

City OKs 5 pacts —Island agencies to be allocated \$2M

More than \$2 million will be allocated to Staten Island community agencies under a series of five contracts approved yesterday by the Board of Estimate.

The contracts are between the community groups and the city's Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services and constitute renewals of existing programs. They will run from July 1 through June 30, 1978.

Awarded contracts to continue mental health services were the Staten Island Mental Health Society for its children's center, St. Vincent's Medical Center for its North Richmond Community Mental Health Center and Staten Island Hospital.

The children's center, based at 657 Castleton Ave., West Brighton, was awarded \$689,139. The North Richmond unit, located at 55 Austin Pl., Tompkinsville, was granted \$866,000 and Staten Island Hospital was given \$40,000 for its mental health program.

Staten Island Aid for Retarded Children of 1150 Castleton Ave., West Brighton, was awarded \$124,827 for its mental retardation services to Islanders and residents of Willowbrook Developmental Center.

The Mental Health Society's Center for Developmental Disabilities at Wagner College was granted \$340,980 to continue its diagnostic and therapeutic ser-

vices.

In another action, the Board of Estimate approved a series of six contracts allocating about \$420,000 to continue day care services from July 1 through Sept. 30 on the Island.

Among the contracts with the city's Social Services Department were:

☐\$37,307 for the New Morning Day Care Center, Clifton.

☐\$89,180 for Silver Lake Lodge, West Brighton.

☐\$67,549 for the Staten Island Child Care Association, which operates the Edwin Markham Child Care Center, Stapleton.

☐\$65,199 for the Mental Health Society's Port Richmond Day Nursery, Marieners Harbor.

☐\$124,221 for the Staten Island Urban League's Whitney Young Day Care Center, West Brighton, and \$36,406 for the league's Child Power Day Care Center, New Brighton.

Funding for the centers is based on a formula under which 80 per cent comes from federal and state governments and 20 per cent city funds.

Under still another contract, this one with the city's Department of the Aging, the Community Service Society of Staten Island, 56 Bay St., St. George, was awarded \$131,208 to continue its multi-service programs for the borough's senior citizens.

Funding under the year-long contract is to be reimbursed under the federal Older Americans Act.

Willowbrook Center plans open house

The Willowbrook Developmental Center will hold a volunteer open house June 5 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Building 3 at the center for the retarded.

Prospective volunteers and interested members of the community will be shown displays, films and slides, and will be taken on tours of the grounds and facilities. Additionally, refreshments will be served.

Officials of the center stress that volunteers are crucial to direct and indirect resident care, and that their help and personal involvement aids in the growth of Willowbrook's mentally retarded residents.