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To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner of Social Services

Subject: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to amend an agreement with North American Family Institute, Inc. (“NAFI”) to provide the Parenting with Love and Limits Program (“PLL”) Front End Prevention by increasing the amount not to exceed by \$121,385 from an amount not to exceed \$266,633 to a new total not to exceed \$388,018 to be paid pursuant to approved budget and subject to appropriation

On February 5, 2015, your Honorable Board approved a resolution authorizing the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services, to enter into an agreement with North American Family Institute, Inc. (“NAFI”) to provide the Parenting with Love and Limits Program Front End Prevention to include parent education and group therapy as well as family therapy for parents with adolescents in foster care for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 for an amount not to exceed \$266,633. The contract was subsequently executed.

Authority is now requested for the County of Westchester to amend the agreement with North American Family Institute, Inc. (“NAFI”) to increase the not to exceed amount by \$121,385 from an amount not to exceed \$266,633 to a new total not to exceed amount of \$388,018 to be paid pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation. The additional funding will be used to provide services to an additional 10–12 families.

The agreement will serve a **public purpose** by improving family functioning, making the family less dependent on public social service programs and will therefore prevent the need for foster care placement.

The goals and objectives of this agreement are to identify youth who are “at risk” of entering the Family Court or child welfare systems and thereby divert them from foster care. The PLL Front End Prevention program will serve 36 families and will prevent placement in foster care for at risk children. The PLL Front End Prevention program will help parents and children learn new skills to ensure that these “at risk” children continue to live at home. The program will utilize specialized strategies that address the cultural needs of these families and children. The Department will refer children to the PLL Front End Prevention program.

The goals and objectives of this agreement are in the best interest of the County in terms of public health and safety in that the services will keep children safe and at home. Children who remain at home have better outcomes than those who enter foster care. Further, the children served through this program who are successfully diverted from foster care are less likely to enter the Family Court or child welfare systems and more likely to lead productive lives.

The goals and objectives of this agreement are in the best interest of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility in that the Department will be able to avert the need for foster care placements and the costs associated with such placements. Preventing children from entering the foster care system will result in substantial savings for the County.

The goals and objectives of the agreement will be tracked and monitored by the Department to evaluate success using the performance measurement indicators developed by the Department. NAFI will submit monthly statistical and performance reports in a format approved by the Department. The Program Office will be responsible for setting the milestones and tracking NAFI’s achievements. During the contract period, the Department will maintain ongoing phone and in person contact with the NAFI.

Based on the Performance Measurement Indicators, the Department is able to report that from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, the NAFI PLL Front End Prevention program has provided services to thirty-six (36). One hundred percent (100%) of the families were actively engaged within 48-72 hours of referral and 99% of the children are actively participating in the program.

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

Accordingly, authority is requested to amend the agreement with North American Family Institute, Inc. (“NAFI”) for the above stated purpose.

Approval of the attached resolution by your Honorable Board is respectfully requested.

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services, is hereby authorized to amend an agreement with North American Family Institute, Inc. ("NAFI") to provide the Parenting with Love and Limits Program Front End Prevention to include parent education and group therapy as well as family therapy for parents with adolescents in foster care for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$266,633 by increasing the not to exceed amount by \$121,385 from an amount not to exceed \$266,633 to a new total not to exceed amount of \$388,018 to be paid pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreement is subject to County appropriations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreement is also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the "State Budget") proposed and adopted during the term of the Agreement. The County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State Budget and/or the adoption of a State Budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable period of time after such release(s) or adoption(s), to conduct an analysis of the impacts of any such State Budget on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right to either terminate the Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Agency, then the Agency shall have the right to terminate the Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the original agreement shall remain in full force and effect; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, or his authorized designee, is hereby authorized to execute all instruments and take all actions necessary to implement this resolution.

Original Contract Amount: \$266,633
This Amendment: \$121,385
 Total \$388,018

Account to be
 Charged/Credited

	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2015	101	22	8900	5960	-----	\$121,385

Budget Funding Year(s): 2015 Start Date: N/A End Date: N/A
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source

\$121,385

(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars: 41%
 State Aid: 33%
 Federal Aid: 26%
 Other: