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County Executive

Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner

41253

Date: July 8, 2014

To: The Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner of Social Services

Re: **Authority for the County of Westchester to amend a Resolution that authorized the County to enter into forty-seven (47) agreements with licensed and approved Voluntary Child Care Agencies and Educational Providers for the provision of Institutional/group Foster Care, Adoption Services and Educational Services for the period July 1, 2011 and continuing indefinitely until terminated by either party, in order to add the Barker Foundation as an additional provider effective upon execution to be paid, pursuant to an approved budget, subject to future appropriations and at rates approved by the State.**

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester, by and through its Department of Social Services, to amend a Resolution adopted on May 5, 2011 which authorized the County to enter into agreements with forty-one (41) licensed and approved voluntary child care agencies for the provision of institutional/group foster care, adoption services and with the six (6) educational providers for the provision of educational services (the "Resolution") for the term July 1, 2011 and extending indefinitely until terminated with thirty (30) days prior written notice from either party to the other (the "Agreements"), as amended, in order to add the Barker Foundation as an additional voluntary child care agency effective upon execution. The aggregate not to exceed amount of the Agreements has been appropriated annually and for subsequent years will be subject to appropriations.

The Barker Foundation's Project Wait No Longer has a mission of placing children in foster care with permanent, trained and loving adoptive families. They recruit and train families prepared to parent children with a history

of trauma and attempt to place older children, sibling groups and children with special emotional, physical and behavioral needs with them. They have made 67 placements of foster care children, with an average age between 10 and 14, into adoptive homes since 2007. Payment will be made pursuant to the proposed agreement at rates approved by the State for foster parents. The County is therefore currently requesting approval to enter into the proposed agreement so that children may proceed with the adoption process.

The proposed contract is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a) (xviii) thereof.

All other terms and conditions of the original resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

For all the foregoing reasons, I respectfully request approval of the attached Resolution.

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APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACTS 08/07/2014 - COUNTY CLERK, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the resolution adopted by your Honorable Board on May 5, 2011, which authorized the County to enter into agreements with forty – one (41) licensed and approved voluntary child care agencies for the provision of institutional/group foster care and adoption services and with six (6) educational providers for the provision of educational services associated with out-of-home placements for the period commencing July 1, 2011 and extending indefinitely until terminated with thirty (30) days prior written notice from either party to the other, as amended, (the “Resolution”) is hereby amended in order to authorize the County to enter into an additional agreement with the Barker Foundation, a licensed and approved voluntary child care agency for the provision of institutional/group foster care and adoption services effective upon execution, to be paid at rates approved by the State for foster parents; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all other terms and conditions of the Resolution shall remain in full force and effect, 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	Dollars
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

Start Date: upon execution End Date: N/A

Funding Source

Tax Dollars: N/A
State Aid: N/A
Federal Aid: N/A
Other: N/A

\$N/A
(Must match resolution)