

**DATE:** January 15, 2010

**TO:** Board of Acquisition and Contract

**FROM:** Patsy Yang, DrPH  
Acting Commissioner of Health

**RE:** Authorization for the County of Westchester to Amend an Agreement with one Early Intervention and Related Service Provider, Speech and Communication Professionals, pursuant to Article 25, Title II-A of the New York State Public Health Law and Part 200 of the New York State Education Law, by changing the provider's name to Speech and Communication Professionals Rehabilitation Services, SLP, PLLC

On March 12, 2009, your Honorable Board approved a resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to exercise its fourth renewal option with various providers, including Speech and Communication Professionals, by extending the terms thereof for one (1) additional year for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, for the provision of services to children with disabilities mandated pursuant to Article 25, Title II-A of the New York State Public Health Law and Part 200 of the New York State Education Law.

The original agreement with Speech and Communication Professionals was for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2005 and terminating June 30, 2006, with the County having the sole option to extend the agreement under the same terms and conditions for four (4) additional one-year periods.

The fourth extension agreement with Speech and Communication Professionals for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 has been executed.

The County has since been informed and received approval from both the New York State Education Department and the New York State Department of Health that Speech and Communication Professionals will now operate under the following new name:

Speech and Communication Professionals Rehabilitation Services, SLP, PLLC

Therefore, authority is respectfully requested to amend the contract to reflect the name change effective February 1, 2010.

These contracts promote the public health and welfare of Westchester County's children with special needs by enabling daily participation in special needs programs and other community settings that typically developing children attend. Approximately 10,000 children are served by the Early Intervention and Related Services programs.

The goals and objectives of these programs are to:

- Provide appropriate services to children birth to five with developmental disabilities and/or delays in accordance with their approved Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) or Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
- Provide these services in the child's natural environment and least restrictive setting

Providers will be monitored, as per their contract requirements and the Department's performance measurement indicators, for the provision of services through program site visits and review of their clinical session and progress reports, and accuracy of billing by monthly reviews of submitted documentation. If this resolution is not approved, children enrolled in these programs will not receive services, their developmental and educational needs will substantially regress and the municipality will be out of compliance with the respective state regulations.

Except as set forth herein, all other terms and conditions of the fourth extension agreement shall remain the same.

An appropriate resolution has been attached herewith for your Board's consideration.

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Attachment

cc: Alyse Portera

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 2-4-2010 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY

## RESOLUTION

UPON A COMMUNICATION FROM THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH, be it hereby

**RESOLVED,** that the County of Westchester is authorized to amend an agreement with one Early Intervention and Related Service Provider, Speech and Communication Professionals, for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, for the provision of services to children with disabilities, mandated pursuant to Article 25, Title II-A of the New York State Public Health Law and Part 200 of the New York State Education Law, by changing the provider's name to Speech and Communication Professionals Rehabilitation Services, SLP, PLLC effective February 1, 2010; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** that 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 and deliver all instruments and to take all actions necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purpose of this resolution.

Department of Health  
 County of Westchester  
 145 Huguenot Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 New Rochelle, New York 10801  
 January 15, 2010

Original Agreement	\$
First Amendment	\$
<b>This Amendment</b>	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ _____

Agreement # \_\_\_\_\_

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	N/A					
Budget Funding Year(s) _____ Start Date _____ End Date _____ (must match resolution)						
Funding Source _____ Tax Dollars _____ State Aid _____ Federal Aid _____ (must match resolution) Other _____						