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DATE: July 15, 2014

TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin McGuire
Commissioner, Department of Social Services

SUBJECT: Authority to amend an agreement with Gavin & Lacy Consultants, LLC to conduct field investigations and searches to locate children in foster care placement that have been declared AWOL by the Westchester County Department of Social Services for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 by increasing the amount not to exceed by \$35,000 from a total amount not to exceed \$50,000 to a new total amount not to exceed \$85,000

Through a resolution approved on February 6, 2014, your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services, to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with Gavin & Lacy Consultants, LLC to conduct field investigations and searches to locate children in foster care placement that have been declared AWOL by the Westchester County Department of Social Services for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to be paid at a rate up to \$65/hour pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation. The agreement was subsequently executed.

The attached Resolution, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (the "County"), to amend the aforesaid agreement (the "Agreement") with Gavin & Lacy Consultants, LLC to increase the amount not to exceed by \$35,000 from a total amount not to exceed \$50,000 to a new total amount not to exceed \$85,000. The additional funding is requested due to the success of this program resulting in the consistent rise in referrals and usage of these services.

The public purpose of the proposed agreement is returning youth to foster care.

The goals and objectives of this program are to return AWOL youth to foster care placement and work with them to assure appropriate future permanent discharge.

The goals and objectives are in the best interest of the County in terms of public health and public safety because returning youth to foster care will shelter them from delinquency, neglect and abuse.

The goals and objectives are in the County's best interests in terms of fiscal responsibility as the services provided by this program focus on assisting foster care youth to become independent and self-sufficient.

The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored using performance measurement indicators developed by the Department. The consultant is required to submit to the Department quarterly statistical reports on all activities related to the program.

Except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the original agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

An appropriate resolution requesting your Honorable Board's approval to amend the above stated agreement is attached herewith.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT 09/04/2014 - JOSEPH VIERA SECRETARY

