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County Executive

Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire  
Commissioner

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To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Kevin M. McGuire  
Commissioner of Social Services

Date: February 23, 2018

Re: **Authority for the County to enter into an agreement with Westchester Institute for Human Development, to provide Aftercare for Children Transitioning from Family Foster Care & Article X Court Directed Custody, for the term January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2022 in the total amount not to exceed \$3,646,811, to be paid pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriations.**

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On October 11, 2017, the Westchester County Department of Social Services (“Department”) issued a Request for Proposals for “Aftercare to Serve Children Transitioning from Family Foster Care” (the “RFP”). The Department received four proposals, and after evaluation by a panel of Child Welfare staff, the Department has determined that the proposal of Westchester Institute for Human Development received the highest score based on the criteria contained in the RFP and was determined to be the most cost effective and advantageous to the Department. It is therefore recommended that your Honorable Board authorize the County of Westchester (“County”) to enter into an agreement with Westchester Institute for Human Development (“WIHD”), to provide aftercare for children transitioning from family foster care for the term January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2022 in the total not to exceed amount of \$3,646,811 (the “Agreement”), to be paid pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriations. The total not to exceed amount of the Agreement will be divided into annual amounts follows: \$686,828 in 2018; \$706,361 in 2019; \$728,021 in 2020; \$752,395 in 2021; and \$773,206 in 2022.

The proposed Agreement will provide intensive, family-centered, home based services with a goal of reunification with a parent or another permanent resource, before and

after foster care placement and can reduce time in foster care and recidivism. Aftercare will be provided for children transitioning from family foster care, by providing comprehensive and coordinated services to children and their families beginning 180 days prior to discharge from foster care and continuing for up to two years after discharge. The services to be provided will include intensive case management, as well as parenting and life skills training, mental health counseling, crisis management and stabilization, educational advocacy, coaching in homemaking, budgeting assistance, job training opportunities as well as effectuating referrals for substance abuse treatment and relapse prevention.

The Agreement will serve **the public purpose** of helping children leaving foster care being reunified with their parents through intensive case management and supportive services. This in turn has the **goal** of reducing both the length of stay in foster care and recidivism, thereby reducing the need for foster care services and saving taxpayer funds.

A resolution is annexed hereto, which I recommend for your favorable consideration.

KMM/DI  
Attachment

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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, (“County”), acting by and through its Department of Social Services (“Department”), is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Westchester Institute for Human Development (“WIHD”) to provide aftercare for children transitioning from family foster care & Article X court directed custody for the term from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2022 in the total not to exceed amount of \$3,646,811 to be paid pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this contract is subject to County appropriations; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this agreement is also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (“State Budget”) proposed and adopted during the term of this agreement. The County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State budget and/or 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 impact of any such budget(s) on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right to either terminate this agreement, 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 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
2018	101	22	8900	5960	-----	\$686,828
2019	101	22	8900	5960	-----	\$706,361
2020	101	22	8900	5960	-----	\$728,021
2021	101	22	8900	5960	-----	\$752,395
2022	101	22	8900	5960	-----	\$773,206

Budget Funding Year(s) : 2018 – 2022 Start Date: 01/01/2018 End Date: 12/31/22  
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars: 33%  
 State Aid: 44%  
\$3,646,811 Federal Aid: 23%  
 (must match resolution) Other:

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