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County Executive

Department of Social Services
Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner

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DATE: January 3, 2018

TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to: 1) 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 and 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, to be paid at rates listed in Schedule "B"; and 2) enter into an agreement with Contreras Translation and Interpretation Services, Inc. to provide translation and interpretation services in related cases, if and when required, to be paid at rates listed in Schedule "B-1" for the period from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$217,000.

Authorization is requested for the County of Westchester acting by and through its Department of Social Services ("the Department") to: 1) 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 and 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, to be paid at rates listed in Schedule "B"; and 2) enter into an agreement with Contreras Translation and Interpretation Services, Inc. to provide translation and interpretation services in related cases, if and when required, to be paid at rates listed in Schedule "B-1" for the period from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$217,000, pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation.

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 consultant's 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 in deciding 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 interest 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 interest 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 will be tracked and monitored using 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.

The contracts with eight (8) consultants are exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures pursuant to Section 3(a) vii and viii. A separate resolution seeking authority to exempt the contract with Contreras Translation and Interpretation Services, Inc. based on "best interests" is being submitted simultaneously with this Resolution.

It should be noted that these contracts are not subject to the competitive procurement requirements of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (formerly, the Grants Management Common Rule) as the federal funding for this program falls under Social Services Block Grant.

Accordingly, the County of Westchester is hereby requesting authority to enter into agreements with the consultants as described above.

An appropriate resolution requesting your Honorable Board's approval is attached herewith.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 01/25/2018 - LISA MRIDAJ, SECRETARY

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 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 and 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, to be paid at rates listed in Schedule "B"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Contreras Translation and Interpretation Services, Inc. to provide translation and interpretation services in related cases, if and when required, to be paid at rates listed in Schedule "B-1"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that these agreements are for the period from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$217,000 pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that these agreements are subject to County Appropriation; 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 to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Contractor, then the Contractor shall have the right to terminate these Agreements upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is hereby authorized to take such action and execute such documents as may be necessary and proper to effectuate the purposes hereof.

SCHEDULE "A"

LIST OF LICENSED CONSULTANTS

CONSULTANT NAME	VENDOR #
1. Diagnostics, LLP	715133
2. Juanita Guerra, Ph.D.	732257
3. Kenneth Lau	735580
4. Julie Low, M.D.	729191
5. Dr. Anne Meltzer	708685
6. Elizabeth Osborn, Ph.D.	999005
7. Westchester Institute for Human Development	722302
8. Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc.	995101

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SCHEDULE "B"

**CHILD WELFARE CONSULTANT SERVICE
FEE SCHEDULE**

(Aggregate Not-To-Exceed for all Consultant Contracts (NTE) \$217,000)

01/01/2018- 12/31/2018

I.	Psychiatric Evaluation		\$157.50 per hour
II.	Psychological Testing and Evaluation		\$110.00 per hour (not to exceed \$880.00 for standard battery of tests and \$1,320.00 for extended 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
		by Trauma Specialist	\$45.00 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.	Sex Abuse Validations		\$200.00 per hour
X.	Sex Offender Assessment		\$3,000 per assessment
XI.	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
	• Translation Service		\$150.00 per hour
XII.	WIHD Comprehensive Family Assessment		\$3,000 per assessment
XIII.	Parent/Child Comprehensive Assessment		\$1,875 per assessment
XIV.	Brief Trauma Consultation		\$45.00 per hour
XV.	Contreras Translation & Interpretation Services Inc.		See Schedule 'B1'

- XVI. No Show Rate for Psychiatric Evaluation \$157.50 for the first hour only
- XVII. No Show Rate for Psychological Testing and Evaluation \$110.00 for the first hour only

XVIII. 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.

SCHEDULE "B1"

**CONTRERAS TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION SERVICES, INC.
FEE SCHEDULE**

(Aggregate Not-To-Exceed for all Consultant Contracts (NTE) \$217,000)

01/01/2018- 12/31/2018

SPANISH	\$65 per hour – Min 2 hours
FRENCH, GERMAN, GREEK, ITALIAN, POLISH, PORTUGUESE	\$100.00 per hour – Min 2 hours
ALBANIAN, ARABIC, CREOLE, HEBREW	\$120.00 per hour – Min 2 hours
JAPANESE, KOREAN, CHINESE (CANTÓNESE, MANDARÍN, ETC.)	\$125.00 per hour – Min 2 hours
INDIAN: (Bengali, Gujurati, Hindi, Malayalam, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu)	\$125.00 per hour – Min 2 hours
AFRICAN (Mandingo, Fulani)	\$125.00 per hour – Min 2 hours
Court Appearance:	Hourly rate up to a half day* then per hour thereafter

*Half day is equivalent to 3.5 hours