

Westchester County

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County Executive

Department of Social Services

Leonard G. Townes
Commissioner

110036

Date: November 22, 2024

To: The Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Leonard G. Townes
Commissioner of Social Services

Re: Authority for the County of Westchester to amend a resolution approved on June 6, 2024, which, *inter alia*, authorized the County to enter into twenty-eight (28) agreements for the Purchase of Foster Care Services with approved voluntary child care agencies utilizing the New York State 2024 Revised Model Contract, by authorizing one new agreement with Vanderheyden Hall, Inc.

By a resolution approved on June 6, 2024 (the "June 6th Resolution"), your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Social Services (the "Department") to, *inter alia*, enter into twenty-eight (28) agreements with the agencies listed on Schedule "B", attached to the June 6th Resolution (the "Agencies"), to provide institutional/group foster care, adoption and related services utilizing the 2024 NYS Model Contract (the "Services"), for a term commencing upon execution and continuing indefinitely, unless terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days prior written notice (the "Agreements"). The June 6th Resolution further provided that the Agencies would be paid on a monthly basis at a rate equal to 100% of the MSAR as set by OCFS, up to the maximum state rate or an out-of-state rate, or at the Department's discretion, negotiated and agreed upon costs and rates based upon the needs and services provided by the Agency.

The Department was recently notified that one new foster care provider, Vanderheyden Hall, Inc., has expressed an interest in providing the Services under an Agreement with the County. Accordingly, authority is hereby requested to amend the June 6th Resolution for the limited purpose of adding Vanderheyden Hall, Inc., to the list of agencies set forth

in Schedule "B", attached to the June 6th Resolution, thereby increasing the total number of Agencies from twenty-eight (28) to twenty-nine (29).

Except as otherwise specifically amended hereby, all remaining terms and conditions set forth in the June 6th Resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

The public purpose of the proposed agreements is to achieve the safety, well-being and permanency for children placed in foster care by equipping the Department with an adequate supply of institutional/group foster care facilities and ensure compliance with the requirements of RTA.

The goals and objectives of this program are to provide foster care settings which best meet the needs of the children placed, while providing permanency planning as well as adoption and educational services and to ensure compliance with the requirements of the FFPSA.

These Agreements are exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a) (xviii) thereof.

For all the foregoing reasons, I respectfully request approval of the attached Resolution.

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Attachment

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RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the resolution approved on June 6th, 2024 (the "June 6th Resolution"), which, *inter alia*, authorized the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Social Services (the "Department"), to enter into twenty-eight (28) agreements (the "Agreements") with the agencies listed on Schedule "B", attached to the June 6th Resolution, to provide institutional/group foster care, adoption and related services utilizing the 2024 version of the New York State Model Contract for the Purchase of Foster Care Services, for a term commencing upon execution and continuing indefinitely unless terminated by either party on thirty (30) days prior written notice, payable monthly at a rate equal to 100% of the MSAR as set by OCFS, up to the maximum state rate or an out-of-state rate, or at the Department's discretion, negotiated and agreed upon costs and rates based upon the needs and services provided by the Agency, is hereby amended by adding one (1) new provider, Vanderheyden Hall, Inc., to the list of agencies set forth in Schedule "B" attached to the June 6th Resolution, thereby increasing the total number of providers from twenty-eight (28) to twenty-nine (29); and be it further

RESOLVED, that except as otherwise specifically amended hereby, all remaining terms and conditions set forth in the June 6th Resolution shall remain in full force and effect; and be it further

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

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COUNTY CLERK
COUNTY SECRETARY

1. Account to be Charged/Credited:

Fund	Dept.	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A

2. Budget Funding Year(s): 2024
 Start Date: Upon Execution End Date: Indefinitely
 (must match resolution)

3. Funding Source:

Federal	N/A	CFDA#(s)	N/A		
State	N/A	State ID#(s)	N/A		
Operating/ Tax Levy	N/A				
Capital	N/A				

4. Total NTE: N/A
 (Must match resolution)

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 12/15/2024 - RAYMOND SCULKY, SECRETARY