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County Executive

Department of Probation

Rocco A. Pozzi
Commissioner

January 15, 2010

TO: Honorable Members
Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Rocco A. Pozzi
Commissioner of Probation

RE: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL R. IORIO, C.S.W., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000 FOR THE PROVISION OF COUNSELING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION'S PROJECT L.E.A.D. (LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION, ACHIEVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT) FROM JANUARY 1, 2010 TO DECEMBER 31, 2010, PURSUANT TO AN APPROVED BUDGET.**

Authority is sought for the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with Michael R. Iorio, C.S.W., in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for the provision of counseling services in connection with the Department of Probation's Project L.E.A.D. (Leadership, Education, Achievement and Development) from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010, to be paid pursuant to an approved budget.

The goal of Project L.E.A.D. is to enhance the probation supervision process for adjudicated Juvenile Delinquents (JD) and Persons In Need of Supervision (PINS) in Westchester, thus preventing further involvement in the juvenile justice system. The program consists of two phases. Phase I is comprised of highly structured group sessions led by a facilitator who works collaboratively with Family Court Probation Officers in the Yonkers, White Plains and New Rochelle/Mt. Vernon district offices. Upon completion of Phase I, juveniles participate and complete Phase II –Experiential Learning component.

Performance measures for this program are based on the recidivism rates of the juveniles that Project L.E.A.D. accepts.

In its previous year Project L.E.A.D. served a total of 61 adjudicated juvenile delinquents from the Mount Vernon, Yonkers and White Plains Probation offices. These individuals participated in weekly group sessions focused on individual responsibility, improved decision making, and

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positive behaviors. Of these 61 adolescent males, zero were remanded to placement; there were a total of 7 violations; all individuals were restored to Probation.

These performance measures will be tracked on a quarterly basis by the Probation Officers.

The contract impacts the County's 3 critical priority areas in the following manner:

1. Fiscal Responsibility – From a fiscal perspective, placement for adjudicated JD adolescents is quite costly for the County. All of these young offenders were at serious risk of placement outside the home. At the annual cost of approximately \$125,000 - \$150,000 per placement, the ability to safely monitor these juveniles in the community provides significant cost savings for the County. Those participants who successfully complete the terms and conditions of Probation are more likely to complete high school, attend college and/or find employment on a full or part time basis, thereby reducing the fiscal burden of the County to provide social services
2. Safety and Security – From a public safety perspective, these adjudicated teens have already been identified as being most at risk for repetition of prior illegal, anti-social activities. Their repertoire runs the full gamut of potentially dangerous behaviors. Those teens who successfully complete their terms and conditions of Probation will be maintained in the community without recidivism/placement. The impact on public safety will be unambiguously positive.
3. Health and Environment – The Westchester County Department of Probation has identified male adolescents who are adjudicated juvenile delinquents as being at high risk of recidivism and/or mandated placement. Without successful, targeted professional interventions these individuals present a heightened risk to the health and quality of life in the environments in which they reside and/or socialize.

This contract has the public purpose of promoting public safety to the residents of Westchester by providing intensive probation supervision, thus preventing further involvement in the juvenile justice system.

The procurement is exempt from the procedures of the Westchester County Procurement Policy under Section 3(a) xviii thereof.

Wherefore, authority is respectfully sought for the County to enter into this agreement.

Approval of the attached resolution is respectfully requested.

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Probation, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that authority is granted to the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with Michael R. Iorio, C.S.W., in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for the provision of counseling services in connection with the Department of Probation's Project L.E.A.D. (Leadership, Education, Achievement and Development) from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 to be paid pursuant to an approved budget; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this Agreement is subject to County appropriations. This Agreement is also subject to further analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the "State Budget") proposed and adopted during the terms 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 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 this Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Contractors, then the Contractor shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to enter into this agreement for the County of Westchester.

Account to be
Charged/Credited:

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
101	39	1000	4380		\$30,000

Budget Funding Year(s) 2010 Start Date January 1, 2010 End Date December 31, 2010

Funding Source

Tax Dollars \$30,000

State Aid _____

Federal Aid _____

\$30,000
(must match resolution) Other _____

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