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Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner

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DATE: September 23, 2020

TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

SUBJECT: Resolution requesting authority for the County of Westchester to amend an agreement with The Mental Health Association of Westchester County, Inc. (“MHA”) to operate the Single Homeless Assessment Center at Grasslands (“SHAC”) to provide comprehensive assessments, coordinate plans for treatment, housing and employment for homeless single adults, for the term April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021, in an amount not-to-exceed \$422,043.00, in order to authorize additional assessment services to individuals referred through the Yonkers Triage Team.

By resolution approved on March 26, 2020 (the “March Resolution”), your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester (the “County”), acting by and through its Department of Social Services (the “Department”), to enter into an agreement (“Agreement”) with The Mental Health Association of Westchester County, Inc. (“MHA”) to operate the Single Homeless Assessment Center at Grasslands (“SHAC”) to provide comprehensive assessments, coordinate plans for treatment, housing and employment for homeless single adults for a term commencing April 1, 2020 and ending on March 31, 2021 in an amount not-to-exceed \$378,015.00, to be paid in accordance with an approved budget and subject to appropriation.

By resolution approved on April 16, 2020 (the “April Resolution”), your Honorable Board authorized the County to amend the March Resolution in order to increase the not-to-exceed amount of \$378,015.00 set forth in the March Resolution by \$44,028.00 to a new not-to-exceed amount of \$422,043, to permit the hiring of an additional clinician in order to expedite the assessment process for newly placed individuals at risk of homelessness, mental disorders and substance abuse. The Agreement was subsequently executed.

Authority is hereby requested from your Honorable Board to amend the Agreement (“First Amendment”) in order to authorize MHA to provide assessment services, such as telehealth, mental health and substance use assessments to individuals who are of high need and who are referred through the Yonkers Triage Team. Individuals will be those who are staying at the drop-

in shelter in Yonkers and based on their needs, will be referred to necessary services. There are no additional costs associated with the First Amendment.

Except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

It is respectfully requested and recommended that your Honorable Board approve the attached Resolution.

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