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DATE: October 1, 2015

TO: Board of Acquisition & Contract

FROM: Robert F. Meehan
County Attorney

RE: Resolution to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy, pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof, an amendment to the County's agreement with Westchester Institute for Human Development, Inc. ("WIHD"), pursuant to which WIHD was to provide services to facilitate the County's Child Fatality Review Team.

Authority is hereby requested from your Honorable Board to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy an amendment to the County's agreement with Westchester Institute for Human Development, Inc. ("WIHD"), pursuant to which WIHD was to provide services to facilitate the County's Child Fatality Review Team, for an amount not-to-exceed \$217,916.00, for the period from February 1, 2011 through July 31, 2015 (the "Agreement"). The proposed amendment (the "Amendment") would, (1) extend the termination date of the Agreement, from July 31, 2015 to July 31, 2016, and (2) increase the not-to-exceed amount of the Agreement by an additional \$52,066.00, from an amount not-to-exceed \$269,982.00 to a new amount not-to-exceed \$322,048.00.

The New York State Office of Children and Family Services recently notified my office that it has authorized renewal, for an additional one (1) year, of the grant (the "Grant") that funded the Agreement. During the term of the Agreement, WIHD has provided all services related to the Grant, including providing the Child Fatality Review Team Coordinator. The Child Fatality Review Team Coordinator is a part-time position that oversees review of all child fatalities in Westchester County. It takes time for a vendor to acquire the knowledge and skills required to provide all of the services related to the Grant. Accordingly, a new vendor would have to invest time in acquiring the necessary knowledge and skills, while WIHD can simply continue providing under the Amendment the services it already satisfactorily provided under the Agreement. Moreover, the Children's Advocacy Center is physically located at WIHD's facility, which gives WIHD and its Child Fatality Review Team Coordinator the advantage of physical proximity to the Children's Advocacy Center's child abuse forensic pediatrician, who is a mandatory team member of the Child Fatality Review Team.

Accordingly, it is proposed that the best interests of the County would be served by exempting the Amendment from the Westchester County Procurement Policy, pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof. Therefore, a resolution to exempt this procurement is hereby submitted for your consideration.

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the County Attorney, be it hereby:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures, it is hereby determined that application of the procedural requirements contained therein, including the necessity of soliciting proposals, is neither cost effective nor expedient, and accordingly not in the best interests of the County of Westchester (the "County") in connection with the procurement of an amendment to the County's agreement with Westchester Institute for Human Development, Inc. ("WIHD"), pursuant to which WIHD was to provide services to facilitate the operation of the County's Child Fatality Review Team, for an amount not-to-exceed \$269,982.00, for the period from February 1, 2011 through July 31, 2015 (the "Agreement"), in order to, (1) extend the termination date of the Agreement from July 31, 2015 to July 31, 2016, and (2) increase the not-to-exceed amount of the Agreement by an additional \$52,066.00, from an amount not-to-exceed \$269,982.00 to a new amount not-to-exceed \$322,048.00.

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JOSEPH P. FORTIN, SECRETARY