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Department of Social Services

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Commissioner

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DATE: July 8, 2019

TO: Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin M. McGuire, Commissioner
Department of Social and Services

RE: Resolution requesting authority for the County of Westchester to amend Resolution No. 67172 approved by your Honorable Board on February 7, 2019 to enter into agreements with eight (8) licensed consultants listed in the resolution for the performance of certain psychological and testing evaluation services for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, in order to amend the rates to be paid for such services and to amend the agreement with Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc., dated March 20, 2019, for such services for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

By resolution approved on February 7, 2019 (the "February 7th Resolution"), your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Social Services (the "Department"), to enter into agreements with eight (8) consultants listed in the February 7th Resolution for the purpose of providing certain psychological and testing evaluation services for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 at the rates set forth in the Fee Schedule attached to the February 7th Resolution as Schedule "B," for an aggregate amount not to exceed \$267,000 pursuant to an approved budget. One of the eight (8) consultants listed in the February 7th Resolution was Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc.

The rates set forth in the Fee Schedule attached to the February 7th Resolution need to be changed as follows:

VIII	Psychosexual Risk Assessment	From \$800.00 per evaluation	To \$1,500.00 per evaluation
XI	Sexually Exploited Minor Evaluations		
	Full Assessment	From \$1,350.00 per assessment	To \$1,850.00 per assessment
	Full Assessment w/ Differential Diagnosis	From \$1,500.00 per assessment	To N/A REMOVE
	Full Assessment w/ Personality Testing	From \$1,500.00 per assessment	To \$2,150.00 per assessment

The rates need to be changed because Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc has informed the County that the rates for these assessments have increased due to the fact it had been undercharging for these assessments in previous years. The new rates for the assessments are the customary fees for these assessments. In addition, as explained below, this change in rate will affect only the Westchester Jewish Community Service, Inc. contract.

Approval is, therefore, requested from your Honorable Board to approve the new Fee Schedule attached hereto as Schedule "B-1," which reflects the new rates set forth above.

In addition, authority is requested for the County to amend its agreement with Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc., dated March 2, 2019, to pay the new rates for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. The County entered into an agreement with Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc., dated March 2, 2019, for such psychological and testing evaluation services pursuant to the February 7th Resolution. None of the remaining seven (7) consultants listed in the February 7th Resolution perform the services affected by the rate change.

Except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions set forth in the February 7th Resolution shall remain the same.

The proposed Amendment will **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 the proposed Amendment shall be 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 at least one child has been placed in foster care. The services provided by the consultant allows for interventions that promote the psychological and physical well-being of the child(ren) and/or parent(s) in order for families to safely maintain their children at home. Evaluation services provided to individuals served under the Protective Services for Adults Program focus on assessing competency in activities necessary to daily living in order to help identify the level of care needed by an individual.

The **goals and objectives** of the proposed Amendment is in the **County's best interest regarding 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 the proposed Amendment **shall be tracked and monitored** by the staff of the Department.

Accordingly, approval of the attached resolution is most respectfully requested.

R E S O L U T I O N

Upon a communication from Kevin M. McGuire, Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, be it hereby:

RESOLVED, that the resolution approved on February 7, 2018 (the February 7th Resolution”) which authorized the County, acting by and through its Department of Social Services (the “Department”), to enter into agreements with eight (8) licensed consultants listed in Schedule “A” to the February 7th Resolution for the purpose of providing certain psychological and testing evaluation services for the period from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 at the rates set forth in Schedule “B” to the February 7th Resolution is hereby amended to delete the Fee Schedule in Schedule “B” to the February 7th Resolution and replace it with the new Fee Schedule attached hereto as Schedule “B-1;”and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department is authorized to amend its agreement with Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc. (“WJCS”), dated March 20, 2019, pursuant to which WJCS agreed to provide such psychological testing and evaluation services by deleting the Fee Schedule attached to the agreement as Schedule “B” and replacing it with the Fee Schedule attached hereto as Schedule “B-1” for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

RESOLVED, that except as specifically amended hereby, all remaining terms and conditions set forth in the February 7th Resolution shall remain in full force and effect; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents and take all actions necessary to effect the purpose of this resolution.

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	N/A

Budget Funding Year(s) N/A Start Date: N/A End Date: N/A
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars N/A

State Aid N/A

\$ N/A Federal Aid N/A

(must match resolution) Other N/A

SCHEDULE "B-1" (AMENDED)

**CONSULTANT SERVICE FEE SCHEDULE
Aggregate Not-To-Exceed for all Consultant Contracts (NTE) \$267,000**

01/01/2019- 12/31/2019

I.	Psychiatric Evaluation		\$157.50 per hour
II.	Psychological Testing and Evaluation		\$110.00 per hour (not to exceed \$880.00 for standard battery of tests and \$1,320.00 for extended battery of tests)
III.	Fire-setting Evaluation		\$795.90 per evaluation
IV.	Forensic Mental Health Assessment		\$94.50 per hour (not to exceed \$945.00 for a battery of tests)
V.	Psychotherapeutic Treatment	by Psychiatrist	\$157.50 per hour
		by other	\$78.75 per hour
		by Trauma Specialist	\$45.00 per hour
VI.	Consultation (Sibling Placement)		\$78.75 per hour
VII.	Chemical Dependency Evaluation and/or Treatment		Rate established by Medicaid
VIII.	Psychosexual Risk Assessment		\$1,500.00 per evaluation
IX.	Sex Abuse Validations		\$200.00 per hour
X.	Sex Offender Assessment		\$3,000 per assessment
XI.	Sexually Exploited Minor Evaluations		
		• Full Assessment	\$1,850 per assessment
		• Full Assessment w/ Personality Testing	\$2,150 per assessment
		• Translation Service	\$150.00 per hour
XII.	WIHD Comprehensive Family Assessment		\$3,000 per assessment
XIII.	Parent/Child Comprehensive Assessment		\$1,875 per assessment
XIV.	Brief Trauma Consultation		\$45.00 per hour
XV.	Contreras Translation & Interpretation Services Inc.		See Schedule 'B1'
XVI.	No Show Rate for Psychiatric Evaluation		\$157.50 for the first hour only
XVII.	No Show Rate for Psychological Testing and Evaluation		\$110.00 for the first hour only

XVIII. Court Appearance

Psychologist	\$385.00 *half day
Psychologist	\$770.00 **full day
Psychologist Record Review/Prep Time	\$110.00 per hour
Psychologist Telephone Conference	\$110.00 per hour
Psychiatrist	\$551.25 *half day
Psychiatrist	\$1102.50 **full day
Psychiatrist Record Review/Prep Time	\$157.50 per hour
Psychiatrist Telephone Conference	\$157.50 per hour
Tolls	Receipted amount
Mileage	56 cents per mile
Forensic Mental Health Assessment	\$472.50 *half day
Forensic Mental Health Assessment	\$945.00 **full day
Forensic Mental Health Assessment Record Review/Prep Time	\$94.50 per hour
Forensic Mental Health Assessment Telephone Conference	\$94.50 per hour

Reimbursement for travel expenses will be calculated on a per mile basis at the standard IRS rate. Mileage will be reimbursed for travel to and from the Consultant's office to designated location (i.e. Court).

*Half day is equivalent to 3.5 hours.

**Full day is equivalent to 7 hours.