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**DATE:** June 14, 2013  
**TO:** Board of Acquisition and Contract  
**FROM:** Kevin M. McGuire  
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Department of Social Services

**SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to amend a Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) with the New York State Office of Children & Family Services (“OCFS”) to accept a Child Care Fraud Prevention and Detection Incentive grant in the amount of \$98,810 to be used to help prevent and reduce fraud in the child care subsidy program for the period starting April 1, 2012 and ending on July 31, 2013 in order to extend the end date from July 31, 2013 to September 30, 2013**

Through a resolution approved on April 5, 2012, your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester, acting by and through the Department of Social Services (the "Department"), to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement ("the MOA") with the New York State Office of Children & Family Services ("OCFS") to accept a Child Care Fraud Prevention and Detection Incentive grant in the amount of \$98,810 to be used to help prevent and reduce fraud in the child care subsidy program for the period starting April 1, 2012 and ending on March 31, 2013. The MOA was subsequently executed.

Through a resolution approved on October 18, 2012, your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester, acting by and through the Department of Social Services (the "Department"), to amend the aforesaid Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") to extend the end date from March 31, 2013 to July 31, 2013. The reason for the extension was that WCDSS wanted to thoroughly complete all audits and investigations included in this project.

Authority is now requested to further extend the end date of the aforesaid Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) from July 31, 2013 to September 30, 2013. The

New York State Office of Children & Family Services (“OCFS”) has granted the extension request. The extended time will allow the investigators and the County to plan and execute the operation effectively. Furthermore, the County is completing its public service announcement and wants to ensure that enough time exists for it to be completed and aired.

The public purpose of the agreement is to accept a grant made available to the Westchester County Department of Social Services through NYS Office of Children & Family Services to help fund enhancements to existing child care fraud prevention and detection efforts.

The **goal** of the program funded pursuant to this MOA with the State is to enhance the prevention and reduction of fraud involving child care subsidies. The **objectives** of the enhanced program include the detection of provider fraud and the reimbursement of ineligible subsidy expenditures on behalf of recipients. These goals and objectives are in the best interests of the County because they promote fiscal responsibility and ensure that scarce child care subsidy resources are being properly used to their maximum advantage for truly eligible households.

The program funded through this agreement shall be overseen by New York State Office of Children and Family Services.

Except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the Original MOA as amended shall remain in full force and effect.

Accordingly, the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services, hereby requests authority from your Honorable Board to amend the Memorandum of Agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Families for the above stated purpose.

An appropriate resolution is attached herewith for your Honorable Board’s approval.

## RESOLUTION

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

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through the Department of Social Services (the "DSS"), is hereby authorized to amend a Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") with the New York State Office of Children & Family Services ("OCFS") to accept a Child Care Fraud Prevention and Detection Incentive grant in the amount of \$98,810 to be used to help prevent and reduce fraud in the child care subsidy program for the period starting from April 1, 2012 and ending July 31, 2013 in order to extend the end date of the MOA from July 31, 2013 to September 30, 2013; and be it further

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

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive or his authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents 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 Start Date: N/A End Date: 09/30/13

(must match resolution)

Funding Source

Tax Dollars: N/A

State Aid: N/A

\$N/A

Federal Aid: N/A

(must match resolution)

Other: N/A

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 07/18/2013 - JOMAR WEIRA, SECRETARY