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County Executive

Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire  
Commissioner

**49935**

Date: December 9, 2015

To: The Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Kevin M. McGuire  
Commissioner  
Department of Social Services

Re: Authority is hereby requested for the County of Westchester to enter into agreements with eight (8) licensed consultants as listed in Schedule "A" to provide psychological testing and evaluations, psychiatric evaluations, sibling consults, fire setting evaluations, safety assessments, court ordered psychotherapy, functional capacity assessments to uninsured or under insured parents and children as well as vulnerable adults upon referral from the Department's Child Protective Services, Preventive Services, Foster Care Services as well as Protective Services for Adults Programs, for the period from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$317,000 to be paid at rates listed in Schedule "B" pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation.

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All consultants are paid at an hourly rate for the actual time spent in reviewing records, interviews, conferences, interpreting test results and preparation of reports. The Consultants shall be available at the request of the County Attorney, to testify in Family Court or other related proceedings as to the Consultants' evaluative findings and/or assessment of therapeutic progress. The Consultants will be compensated for such time and appearance required by the Department.

The contracts with the licensed Consultants serve a **public purpose** by testing and evaluating children and adults who are the subject of abuse and neglect in order to assist the Department and the Family Court decide what is in the best interest of these vulnerable children and adults.

The **goals and objectives** of these contracts are to provide testing and evaluations to parents and child(ren) who have been subjects of Child Protective Service reports, and families in which at least one child is at risk of foster care placement or, in which at least one child has been placed in foster care. The services provided by the Consultants allow for interventions that promote the psychological and physical well-being of the child(ren) and /or parent(s) in order for families to safely maintain their children at home. Evaluation services provided to individuals served under the Protective Services for Adults Program focus on assessing competency in activities necessary to daily living in order to help identify the level of care needed by an individual.

The **goals and objectives are in the best interests of the County in terms of public health and public safety** because they are aimed at providing clinical evaluations of the children and parents referred to the Consultants. These evaluations help the Department to identify the mental health and/or developmental problems of the children and parents and make appropriate referrals which in turn help to reduce the risk of abuse, neglect or maltreatment and focus on the ability of the parent(s) or guardian(s) to provide a safe and nurturing home environment. These evaluations will also promote the safety of individuals served under the Protective Services for Adults Program as well.

The **goals and objectives are in the best interests of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility** in that the services provided by the Consultant assist the Department in determining the appropriate level of services needed by the children and families, thereby helping to avert costly out of home placements. Further, since the services will be provided at an hourly rate, payments will be made for the actual time the Consultants spend on each case which in turn would result in more accountability on the part of the Department and the Consultants.

The **goals and objectives of this program will be tracked and monitored** using the Performance Measurement Indicators developed by the Department. They include feedback from District Office staff as well as the review of monthly performance reports submitted by the Consultants. The Department is able to report that the Consultants have met the established milestones set forth in the Scope of Work and the Program staff is satisfied with the outcomes.

These contracts are exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a) (vii) and (viii). These contracts are also exempt from the application of the Common Grant Rule as they fall under the Social Service Block Grant.

Accordingly, the County of Westchester is hereby requesting permission to enter into agreements with eight (8) licensed consultants as described above.

We respectfully request your Honorable Board's approval of the attached Resolution.

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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 is hereby authorized to enter into agreement with eight (8) licensed consultants as listed in Schedule "A" to provide psychological testing and evaluations, psychiatric evaluations, sibling consults, fire setting evaluations, safety assessments, court ordered psychotherapy, functional capacity assessments to uninsured or under insured parents and children as well as vulnerable adults upon referral from the Department's Child Protective Services, Preventive Services, Foster Care Services as well as Protective Services for Adults Programs, for the period from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$317,000 to be paid at rates listed in Schedule "B" pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that these agreements are subject to County Appropriations; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that these agreements are 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 these agreements. 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 these agreements or renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Consultant, then the Consultant shall have the right to terminate the agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; 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	Trust Account	Dollars
2016	101	22	8900	5960	-----	\$317,000

Budget Funding Year(s): 2016 Start Date: 01/01/16 End Date: 12/31/16  
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source

Tax Dollars: 27%  
 State Aid: 43 %  
 Federal Aid: 30%

\$317,000

**SCHEDULE A**

**LIST OF CONSULTANTS**

<u>CONSULTANT NAME</u>	<u>VENDOR #</u>
1. Jose Arcaya, Ph.D., Esq.	726825
2. Diagnostics, LLP	715133
3. Juanita Guerra, Ph.D.	732257
4. Manuel Lopez-Leon, M.D	729185
5. Julie Low, M.D.	729191
6. Elizabeth Osborn, Ph.D.	999005
7. Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc.	995101
8. Westchester Institute for Human Development	722302

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**SCHEDULE "B"**

**CONSULTANT SERVICE FEE SCHEDULE**  
**Aggregate Not-To-Exceed for all Consultant Contracts (NTE) \$317,000**

**01/01/2016- 12/31/2016**

I.	Psychiatric Evaluation	\$157.50 per hour
II.	Psychological Testing and Evaluation	\$110.00 per hour (not to exceed \$1320.00 for a battery of tests)
III.	Fire-setting Evaluation	\$795.90 per evaluation
IV.	Forensic Mental Health Assessment	\$94.50 per hour (not to exceed \$945.00 for a battery of tests)
V.	Psychotherapeutic Treatment	by Psychiatrist \$157.50 per hour by Other \$78.75 per hour
VI.	Consultation (Sibling Placement)	\$78.75 per hour
VII.	Chemical Dependency Evaluation and/or Treatment	Rate established by Medicaid
VIII.	Psychosexual Risk Assessment	\$800.00 per evaluation
IX.	Sexually Exploited Minor Evaluations	
	• Full Assessment	\$1,350 per assessment
	• Full Assessment w/ Differential Diagnosis	\$1,500 per assessment
	• Full Assessment w/ Personality Testing	\$1,500 per assessment
X.	No Show Rate for Psychiatric Evaluation	\$157.50 for the first hour only
XI.	No Show Rate for Psychological Testing and Evaluation	\$110.00 for the first hour only
XII.	Court Appearance	
	Psychologist	\$385.00 *half day
	Psychologist	\$770.00**full day
	Psychologist Record Review/Prep Time	\$110.00 per hour
	Psychologist Telephone Conference	\$110.00 per hour
	Psychiatrist	\$551.25 *half day
	Psychiatrist	\$1102.50 **full day
	Psychiatrist Record Review/Prep Time	\$157.50 per hour

Psychiatrist Telephone Conference	\$157.50 per hour
Tolls	Receipted amount
Mileage	56 cents per mile
Forensic Mental Health Assessment	\$472.50 *half day
Forensic Mental Health Assessment	\$945.00 **full day
Forensic Mental Health Assessment	
Record Review/Prep Time	\$94.50 per hour
Forensic Mental Health Assessment	
Telephone Conference	\$94.50 per hour

Reimbursement for travel expenses will be calculated on a per mile basis at the standard IRS rate. Mileage will be reimbursed for travel to and from the Consultant's office to designated location (i.e. Court).

\*Half day is equivalent to 3.5 hours.

\*\*Full day is equivalent to 7 hours.

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