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Department of Social Services

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Commissioner

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Date: November 9, 2017

To: The Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Kevin M. McGuire  
Commissioner of Social Services

Re: Authority for the County of Westchester to amend a Resolution approved on March 10, 2016 as amended by Resolutions approved on January 12, 2017 and March 9, 2017 which terminated the existing foster care agreements and educational provider agreements and authorized the County to enter into agreements utilizing the New York State Revised Model Contract for the Purchase of Foster Care Services (the "NYS Model Agreement") with licensed and approved voluntary Child Care agencies for the provision of institutional/group Foster Care, Therapeutic Foster Boarding Homes, Adoption Services and with the Educational Providers for the provision of educational services in order to add two (2) new foster care agencies; and 2) correct the name of one of the foster care agencies.

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By resolution approved on March 10, 2016 as amended of January 12, 2017 and on March 9, 2017 (collectively the "Resolution"), your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services, to terminate existing foster care agreements and educational provider agreements and to enter into agreements utilizing the New York State Revised Model Contract for the Purchase of Foster Care Services (the "NYS Model Agreement") with licensed and approved voluntary Child Care agencies for the provision of institutional/group Foster Care, Therapeutic Foster Boarding Homes, Adoption Services and with the Educational Providers for the provision of educational services effective on or about April 1, 2016 and extending indefinitely until terminated with thirty (30) days prior written notice from either party to the other. The Resolution, as amended, added five additional foster care agencies with which the County was authorized to enter into NYS Model Agreements.

Authority is now respectfully requested to further amend the Resolution to add the two (2) additional foster care agencies listed below:

**Cayuga Home for Children d/b/a Cayuga Centers  
Cornell Corrections of California, Inc.**

In addition, the name of one of the agencies approved in the Resolution was incorrect. Accordingly, authority is also requested to amend the Resolution in order to change the agency's name as detailed below:

**From: Abraxas Youth and Family Services  
To: Cornell Abraxas Group, Inc.**

Pursuant to the proposed Agreements, the Department of Social Services obtains institutional/group foster care and adoption services from voluntary child care agencies.

**The public purpose of the proposed agreement** is to achieve the safety, well-being and permanency for children placed in foster care by equipping the Department with an adequate supply of institutional/group foster care facilities and adoption service providers.

**The goals and objectives of this program are** to provide foster care settings which best meet the needs of the children placed, while providing permanency planning as well as adoption and educational services.

**The goals and objectives are in the best interests of the County in terms of safety & security because** Westchester County children have been temporarily removed from their families and placed in the temporary care and custody of the Commissioner of Social Services for their safety and well-being. This contract is considered a support mechanism for our "at risk" families and for children who cannot remain in the community.

**The goals and objectives are in the best interests of the County in terms of health & environment because these providers** are licensed by the State to provide specialized services to safely care for youth who have been abused or neglected and cannot be cared for in a family foster home setting.

The Amendment is to the Resolution as the contract has not been executed.

Except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the resolution approved on March 10, 2016 as amended by the Resolutions approved on January 12, 2017 and March 9, 2017 shall remain the same.

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 Resolution approved by your Honorable Board on March 10, 2016 as amended on January 12, 2017 and on March 9, 2017 (collectively the "Resolution") that terminated existing Foster Care and Educational Provider Agreements and authorized the County to enter into agreements utilizing the New York State Revised Model Contract for the Purchase of Foster Care Services ("Model Contract") with licensed and approved voluntary child care agencies and educational providers for the provision of institutional/group Foster Care, Adoption Services and educational services effective on or about April 1, 2016 and continuing indefinitely until terminated by either party (the "Resolution") is hereby amended to enter into a Model Contract with two new agencies listed below to take effect upon execution and to extend until terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other (the "Agreements"):

**Cayuga Home for Children d/b/a Cayuga Centers,  
Cornell Corrections of California, Inc.**

and be it further,

**RESOLVED**, that the Resolution is hereby further amended to change the name of the following agency:

**From: Abraxas Youth and Family Services**

**To: Cornell Abraxas Group, Inc.**

and be it further,

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized to amend the Agreements subsequent to execution of the same in order to adjust the per diem rates to conform to the revised rates issued by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services and the State Department of Education at such time as the County is notified by the State of such revised rates during the contract term and subject to future appropriations; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the Resolution shall remain in full force and effect; 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	Dollars
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Budget Funding Year(s):  
(Must match resolution)

Start Date: upon execution End Date: Indefinite

Funding Source

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

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