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County Executive

Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner

46126

Date: April 13, 2015

To: The Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner of Social Services

Re: **Authority for the County of Westchester to amend an agreement with Occupations, Inc. for the provision of Institutional/group Foster Care Services in order to change the name of the agency to reflect its new legal name Access: Supports for Living, Inc.**

On or about June 22, 2011, pursuant to a resolution approved by your Honorable Board on May 5, 2011, the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services, entered into an agreement with Occupations, Inc. for the provision of Institutional/group Foster Care (the "Agreement"). The Department has been recently notified that the aforesaid agency has merged with another agency and thereafter took the name of the surviving agency as reflected below.

Accordingly, authority is now requested for the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services, to amend the aforesaid agreement with Occupations, Inc. to reflect its new legal name effective January 1, 2015 as indicated below:

From: Occupations, Inc.
To: Access: Supports for Living Inc.

Pursuant to the Agreement, the Department of Social Services obtains institutional/group foster care services from voluntary child care agency.

The public purpose of the proposed agreement is to achieve the safety, well being and permanency for children placed in foster care by equipping the Department with an adequate supply of institutional/group foster care facilities and adoption and educational services providers.

The goals and objectives of this program are to provide foster care settings which best meet the needs of the children placed, while providing permanency planning as well as adoption and educational services.

The goals and objectives are in the best interests of the County in terms of safety & security as the children are placed in a safe environment ensuring their safety and well being. **The goals and objectives are in the best interests of the County in terms of health & environment because these providers** are licensed by the State to provide specialized services to safely care for youth who have been abused or neglected and cannot be cared for in a family foster home setting. **The goals and objectives are in the best interests of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility because** the Department is adhering to the rates that are set and approved by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.

The goals and objectives of this contract will be tracked and monitored using the performance measurement indicators developed by the Department and approved by the County Budget Office.

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

Your Honorable Board's approval of the attached Resolution is respectfully requested.

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that for the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services, is hereby authorized to amend an agreement dated on or about June 22, 2011 with Occupations, Inc. for the provision of institutional/group foster care services (the "Agreement") to change its legal name effective January 1, 2015 as the result of a merger as detailed below:

From: Occupations, Inc.

To: Access: Supports for Living Inc.

and be it further

RESOLVED, that except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the original Agreement shall remain in full force and effect; 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	Dollars
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Budget Funding Year(s): N/A
(Must match resolution)

Start Date: upon execution End Date: N/A

Funding Source

Tax Dollars: N/A
State Aid: N/A
Federal Aid: N/A
Other: N/A

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(Must match resolution)