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Date: October 25, 2013

To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Kevin M. McGuire, Commissioner
Department of Social Services

Subject: **Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to amend an agreement with Family Ties of Westchester, Inc. for the provision of the “Every Kid Counts” program serving low and moderate risk Child Protective Services (CPS) families with children and low and moderate risk families referred by the Cross Systems Unit (CSU) in an amount not to exceed \$387,431 for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 by reducing the not to exceed amount by \$45,326 from a total not to exceed amount of \$387,431 to a new total not to exceed amount of \$342,105**

On or about December 19, 2012, Westchester County entered into an Agreement with Family Ties of Westchester, Inc. for the provision of the “Every Kid Counts” program to connect at risk families to needed services to improve family functioning and to reduce the number of families at risk of subsequent Child Protective Services (“CPS”) reports and/or foster care placements within the areas covered under the Department of Social Services’ (“DSS”) Mount Vernon and Peekskill District Offices for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$387,431 to be paid on a monthly basis pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation.

Authority is now requested for the County of Westchester, acting by and through the Department of Social Services, to amend the Agreement with Family Ties of Westchester Inc. by reducing the not to exceed amount by \$45,326 from a total not to exceed amount of \$387,431 to a new total not to exceed amount of \$342,105. The reduction in the not to exceed is requested based on the number of referrals the agency received in the past eight months under this

agreement. It is anticipated that the reduced not to exceed amount would be sufficient to operate the program for the rest of the contract term.

This amendment serves a **public purpose** as its **goal and objective** is to reduce the not to exceed amount of the agreement with the vendor, thereby freeing the money to be used for some other purpose.

The **goals and objectives are in the best interest of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility** as it calls for increased financial monitoring and accountability.

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

Accordingly, the County of Westchester is hereby requesting authorization to amend an agreement with Family Ties of Westchester, Inc. for the aforesaid purpose.

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

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RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through the Department of Social Services, is hereby authorized to amend an agreement with Family Ties of Westchester, Inc. for the provision of the Every Kid Counts Program serving low and moderate risk Child Protective Services (CPS) families with children referred by the Cross Systems Unit (CSU) in an amount not to exceed \$387,431 for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 by reducing the not to exceed amount by \$45,326 from a total not to exceed amount of \$387,431 to a new total not to exceed amount of \$342,105; 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 (the "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 the 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 impacts of any such State Budget 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 this Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the original agreement shall remain the same; and be it further

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

Original Contract Amount: \$387,431

This Amendment: < \$45,326 >

New Total: \$342,105

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
101	22	4500	4439	-----	<\$45,326>

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

Start Date: N/A End Date: N/A

Funding Source

Tax Dollars: 20%

State Aid: 46 %

\$<45,326>

Federal Aid: 34%

(must match resolution)

Other:

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