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

Subject: Authorize a Contract with the University of Rochester for Support of the Forensic Pathology Fellowship Program at the Monroe County Office of the Medical Examiner

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize a contract with the University of Rochester in an amount not to exceed \$85,000 for support of the Forensic Pathology Fellowship Program at the Monroe County Office of the Medical Examiner for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, with the option to renew for two (2) additional one-year terms, with each additional term in an amount not to exceed \$85,000.

Under the terms of this contract, the Office of the Medical Examiner ("OME") will provide a one-year fellowship term for one physician seeking board examination eligibility. During the rotation, the knowledge and skills of the fellow, selected by the OME from candidates vetted by the University of Rochester and then maintained under the University of Rochester Human Resources and Graduate Medical Education Departments, will be enhanced and expanded through this additional education in the specialized field of forensic medicine. The fellowship will provide opportunities to learn, in part, about the Coroner and Medical Examiner system in New York State, the principles of death certification, and the role of forensic disciplines. Additionally, at the completion of the fellowship program, the fellow would be eligible for the Forensic Pathology Board Certification Examination. The fellowship program is twelve (12) months in length, with the actual fellowship term being July 1 through June 30. This contract will address the second half of the current fellowship year ending June 30, 2025 and provide for the first half of a new fellowship year that will begin July 1, 2025.

To establish the fellowship, OME must partner with an institution that offers Graduate Medical Education Programs in the closely related field of Medical Clinical Pathology. It has been determined that the University of Rochester is a sole source provider for the Forensic Pathology Fellowship Program.

The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract, and any amendments thereto, with the University of Rochester, 601 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, New York 14642, for support of the Forensic Pathology Fellowship Program at the Monroe County Office of the Medical Examiner in an amount not to exceed \$85,000 for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, with the option to renew for two (2) additional one-year terms, with each additional term in an amount not to exceed \$85,000.

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 this contract is included in the proposed 2025 operating budget of the Department of Public Health, general fund 9001, funds center 5804010000, Forensic Path/Admin, and will be requested in future years' budgets. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

The University of Rochester is a not-for-profit entity, and the records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that it does not owe 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
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