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DATE: December 11, 2012

TO: The Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Dr. Iris T. Pagan, Executive Director  
Westchester County Youth Bureau

RE: Authority to enter into an Agreement with Student Advocacy, Inc. to operate the Overcoming the Odds Program for the program period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 in the total amount not-to-exceed \$40,052, payable pursuant to an approved budget.

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Authority is hereby requested for the County of Westchester to enter into an Agreement with Student Advocacy, Inc., ("Student Advocacy") to operate the Overcoming the Odds program, under a portion of the County's Special Delinquency Prevention Program funding for the program period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. The funding for this program will be provided by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services in an amount not to exceed \$40,052; payable pursuant to an approved budget.

#### 2012 program description

This program will serve 47 youth ages 14-21. The program is designed to address dropout rates by making available dropout prevention and or academic services/education relates services, so that youth will leave school prepared to live, learn and work in a community as a contributing member of society.

#### 2012 program outcomes

37 of the 47 youth enrolled will stay in school until successful completion as measured by bench marks, improved academic performance, attendance, behavior and attitude, as well as educational support at school and new instructional opportunities, as well as parents increasing their knowledge of educational laws, school procedures and advocacy strategies.

The program outcome as stated above will be tracked and monitored through monthly, quarterly and annual reports, Report Cards and by bi-yearly site visits from Youth Bureau Program Monitors.

This program was funded in 2011. Achieved outcomes are as follows:

Among the 146 completed cases, 133 parents reported that they are better able to advocate for their child. They have greater knowledge of their child's rights, the educational process, and advocacy strategies.

Among the 146 completed cases, 139 gained new instructional opportunities and educational supports including access to school after being denied registration, minimal loss of school time after a

suspension, home instruction during a suspension, academic supports and/or special education services targeted to the student's learning needs.

Educational advocacy services were completed for 146 youth. Parents of 126 report that their child has improved attendance, better behavior, better academic progress and/or a better attitude towards school

Pending an Act which is before the Westchester County Board of Legislators for approval, the County of Westchester is authorized to participate in a Resource Allocation Plan to provide State reimbursement for certain youth services programs which operate with funding provided by the County's Youth Services Program.

This Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to section 3(a)xviii thereof.

An appropriate Resolution is attached hereto for your Honorable Board's consideration.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 12/20/2017 PRIMARY VIEW SECRETARY

## RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Executive Director of the Westchester County Youth Bureau, be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement with Student Advocacy, Inc. to operate the Overcoming the Odds Program for the program period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 in the total amount not-to-exceed Forty Thousand Fifty Two (\$40,052) Dollars; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Agreement is subject to County appropriations; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this agreement is contingent on the Board of Legislators approving the necessary legislation to permit the County to participate in a Resource Allocation Plan to provide State reimbursement for these services; 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 their Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; 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.

	Fund	Dept. code	Unit #	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
Account to be charged/credited SDPP	263	11	040M	4380	T040	\$40,052
Budget Funding Year(s) <u>2012</u> Start Date <u>January 1, 2012</u> End Date <u>December 31, 2012</u> (must match resolution)						
Funding Source	Tax Dollars \$ _____					
	State Aid \$40,052 _____					
<u>\$ 40,052</u> (must match resolution)	Federal Aid \$ _____					
	Other \$-0- _____					