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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Authorize Contracts with the Center for Youth Services, Inc. and with Coordinated Care Services, Inc. (CCSI), as the Fiduciary Agent for Rise Up Rochester, to Provide Violence Prevention Services the Monroe County Department of Public Health

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize contracts to provide violence prevention services for the Monroe County Department of Public Health ("MCDPH") with the Center for Youth Services, Inc. ("Center for Youth") in an amount not to exceed \$1,192,532, and with Coordinated Care Services, Inc. ("CCSI"), as the fiduciary agent for Rise Up Rochester, in an amount not to exceed \$587,239, each for the period of October 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026.

As Your Honorable Body is aware, Monroe County received \$144,080,127 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds through the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA"). Your Honorable Body previously allocated ARPA funds for a number of projects, including but not limited to funds allocated to MCDPH for violence prevention initiatives. As part of DPH's violence prevention ARPA programs, a request for proposals was issued, and the Center for Youth, and CCSI, as the fiduciary agent for Rise Up Rochester, were selected as qualified to receive funding to provide these services.

Center for Youth's Restoring Justice Initiative is a multi-faceted approach to violence prevention using evidence-based prevention curriculum, restorative practices, and positive youth development and intervention methods. The Center for Youth has one of the longest-standing prevention programs in Monroe County. Its Prevention Team focuses on the delivery of evidence-based curriculum. The Restoring Justice Initiative is a comprehensive and interactive approach that links youth to programs, services and supports that most effectively address violence prevention. The initiative will connect identified youth aged 16-21 with a Center for Youth staff member who will monitor and support the youth with a focus on overcoming barriers and challenges that may lead to negative choices, behaviors, and violence.

Rise Up Rochester's Boys2Men program is a mentorship program for adolescent boys and young men to discourage new incidents of gun violence. This program has shown success in significantly reducing gun violence in the first three cohorts of participants. The approach of pairing boys ages 8-19 at high risk of gun violence with community members fosters relationships that contribute to growth opportunities, skill development and academic success resulting in reduction of violence. This work is framed within a public health approach and is supported by research that applies these strategies to changing the underlying social and behavioral norms or environmental conditions that lead to the spread of violence in communities. This program will be integrated with other current work of Rise Up Rochester and coordinated with other community efforts to address violence.

The specific legislative actions required are to:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract, and any amendments thereto, with the Center for Youth Services, Inc., 905 Monroe Avenue, Rochester, New York 14620, to provide the Restoring Justice Initiative for the Monroe County Department of Public Health, in an amount not to exceed \$1,192,532 for the period of October 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026.
2. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract, and any amendments thereto, with Coordinated Care Services, Inc., 1099 Jay Street, Rochester, New York 14611, as the fiduciary agent for Rise Up Rochester, 244 South Plymouth Avenue, Rochester, New York 14608, to provide the Boys2Men program for the Monroe County Department of Public Health, in an amount not to exceed \$587,239 for the period of October 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for these contracts is included in the 2025 operating budget of the Department of Public Health, general fund 9301, funds center 5809010000, Epidemiology & Disease Control, and will be requested in future years' budgets. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

The Center for Youth Services and Coordinated Care Services, Inc. are each not-for-profit entities, and the records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that neither entity owes any delinquent Monroe County property taxes.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,


Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

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