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County Executive

Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner

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To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner of Social Services

Date: November 30, 2012

Re: Authority for the County to enter into an agreement with the North American Family Institute, Inc. to provide the Parenting with Love and Limits Program (“PLL”) Front End Prevention to include group therapy, family therapy and case management services for youth who are at risk of foster care placement for the term January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 in the total amount not to exceed \$266,633 payable pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation

Authority is requested that your Honorable Board authorize the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the North American Family Institute, Inc. (“NAFI”) to provide the Parenting with Love and Limits Program (“PLL”) Front End Prevention to include group therapy, family therapy and case management services for children between the ages of 10 and 17 who are at risk of foster placement due their behavior and the risk of a Person in Need of Supervision (“PINS”) petition for the term January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 in the total amount not to exceed \$266,633 payable pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriations.

The agreement with NAFI would serve the **public purpose** of improving family functioning, making the family less dependent on public social service programs and will thereby prevent the need for foster care placement.

The goals and objectives of the PLL Front End Prevention program are to identify youth at risk of entering the Family Court or child welfare system and thereby divert them from foster care. The PLL Front End Prevention program will serve 36 families and aims to prevent

placement in foster care for at risk children. The PLL Front End Prevention program will help parents and youth learn new skills to ensure that youth stay at home while utilizing deliberate strategies that address cultural needs. The Department of Social Services (the "Department") will refer youth to the PLL Front End Prevention program.

The goals and objectives are in the best interest of the County in terms of public health and safety in that the services of the PLL Front End Prevention program are aimed at keeping children safe and at home. Children who remain at home have better outcomes than those who enter foster care and youth served through this program who are diverted from foster care are less likely to enter the Family Court System and more likely to lead productive lives.

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 will be tracked and monitored to evaluate success using the performance measurement indicators developed by the Department and approved by the County Budget Office. NAFI will submit monthly statistical and performance reports in a format approved by the Department. The Program Office will be responsible for setting the milestones and tracking their achievements. During the contract period, DSS program staff maintains ongoing phone and face-to-face contact with the vendor.

Based on the Performance Measurement Indicators, the Department is able to report that from September 1, 2012 through October 31, 2012, the NAFI PLL Front End Prevention program has provided services to six (6) families. One hundred percent (100%) of the families were actively engaged within 48-72 hours of referral and 100% of those families are actively participating in PLL.

The proposed agreement with NAFI is exempt from the County's Procurement Policy pursuant to Sections 3(a) xiv and 3(a) xviii thereof. The Common Grant Rule does not apply to this procurement as the services provided hereunder are exempt services under the Title XX Block Grant Exemption.

A resolution is annexed hereto, which I recommend for your favorable consideration.

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 enter into an agreement with the North American Family Institute, Inc. (“NAFI”) to provide the Parenting with Love and Limits Program (“PLL”) Front End Prevention to include group therapy, family therapy and case management services for children between the ages of 10 and 17 who are at risk of foster placement due their behavior and the risk of a Person in Need of Supervision (“PINS”) petition for the term January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 in the total amount not to exceed \$266,633 payable pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this contract is subject to County appropriations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Agreement is also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (“State Budget”) proposed and adopted during the term of this Agreement. The County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State budget and/or adoption of a State budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable period of time after such release(s) or adoption(s) to conduct an analysis of the impact of any such budget(s) on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right to either terminate this Agreement, or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Contractor then the Contractor shall have the right to terminate the agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is empowered to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2013	101	22	8900	5960	-----	\$266,633

Budget Funding Year(s): 2013
(must match resolution)

Start Date: 01/01/13 End Date: 12/31/13

Funding Source

Tax Dollars: 41%

State Aid: 30%

\$ 266,633

Federal Aid: 29%

(must match resolution)

Other:

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 01/17/2013 - JOMARY VIERA, SECRETARY