



Memorandum

Department of Health
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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Sherlita Amler, MD
Commissioner of Health

DATE: November 13, 2024

RE: Authorization to further amend a Resolution approved on February 27, 2020, as previously amended, which authorized the County of Westchester to enter into Agreements with various Approved Related Services Providers, Pursuant to Section 4410, Part 200 of the New York State Education Law, in order to add an additional approved Related Services Providers, Keep Moving Forward, Inc., Thrive Center Corp., and Nathalia Fonseca SLP P.C. to the list, effective December 1, 2024.

By resolution approved on February 27, 2020, your Honorable Board approved a Resolution (the “February 27, 2020 Resolution”), which authorized the County of Westchester (the “County”) to enter into agreements (the “Agreements”) with approved Related Services Providers pursuant to Section 4410, Part 200 of the New York State Education Law, for the period from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025, in the total aggregate amount not to exceed \$86,217,672 subject to annual County appropriations, with each provider to be reimbursed at rates established by the County and accepted by the New York State Education Department (“NYSED”) to ensure that the providers are paid at the established rates and that the County is reimbursed for state aid.

By resolution approved on June 25, 2020, the February 27, 2020 Resolution was amended to add an additional approved Related Services provider, Catherine M. Constable, to the list, in order to enter into an agreement with this provider subject to the same terms and conditions set forth in the February 27, 2020 Resolution.

By resolution approved on August 15, 2021, the February 27, 2020 Resolution was further amended to add an additional approved Related Services provider, Absolute Home Health Care, Inc., to the list, in order to enter into an agreement with this provider effective 09/01/2021 subject to the same terms and conditions set forth in the February 27, 2020 Resolution, as amended.

By resolution approved on September 16, 2021, the February 27, 2020 Resolution was further amended to add an additional approved Related Services provider, White Glove Community Care, Inc. to the list, in order to enter into an agreement with this provider effective 10/01/2021 subject to the same terms and conditions of the February 27, 2020 Resolution, as amended.

By resolution approved on November 4, 2021, the February 27, 2020 Resolution was further amended to add additional approved Related Services providers, FUNctional SLP Speech and Language Therapy, PLLC, Behavior Analysts of New York, LLC, All About Rehab Management Inc., Somos Bilingues SLP, PLLC, Bumble Bee Speech LLC, Therapy Pathways Speech and Language Services PLLC, WestField Speech Solutions, PLLC, Ernest Roebuck, Annamarie Rerrie, Dassy L. Kofman, Lupe Buten, to the list, in order to enter into agreements with these providers effective 01/01/2022 subject to the same terms and conditions of the February 27, 2020 Resolution, as amended.

By resolution approved on April 28, 2022, the February 27, 2020 Resolution was further amended to add additional approved Related Services providers, Kidz Therapy Services, SLP, OT, PT, LMSW, Psychology, Audiology PLLC, dba Kidz Therapy Services, PLLC and Corinne Viscomi, Speech-Language Pathologist PLLC, d/b/a The Speech Studio Speech and Language Therapy, effective July 1, 2022 to the list, in order to enter into an agreement with these providers subject to the same terms and conditions of the February 27, 2020 Resolution, as amended.

By resolution approved on December 22, 2022, the February 27, 2020 Resolution was further amended to add additional approved Related Services providers, Michele Fox and Shandra Milroy, Speech Language Pathologist, PLLC, effective January 1, 2023, to the list, in order to enter into an agreement with these providers subject to the same terms and conditions of the February 27, 2020 Resolution, as amended.

By resolution approved on November 22, 2023, the February 27, 2020 Resolution was again amended to add additional approved Related Services providers, Developmental Steps LLC and Trinamco Inc., effective January 1, 2024, to the list, in order to enter into an agreement with these providers subject to the same terms and conditions of the February 27, 2020 Resolution, as amended.

Accordingly, authorization is hereby respectfully requested that the February 27, 2020 Resolution be further amended by adding additional approved Related Services providers, Keep Moving Forward, Inc., Thrive Center Corp., and Nathalia Fonseca SLP P.C., effective December 1, 2024, to the list, in order to enter into an agreement with these providers subject to the same terms and conditions of the February 27, 2020 Resolution, as amended.

These providers will serve a continued unfilled need for related services for preschool children with special needs in the towns/areas and their associated school districts of Westchester County that currently lack adequate provider capacity to meet the mandated Individualized Education Program requirements.

This and all agreements will promote the public health, safety and welfare of Westchester County's children with special needs by enabling their daily participation in special needs programs and other community settings that typically developing children attend. On an annual basis, approximately 4,000 children are served by the Related Services programs.

The goals and objectives of these programs are to:

- Provide appropriate services to children from three to five years of age with developmental disabilities and/or delays in accordance with their approved Individualized Education Program (IEP).
- Provide these services in the student's least restrictive setting.

Providers will be monitored, as per their contract requirements and the Westchester County Health Department's performance measurement indicators, for the provision of services through program site visits and review of their clinical session and progress reports, and accuracy of billing by monthly reviews of submitted documentation.

Except as otherwise stated herein, all other terms and conditions of the February 27, 2020 Resolution, as amended, shall remain the same.

An appropriate resolution has been attached herewith for your Board's consideration and approval.

SA/MY/dc
Attachments

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 11/20/2024 - RAYMOND SCULKY, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Health, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the Resolution approved by this Honorable Board on February 27, 2020 (the "February 27, 2020 Resolution"), as amended, which authorized the County of Westchester to enter into agreements with various approved Related Services providers, pursuant to Section 4410, Part 200 of the New York State Education Law, be and is hereby further amended in order to add approved Related Services providers, Keep Moving Forward, Inc., Thrive Center Corp., and Nathalia Fonseca SLP P.C., effective December 1, 2024, to the list, subject to the same terms and conditions as stated in the February 27, 2020 Resolution; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that except as otherwise stated herein, all other terms and conditions of the February 27, 2020 Resolution, as amended, shall remain the same; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute and deliver all instruments and to take all actions necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purpose of this resolutions.

Original Agreement \$ _____
 First Amendment \$ _____
This Amendment \$0.00 _____
 TOTAL \$ _____

Agreement # _____

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	N/A					

Budget Funding Year(s) (must match resolution) 2024-2025 Start Date 12/1/2024 End Date 6/30/2025

Funding Source	Tax Dollars	<u>N/A</u>
	State Aid	<u>N/A</u>
	Federal Aid	<u>N/A</u>
(must match resolution)	Other	<u> </u>