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DATE: March 20, 2014

TO: Honorable Members
Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Rocco A. Pozzi
Commissioner of Probation

RE: **AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (“MOU”) WITH THE STATE OF NEW YORK, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES (“NYSDCJS”), ON BEHALF OF THE NEW YORK STATE JUVENILE JUSTICE STRATEGIC PLANNING ACTION COMMITTEE (“SPAC”) PURSUANT TO WHICH THE PARTIES WILL ESTABLISH A REGIONAL YOUTH JUSTICE TEAM IN THE MID-HUDSON REGION FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM COMMENCING UPON EXECUTION OF THE MOU**

Authority is hereby requested for the County of Westchester (the “County”), acting by and through its Department of Probation (the “Department”), to enter into an MOU with NYSDCJS, on behalf of SPAC, to memorialize the parties’ agreement regarding the establishment of a Regional Youth Justice Team in the Mid-Hudson region consisting of the following counties: Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester. The term of the MOU shall be for a period of two (2) years from the date of execution thereof and may be terminated prior to its expiration upon the mutual consent of the parties. There shall be no direct cost to the County under the MOU.

The Mid-Hudson Regional Youth Justice Team will act as a liaison between youth justice stakeholders from the Mid-Hudson region and State youth justice policy makers, providing the region with a voice at SPAC and serving as a conduit for channeling technical assistance, youth justice expertise, local data and information about best practices from the State level back to the local region. The regional team will also provide feedback to State youth justice policy makers regarding proposed and implemented State youth justice policy. The regional team will coordinate local stakeholders in data driven analyses of local juvenile justice trends, and will play an important role in planning, supporting and assessing effective youth justice services and reforms in the Mid-Hudson region.

As the MOU does not involve the procurement of goods or services, the provisions of the Westchester County Procurement Policy do not apply.

The MOU will serve a public purpose by providing a venue for local communities and governmental agencies to engage in formal communication and planning around youth justice issues.

The goals and objectives of the MOU are to help facilitate a regional approach to assessing local needs and developing effective strategies for working with youth and families that maximizes resources and reduces unnecessary duplication of services.

The goals and objectives are in the best interest of the County in terms of public safety because the regional team will serve as a conduit for channeling technical assistance, youth justice expertise, local data and information about best practices from the State level back to the local region.

The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored by the Department.

Accordingly, I most respectfully recommend adoption of the attached proposed resolution.

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Attachment

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RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Probation (the "Department"), is hereby authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services, on behalf of the New York State Juvenile Justice Strategic Planning Action Committee, to memorialize the parties' agreement regarding the establishment of a Regional Youth Justice Team in the Mid-Hudson region which will act as a liaison between youth justice stakeholders from the Mid-Hudson region and State youth justice policy makers, for a term of two (2) years from the date of execution thereof, at no direct cost to the County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to enter into this agreement for the County of Westchester.

Account To Be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Revenue Source	Trust Account	Dollars
					N/A

Budget Funding Year(s) _____ Start Date _____ End Date _____
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars N/A
 State Aid _____
 \$ _____ Federal Aid _____
 (must match resolution) Other _____