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DATE: June 7, 2022

TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Leonard G. Townes, Commissioner  
Department of Social Services

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to amend agreements with the seven (7) licensed consultants set forth in Schedule "A" attached hereto to provide psychological testing and evaluations, psychiatric evaluations, sibling consults, fire setting evaluations, safety assessments, court ordered psychotherapy, functional capacity assessments, in order to revise the rates payable to the consultants to the rates set forth in Schedule "B-1" attached hereto.

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By resolution approved on February 24, 2022 (the "Resolution") your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester ("County") acting by and through its Department of Social Services ("the Department") to enter into agreements (the "Agreements") with the seven (7) licensed consultants set forth in Schedule "A", attached hereto (the "Consultants") to provide psychological testing and evaluations, psychiatric evaluations, sibling consults, fire setting evaluations, safety assessments, court ordered psychotherapy, functional capacity assessments to uninsured or under insured parents and children as well as vulnerable adults upon referral from the Department's Child Protective Services, Preventive Services, Foster Care Services as well as Protective Services for Adults Programs to be paid at the rates listed in Schedule "B" to the Resolution, for the period from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$335,000, pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation. The Agreements were subsequently executed.

Authority is now requested to amend the Agreements in order to revise the rates payable to the Consultants to the rates set forth in Schedule "B-1" attached to the resolution which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

The Agreements and amendments serve a public purpose by testing and evaluating children and adults who are the subject of abuse and neglect in order to assist the Department and the Family Court decide what is in the best interest of these vulnerable children and adults.

The goals and objectives of the Agreements and amendments are to provide testing and evaluations to parents and child(ren) who have been subjects of Child Protective Service reports, and families in which at least one child is at risk of foster care placement or, in which at least one child has been placed in foster care. The services provided by the Consultants allow for interventions that promote the psychological and physical well-being of the child(ren) and/or parent(s) in order for families to safely maintain their children at home. Evaluation services provided to individuals served under the Protective Services for Adults Program focus on assessing competency in activities necessary to daily living in order to help identify the level of care needed by an individual.

The goals and objectives are in the best interest of the County in terms of public health and public safety because they are aimed at providing clinical evaluations of the children and parents referred to the Consultants. These evaluations help the Department to identify the mental health and/or developmental problems of the children and parents and make appropriate referrals which in turn help to reduce the risk of abuse, neglect or maltreatment and focus on the ability of the parent(s) or guardian(s) to provide a safe and nurturing home environment. These evaluations will also promote the safety of individuals served under the Protective Services for Adults Program as well.

The goals and objectives are in the best interest of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility in that the services provided by the Consultant assist the Department in determining the appropriate level of services needed by the children and families, thereby helping to avert costly out of home placements. Further, since the services will be provided at an hourly rate, payments will be made for the actual time the Consultants spend on each case which in turn would result in more accountability on the part of the Department and the Consultants.

The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored using performance measurement indicators developed by the Department. They include feedback from District Office staff as well as the review of monthly performance reports submitted by the Consultants. The Department is able to report that the Consultants have met the established milestones set forth in the Scope of Work and the Program staff is satisfied with the outcomes.

The Agreements and amendments are exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures pursuant to Section 3(a) vii and viii.

It should be noted that the Agreements and amendments are 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.

All other terms and conditions of the Agreements shall remain unchanged.

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

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**SCHEDULE "A"**

**LIST OF LICENSED CONSULTANTS**

<b>CONSULTANT NAME</b>	<b>VENDOR #</b>
1. Carol Chu-Peralta, Ph. D.	739443
2. Diagnostics, LLP	715133
3. Empire State Forensics, LCSW P.C.	738820
4. Juanita Guerra, Ph.D.	732257
5. Julie Y. Low, M.D.	729191
6. Westchester Institute for Human Development	722302
7. Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc.	995101

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**SCHEDULE "B-1"**

**CHILD WELFARE CONSULTANT SERVICE  
FEE SCHEDULE (Amended)**

**January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022**

(Aggregate Not-To-Exceed for all Consultant Contracts (NTE) \$335,000)

I.	Psychiatric Evaluation	\$200.00 per hour
II.	Psychological Testing and Evaluation	\$175.00 per hour (not to exceed \$1,400 for standard battery of tests and \$2,100 for extended battery of tests)
III.	Fire-setting Evaluation	\$2,500.00 per evaluation
IV.	Forensic Mental Health Assessment	\$94.50 per hour (not to exceed \$945.00 for a battery of tests)
V.	Psychotherapeutic Treatment	by Psychiatrist \$157.50 per hour by other \$78.75 per hour by Trauma Specialist \$45.00 per hour
VI.	Consultation (qualified individual)	\$300.00 (60 min) \$450.00 (90min)
VII.	Chemical Dependency Evaluation and/or Treatment	Rate established by Medicaid
VIII.	Psychosexual Risk Assessment	\$1,800.00 per evaluation
IX.	Sex Abuse Validations	\$200.00 per hour
X.	Sex Offender Assessment	\$3,000.00 per assessment
XI.	Sexually Exploited Minor Evaluations	
	• Full Assessment (IQ to be provided through IEP)	\$1,950.00 per assessment
	• Full with IQ	\$2,400.00
	• Full with Personality Testing (IQ provided through IEP)	\$2,400.00 per assessment
	• Full with IQ and Personality Testing	\$2,600.00 per assessment
XII.	Child Evaluations	
	• Diagnostic	\$1,950.00 per assessment
	• Diagnostic with IQ	\$2,400.00 per assessment

XIII.	Parent/Child Comprehensive Assessment	\$1,875.00 per assessment
XIV.	Contreras Translation & Interpretation Services Inc.	<b>See Schedule "B1"</b>
XV.	No Show Rate for Psychiatric Evaluation	\$200.00 for the first hour only
XVI.	No Show Rate for Psychological Testing and Evaluation	\$175.00 for the first hour only
XVII.	Court Appearance	
	Psychologist	\$612.50 half day*
	Psychologist	\$1,225.00 full day**
	Psychologist Record Review/Prep Time	\$175.00 per hour
	Psychologist Telephone Conference	\$175.00 per hour
	Psychiatrist	\$700.00 half day*
	Psychiatrist	\$1,400.00 full day**
	Psychiatrist Record Review/Prep Time	\$200.00 per hour
	Psychiatrist Telephone Conference	\$200.00 per hour
	Tolls	Receipted amount
	Mileage (IRS Rate)	56 cents per mile
	Forensic Mental Health Assessment	\$472.50 half day*
	Forensic Mental Health Assessment	\$945.00 full day**
	Forensic Mental Health Assessment Record Review/Prep Time	\$94.50 per hour
	Forensic Mental Health Assessment Telephone Conference	\$94.50 per hour

Reimbursement for travel expenses will be calculated on a per mile basis at the standard IRS rate. Mileage will be reimbursed for travel to and from the Consultant's office to designated location (i.e. Court).

\*Half day is equivalent to 3.5 hours.

\*\*Full day is equivalent to 7 hours.

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