

RESOLUTION NO. 28

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH BERKSHIRE FARM CENTER & SERVICES FOR YOUTH REGARDING TRUANCY PREVENTION SERVICES

Introduced: 2/14/11

By Social Services Committee, Mr. Beston, Ms. Chapman, Mr. Clenahan, Ms. McKnight, Messrs. Morse, Ward and Scavo:

WHEREAS, The Department for Children, Youth and Families is continuing to focus on truancy prevention and reduction for at risk youth in elementary, middle and high schools in the Cohoes and Watervliet communities that do not have access to an existing truancy prevention program, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Berkshire Farm Center & Services for Youth to continue Truancy Prevention Services in the amount of \$192,720 for a term commencing January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2011, and

WHEREAS, Berkshire Farm Center & Services for Youth will continue to operate The Home Run Program which is an intensive school, community and home based truancy prevention program designed to increase the level of school attendance for at-risk students enrolled in school, and

WHEREAS, The Home Run Program will continue to provide family and individual counseling services, improve parental involvement in school and work to improve home and community issues, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to renew an agreement with Berkshire Farm Center & Services for Youth regarding Truancy Prevention Services in the amount of \$192,720 for a term commencing January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2011, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement 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.

Referred to Social Services Committee. 2/14/11