State St., Room 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce,

The Department of Social Services respectfully requests legislative approval for the following:

Via Resolution 68 adopted 2/11/19 Legislative approval was granted to contract with the New York State Industries for the Disabled (NYSID) for the provision of laundry services as an ancillary service under the Expanded In Home Services to the Elderly Program (EISEP). Currently EISEP funding is received through the Albany County Department for Aging via NYS funding and will, in part, be utilized to provide these ancillary laundry services. NYSID will subcontract with Plaza Linens to provide the laundry bags, pick up, delivery, cleaning and processing of laundry.

Resolution 68 was approved in the amount of $24 per bag of laundry, per week, per client ($10 for each additional bag with Albany County Department of Social Services approval). However, due to increases in minimum wage, transportation and supply costs the Provider is requesting $30 per bag ($15 for each additional bag with Albany County Department of Social Services approval). The Department of Social Services is amenable to this increase, has the funding budgeted, and the maximum allowable amount will remain the same as previously approved ($100,000). Therefore, we are requesting permission to allow these increased per bag amounts.

Sincerely,

Michele McClave
Commissioner

cc: Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
    Frank A. Mauciello, Minority Leader
    Kevin Cannizzaro, Majority Counsel
    Minority Counsel
REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):
Contract Authorization for Social Services (NYSID)

Date: 6/4/2019
Submitted By: Joseph DeAngelis
Department: Social Services
Title: Contract Administrator
Phone: 518-447-7583
Department Rep.
Attending Meeting: Michele McClave

Purpose of Request:

☐ Adopting of Local Law
☐ Amendment of Prior Legislation
☐ Approval/Adoption of Plan/Procedure
☐ Bond Approval
☐ Budget Amendment
☒ Contract Authorization
☐ Countywide Services
☐ Environmental Impact/SEQR
☐ Home Rule Request
☐ Property Conveyance
☐ Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Increase/decrease category (choose all that apply):
☐ Contractual
☐ Equipment
☐ Fringe
☐ Personnel
☐ Personnel Non-Individual
CONCERNING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS

Type of Contract:
☒ Change Order/Contract Amendment
☐ Purchase (Equipment/Supplies)
☐ Lease (Equipment/Supplies)
☐ Requirements
☐ Professional Services
☐ Education/Training
☐ Grant
   Choose an item.
   Submission Date Deadline Click or tap to enter a date.
☐ Settlement of a Claim
☐ Release of Liability
☐ Other: (state if not listed)           Click or tap here to enter text.

Contract Terms/Conditions:

Party (Name/address):
   New York State Industries for the Disabled
   11 Columbia Circle
   Albany, NY 12203.

Additional Parties (Names/addresses):
   Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee:   $0.00
Scope of Services:
   Expanded In Home Services to the Elderly Program, Ancillary Laundry
   Services delivered to eligible individuals according to a care plan.

Bond Res. No.:
   Click or tap here to enter text.
Date of Adoption:
   Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS

Mandated Program/Service:   Yes ☐ No ☒
If Mandated Cite Authority:
   Click or tap here to enter text.

Is there a Fiscal Impact:   Yes ☐ No ☒
Anticipated in Current Budget: Yes ☑ No ☐

County Budget Accounts:
Revenue Account and Line: Click or tap here to enter text.
Revenue Amount: Click or tap here to enter text.

Appropriation Account and Line: Click or tap here to enter text.
Appropriation Amount: Click or tap here to enter text.

Source of Funding - (Percentages)
Federal: Click or tap here to enter text.
State: 47
County: 53
Local: Click or tap here to enter text.

Term
Term: (Start and end date) 4/1/2019-3/31/2020
Length of Contract: 12 months

Impact on Pending Litigation
Yes ☑ No ☐
If yes, explain: Click or tap here to enter text.

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:
Resolution/Law Number: 68, 21
Date of Adoption: 2/11/2019, 2/12/2018

Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)
Via Resolution 68 adopted 2/11/19 Legislative approval was granted to contract with the New York State Industries for the Disabled (NYSID) for the provision of laundry services as an ancillary service under the Expanded In Home Services to the Elderly Program (EISEP). Currently EISEP funding is received through the Albany County Department for Aging via NYS funding and will, in part, be utilized to provide these ancillary laundry services. NYSID will subcontract with Plaza Linens to provide the laundry bags, pick up, delivery, cleaning and processing of laundry. Resolution 68 was approved in the amount of $24 per bag of laundry, per week, per client ($10 for each additional bag with Albany County Department of Social Services approval). However, due to increases in minimum wage, transportation and supply costs, the Provider is requesting $30 per bag ($15 for each additional bag with Albany County Department of Social Services approval). The Department of Social Services is amenable to this increase, has the funding budgeted, and the maximum allowable amount will remain the same as previously approved ($100,000). Therefore, we are requesting permission to allow this increased amount. This expanded service will also provide an opportunity for older adults and individuals with disabilities, who are not eligible for EISEP or Medicaid services, to make arrangements directly with Plaza Linens through a private pay option. This will delay or reduce their need to apply for governmental programs, further providing Albany County with some overall savings. Ancillary services shall be provided only to EISEP clients pursuant to a care plan and expenditures for ancillary services may only be made if no other payment source is available. EISEP home care and ancillary services are provided to eligible persons to allow them to remain in their own home, thus precluding or delaying more costly nursing home care. EISEP services are provided to approximately 221 individuals with 98 clients in the community using Plaza Linens for laundry services. Albany County is able to contract directly with NYSID as a New York State Preferred Source Vendor without having to issue an RFP.
RESOLUTION NO. 68

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK STATE INDUSTRIES FOR THE DISABLED REGARDING ANCILLARY LAUNDRY SERVICES FOR ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS IN THE EXPANDED IN HOME SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY PROGRAM (EISEP)

Introduced: 2/11/19
By Social Services Committee, Messrs. A. Joyce and Reinhardt:

WHEREAS, The Albany County Department of Social Services is mandated by NYS law to provide cost-effective personal care/homemaker services including Expanded in Home Services to the Elderly Program (EISEP) services to eligible persons as they preclude or delay more costly nursing home care, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department of Social Services has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the New York State Industries for the Disabled regarding the provision of laundry services as an ancillary service under the EISEP for the term commencing April 1, 2019 and ending March 31, 2020, and

WHEREAS, The New York State Industries for the Disabled will subcontract with Plaza Linens to provide the laundry bags, pick up, delivery, cleaning and processing of laundry at a rate of $24 per bag of laundry per week per client ($10 for each additional bag with Albany County Department of Social Services approval), now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with New York State Industries for the Disabled in an amount not to exceed $100,000 regarding laundry services under the EISEP with the understanding that said service will be subcontracted to Plaza Linens at the rate of $24 per bag of laundry per week per client ($10 for each additional bag with Albany County Department of Social Services approval) for the term commencing April 1, 2019 and ending March 31, 2020, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate State and County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote – 2/11/19