

April 30, 2013

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 7

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR GRANT PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 15E-9 (2012)
LORIGO: “Copy of Letter from Donna Andrzejewski, Regional Manager of SKIP of NY”
(6-0)
 - b. COMM. 16M-3 (2012)
SKIP OF NY: “Letter to Minority Caucus Concerning Medicaid Enrolled Nurses”
(6-0)
 - c. COMM. 2E-6 (2013)
MARINELLI: “Copy of United Way Needs Assessment”
(6-0)
 - d. COMM. 7D-7 (2013)
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE: “Letter to Commissioner of Social Services Concerning Performance Audit of the Eligibility & Recertification Process Within the Public Assistance Unit of DSS”
(6-0)
 - e. INTRO 8-5 (2013)
MARINELLI & MAZUR: “Encouraging the EC Department of Social Services to Streamline the Process Whereby Private Duty Nurses are Approved for Medicaid Billing Purposes”
(6-0)
 - f. COMM. 8E-2 (2013)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: “Appointment of EC Commissioner of Senior Services”
(6-0)
 - g. COMM. 8D-2 (2013)
COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES: “Quarterly Report of Social Services Contract Changes”
(6-0)

- h. COMM. 8D-5 (2013)
EC HEALTH COMMISSIONER: “Response Letter to Comptroller's Audit of Department of Health Grants”
(6-0)
 - i. COMM. 8M-6 (2013)
PRESIDENT, EC BOARD OF HEALTH: “Minutes of Meeting Held 1/22/2013 & Proposed Agenda for May Meeting”
(6-0)
2. COMM. 7E-16 (2013)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health currently contracts for pharmacy consultant services; and

WHEREAS, Erie County requires the services of a highly competent pharmacy consultant to provide consultation and oversight of pharmaceutical matters for the Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, community pharmacy consultant rates are in excess of \$70 and Erie County currently pays \$50; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in Account 516020, Professional Services; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health has saved thousands of dollars due to the services of fee-for-service pharmacy consultants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature is hereby authorized to modify the fee-for-service schedule for Pharmacy Consultant found in Budget Resolution Number 22 on page R-6 of Book B in the 2013 Budget to increase the fee-for-service rates as follows:

Pharmacy Consultant 1 \$70/hour

and be it further

RESOLVED, that this rate increase shall commence on May 1, 2013 with funds available in Account 516020, Professional Services in the Department of Health's 2013 Budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Law and to Dr. Gale R. Burstein, Commissioner, in the Erie County Department of Health, 9th Floor, Rath Building.
(6-0)

3. COMM. 8E-6 (2013)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Health Foundation for Western & Central New York has notified the Department of Senior Services that the Department has been awarded \$14,000 for a Powerful Tools grant for the period March 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Powerful Tools grant funds will be used by the Department of Senior Services to more effectively promote and assist in offering Powerful Tools for Caregivers (PTC) classes to culturally diverse family caregivers in Erie County. These funds will continue to provide sustainability to the accomplishments of an earlier (2008) grant; and

WHEREAS, a local match is not required for this grant, as it is 100% funded by the Health Foundation for Western & Central New York; and

WHEREAS, the Falls Prevention grant budget needs to be established.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to contract with the Health Foundation for Western & Central New York to accept the Powerful Tools grant funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Powerful Tools grant, (163PWRTTOOLS1314), be established as follows:

REVENUES		INITIAL BUDGET
Account	Description	
417060	Other Income	\$14,000
APPROPRIATIONS		
510100	Out of Area Travel	500
516020	Professional Svcs & Fees	5000

530000	Other Expenses	<u>8,500</u>
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$14,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust budgets as required to comply with the Health Foundation for Western & Central New York approved funding levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, the Division of Budget and Management, the Comptroller's Office, and the Department of Senior Services.
(6-0)

4. COMM. 8E-7 (2013)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, Erie County Department of Senior Services has hosted an Elder Law Day event every year since 2001 to provide an opportunity for older adults, their families and caregivers to hear professional presentations with reliable, accurate information on important elder law topics; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 Elder Law Day is scheduled to be held on June 20th, 2013 from 8:30 am to 1:00pm at the Adam's Mark Hotel on Church St in Downtown Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, Senior Services is planning on hosting the 2013 Elder Law Day in conjunction with Legal Services for the Elderly Inc., with the costs to be shared by both entities; and

WHEREAS, Senior Services desires to solicit contributions from various organizations that provide services to the elderly to help defray our estimated \$4,000 share of Elder Law Day 2013; and

WHEREAS, the existing III-B grant budget will need to be amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Senior Services be and hereby is authorized to accept contributions from various organizations to help fund Elder Law Day; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is here by authorized to contract with Legal Services for the Elderly Inc. to cohost Elder Law Day 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the III-B 2013 Grant be amended as follows:

		CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
APPROPRIATIONS				
Account 516020	Description Professional Svcs & Fees	\$130,821	+\$4,000	\$134,821
REVENUES				
Account 417060	Other Income Senior Services	-0-	+\$4,000	+\$4,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, the Division of Budget and Management, the Comptroller's Office, and the Departments of Law and Senior Services.

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**THOMAS J. MAZUR
CHAIR**