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Department of Social Services

**82494**

**DATE:** January 28, 2021

**TO:** Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

**FROM:** John Befus, Acting Commissioner  
Department of Social Services

**SUBJECT:** Authority to amend a Resolution approved on December 10, 2020 which authorized the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with Mental Health Association of Westchester County, Inc., (“MHA”) pursuant to which MHA will provide a Partners-In-Parenting (“PIP”) program, an intensive home-based psychotherapy and parent skills training for families with children at risk of foster care placement, for the period from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for an amount not to exceed \$232,202, by reflecting an increase in the total not-to-exceed amount of \$83,945, from an amount not-to-exceed \$232,202 to a new not-to-exceed amount of \$316,147.

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By resolution approved on December 10, 2020 (the “December 10<sup>th</sup> 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 with Mental Health Association of Westchester County, Inc., (“MHA”) pursuant to which MHA will provide a Partners-In-Parenting (“PIP”) program, an intensive home-based psychotherapy and parent skills training for families with children at risk of foster care placement, for the period from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for an amount not to exceed \$232,202 to be paid on a monthly basis pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation (the “Agreement”). The Agreement has not yet been executed.

The County is aligning its services to meet the eligibility criteria for IV-E reimbursement under the Federal Family First Prevention Services Act (the “Act”). The Act provides financial relief for states to aid their child welfare systems in developing prevention-focused infrastructure. The Department wishes to allocate \$83,945 to this Agreement. The additional funding will allow the Department to provide In-Home Mental Health Services.

Accordingly, authority is requested to amend the December 10<sup>th</sup> Resolution which authorized the County to enter into an agreement with MHA to provide a Partners-In-Parenting (“PIP”) program, an intensive home-based psychotherapy and parent skills training for families with children at risk of foster care placement, for the period from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for an amount not to exceed \$232,202 to be paid on a monthly basis pursuant to an

approved budget and subject to appropriation, by reflecting an increase in the total not-to-exceed amount authorized thereunder of an additional \$83,945, from an amount not-to-exceed \$232,202 to a new total not-to-exceed amount of \$316,147.

Except as otherwise specifically amended hereby, all remaining terms and conditions set forth in the December 10<sup>th</sup> Resolution will remain in full force and effect.

This Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures pursuant to Section 3(a) viii and 3(a) xvii.

It should be noted that the Agreement is 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.

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

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 01/18/2021 - JSA MARIJAS SECRETARY

# RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the resolution approved on December 10, 2020 (the December 10<sup>th</sup> Resolution”), which authorized the County of Westchester (the “County”) acting by and through its Department of Social Services, to enter into an agreement with Mental Health Association of Westchester County, Inc., (“MHA”) pursuant to which MHA will provide a Partners-In-Parenting (“PIP”) program, an intensive home-based psychotherapy and parent skills training for families with children at risk of foster care placement, for the period from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for an amount not to exceed \$232,202 to be paid on a monthly basis pursuant to an approved budget, is hereby amended by reflecting an increase in the total not-to-exceed amount authorized thereunder of an additional \$83,945, from an amount not-to-exceed \$232,202 to a new total not-to-exceed amount of \$316,147; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that except as otherwise specifically amended hereby, all remaining terms and conditions set forth in the December 10<sup>th</sup> Resolution shall remain in full force and effect; 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.

December 10 <sup>th</sup> Resolution	\$232,202
<b><u>This Amendment</u></b>	<b><u>83,945</u></b>
New NTE	\$316,147

Account to be charged/credited:

	FUND	DEPT	Major Program, Program & Phase, Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2021	101	22	8900	5960		\$83,945

**Budget Funding Year(s):** 2021      **Start Date:** 1/1/2021      **End Date:** 12/31/2021  
 (must match resolution)

<b>Funding Source:</b>	Tax Dollars: 49%
<b><u>\$83,945</u></b>	State Aid: 30%
(must match resolution)	Federal Aid: 21%