



SARATOGA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION 259 - 2020

Introduced by Supervisors Lucia, Connolly, Kusnierz, O'Connor, Winney, Wood and Zlotnick

AUTHORIZING CONTACT TRACING SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH FRANCES J. KELLY, JACOB V. MYERS AND AMY BARNES

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 111-2020, this Board authorized the County Administrator to execute up to fifty (50) minor contracts with individuals identified by Saratoga County Public Health Services as willing to serve and complete the required training to work as contact tracers on an as needed basis, at a rate of compensation of \$25.00 per hour; and

WHEREAS, the County entered into existing minor contracts with Frances J. Kelly dated October 16, 2020, Jacob V. Myers dated October 23, 2020 and Amy Barnes dated October 16, 2020 for contact tracer services to rapidly interview positive COVID-19 patients; identify their close contacts; interview and alert those contacts to the risk of infection; instruct the contacts to quarantine or isolate for 14 days and monitor those in quarantine or isolation to ensure their compliance and to ascertain if they are showing any symptoms of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as the cases of COVID-19 continue to rise, it is imperative to maintain the services of quality contractors to perform essential contact tracing services; and

WHEREAS, Frances J. Kelly has been a dependable contact tracer, her work has proven to be superior, and as she is a retired nurse administrator who taken a lead role on the COVID response team. Frances is available to perform contact tracing services full time; and

WHEREAS, Jacob V. Myers, a college student studying online for his degree in social services, has proven to be a valuable contact tracer and is available to perform contact tracing services on a full time basis; and

WHEREAS, Amy Barnes, an unemployed Licensed Practical Nurse whose experience has allowed her to take a lead role on the COVID response team, is available to perform contact tracing full time; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the cost of services performed by Frances, Jacob and Amy will meet or exceed their minor contract limits of \$15,000 before the end of December, 2020; and

WHEREAS, our Health and Social Services Committee and Commissioner of Health have recommended that the County enter into new agreements with Frances J. Kelly, Jacob V. Myers and Amy Barnes for contact tracing services for a term of one year, commencing at the signing of said agreements, at the rate of \$25.00 per hour, for a maximum of 60 hours per week, with the total contract amount not to exceed the sum of \$78,000; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 201-2020, this Board accepted a New York State Department of Health grant administered by Health Research, Inc. that includes \$478,215 for temporary and contracted employees that are hired exclusively for COVID-19 response activities, which grant funds will be used to cover the cost of these three contact tracing agreements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board is authorized to execute agreements with Frances J. Kelly of Saratoga Springs, New York, Jacob V. Myers of Ballston Spa, New York and Amy Barnes of Rock City Falls, New York for contact tracing services for a term of one year, commencing at the signing of said agreements, at the rate of \$25.00 per hour, for a maximum of 60 hours per week, with the total contract amount not to exceed the sum of \$78,000; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the form and content of said agreements shall be subject to the approval of the County Attorney.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: None. Costs associated with this contract will be covered by a Health Research, Inc. grant.