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County Executive

Department of Social Services

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Commissioner

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DATE: April 16, 2020

TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

SUBJECT: Authority to amend Resolution approved by your Honorable Board on December 12, 2019, to enter into an agreement with The Mental Health Association of Westchester County, Inc., (“MHA”) to provide a Host Visitation program to enhance visitation between children in foster care and their families, for the period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$220,721, by decreasing the not to exceed amount by \$105,512, to a new total not to exceed amount of \$115,209.

By resolution approved on December 12, 2019 (the “December 12th 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 an agreement with The Mental Health Association of Westchester County, Inc., (“MHA”) to provide a Host Visitation program to enhance visitation between children in foster care and their parents who are in need of supervised visitation in addition to or in place of visitation provided by Department staff. The proposed agreement to provide training to volunteers who will provide Host Visitation, along with MHA staff, on a weekly basis (at minimum), to approximately 16 to 24 families with children in foster care, for the period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for an amount not to exceed \$220,721, to be paid on a monthly basis pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation (“Agreement”). The Agreement has not yet been executed.

The Department now seeks authority of your Honorable Board to amend the December 12th Resolution by reducing the amount not to exceed by \$105,512, from \$220,721 to a new total not to exceed amount of \$115,209.

Except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions set forth in the December 12th Resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

Accordingly, the County of Westchester is hereby requesting authority to enter into an agreement with The Mental Health Association of Westchester County, Inc. for the aforesaid purpose.

An appropriate resolution requesting your Honorable Board’s approval is attached herewith.

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (“County”) is hereby authorized to amend a resolution approved on December 12, 2019 (the “December 12th Resolution”), which authorized the County of Westchester (the “County”), acting by and through its Department of Social Services (the “Department”), to enter into an agreement with The Mental Health Association of Westchester County, Inc., (“MHA”) to provide a Host Visitation program to enhance visitation between children in foster care and their parents who are in need of supervised visitation in addition to or in place of visitation provided by Department staff. The proposed agreement to provide training to volunteers who will provide Host Visitation, along with MHA staff, on a weekly basis (at minimum), to approximately 16 to 24 families with children in foster care for the period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for an amount not to exceed \$220,721, by decreasing the amount not to exceed by \$105,512, to a new total not to exceed amount of \$115,209; and be it further

RESOLVED, that except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions set forth in the December 12th Resolution shall remain in full force and effect; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Agreement is subject to County Appropriation; and be it further

RESOLVED that this agreement is also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the “State Budget”) proposed and adopted during the term of this Agreement. The County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State Budget and/or the adoption of a State Budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable period of time after such release(s) or adoption(s), to conduct an analysis of the impacts of any such State Budget on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right to either terminate this Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Contractor, then the Contractor shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is hereby authorized to take such action and execute such documents as may be necessary and proper to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Original Amount: \$220,721
 This Amendment: -\$105,512
 New Total: \$115,209

Account to be charged/credited:

	FUND	DEPT	Major Program, Program & Phase, Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2020	101	22	8900	5960		-\$105,512

Budget Funding Year(s): 2020 **Start Date:** 1/1/2020 **End Date:** 12/31/2020
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars: 33%
-\$ 105,512 State Aid: 44%
 (must match resolution) Federal Aid: 23%

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 01/30/2020 - LISA MARIJAJ, SECRETARY