



**Office of the District Attorney
County of Westchester**

MEMORANDUM

HONORABLE MEMBERS BOARD OF
ACQUISITION AND CONTRACT

04/01/10

JANET DiFIORE
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$153,286 IN GRANT FUNDS, FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO OPERATE THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM AND CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER GRANT FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2010 TO JANUARY 31, 2011, AND TO SUBCONTRACT WITH WESTCHESTER JEWISH COMMUNITY SERVICES (WJCS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,000 AND THE WESTCHESTER INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (WIHD) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,105 PURSUANT TO AN APPROVED BUDGET.

Authority is sought for the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), in an amount not to exceed \$153,286 for the District Attorney's Office to operate the Multidisciplinary Team and Child Advocacy Center Grant from February 1, 2010 to January 31, 2011 and to subcontract with Westchester Jewish Community Services, (WJCS) in the amount of \$31,000, and The Westchester Institute for Human Development (WIHD) in the amount of \$14,105 pursuant to an approved budget. There is no County Cash match for this program. The reason the resolution is being submitted at such a late date is that the approval from New York State was just received.

The goals and objectives of this grant are to prevent duplication of interviews, increase the use of law enforcement of the Children's Advocacy Center, enhance prosecution by the immediate collection of evidence and help the establishment of state approved protocols for Westchester's MDT/CAC. The District Attorney's office will provide a Sr. Domestic Violence Aide who will act as the MDT investigations information coordinator. This coordinator will review reports of child abuse to the State Central Registry provided by Child Protective Services (CPS) to the District Attorney's Office and ensure that timely notification of cases is made to law enforcement, CPS, and the CAC. Westchester Jewish Community Services will provide a Mental Health Coordinator who will be available to the victim and family during the interview and examination process and a Supervisor who will oversee the Coordinator to ensure that team services are being provided. The Westchester Institute for Human Development (WIHD) will provide the Child Advocacy Coordinator for additional hours to provide overall case coordination between the CAC and other members of the multidisciplinary team. This grant agreement promotes the health, safety and welfare of children who have been the victims of abuse or are suspected to be the victims of abuse by enabling the County to increase the use of the CAC, limit the number of child interviews, encourage sound forensic interviews and investigations, and assist the County in State approval of the Multidisciplinary Team. The goals and objectives are monitored by the Office of

the District Attorney and quarterly progress reports are submitted to New York State (OCFS) for their review and approval.

The requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy were followed. The Procurement is exempt under Section 3(a) iii, which provides for the exception “Transactions/contracts with the United States of America, any state, agency...”. WJCS is exempt under Section 3(a)(viii) for the provision of medical or health-related services. WIHD is exempt under Section 3(a)(xviii).

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

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 4-22-2010 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon communication from Janet DiFiore, District Attorney, be it hereby,

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services in the amount not to exceed \$153,286 in Grant Funds to operate the Multidisciplinary Team and Child Advocacy Center Grant from February 1, 2010 to January 31, 2011 and to subcontract with the Westchester Jewish Community Services, (WJCS) in the amount of \$31,000, and The Westchester Institute for Human Development (WIHD) in the amount of \$14,105 pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the District Attorney or her duly authorized designee is hereby empowered to execute any and all documents necessary to accomplish the purposes of this resolution.

Account to be charged

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/Sub Object	Trust Account		Dollars
263	37	850K	9854	T850	2010	\$12,774
263	37	850K	9854	T850	2011	\$140,512
263	37	850K	4380	T850	2010	\$3,759
263	37	850K	4380	T850	2011	\$41,346

Budget Funding Year(s) 2010/2011 Start Date 2/1/10 End Date 1/31/11

(must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars _____

State Aid \$153,286

Federal Aid _____

\$153,286 Other _____