RESOLUTION NO. 240

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 387 FOR 2021 REGARDING AGREEMENTS WITH FOSTER CARE PROVIDERS

Introduced: 7/11/22

By Social Services Committee and Mr. Miller:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 387 for 2021, this Honorable Body authorized two-year agreements with New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) certified Qualified Residential Treatment Programs for foster care services at rates determined by New York State with notice to the County for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2022, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families has requested an amendment to the aforementioned agreements to indicate revisions to the OCFS model contract language pursuant the Family First Prevention Services Act, and

WHEREAS, The County will issue an aftercare per diem rate of \$52 per day for each child admitted to a Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP), as well as for each day the youth is participating in aftercare services continuing until the Department directs the agency to cease activities, and

WHEREAS, Once a youth steps down from their QRTP placement to a foster family home or is discharged from foster care, the aftercare services must extend for at least six months from step down or continue longer as long as services are appropriate, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that Resolution No. 387 for 2021 is hereby amended to indicate the aforementioned language pursuant to the OCFS Directive 22-OCFS-ADM-07, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreements as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote - 7/11/22