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Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner

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DATE: March 29, 2012

TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner of Social Services

RE: Authority for the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services, to amend an agreement with Westchester Institute for Human Development for the provision of an After Care from Foster Care Tier I & Tier II Program, providing after care case management, supports and services to foster care families in a two "Tier" design for the period June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$2,351,403, in order to expand the scope of services to include families and children from the Preventive Services Program area at no additional cost

Following the completion of an RFP process and pursuant to a resolution approved on July 27, 2006 and subsequently amended on September 14, 2006, the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services, entered into an agreement (the "Agreement") with Westchester Institute for Human Development (WIHD) for the provision of a community based, culturally competent, family focused After Care From Foster Care Tier I & Tier II Program providing after care case management, supports and services to foster care families in a two "Tier" design for the period June 1, 2006 through May 31, 2007 in an amount not to exceed \$593,600 with the County having the option to extend the agreement for two (2) subsequent three-year periods at amounts to be negotiated. Tier I is for up to one year post discharge and Tier II is beyond one year post discharge as assessed to prevent return to care. This Agreement was subsequently executed.

Through the resolution approved on August 30, 2007, your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester to exercise its first option to extend the Agreement ("First Extension Agreement") for an additional three-year period commencing June 1, 2007 and ending May 31, 2010 for an amount not to exceed \$2,651,550. This First Extension Agreement was subsequently executed.

Through the resolution approved on May 13, 2010, your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester to exercise its second and final three-year option to extend the Agreement ("Second Extension Agreement") for the period from June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$2,351,403 to be paid monthly pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation. This Second Extension Agreement was subsequently executed.

Authority is now requested for the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services, to amend the Second Extension Agreement with Westchester Institute for Human Development for the provision of an After Care from Foster Care Tier I & Tier II Program, providing after care case management, supports and services to foster care families in a two "Tier" design for the period June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$2,351,403, in order to expand the scope of services to include families and children from the Preventive Services Program area at no additional cost.

The **public purpose** of this program is to preserve the family and reduce the risk of entry and re-entry into foster care, thus averting the need for foster care placement.

The **goals and objectives** of this program are to ensure that children who return home from family foster care placements are safe and their needs are met and also to prevent placement of children identified as being at risk for foster care. The program will provide strength based wraparound support services to meet the needs of children and families of the children returning home after foster care placement and to children and families receiving preventive services as well.

The **goals and objectives are in the best interest of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility** in that the Department will be able to avert the need for foster care replacements and the costs associated with such placements. Preventing children from entering and re-entering the foster care system can result in substantial savings for the County and the taxpayers.

The **goals and objectives as stated in the resolution will be tracked and monitored** to evaluate success using the performance measurement indicators developed by the Department and approved by the County Budget Office. They include, but are not limited to, reviewing of periodic reports submitted by the vendor and making onsite visits.

Based on the **Performance Measurement Indicators** reported during 2011, the Department is able to report that the vendor provided services to 48 families and 74 children. Over the same period, the WIHD Aftercare Program has averted 98.11 % foster care replacements.

Except as specifically modified herein, all other terms and conditions of the original agreement as extended shall remain in full force and effect.

Accordingly, authority is now requested to amend an agreement with Westchester Institute for Human Development for the reasons stated above.

Approval of the attached resolution by your Honorable Board is respectfully requested.

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Social Services, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services, is hereby authorized to amend the Second Extension Agreement with Westchester Institute for Human Development for the provision of an After Care from Foster Care Tier I & Tier II Program providing after care case management, supports and services to foster care families in a two "Tier" design for the period June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$2,351,403 in order to expand the scope of services to include families and children from the Preventive Services Program area at no additional cost; and be it further

RESOLVED, that except as specifically modified herein, all other terms and conditions of the original agreement as extended shall remain in full force; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is authorized to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Budget Funding Year(s): N/A
(must match resolution)

Start Date: N/A

End Date: N/A

Funding Source

Tax Dollars: N/A
State Aid: N/A
Federal Aid: N/A
Other:

N/A
(must match resolution)

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 05/03/2010 - JONATHAN WEIR, SECRETARY