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Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire
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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin M. McGuire
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Department of Social Services

RE: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an Agreement with Lexington Center for Recovery, Inc. to provide Family Court Diversion Comprehensive Clinical Services to families with children at risk of foster care placement for the period January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012 in an amount not to exceed \$200,075 to be paid on a monthly basis in accordance with an approved budget and subject to appropriation

Authority is requested to enter into an agreement with Lexington Center for Recovery, Inc. to provide Family Court Diversion Comprehensive Clinical Services ("Family Court Diversion") to families with children at risk of foster care placement. This program provides clinical assessment and referral services, focusing on restoring and/or stabilizing family functioning. The proposed contract, in an amount not to exceed \$200,075, will be paid on a monthly basis in accordance with the approved budget and subject to appropriation for the period January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012. Lexington Center for Recovery, Inc. has provided this service for the County for the past several years through an interdepartmental agreement between the Department of Community Mental Health and the Department of Social Services. These services will now be accessed through the Cross Systems Unit of the Department of Social Services. The contract will be monitored by the Department directly.

The services provided through this contract serve a **public purpose** in that it preserves the family, reduces risk of abuse or neglect, prevents delinquency and youth crime, thus averting the need for foster care placement as families are better equipped to understand and handle child behaviors. The program promotes the general safety and welfare of residents of Westchester County.

The **goals and objectives** of this contract are in compliance with OCFS regulation NYCRR 18, Part 423 (9) (10), which mandate that the Department provide preventive services to families at risk of foster care placement. Furthermore, through the provision of this service, we seek to

avoid foster care placements. Family Court Diversion is available to families with youth who have numerous risk factors (such as mental illness, substance abuse, dysfunctional family dynamics, heavy involvement with negative peers, beliefs and attitudes supportive of anti-social behavior) and were referred by the Department of Probation. The Vendor is able to accomplish the goals and objectives through the provision of the following services:

- Clinical assessment and referral services
- Development of strength-based individualized treatment plans
- Case consultation to the Department of Probation
- Therapy groups for JD (Juvenile Delinquent) Diversion population
- Ongoing case follow-up and monitoring, as appropriate

The **goals and objectives are in the best interest of the County in terms of public health and safety** because the services provided through this contract identify and address risk factors affecting youth and their families; strengthening families and increasing the stability of families, thereby reducing the risk of abuse, neglect and/or need for foster care placements.

The **goals and objectives are in the best interest of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility** in that the Department is able to avert the need for foster care placements and the costs associated with such placements. Preventing children from entering the foster care system can result in substantial savings for the County and the taxpayers.

- **Family Foster care cost annualized per child** - The cost of foster care in a Family Foster setting can range from \$17.10 to \$58.65 per day per child depending on the age and level of care provided. That translates into an annualized foster care cost from **\$6,241.50 to \$21,407.25 per child per year.**
- **Residential Foster care cost annualized per child** The cost of Residential Foster Care costs can range from \$199.60 to \$446.78 per day per child. That translates into an annualized cost for residential care from **\$72,854.00 to \$163,074.70 per child per year.**
- **Contract program cost per child.** The program cost is \$200,075. As of September 30, 2011, the Vendor has served 134 children. At this rate of service, the per child cost for the contract year projects to be **\$2,248.03 per child.**

The **goals and objectives as stated in the resolution will be tracked and monitored** to evaluate success through the monitoring of established performance measures as stipulated in the contract, reviewing of periodic reports submitted by the Vendor.

Based on the **Performance Measures Indicators** reported as of September 30, 2011, the Department is able to report that of the 134 children served, the Vendor has averted 100% foster care placements. In addition, the Vendor reported that 98.6% of the children served did not become the subject of a subsequent indicated CPS report while receiving services.

This contract is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy under Section 3(a) xviii.

Accordingly, the County of Westchester is hereby requesting permission to enter into an Agreement with Lexington Center for Recovery, Inc. for the above stated purpose.

A resolution requesting the same is attached for your Honorable Board's approval.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 12/15/2011 - JOMARY VIEIRA SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Lexington Center for Recovery, Inc. to provide Family Court Diversion Comprehensive Clinical Services to families with children at risk of foster care placement for the period from January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012 in an amount not to exceed \$200,075 to be paid on a monthly basis in accordance with an approved budget; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, and this contract is 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 budget of the State budget and/or the adoption of the 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 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 duly authorized designee is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents and to take all actions necessary and appropriate on behalf of the County of Westchester to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
101	22	4500	4439	----	\$200,075

Budget Funding Year(s) 2012 (must match resolution)

Start Date: 01/01/2012

End Date: 06/30/2012

Funding Source

Tax Dollars: 41%
 State Aid: 30%
 Federal Aid: 29%
 Other:

\$200,075
 (must match resolution)