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TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Robin Schlaff
Director, Office for Women
Hon. Michael B. Kaplowitz, Chairman
Westchester County Board of Legislators

DATE: December 10, 2014

SUBJECT: Authority to amend an agreement with My Sisters' Place, Inc. to provide counseling services for children who have witnessed or experienced domestic violence in order to revise the agreement's approved budget to reallocate funds

On April 10, 2014, your Honorable Board approved a resolution authorizing the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women, (the "County") to enter into an agreement with My Sisters' Place, Inc. ("MSP") pursuant to which MSP will provide counseling services for children who have witnessed or experienced domestic violence, for a term commencing on April 1, 2014 and continuing through December 31, 2014, for an amount not-to-exceed \$30,000 (the "Agreement"). The Agreement was subsequently executed.

Both MSP and the County agree that it is necessary to revise the Agreement's approved budget to reallocate funds in order to more accurately reflect changes in costs due to the delayed start date of new staff and increased operating expenses.

Accordingly, authority is now respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County to amend the Agreement in order to revise the Agreement's approved budget to reallocate funds.

Except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain the same.

The proposed amendment will serve a public purpose by reallocating funds to more effectively serve children who have witnessed or experienced domestic violence in an effort to improve their physical, mental and emotional health and well-being. Studies have shown that children

exposed to domestic violence are at greater risk for behavioral, social, and emotional problems; cognitive deficiencies; and increased risks as adults for depression and symptoms of trauma, as well as involvement in abusive relationships.

The goal and objective of the proposed amendment is to reallocate funds within the budget to more effectively serve victims of domestic violence.

The goal and objective of the proposed amendment will be tracked and monitored by the Office for Women.

Attached for your consideration is a proposed resolution.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 01/08/2015 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Director of the Office for Women and the Chairman of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women, (the "County") is hereby authorized to amend an agreement with My Sisters' Place, Inc. ("MSP"), pursuant to which MSP will provide counseling services for children who have witnessed or experienced domestic violence, for a term commencing on April 1, 2014 and continuing through December 31, 2014, for an amount not-to-exceed \$30,000 (the "Agreement"), in order to revise the Agreement's approved budget to reallocate funds; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents and take any actions 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	Funding Year
					\$0	

Budget Funding Year(s) 2014
(must match resolution)

Start Date: 4/1/2014

End Date: 12/31/2014

\$0
(must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid _____
 Federal Aid _____
 Other _____