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Department of Probation

Rocco A. Pozzi
Commissioner

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DATE: August 8, 2012

TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Rocco A. Pozzi
Commissioner of Probation

RE: **A.) AUTHORITY TO RATIFY AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES TO ACCEPT FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$226,339 TO MEET THE COUNTY'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE SUPERVISION AND TREATMENT SERVICES FOR JUVENILES PROGRAM (STSJP) FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2011 TO MARCH 31, 2012.**

B.) AUTHORITY TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH WESTCHESTER JEWISH COMMUNITY SERVICES TO OPERATE THE LINKAGES AND JUVENILE SEX OFFENDER PROGRAMS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$143,000 FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2011 TO MARCH 31, 2012.

The County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through the Department of Probation (the "Department"), seeks authority from your Honorable Board to ratify an agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (NYOCFS) to accept funding in the amount of \$226,339.00 to meet the County's obligations under the Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program (STSJP) for the period October 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012.

Authority is also requested to sign an agreement with Westchester Jewish Community Services (WJCS) whereby WJCS operated the Linkages Program and the Juvenile Sex Offenders Program in an amount not to exceed \$143,000, as set forth below, for the period October 1,

Administrative Office

2011 to March 31, 2012. The remaining funds, \$83,339, were used by the Department of Probation to operate the Probation Juvenile Accountability Program.

• Westchester Jewish Community Services	
Linkages Program	\$85,000.00
Juvenile Sex Offender	58,000.00
• Probation Juvenile Accountability Program	83,339.00
TOTAL	\$226,339.00

Under the agreement Westchester Jewish Community Services operates the Linkages Program. The Linkages Program consists of assessment and adjustment services for youth who have been arrested for an offense, which if they were over 16, would be considered a criminal act. In tandem with the services of Linkages, the Department has responsibility for case planning and case management for Juvenile Delinquents (JDs) cases appropriate for adjustment. The Linkages Program includes making every effort to engage families in the adjustment process to conduct assessments and provide diversion services and referrals as well as outreach to the victims. Assessments consist of clinical as well as YASI evaluations. The program was designed to serve JDs who had received appearance tickets in Westchester County. The Linkages program served 76 youth in 2011 and 34 youth in the first quarter of 2012.

Westchester Jewish Community Services also operated the Juvenile Sex Offender Program (JSOP). JSOP consists of sexual risk assessments, development of safety plans, and ongoing treatment in an attempt to maintain very high juvenile risk sex offenders safely in the community without re-offense or re-victimization. This program is designed to serve alleged and/or adjudicated JDs whose offense was of a sexual nature. This population has been the most historically difficult population to maintain safely in the community and has had a high percentage of dispositions requiring residential placements. The JSOP served 31 high risk youth in a year.

The Department operated the Probation Juvenile Accountability Program which served youth throughout Westchester County. The youth in this program were Persons In Need of Supervision (PINS) and JDs who had been adjudicated or were awaiting disposition from court on a case. The Juvenile Accountability Probation program served 345 youth in a year, with 2,500 PINS contacts and 4,000 JD contacts. Contacts included but were not limited to face to face meetings in field, school, or phone.

The outcomes were measured quarterly through collection and review of data submitted to the Chief of Planning, Research and Staff Development for the Department of Probation.

Due to state funding changes, the Department was not able to request the approval of your Honorable Board to enter into these agreements in a timely manner. The Department is now requesting retroactive approval of these agreements.

The public purpose of this contract is to prevent future delinquency, including youth violence, by working with youth before they commit a crime or engage in other delinquent behaviors. By providing services in the community, youth can stay at home with their families and continue to go to school, while still getting their needs met and saving taxpayers money.

I certify that my department, a) has copies of, or access to, all applicable laws, rules, regulations, grant applications, and grant agreements (including any master grant agreement), as well as any guidance or instructions received from the agency making the grant (the "Grant Terms"), b) has reviewed the Grant Terms, c) is aware of and understands all of the Grant Terms, and d) can and will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

The agreement to accept State funding under the STSJP Program is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy under Section 3(a)iii because it is an contract with the State of New York. The agreement with Westchester Jewish Community Services is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy under Section 3(a)xviii because it is a contract for the "...creation and support of youth service projects and appropriate programs and services for the prevention of delinquency and youth crime..."

Accordingly, I recommend adoption of the proposed annexed resolution.

RAP/LR
Enclosure

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Probation, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that authority is hereby granted to the County of Westchester to ratify an agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to accept funding in an amount not to exceed \$226,339.00 for the period October 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012; and be it further;

RESOLVED, that authority is hereby granted to the County of Westchester to sign an agreement with Westchester Jewish Community Services in an amount not to exceed \$143,000 for the period October 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012, pursuant to an approved budget ; and be it further;

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary and appropriate 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	39	1000	9771		\$226,339
101	39	1000	4380		\$ 143,000

Budget Funding Year(s) 2012 Start Date: October 1, 2011 End Date: March 31, 2012
(must match resolution)

Funding Source

\$226,339.00
(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars _____
State Aid \$226,339.00
Federal Aid _____
Other _____