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February 02, 2012

**TO:** Honorable Members  
Board of Acquisition and Contract

**FROM:** Grant E. Mitchell, M.D.  
Commissioner  
Department of Community Mental Health

**SUBJECT:** Request authority to enter into an agreement with Jewish Community Center on the Hudson, Inc. in the amount of \$25,000 for the period beginning January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 to provide services to families and their children with disabilities

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Authority is requested for the Department of Community Mental Health to enter into an agreement with Jewish Community Center on the Hudson (JCC), in a total amount not to exceed \$25,000 for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 to provide 25 three (3) hour sessions to 30-35 families from Westchester County that will assist children on the autism spectrum, mental retardation and other developmental and physical disabilities to participate in art and music therapy, adaptive physical education and local trips. JCC will also provide support and resources for families by providing individual consultations and referrals for available services. JCC will be reimbursed at the rate of \$1,000 per session.

Under the previous agreement, JCC provided twenty five 3-hour sessions for 38 developmentally disabled children and their families from throughout Westchester County. These sessions included recreational therapy, art, music adaptive physical education and local trips to children and respite services for participating families. The County funding for this program also helped 38 developmentally disabled children and their families who lacked financial resources to receive community support and information and referral to local resources.

With the rise in the diagnoses of autism, the goals of this agreement are to ensure that each child who enters this program can maintain or build upon their social and cognitive skills by building self esteem and to provide parents and siblings needed respite services. Goals will be monitored by reviewing quarterly the calendar of events and also reviewing quarterly statistics of individuals and families who are receiving these services to ensure that services are being provided. This agreement will serve a public purpose by providing to Westchester County residents supplemental services that are low cost or free.

The goals and objectives of this program are:

1. Provide needed respite to families of children with Autism and other developmental and/or physical disabilities so that they may devote time to other family matters or to the needs of their other children
2. Increase opportunities for recreational activities that enhance socialization and cognitive skills as well as self esteem through a supervised and structured setting for children with Autism and other developmental and/or physical disabilities
3. Assist families of children with Autism and other developmental and/or physical disabilities to access and secure needed services by providing information and referral to resources and services available

The achievement of these goals and objectives will contribute to the health and well-being of children with Autism and other developmental and/or physical disabilities. It also will enhance the families' abilities to better support their disabled family member. The funding of this program will also benefit those families who do not have the financial resources to privately pay for such supports and services.

The goals and objectives of the program will be monitored in the following ways:

1. DCMH will receive and review a quarterly calendar of events and activities for the previous quarter in order to determine that appropriate activities and opportunities are offered to meet the goals and objectives.
2. DCMH will receive and review quarterly statistics regarding the number of individuals utilizing the program for the previous quarter.
3. On-site inspections of the program may be conducted at the discretion of the Deputy Commissioner.

This agreement will serve a public purpose by providing to Westchester County Residents supplemental services that are low cost or free.

This agreement is exempt from the procedures of the Procurement Policy under section 3(a)xvii thereof.

I recommend your favorable consideration of the annexed proposed Resolution.

## RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Community Mental Health, be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that authority is granted to the Department of Community Mental Health to enter into an agreement with Jewish Community Center on the Hudson, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$25,000 for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that Jewish Community Center on the Hudson, Inc. will provide 25 3-hour sessions to 30-35 families from throughout Westchester County that will assist children on the autism spectrum, mental retardation and other developmental and physical disabilities to participate in art and music therapy, adaptive physical education and local trips. JCC will also provide support and resources for families by providing individual consultations and referrals for available services. JCC will be reimbursed at \$1,000 per session.

**RESOLVED**, that this Contract is subject to County appropriations; 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 authorized and empowered to execute and deliver all instruments and take all actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof, and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute this agreement for the County of Westchester.

Original Agreement \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 This Amendment \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Account to be Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
101	26	2000	4380		\$25,000

Budget Funding Year(s) 2012 Start Date 1/1/2012\_ End Date 12/31/2012 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \$ 25,000  
 State Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
 Federal Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 (must match resolution)

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 02/23/2012 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY