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County Executive

Department of Social Services

Leonard G. Townes
Commissioner

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TO: Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract
FROM: Leonard G. Townes,
Commissioner, Department of Social Services
DATE: May 14, 2026

RE: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to: (i) rescind Resolution No. 112489, approved on December 4, 2025; (ii) rescind Resolution No. 112497, approved on December 4, 2025; and (iii) enter into an agreement with Greater Mental Health of New York, Inc., pursuant to which Greater Mental Health of New York, Inc. will administer its Partners In Parenting Hybrid Clinic program, for a term commencing retroactively on January 1, 2026 and continuing through December 31, 2026, for an amount not-to-exceed \$821,949.00, payable pursuant to an approved budget.

By resolution approved on December 4, 2025 (Resolution No. 112489; the "Hybrid Clinic 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 Greater Mental Health of New York, Inc. ("Greater Mental Health"), pursuant to which Greater Mental Health would provide its Hybrid Clinic Program (the "HC Program") to address the mental health needs of children and families who are involved in the child welfare areas of Preventive Services, Child Protective Services, and Foster Care, for the period from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, for an amount not-to-exceed \$400,000.00, payable on a monthly basis pursuant to an approved budget. This agreement has not yet been executed.

In addition, by a separate resolution approved on December 4, 2025 (Resolution No. 112497; the "Partners-In-Parenting Resolution" and together with the Hybrid Clinic Resolution, collectively, the "December 4th Resolutions") your Honorable Board authorized the County, acting by and through its Department, to enter into an agreement with Greater Mental Health, pursuant to which Greater Mental Health would provide its Partners-In-Parenting Program (the "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, 2026 through December 31, 2026, for an

amount not-to-exceed \$421,949.00, payable on a monthly basis pursuant to an approved budget. This agreement has also not yet been executed.

Following your Honorable Board's approval of the December 4th Resolutions, but before either of the aforementioned agreements could be executed, the Department and Greater Mental Health determined that it would be advantageous to combine the HC Program with the PIP Program to form a single program known as the Partners In Parenting Hybrid Clinic Program, as doing so would facilitate the more efficient provision of mental health services by Greater Mental Health to parents and children in need of clinical services, thereby increasing their access to care.

Accordingly, transmitted herewith is a resolution which, if approved by your Honorable Board, would: i) rescind the Hybrid Clinic Resolution; ii) rescind the Partners-In-Parenting Resolution; and iii) authorize the County, acting by and through the Department, to enter into an agreement with Greater Mental Health, pursuant to which Greater Mental Health will provide its Partners In Parenting Hybrid Clinic Program, for a term commencing retroactively on January 1, 2026 and continuing through December 31, 2026, for an amount not-to-exceed \$821,949.00, payable pursuant to an approved budget (the "Agreement"; DSS6051-26).

The new Partners In Parenting Hybrid Clinic Program is designed to address and prevent child abuse and neglect in families at high risk as defined by the Department, thereby reducing the need for psychiatric hospitalizations/foster care placements while expediting the reunification process. Services provided under the Partners In Parenting Hybrid Clinic Program 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. Greater Mental Health will utilize evidenced based practices to address the risk of abuse and neglect focusing on mental health needs, effective parenting, and providing a consistent/nurturing environment in which the family can flourish. Additionally, in response to the ongoing trend of children witnessing domestic violence, Greater Mental Health expanded its clinical services at the request of the Department so that they can treat children who are witnesses or survivors of domestic violence and have been directly traumatized.

The goals and objective of this Agreement are in the best interest of the County in terms of public health and safety because the services provided through this Agreement will enhance parental child-rearing abilities by empowering parents, strengthening families, improving emotional and/or mental functioning and increasing the stability of 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 in that the Department is able to 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 using performance measurement indicators developed by the Department. The Department will evaluate the success through the monitoring of established performance measures as stipulated in the Agreement. These performance measures include, but are not limited to, reviewing periodic reports submitted by Greater Mental Health, monthly meeting, and making onsite visits.

The Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures pursuant to Section 3(a)(xvii) thereof, which exempts "Any procurement for the purpose of entering into a contract or contracts with persons to provide care, treatment, counseling, referral or rehabilitative or preventative services to individuals with mental illness, intellectual/developmental disabilities, and those experiencing addiction and/or substance abuse." Additionally, 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 Grant Management Common Rule) as the federal funding for this program falls under the Social Services Block Grant.

Accordingly, I respectfully recommend your Honorable Board's approval of the annexed Resolution.

LGT/MS/sjc
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 05/21/2026 - RAYMOND S. DUNN, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the resolution approved on December 4, 2025 (Resolution No. 112489), which authorized the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Social Services (the "Department"), to enter into an agreement with Greater Mental Health of New York, Inc. ("Greater Mental Health") for Greater Mental Health's provision of its Hybrid Clinic Program, for the period from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, for an amount not-to-exceed \$400,000.00, to be paid on a monthly basis pursuant to an approved budget, is hereby rescinded; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the resolution approved on December 4, 2025 (Resolution No. 112497), which authorized the County, acting by and through its Department, to enter into an agreement with Greater Mental Health, for Greater Mental Health's provision of its Partners-In-Parenting Program, for the period from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, for an amount not-to-exceed \$421,949.00, to be paid on a monthly basis pursuant to an approved budget, is hereby rescinded; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County, acting by and through its Department, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Greater Mental Health, pursuant to which Greater Mental Health shall provide its Partners In Parenting Hybrid Clinic Program, for a term commencing retroactively on January 1, 2026 and continuing through December 31, 2026, for an amount not-to-exceed \$821,949.00, payable pursuant to an approved budget (the "Agreement"; DSS6051-26); 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 Greater Mental Health, then Greater Mental Health 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 is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents and take all actions reasonably necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this resolution

Rescind Resolution No. 112489	(\$400,000.00)
Rescind Resolution No. 112497	(\$421,949.00)
This Resolution	\$821,949.00

1. Account to be Charged/Credited:

Fund	Dept.	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
101	22	8900	5960	N/A	(\$400,000)
101	22	8900	5960	N/A	(\$421,949)
101	22	8900	5960	N/A	\$821,949

2. Budget Funding Year(s): 2026

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

3. Funding Source:

Federal	16%	CFDA#(s)	93.667		
State	51%	State ID#(s)	N/A		
Operating/ Tax Levy	33%				
Capital	N/A				

4. Total NTE: \$821,949.00
(must match resolution)