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County Executive

Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner

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To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner of Social Services

Date: February 19, 2013

Re: Authority for the County to enter into an agreement with North American Family Institute, Inc. to provide the Parenting with Love and Limits Program (“PLL”) to include parent education and group therapy as well as family therapy for parents and adolescents in foster care, for the term February 14, 2013 through February 13, 2014 in the total amount not to exceed \$242,760, payable pursuant to an approved budget

Authority is requested for your Honorable Board to authorize the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with North American Family Institute, Inc. (“NAFI”) to provide the Parenting with Love and Limits Program (“PLL”) to include parent education and group therapy as well as family therapy for parents and adolescents in foster care, for the term February 14, 2013 through February 13, 2014 in the total amount not to exceed \$242,760 payable pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriations.

The agreement with NAFI would serve the **public purpose** of providing youth between 10 and 18 in foster care with extreme emotional or behavioral problems such as running away, extreme disrespect, chronic truancy, depression, or drug or alcohol abuse with parent education and group therapy programs and with four or more individual family therapy sessions for adolescents and their parents. These services would be geared toward reducing the length of stay of youth in foster care and reduce their rate of recidivism.

The goals and objectives of the PLL program are to provide a six-week parent education and group therapy program with four or more individual family therapy sessions for

adolescents and their parents. Parenting with Love and Limits is an evidence based model used to ensure that families are prepared to handle the return of their child home from residential placement more effectively and in an expedited manner.

The goals and objectives are in the best interest of the County in terms of public health and safety in that the services provided hereunder will benefit youth between 10 and 18 with extreme emotional or behavioral problems such as running away, extreme disrespect, chronic truancy, depression, or drug or alcohol abuse. It is expected that the proposed PLL program will reduce the length of time that adolescents remain in foster care which both benefits the affected children and their biological parents. The goals and objectives are in the **best interests of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility** because the program helps in reducing the costs to the County by reducing the length of stay. Reducing length of stay is made possible through high parent and community involvement before and after discharge and by lowering the measurable risk levels in both the parent and the youth simultaneously.

The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored using the performance measurement indicators developed by the Department and approved by the County Budget Office. NAFI will submit monthly statistics and performance reports in a format approved by the Department. The Program Office will be responsible for setting the milestones and tracking their achievements. During the contract period, DSS program staff maintains ongoing phone and face-to-face contact with the vendor.

Based on the Performance Measurement Indicators, the Department is able to report that from March 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012, the NAFI Parenting with Love and Limits (PLL) program has provided services to 18 families and 30 children. NAFI PLL staff was able to successfully engage 82% of their referrals; the National average engagement rate for PLL is 80%. From appropriate and engaged youth in the program, 14% were discharged early and the remaining 86% are pending early release.

The proposed agreement with NAFI is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Sections 3(a) xiv, xvii and xviii thereof. This contract is exempt from the application of the Common Grant Rule as this contract falls under the Social Services Block Grant.

A resolution is annexed hereto, which I recommend for your favorable consideration.

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with North American Family Institute, Inc., to provide the Parenting with Love and Limits Program (“PLL”) to include parent education and group therapy as well as family therapy for parents and adolescents in foster care, for the term February 14, 2013 through February 13, 2014 in the total amount not to exceed \$242,760 payable pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

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 (“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 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 impact of any such budget(s) 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 Contractors 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 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
2013	101	22	8900	5960	-----	\$212,415
2014	101	22	8900	5960	-----	\$ 30,345

Budget Funding Year(s) : 2013 – 2014 Start Date: 02/14/2013_End Date: 02/13/2014
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars: 35 %

State Aid: 32%

Federal Aid: 33%

\$242,760
 (must match resolution)

Other:

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACTS - 03/21/2013 - JOMARY PERA, SECRETARY