



Resolution
Board of Supervisors
County of Columbia
New York

RESOLUTION NO. 348 -2011

DATE: November 9, 2011

BY SUPERVISOR _____
HEALTH/ MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN: LAWRENCE ANDREWS

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO
PAY A CONSULTANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A BUSINESS PLAN FOR THE
FRIENDS OF NEW LEAF, INC.

UPON, recommendation of the Health/Medical Services Committee at a meeting held on the 18th day of October 2011, the Budget and Salary Review Committee at a meeting held on the 27th day of October 2011, and the Finance Committee at a meeting held on the 1st day of November 2011;

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services (DHS) has been made aware of the NYS Office of Mental Health's (OMH) intent to step down funding for Affirmative Business throughout the state from 100% to 0% over the next three years; and

WHEREAS, OMH has informed the DHS that such step down funding for Affirmative Business will only be approved if current recipients of such funding submit an acceptable business plan which indicates a plan for complete self-sufficiency with those three years; and

WHEREAS, the FNL does not presently have the organizational capacity to produce a viable business plan with their existing resources and is the only consumer directed not-for-profit agency in Columbia County operating the only Affirmative Business in Columbia County; and

WHEREAS, the FNL Affirmative Business is their only business line and this line is not financially self sufficient; and

WHEREAS, the CSB desires to support the continued existence of the FNL; and

WHEREAS, failure to produce such a viable business plan will result in the loss of approximately \$300,000.00 of pass through funds to the county and will likely have the outcome of dissolution of FNL;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that DHS enter into a contract with a consultant to be identified to produce an acceptable FNL Business Plan to OMH paid 100% for through Federal Salary Share funding at a cost not to exceed \$17,000.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this contract is subject to the approval of the County Attorney's Office; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Columbia County Human Resources Department, the Payroll/ Accounts Payable Department, the Human Services/ Behavioral Health Center, the Civil Service Department, the Columbia County Attorney, and the Columbia County Treasurer.

Approved:

County Attorney

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