

March 24, 2004

04-0324-PR33

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS AGENCIES FOR  
NURSING CONSULTANT SERVICES**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve entering into agreements with various agencies to create a pool of agencies that can provide nursing services to the Department of Specialized Services at a cost not to exceed the aggregate amount of \$ 1,900,000 over a 2-year period. Agencies were selected on a competitive basis pursuant to a duly advertised Request for Proposal (Specification number 03-250177). Written agreements for these services are currently being negotiated. No payment will be made to any agency prior to the execution of that agency's written agreement. The authority granted herein will automatically rescind as to each agency in the event a written agreement for such agency is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to these agreements is stated below.

**Specification No.: 03-250177**

**Contract Administrator: Martha Escareno  
(773) 553-2284**

**AGENCIES:**

1. Omega HealthCare Network  
2320 W. Peterson Ave., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60659  
Contact Person: Dr. Eduardo Ladlad  
Telephone No. 773-381-9091 Fax No. 773-381-9101-02  
Vendor No. 20577
2. Home Health Network, Inc.  
23 East Devon Road, Suite 242  
Des Plaines, IL 60018  
Contact Person: Maylinda Fermin  
Telephone No. 847-297-5535 Fax No. 847-297-5807  
Vendor No. 20710
3. Relief Medical Services, Inc.  
4845 W. Dempster  
Skokie, IL 60077  
Contact Person: Barbara Strongin  
Telephone No. 312-266-1486 Fax No. 847-679-3183  
Vendor No. 39307
4. Positive Positions, Inc.  
14809 S. LaSalle Street  
Dolton, IL 60419  
Contact Person: Cendi Morgan  
Telephone No. 708-841-7166 Fax No. 866 841-7166  
Vendor No. 20277
5. Healthy Care Solutions, LLC  
505 N. Riverside Dr., Suite 201  
Gurnee, IL 60031  
Contact Person: John D. Sun  
Telephone No. 847-782-8282 Fax No. 847-782-8288  
Vendor No. 20713

**USER:** Department of Specialized Services  
 125 S. Clark – 8th floor  
 Chicago, Illinois 60603  
 Contact Person: Renee Grant-Mitchell Ed.D. and Myrna P. Garcia  
 Tel. No.: 773-553-1800

**TERM:** The term of each agreement will commence April 1, 2004 and end March 31, 2006. Each agreement will have two (2) options to renew for periods of two (2) years each.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:** Federal and state regulations mandate the provision of free and appropriate nursing related services to students with disabilities. Agencies will provide nursing services to students with disabilities as detailed in their Individualized Educational Plans (IEPs) and Section 504 Educational Plans mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). These services supplement those services not available from providers employed by the Chicago Public Schools. These services will be provided on an as needed basis and will include: gastrostomy tube feedings, tracheostomy care, ventilator care, administration of medication, special care for diabetes, epilepsy, asthma and other medical care as necessary.

**DELIVERABLES:** The agencies will provide direct nursing/health services to CPS medically fragile students as necessary and they will provide reports as requested by the Office of Specialized Services.

**OUTCOMES:** Services provided by the agencies will enable medically fragile students to achieve better school attendance and improved classroom participation.

**COMPENSATION:** Agencies will be paid as follows:

	License Practical Nurse (LPN) <u>Hourly Rate</u>	Registered Professional Nurse (RN) <u>Hourly Rate</u>
1. Omega HealthCare Network	\$25.00	\$32.00
2. Home Health Network, Inc.	\$28.00	\$30.00
3. Relief Medical Services, Inc.	\$28.00	\$32.00
4. Positive Positions, Inc.	\$28.00	\$32.00
5. Healthy Care Solutions, LLC	\$28.00	\$32.00

The total compensation for all agencies in the aggregate shall not exceed \$1,900,000.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreements. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreements. Authorize the Chief Specialized Services Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate the agreements.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Pursuant to Section 6.2 of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan) the Per Contract and Category Goals method for M/WBE Participation (M/WBE Plan), the Per Contract and Category Goals method for M/WBE participation will be utilized. Thus, contracts for subsequent vendors from the pool created by this contract will be subject to compliance reviews on a contract-by-contract basis. Aggregated compliance of the vendors in the pool will be reported on a monthly basis.

**LSC REVIEW:** Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

<b>FINANCIAL:</b> Charge to Office of Specialized Services \$950,000	Fiscal Year: 2004
Budget Classification: 0965-210-000-3650-5410	Source of Funds: 210
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**GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

Inspector General – Each party to the agreements will acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Chicago Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General will have access to all information and personnel necessary to conduct those investigations.

Conflicts – The agreements will not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

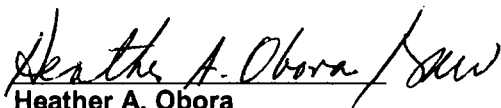
Indebtedness – The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted July 26, 1995 (95-0726-EX3), as amended from time to time, will be incorporated into and made a part of the agreements.

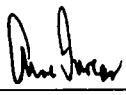
Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, will be incorporated into and made a part of the agreements.

Contingent Liability – The agreements will contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

**Approved for Consideration:**



**Approved:**

  
Heather A. Obora  
Chief Purchasing Officer

  
Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer

**Within Appropriation:**

  
John Maiorca  
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:   
  
Ruth M. Moscovitch  
General Counsel