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Department of Social Services

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DATE March 27, 2012

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner
Department of Social Services

RE: Authority to amend an agreement with Lexington Center for Recovery, Inc. to provide Family Court Diversion Comprehensive Clinical Services to families with children at risk of foster care placement for the period January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012 in an amount not to exceed \$200,075 by extending the end date of the agreement from June 30, 2012 to September 30, 2012 at no additional cost to the County

On December 15, 2011, your Honorable Board approved a Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an Agreement with Lexington Center for Recovery, Inc. to provide Family Court Diversion Comprehensive Clinical Services to families with children at risk of foster care placement for the period January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012 in an amount not to exceed \$200,075. The agreement was subsequently executed.

Authority is now requested to amend the agreement with Lexington Center for Recovery, Inc. by extending the end date of the Agreement from June 30, 2012 to September 30, 2012 at no additional cost to the County.

The program under this contract serves a **public purpose** in that it helps the County in providing preventive services to families at risk of foster care placement.

The **goals and objectives** of this contract are in compliance with OCFS regulation NYCRR 18, Part 423 (9) (10), which mandates that the Department provide preventive services to families at risk of foster care placement. Furthermore, through the provision of this service, the Department seeks to avoid foster care placements. Family Court Diversion is available to families with youths who have numerous risk factors such as mental illness, substance abuse, dysfunctional family dynamics, heavy involvement with negative peers, beliefs and attitudes

supportive of anti-social behavior. The vendor uses the following tools to accomplish the goals and objectives:

- Clinical assessment and referral services
- Development of strength-based individualized treatment plans
- Case consultation to the Department of Probation
- Therapy groups for JD (Juvenile Delinquent) Diversion population
- Ongoing case follow-up and monitoring, as appropriate

The **goals and objectives are in the best interest of the County in terms of public health and safety** because the services provided through this contract identify and address risk factors affecting youths and their families and increase the stability of families which in turn reduce the risk of abuse, neglect and/or need for foster care placements.

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 placements and the costs associated with such placements. Preventing children from 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** through performance measures as stipulated in the contract and approved through the County budget office.

Except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain the same.

Accordingly, the County of Westchester is hereby requesting permission to amend an Agreement with Lexington Center for Recovery, Inc. for the above stated purpose.

A resolution requesting the same is attached for your Honorable Board's approval.

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to amend an agreement with Lexington Center for Recovery, Inc. to provide Family Court Diversion Comprehensive Clinical Services to families with children at risk of foster care placement for the period January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012 in an amount not to exceed \$200,075 by extending the end date of the Agreement from June 30, 2012 to September 30, 2012 at no additional cost to the County.; and be it further

RESOLVED, that except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain in full force and effect; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents and to take all actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof

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: 09/30/2012

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 - 04/28/2012 JIMMY VIERA, SECRETARY