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County Executive

Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire  
Commissioner

## 41898

DATE: August 21, 2014

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin M. McGuire  
Commissioner, Department of Social Services

SUBJECT: Authority to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with Rockland County (“Rockland”) for the provision of mandated preventive respite care and services for eligible Rockland children and their families for the term March 1, 2014 through February 28, 2017, payable to the County at the rate of \$200 per diem.

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On June 23, 2014, the Westchester County Board of Legislators adopted Act Number 116 -2014 which authorized the County to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement (“IMA”) with Rockland County for the provision of mandated preventive respite care and services for eligible Rockland children and their families for the term March 1, 2014 through February 28, 2017, payable to the County at the rate of \$200 per diem. Pursuant to New York State Social Services Law section 409-a, the County is charged with providing mandated preventive respite care and services to eligible children and their families residing in Westchester County. The County provides these services to eligible youth at risk of foster care placement along with their families, through a contract with Children’s Village, Inc. for the operation of a Runaway and Youth Shelter located at 35 Hammond House Road in the County’s Valhalla Campus (the “Respite Shelter”). The County of Rockland has closed its respite shelter as of March 1, 2013 and at Rockland’s request, since that time, the County provide respite services to its eligible youth on a space-available basis. The Respite Shelter has the capacity to provide such services to Rockland County, since on most days full capacity has not been reached. If and when the Respite Shelter does reach full capacity, Rockland County would have to find alternative placement. It is of note that the County pays a fixed fee for the operation of the Respite Shelter, so that funds received

from Rockland County for placement of eligible Rockland children pursuant to the proposed IMA will offset the County's costs.

Authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement ("IMA") with Rockland County ("Rockland") for the term commencing March 1, 2014 and terminating February 28, 2017, in order for Rockland to reimburse the cost to provide mandated preventive respite care and services to eligible children at risk of foster care placement and their families residing in Rockland at the County's Runaway and Youth Shelter located at 35 Hammond House Road in the County's Valhalla Campus.

The **public purpose** of the proposed IMA is to provide mandated preventive services to eligible children and their families residing in Rockland County at the County's Respite Shelter on a space-available basis. The IMA will provide funds to offset the cost of the County's current agreement for the Respite Shelter as that agreement is at a fixed cost regardless of usage. The **goal** of providing alternatives to foster care placement to eligible children will be **tracked and monitored** by the Department through monthly reports and invoices.

The proposed IMA is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)(iii) since the proposed agreement is with a political subdivision of the State.

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

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**RESOLUTION**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester (the “County”), acting by and through its Department of Social Services, is hereby authorized to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement (“IMA”) with Rockland County (“Rockland”) for the term commencing March 1, 2014 and terminating February 28, 2017, in order for Rockland to reimburse the cost to provide mandated preventive respite care and services to eligible children at risk of foster care placement and their families residing in Rockland at the County’s Runaway and Youth Shelter located at 35 Hammond House Road in the County’s Valhalla Campus (the “Respite Shelter”), payable to the County at the rate of \$200 per diem; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive, or his authorized designee, is authorized 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
2014	101	22	8900	9178	-----	\$41,667
2015	101	22	8900	9178	-----	\$50,000
2016	101	22	8900	9178	-----	\$50,000
2017	101	22	8900	9178	-----	\$8,333

Budget Funding Year(s): 2014 -17  
(must match resolution)

Start Date: 03/1/14

End Date: 02/28 /17

\$150,000 (estimated Revenue)  
(must match resolution)

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