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County Executive

Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner

75727

DATE: March 31, 2020

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. 73896 approved by your Honorable Board on February 6, 2020 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, 2020 through December 31, 2020, in order to change the name of the licensed consultant listed as Kenneth J. Lau LCSW-R P.C. to Empire State Forensics LCSW P.C.

By resolution approved on February 6, 2020 (the “February 6th 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) licensed consultants listed in the February 6th Resolution as Schedule “A” for the purpose of providing certain psychological and testing evaluation services for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 at the rates set forth in the Fee Schedule attached to the February 6th Resolution as Schedule “B”, for an aggregate amount not to exceed \$267,000 pursuant to an approved budget.

The Department now seeks authority of your Honorable Board to amend the February 6th Resolution in order to change the name of the licensed consultant listed as Kenneth J. Lau LCSW-R P.C. to Empire State Forensics LCSW PC., and to approve the list of eight (8) licensed consultants attached hereto as Schedule “A-1”.

Except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions set forth in the February 6th 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 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.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACTS
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R E S O L U T I O N

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

RESOLVED, that the resolution approved on February 6, 2020 (the February 6th Resolution”) which 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) licensed consultants listed in the February 6th Resolution as Schedule “A” for the purpose of providing certain psychological and testing evaluation services for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 at the rates set forth in the Fee Schedule attached to the February 6th Resolution as Schedule “B”, is hereby amended to change the name of the licensed consultant listed as Kenneth J. Lau LCSW-R P.C. to Empire State Forensics LCSW P.C.; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department is authorized to delete the list of licensed consultants in Schedule “A” of the February 6th Resolution and replace it with the new list of licensed consultants attached hereto as Schedule “A-1”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that except as specifically amended hereby, all remaining terms and conditions set forth in the February 6th 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
\$ <u>N/A</u>	Federal Aid	N/A
(must match resolution)	Other	N/A

SCHEDULE "A-1" (AMENDED)

LIST OF LICENSED CONSULTANTS

CONSULTANT NAME	VENDOR #
1. Diagnostics, LLP	715133
2. Juanita Guerra, Ph.D.	732257
3. Empire State Forensics LCSW P.C.	To Be Assigned
4. Julie Y. Low, M.D.	729191
5. Anne H. Meltzer, Psy.D.	708685
6. Elizabeth Osborn, Ph.D.	999005
7. Westchester Institute for Human Development	722302
8. Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc.	995101

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