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Department of Social Services

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Date: August 23, 2012

To: The Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner
Department of Social Services

Re: Authority to further amend a resolution originally approved by your Honorable Board on December 15, 2011 and subsequently amended on January 19, 2012 to contract with nine (9) licensed consultants as listed in Schedule "A" to provide psychological testing and evaluations, psychiatric evaluations, mental health evaluations, sibling consults, fire setting evaluations, safety assessments and court ordered psychotherapy to uninsured parents and children who have been subjects of Child Protective Service Reports and families in which at least one (1) child is at risk of foster care placement or in which at least one (1) child has been placed in foster care for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$217,125 in order to add one more consultant, namely **Westchester Institute for Human Development**, to the list of approved consultants at no additional cost to the County

By a resolution adopted by your Honorable Board on December 15, 2011, the County of Westchester was authorized to enter into agreements with nine (9) licensed consultants as listed in Schedule "A" to provide psychological testing and evaluations, psychiatric evaluations, mental health evaluations, sibling consults, fire setting evaluations, safety assessments and court ordered psychotherapy to uninsured parents and children who have been subjects of Child Protective Service Reports and families in which at least one (1) child is at risk of foster care placement or in which at least one (1) child has been placed in foster care for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$217,125 to be paid at rates listed in Schedule "B" pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation. The resolution was subsequently amended on January 19, 2012 to correct the name of one of the Consultants. Contracts with all approved Consultants were subsequently executed.

Authority is now requested to further amend the Resolution originally approved on December 15, 2011 and subsequently amended on January 19, 2012 in order to add one more consultant listed below to the list of approved consultants at no additional cost to the County. This agency is being added to the list of Consultants pursuant to a Court order:

Westchester Institute for Human Development

These contracts serve a **public purpose** in that the licensed consultants provide professional expertise in the areas of evaluations, assessments and court ordered psychotherapy, thereby enabling the Department to provide appropriate referrals and services as recommended.

The **goals and objectives** of these contracts are to provide psychological testing and evaluations, psychiatric evaluations, mental health evaluations, sibling consults, fire setting evaluations, safety assessments and court ordered psychotherapy to uninsured parents and children who have been subjects of Child Protective Service reports and families in which at least one child is at risk of foster care placement or in which at least one child has been placed in foster care. The services provided by the Consultants allow for interventions that promote the psychological and physical well-being of the child and/or parent as well as to assist and facilitate the reunification of the family where required.

The **goals and objectives are in the best interests of the County in terms of public health, public safety and fiscal responsibility** as they are aimed at providing clinical evaluations of the clients referred to the Consultant that would help the Department to identify the mental health and/or developmental problems of the clients, including both children and parents and make appropriate referrals which would in turn help to reduce the risk of abuse, neglect or maltreatment. Because the services will be provided at an hourly rate, payments will be made for the actual time the Consultant spends on each case which in turn would provide for more accountability on the part of the Department and the Consultants

The **goals and objectives of this program will be tracked and monitored** to evaluate the success using the Performance Measurement Indicators developed by the Department and approved by the County Budget Office.

Except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the Resolution originally approved on December 15, 2011 and subsequently amended on January 19, 2012 shall remain the same.

The Amendment is to the Resolution because the contract with the consultant has not been executed.

We respectfully request your Honorable Board's approval of the attached Resolution.

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the Resolution approved by your Honorable Board on December 15, 2011 and subsequently amended on January 19, 2012 authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into agreement with nine (9) licensed consultants as listed in Schedule "A" to provide psychological testing and evaluations, psychiatric evaluations, mental health evaluations, sibling consults, fire setting evaluations, safety assessments and court ordered psychotherapy to uninsured parents and children who have been subjects of Child Protective Service Reports and families in which at least one (1) child is at risk of foster care placement or in which at least one (1) child has been placed in foster care for the period from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$217,125 is hereby amended to add one more consultant listed below at no additional cost to the County:

Westchester Institute for Human Development;

and be it further

RESOLVED, except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the Resolution originally approved on December 15, 2011 and subsequently amended on January 19, 2012 shall remain the same; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is empowered 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
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Budget Funding Year(s): N/A
(must match resolution)

Start Date: N/A

End Date: N/A

Funding Source

Tax Dollars: N/A

State Aid: N/A

\$N/A

Federal Aid: N/A

(must match resolution)

Other:

Schedule "A"

LIST OF CONSULTANTS

<u>CONSULTANT NAME</u>	<u>VENDOR #</u>
1. Jose Arcaya, Ph.D., Esq.	726825
2. Diagnostics, LLP	715133
3. Juanita Guerra, Ph.D.	To be assigned
4. Manuel Lopez-Leon, M.D	729185
5. Julie Low, M.D.	729191
6. Montego Medical Consulting, P.C.	727180
7. Elizabeth Osborn, Ph.D.	999005
8. Sancia Wellness, Inc.	To be assigned
9. Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc.	995101
10. Westchester Institute for Human Development	722302

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