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Department of Social Services

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Commissioner

27614

DATE: June 15, 2012

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner of Social Services

SUBJECT: **Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with Julia Dyckman Andrus Memorial, Inc. to operate the Family Recovery Center program for the period September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013 to provide 24-hour care for children entering, or at risk of entering, foster care at cost not to exceed \$1,884,751, payable pursuant to an approved budget**

The authority of your Honorable Board is being requested to enter into an agreement with Julia Dyckman Andrus Memorial, Inc. ("Andrus") to provide a new voluntary child care placement alternative called the Family Recovery Center. This initiative has been successful for approximately 15 years in Onondaga County New York in successfully returning 50% of children placed in the program to their families or with extended families. The Westchester County Department of Social Services requests authority to enter into an agreement with Andrus to operate the Family Recovery Center, which will target children entering, or at risk of entering the foster care system, for the term September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013 at a cost not to exceed \$1,884,751, payable pursuant to a New York State approved approximated per diem and pursuant to an approved budget. The federal funding for this program is exempt from the Common Grant Rules as this is one of the programs that falls under the category of Block Grants for Social Services.

The proposed agreement with the Andrus will provide a safe haven for placed children 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, as well as respite services for families in

crisis or children whose foster home placement may have been disrupted. The goals and objectives of the program are to keep families together and involved with their regularly occurring community activities and in their existing schools, and to reduce the length of time that children stay in foster care, with the expected length of time in care being six to eight weeks. The capacity of the Family Recovery Center will be 16 children and the annual minimum utilization is expected to be 135 children, with a maximum of 190 children, if warranted. The age of the children to be served will be from birth to 18 years of age.

This voluntary child care program will add to current options available through contracted and approved voluntary child care agencies (VA) programs and placements. The program will help the County reduce the number of children in foster care as the proposed agreement is expected to reduce the number and length of stay of children in foster care. The goals and objectives of keeping families together and reducing the length of time that children stay in foster care will be monitored by the Department through the performance measures guidelines.

The proposed agreement with Andrus is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)(xviii) of the policy.

A resolution requesting authority to enter into an agreement with Julia Dyckman Andrus Memorial, Inc. to provide the Family Recovery Center program is attached for your Honorable Board's approval.

KMM/Dl/ml

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Julia Dyckman Andrus Memorial, Inc. to operate the Family Recovery Center for the period September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013 at a cost not to exceed \$1,884,751, payable pursuant to an approximated per diem and an approved budget; be it further

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

RESOLVED, that the 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 these 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 the 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 the Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, or his authorized designee, is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2012	101	22	8900	5880	-----	\$628,250
2013	101	22	8900	5880	-----	\$1,256,501

Budget Funding Year(s): 2012-13 Start Date: 09/01/12 End Date: 8/31/13
(Must match resolution)

Funding Source

Tax Dollars: 32%

State Aid: 39%

\$1,884,751

Federal Aid: 29%

(must match resolution)

Other:

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT 08/09/2012 JOSEPH VIERA, SECRETARY