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DATE: July 29, 2010

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Cheryl Archbald, MD, MPH
Acting Commissioner of Health

RE: Authorization for the County of Westchester to assign three agreements with Early Intervention and Related Services Providers approved on April 1, 2010, Rosario Gould, LLC, Excel Therapy Services and Sound Speech and Language Pathology, P.C., to Individuals as stated below.

On April 1, 2010, your Board approved a resolution (the "April 1st Resolution") authorizing the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Health ("WCDH"), to enter into agreements (the "Agreements") with approved and licensed Early Intervention and Related Services Providers, for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2015, subject to County appropriations, with each provider to be reimbursed at rates established and approved by the New York State Department of Health and New York State Education Department ("NYSED") respectively.

The Agreements with Rosario Gould, LLC, Excel Therapy Services, and Sound Speech and Language Pathology, P.C. have been executed.

The WCDH has since been informed that the three providers authorized by your Honorable Board under the April 1st Resolution, Rosario Gould, LLC, Excel Therapy Services, and Sound Speech and Language Pathology, P.C., received approval from the New York State Department of Health to operate and provide services as individuals.

Therefore, authority is respectfully requested to assign these providers' contracts effective July 1, 2010, to the individuals as stated below:

Assign from: Rosario Gould, LLC To: Rosario G. Gould

Assign from: Excel Therapy Services To: Rhonda Meersand

Assign from: Sound Speech and Language Pathology, P.C. To: Shirley Varghese

These agreements promote the public health, safety and welfare of Westchester County's children with special needs by enabling their daily participation in special needs programs and other community settings that typically developing children attend. On an annual basis, approximately 10,000 children are served by the Early Intervention and Related Services programs.

The goals and objectives of these programs are to:

- Provide appropriate services to children from birth to five years of age with developmental disabilities and/or delays in accordance with their approved Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) or Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
- Provide these services in the child's natural environment and least restrictive setting

Providers will be monitored, as per their contract requirements and the WCDH's performance measurement indicators, for the provision of services through program site visits and review of their clinical session and progress reports, and accuracy of billing by monthly reviews of submitted documentation.

The assigned agreements will contain all terms and conditions of the original Agreements.

An appropriate resolution has been attached herewith for your Board's consideration.

Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 8-13-2010 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

UPON A COMMUNICATION FROM THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is authorized to assign agreements with three Early Intervention and Related Services Providers, Rosario Gould, LLC, Excel Therapy Services and Sound Speech and Language Pathology, P.C., for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2015, for the provision of services to children with disabilities, mandated pursuant to Article 25, Title II-A of the New York State Public Health Law and Part 200 of the New York State Education Law, to Individuals named Rosario G. Gould, Rhonda Meersand and Shirley Varghese respectively, effective July 1, 2010; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the assigned agreements will contain all terms and conditions of the original Agreements; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute and deliver all instruments and to take all actions necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purpose of this resolution.

Department of Health
 County of Westchester
 145 Huguenot Street, 8th Floor
 New Rochelle, New York 10801
 July 29, 2010

Original Agreement	\$
First Amendment	\$
This Amendment	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

Agreement # _____

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	N/A					

Budget Funding Year(s)
 (must match resolution) _____ Start Date _____ End Date _____

Funding Source	Tax Dollars	_____
	State Aid	_____
	Federal Aid	_____
(must match resolution)	Other	_____