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TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Robin Schlaff
Director, Office for Women

DATE: August 21, 2014

SUBJECT: Authority to amend an agreement with My Sisters' Place, Inc. to provide various non-residential domestic violence support services for victims in order to revise the agreement's approved budget to reallocate funds within the 2014 budget

On March 8, 2012, your Honorable Board approved a resolution authorizing the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women, (the "County") to enter into an agreement with My Sisters' Place, Inc. ("MSP") pursuant to which MSP will provide non-residential domestic violence support services for victims, whether eligible or ineligible for public assistance, through its Community Counseling and Advocacy Program ("CCAP"), for a term commencing January 1, 2012 and continuing through December 31, 2014, for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,555,784 (the "Agreement"). The Agreement was subsequently executed.

As the current approved budget was created by MSP in response to the County's Request for Proposals ("RFP") in 2011, both MSP and the County agree that it is necessary to revise the Agreement's approved budget to reallocate funds within the 2014 budget in order to more accurately reflect changes in costs due to staff turnover and other staffing changes, supervisory staff time dedicated to the CCAP program, and changes in related operating expenses.

Accordingly, authority is now respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County to amend the Agreement in order to revise the Agreement's approved budget to reallocate funds within the 2014 budget.

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

The proposed amendment will serve a public purpose by reallocating funds to more effectively serve victims of domestic violence in an effort to enhance their safety and independence. If

victims are empowered to learn how to develop and maintain their own safety they are not as likely to return to dependence on their abusers, thereby reducing public safety costs and medical costs. If they are helped to become independent and self-sufficient they are not as likely to be dependent on public assistance.

The goal and objective of the proposed amendment is to reallocate funds within the 2014 budget to more effectively serve victims of domestic violence.

The goal and objective of the proposed amendment will be tracked and monitored by the Office for Women.

Attached for your consideration is a proposed resolution.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 09/04/2014 - JOMARY VEIRA, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Director of the Office for Women, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women, (the "County") is hereby authorized to amend an agreement with My Sisters' Place, Inc. ("MSP"), pursuant to which MSP will provide non-residential domestic violence support services for victims, whether eligible or ineligible for public assistance, through its Community Counseling and Advocacy Program ("CCAP"), for a term commencing January 1, 2012 and continuing through December 31, 2014, for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,555,784 (the "Agreement"), in order to revise the Agreement's approved budget to reallocate funds within the 2014 budget; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents and take any actions 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 | Funding Year |
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Budget Funding Year(s) 2014
(must match resolution)

Start Date: 1/1/2014

End Date: 12/31/2014

\$0
(must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid _____
 Federal Aid _____
 Other _____