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County Executive

Department of Social Services

Leonard G. Townes
Commissioner

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DATE: November 18, 2025

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 enter into an agreement with Greater Mental Health of New York, Inc. pursuant to which it will provide its Hybrid Clinic program, for the period from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, for an amount not to exceed \$400,000.

Authorization is requested for the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Social Services (the "Department" or "DSS"), to enter into an agreement (DSS6005-26) with Greater Mental Health of New York, Inc. ("Greater Mental Health") pursuant to which Greater Mental Health will provide its Hybrid Clinic program (the "Program"), to address the mental health needs of children and families who are involved in the child welfare areas of Preventive Services ("PS"), Child Protective Services ("CPS"), and Foster Care ("FC"), for the period from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, for an amount not to exceed \$400,000, to be paid on a monthly basis pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation (the "Agreement").

The Program is designed to address and prevent child abuse and neglect in families at high risk as defined by DSS, thereby reducing the need for psychiatric hospitalizations/foster care placements while expediting the reunification process.

Services will focus on addressing the referred individual's mental health needs, improving functioning, and assisting the family in supporting the individual's mental health needs. Family and collateral sessions will focus on improving parenting skills, management of the household, and the well-being of the family. Evidence-based practices will be utilized to address the risk of abuse and neglect, prevent higher levels of care such as psychiatric hospitalizations and foster care placements, and expedite the reunification process. Families will be connected to at least one community-based provider based on need.

The goals and objectives of this Agreement are in the best interest of the County in terms of public health and safety to meet the mental health needs of children and families in a timely and supportive manner by delivering services in a culturally competent manner that is respectful of cultural differences and recognize the individual strengths of children and families. The services provided through this Agreement will improve emotional and/or mental functioning and increase the stability of children, adults, or families, thereby reducing the risk of abuse, neglect, and/or need for foster care placement.

The goals and objectives of this Agreement are in the best interest of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility because it can use the Medicaid rate for children who are in foster care and for those children and families in prevention it can also avert the need for foster care placement and the cost associated with such placements. Preventing children from entering the foster care system can result in substantial savings for the County and the taxpayers.

The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored by using performance measurement indicators developed by the Department. The Department will evaluate success through the monitoring of established performance measures as stipulated in the agreement. They include, but are not limited to, reviewing of periodic reports submitted by Greater Mental Health, monthly meetings and making onsite visits.

Between January and September 2025, the Greater Mental Health achieved impressive results in their intervention measures. For children diverted from hospitalization, they exceeded the target of 85% by achieving a remarkable 95%. Similarly, adults diverted from hospitalization also surpassed their 85% goal, achieving the same 95%. In terms of symptom reduction, children met the target with 85% showing improvement after 3 months in services. Adults demonstrated an 88% improvement in protective factors, exceeding their target of 80%. Overall, the data indicates that the service provider not only met but also exceeded several key intervention targets, reflecting effective strategies in their service delivery.

The procurement of this Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures pursuant to Section 3(a) xvii thereof. It should be noted that this 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.

Accordingly, the County of Westchester is hereby requesting authority to enter into an Agreement with Greater Mental Health of New York, Inc. for the aforesaid purposes.

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

LGT/MBG/ms

Attachment

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Social Services, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement (DSS6005-26) with Greater Mental Health of New York, Inc. ("Greater Mental Health"), pursuant to which Greater Mental Health will provide its Hybrid Clinic, for the period from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, for an amount not to exceed \$400,000, to be paid on a monthly basis pursuant to an approved budget (the "Agreement"); 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 the Contractor, then the Contractor shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; 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.

1. Account to be Charged/Credited:

Fund	Dept.	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
101	22	8900	5960		\$400,000

2. Budget Funding Year(s): 2026

Start Date: January 1, 2026 End Date: December 31, 2026
(must match resolution)

3. Funding Source:

Federal	22%	CFDA#(s)	93.667		
State	48%	State ID#(s)	N/A		
Operating/ Tax Levy	30%				
Capital	N/A				

4. Total NTE: \$400,000
(must match resolution)