



Northern Virginia Regional Commission

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 09-04

PATRON: Martin E. Nohe, Chairman
Operations Committee
DATE: October 23, 2008

AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND CONTRACT FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITIES FOR SUBURBAN VIRGINIA RYAN WHITE CARE ACT PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 07-06, the Commission approved a sole-source contract to engage Julia Hidalgo, Sc.D. (doing business as Positive Outcomes), to assist the region in establishing a quality management program consistent with U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), expectations of its Ryan White recipient agencies; and

WHEREAS, NVRC's responsibilities for assessing quality of vendor services and activities, and for providing technical assistance to remediate deficiencies, is ongoing; and

WHEREAS, a qualified candidate to serve as NVRC's Quality Manager has not yet been hired; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hidalgo has previously performed this role for NVRC as a contractor in the absence of permanent staffing; and

WHEREAS, as part of a five state pilot project sponsored by HRSA to make quality management and improvement consistent across all funding programs comprising the CARE Act, NVRC staff has been asked to participate as a Virginia representative; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hidalgo's expertise would serve to expedite this process, offer experience from other parts of the country, and help Northern Virginia participants make the most efficient use of time on this effort; and

WHEREAS, funding exists in both the CARE Act Part A and Part B grants to NVRC for such quality management activities;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Executive Director be authorized to extend a previously negotiated sole source contract with Positive Outcomes, Inc./Dr. Hidalgo, for up to \$30,500, pending Executive Director approval of a consultant-prepared plan for the regional quality assurance and quality improvement activities.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission on October 23, 2008.

G. Mark Gibb, Certifying Officer