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County Executive

Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire  
Commissioner

**51221**

Date: February 24, 2016

To: The Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Kevin M. McGuire  
Commissioner  
Department of Social Services

Re: Authority to amend a resolution approved on January 7, 2016 which authorized the County of Westchester to enter into agreements with eight (8) licensed consultants to provide psychological testing and evaluations, psychiatric evaluations, sibling consults, fire setting evaluations, safety assessments, court ordered psychotherapy, functional capacity assessments to uninsured or under insured parents and children as well as vulnerable adults upon referral from the Department's Child Protective Services, Preventive Services, Foster Care Services as well as Protective Services for Adults Programs, for the period from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$317,000 in order to add an additional licensed Consultant at no additional cost to the County.

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On January 7, 2016 your Honorable Board approved a resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into agreements with eight (8) licensed consultants to provide psychological testing and evaluations, psychiatric evaluations, sibling consults, fire setting evaluations, safety assessments, court ordered psychotherapy, functional capacity assessments to uninsured or under insured parents and children as well as vulnerable adults upon referral from the Department's Child Protective Services, Preventive Services, Foster Care Services as well as Protective Services for Adults Programs, for the period from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$317,000.

Authority is now requested for the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services, to amend the aforesaid resolution approved on January 7, 2016 in order to add an additional licensed Consultant listed below to the list of the approved Consultants as shown in Schedule "A1" attached hereto and made a part hereof at no additional cost to the County:

Herold Abellard, M.D;

Except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the resolution approved on January 7, 2016 shall remain the same.

The amendment is to the resolution because the contract with the new Consultant has not been executed

The contracts with the licensed Consultants serve a **public purpose** by testing and evaluating children and adults who are the subject of abuse and neglect in order to assist the Department and the Family Court decide what is in the best interest of these vulnerable children and adults.

The **goals and objectives** of these contracts are to provide testing and evaluations to parents and child(ren) who have been subjects of Child Protective Service reports, and families in which at least one child is at risk of foster care placement or, in which at least one child has been placed in foster care. The **goals and objectives are in the best interests of the County in terms of public health and public safety** because they are aimed at providing clinical evaluations of the children and parents referred to the Consultants. These evaluations help the Department to identify the mental health and/or developmental problems of the children and parents and make appropriate referrals which in turn help to reduce the risk of abuse, neglect or maltreatment and focus on the ability of the parent(s) or guardian(s) to provide a safe and nurturing home environment. These evaluations will also promote the safety of individuals served under the Protective Services for Adults Program as well.

The **goals and objectives are in the best interests of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility** in that the services provided by the Consultant assist the Department in determining the appropriate level of services needed by the children and families, thereby helping to avert costly out of home placements. Further, since the services will be provided at an hourly rate, payments will be made for the actual time the Consultants spend on each case which in turn would result in more accountability on the part of the Department and the Consultants.

The **goals and objectives of this program will be tracked and monitored** using the Performance Measurement Indicators developed by the Department. They include feedback from District Office staff as well as the review of monthly performance reports submitted by the Consultants. The Department is able to report that the Consultants have met the established milestones set forth in the Scope of Work and the Program staff is satisfied with the outcomes.

Accordingly, the County of Westchester is hereby requesting permission to amend the resolution approved by your Honorable Board on January 7, 2016 as stated above.

We respectfully request your Honorable Board's approval of the attached Resolution.

**RESOLUTION**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Resolution approved by your Honorable Board on January 7, 2016 which authorized the County of Westchester to enter into agreement with eight (8) licensed consultants to provide psychological testing and evaluations, psychiatric evaluations, sibling consults, fire setting evaluations, safety assessments, court ordered psychotherapy, functional capacity assessments to uninsured or under insured parents and children as well as vulnerable adults upon referral from the Department's Child Protective Services, Preventive Services, Foster Care Services as well as Protective Services for Adults Programs, for the period from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$317,000 is hereby amended in order to add an additional licensed consultant as listed below and included in the Schedule A-1 attached hereto and made a part hereof at no additional cost to the County:

Herold Abellard, M.D;

and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the resolution approved on January 7, 2016 shall remain the same; 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	Trust Account	Dollars
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-----	N/A

Budget Funding Year(s): 2016  
(must match resolution)

Start Date: N/A

End Date: N/A

Funding Source

Tax Dollars: N/A

State Aid: N/A

Federal Aid: N/A

**SCHEDULE 'A1'**

**LIST OF CONSULTANTS**

<u>CONSULTANT NAME</u>	<u>VENDOR #</u>
1. Jose Arcaya, Ph.D., Esq.	726825
2. Diagnostics, LLP	715133
3. Juanita Guerra, Ph.D.	732257
4. Manuel Lopez-Leon, M.D	729185
5. Julie Low, M.D.	729191
6. Elizabeth Osborn, Ph.D.	999005
7. Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc.	995101
8. Westchester Institute for Human Development	722302
9. Herold Abellard, M.D.	<b>TBD</b>

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