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TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Ernest McFadden
Executive Director, Youth Bureau

DATE: April 22, 2025

SUBJECT: Authority for the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with Greater Mental Health of New York, Inc., to operate its “Break the Hold 360” program, for a term commencing retroactively on January 1, 2025 and continuing through December 31, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$46,000.00.

Attached for your consideration is a Resolution which, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (the “County”), acting by and through its Youth Bureau (the “Bureau”), to enter into an agreement (the “Agreement”), with Greater Mental Health of New York, Inc. (“GMH”) pursuant to which GMH will operate its “Break the Hold 360” program (the “Program”), for a term commencing retroactively on January 1, 2025, and continuing through December 31, 2025. In consideration for the services rendered, GMH will be paid an amount not-to-exceed \$46,000.00, payable quarterly, pursuant to an approved budget.

The Program is a youth development program that teaches youth to respond in an empathetic and supportive manner. The Program is designed to develop emotional resilience skills, mindfulness, and caring for others. The proposed Agreement will serve a public purpose by developing and promoting interpersonal skills and emotional wellness among youth members of Westchester County.

The goal and objective of the proposed Agreement is for GMH to serve approximately six hundred (600) students, ranging from grades sixth to ninth in two school districts, Scarsdale and Elmsford. The goal and objective of the proposed Agreement will be tracked and monitored by the Bureau.

The procurement of the proposed Agreement is exempt from the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures (the “Policy”) pursuant to Section 3(a)(xviii) thereof, which exempts any procurement for the purpose of entering into a contract or contracts with persons for the creation and support of recreation projects, youth service projects and other appropriate programs and services for the prevention of delinquency and youth crime and the advancement of the moral, physical, mental and social well-being of the youth of the Westchester County.

Accordingly, authority is respectfully sought for the County to enter into this proposed Agreement with GMH.

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Executive Director of the Westchester County Youth Bureau, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that authority is hereby granted to the County of Westchester (the “County”) acting by and through its Youth Bureau (the “Bureau”), to enter into an agreement (the “Agreement”), with Greater Mental Health of New York, Inc., (“GMH”) pursuant to which GMH will operate its “Break the Hold 360” program (the “Program”), for a term commencing retroactively on January 1, 2025 and continuing through December 31, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$46,000.00, payable pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that this Agreement is subject to County appropriations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Agreement is also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the “State Budget”) proposed and adopted during the term 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 GMH, then GMH shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents and take any actions necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept.	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
101	11	0400	4380	N/A	\$46,000.00

Budget Funding Year(s) 2025 Start Date 01/01/2025 End Date 12/31/2025
(must match resolution)

Funding Source

\$46,000.00
(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars \$46,000.00

State Aid \$0

Federal Aid \$0

Other \$0