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DATE: May 8, 2020

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

SUBJECT: Authority to amend a resolution approved on March 12, 2020 which authorized the County of Westchester to enter into an Agreement with Premier Home Health Care Services, Inc. for the provision of Personal Care Aide Services Level II (“PCA Level II”) for two children with special needs for a term commencing retroactive to August 16, 2019 and continuing through April 30, 2020 in an amount not-to-exceed \$332,067, payable pursuant to an approved budget, by 1) changing the expiration date of the Agreement from April 30, 2020 to August 15, 2020; and 2) changing the not-to-exceed amount thereunder from \$332,067 to \$470,957.

By resolution approved on March 12, 2020 (the “March 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 Premier Home Health Care Services, Inc. (“Premier”), pursuant to which Premier would provide one-on-one PCA Level II services for two children with special needs on a 24 hour, seven day per week basis, for a term commencing retroactive to August 16, 2019 and continuing through April 30, 2020, for an amount not-to-exceed \$332,067, payable pursuant to an approved budget (the “Agreement”). The Agreement has not yet been executed.

The children are currently residing in a residential treatment facility in Westchester. Because of their disabilities, they require one-on-one nursing services on a 24 hour, seven day per week basis. Premier has been providing these services for the County pursuant to court order under a series of contracts since May 16, 2016.

While these services are exempt from the County Procurement Policy pursuant to section 3(a)viii thereof, they remain subject to the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (the "Federal Procurement Rules"), since a portion of the services are funded with Federal funds. Previously, the Department has relied upon an exemption under the Federal Procurement Rules for "public exigency or emergency," since the children were court ordered into care. However, with the passage of time, this exemption is no longer applicable. Accordingly, on March 5, 2020 the Department issued an RFP seeking to competitively procure the services of an agency to provide PCA Level II services for the two children for a two year term commencing on May 1, 2020. However, no proposals were received in response to the RFP, even from the incumbent agency, Premier. Based on feedback received from Premier, it is believed that the lack of responses was due in large part to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Department now plans to issue a new RFP for services to begin on August 16, 2020. However, in the interim, it will be necessary to extend the term of the contract with Premier through August 15, 2020 and to increase the NTE by an additional \$138,890, from \$332,067 to \$470,957, to have sufficient funds available to compensate Premier for additional services rendered.

Accordingly, authority is respectfully requested to amend the March 12th Resolution which authorized the County to enter into an Agreement with Premier for the provision of PCA Level II for two children with special needs for a term commencing retroactive to August 16, 2019 and continuing through April 30, 2020 in an amount not-to-exceed \$332,067, payable pursuant to an approved budget, by 1) changing the expiration date of the Agreement from April 30, 2020 to August 15, 2020; and 2) changing the not-to-exceed amount thereunder from \$332,067 to \$470,957.

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

The public purpose of this agreement is to ensure that the children's physical needs are met and that they are able to be safely maintained at the residential facility. The child welfare goal is to reunite the children, when safely possible, with their family.

The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored by Department staff.

An appropriate resolution is herewith attached for your Honorable Board's consideration.

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Attachment

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the resolution approved on March 12, 2020 (the “March 12th Resolution”) which authorized the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services (the “Department”), to enter into an agreement with Premier Home Health Care Services, Inc. (“Premier”), pursuant to which Premier would provide one-on-one Personal Care Aide Services Level II on a 24 hour, seven day per week basis, for two children with special needs for a term commencing retroactive to August 16, 2019 and continuing through April 30, 2020 in an amount not-to-exceed \$332,067, payable pursuant to an approved budget, is hereby amended by 1) changing the expiration date of the Agreement from April 30, 2020 to August 15, 2020; and 2) changing the not-to-exceed amount thereunder from \$332,067 to \$470,957; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is empowered to execute 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
2020	101	22	8900	5650	-----	138,890

Budget Funding Year(s): 2019-20 Start Date: 08/16/2019 End Date: 08/15/2020
(must match resolution)

Original Amount: \$332,067
This Amendment: \$138,890
New Total: \$470,957

Funding Source

Tax Dollars: 0 %
State Aid: 50 %
Federal Aid: 50 %
Other:

\$ 138,890
(must match resolution)