

January 31, 2013

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 1

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR MILLS.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 17M-5 (2012)
BRUCE KOGAN: "Letter to Legislator Hogues Concerning Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act"
(4-0)
 - b. COMM. 1E-14 (2013)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: "Appointments to the EC Senior Services Advisory Board for a Term Ending 12/31/2014"
(4-0)
 - c. COMM. 1E-15 (2013)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: "Reappointments to the Board of Health for a Term Expiring on 12/31/2018"
(4-0)
 - d. COMM. 1M-2 (2013)
PRESIDENT, EC BOARD OF HEALTH: "Copy of Meeting Notice for 1/22/2013 & Minutes of Meeting Held 10/16/2012"
(4-0)

2. COMM. 26E-7 (2012)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, the New York State Office for Aging has notified the Department of Senior Services that the Department has been awarded \$64,000 for the Systems Integration grant for the period January 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, System Integration grant funds will be used to enhance the Department's NY Connects point of entry program for seniors and their caregivers by fortifying linkages to the range of publicly and privately financed long term care services and supports; enhancing and expanding information and assistance; increasing access to public benefits, as appropriate, as well as evidence-based health promotion/prevention programs, and by establishing a dementia capable system through formal inter-connection with the Alzheimer's Association network of services; and

WHEREAS, a local match is not required for this grant, as it is 100% State funded; and

WHEREAS, the System Integration grant budget needs to be established.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to accept the Systems Integration grant funds from the New York State Office for Aging; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Systems Integration grant, (163SysInt1314), be established as follows:

REVENUES		INITIAL BUDGET
Account	Description	
409000	State Aid	\$64,000
APPROPRIATIONS		
510100	Out of Area Travel	\$ 2,350
510200	Dues & Fees	2,000
516020	Professional Svcs & Fees	21,800
530000	Other Expenses	14,162
916390	ID Senior Srvs Grant Svcs	23,688
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$64,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust budgets as required to comply with State 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.
(4-0)

3. COMM. 26E-12 (2012)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health's Division of Emergency Medical Services does not receive New York State Department of Health emergency medical services (EMS) training reimbursement for EMS first responders whose agency is not eligible for funding under NYS DOH EMS Policy Statement # 09-06; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health Emergency Medical Services Division does not have the resources in the 2013 Budget to provide training to ineligible first responder agencies without reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, training can be provided to the ineligible first responder agencies who still request training through the establishment of a training fee; and

WHEREAS, authorization is required in order to establish a training fee for those first responders who are willing to pay said fee for EMS training.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Legislature authorizes the Erie County Department of Health's Division of Emergency Medical Services to collect a fee for training provided to individual first responders from agencies who do not meet the New York State Department of Health requirement for reimbursement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the amount of the fee shall be the same as calculated by the State for the reimbursement of eligible first responders, said fee will be adjusted in accordance with established State reimbursement rates; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the amount of the fee imposed for 2013 shall be established as follows:

Erie County Department of Health
Emergency Medical Services Division
NYS DOH EMS Reimbursement Rates for 2013

EMS Course Type	Course Fee
Emergency Medical Technician - Basic Original class	\$775
Emergency Medical Technician - Basic Recertification class	\$425
Certified First Responder Original class	\$260
Certified First Responder Recertification class	\$145

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Division of Budget and Management is hereby authorized, upon receipt of said fees, to make required budgetary adjustments in order to increase expense in the amount of reimbursement received as needed, to properly fund the training expense for the ineligible responders; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive's Office, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Health Emergency Medical Services Division, the County Comptroller, the Department of Law and to Dr. Gale Burstein, Commissioner, in the Erie County Department of Health.
(4-0)

4. COMM. 1E-10 (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 \$50,000 for the Ready or Not grant for the period November 19, 2012 through June 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Ready or Not grant funds will be used by the Department of Senior Services to systematically assess available services and explore possible partnerships within the community in order to contribute to the improvement of health care for Erie County's older adult population; 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 Ready or Not 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 Ready or Not grant funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Ready or Not grant, (163RON1214), be established as follows:

REVENUES		INITIAL BUDGET
Account	Description	
417060	Other Income	\$50,000
APPROPRIATIONS		
510100	Out of Area Travel	\$ 4,500
516020	Professional Svcs & Fees	35,418
916390	ID Senior Svcs Grant Svcs	<u>10,082</u>
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$50,000

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.
(4-0)

5. **COMM. 1E-11 (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 \$25,000 for a Falls Prevention grant for the period December 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Falls Prevention grant funds will be used by the Department of Senior Services to improve the ability to collect timely information on falls prevention activities occurring in the community, and make modifications to client tracking software to help better identify clients that are considered at elevated risk for falls; 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 Falls Prevention grant funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Falls Prevention grant, (163FALLS1214), be established as follows:

REVENUES		INITIAL BUDGET
Account	Description	
417060	Other Income	\$25,000
APPROPRIATIONS		
516020	Professional Svcs & Fees	11,400
916390	ID Senior Svcs Grant Svcs	<u>13,600</u>
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$25,000

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.
(4-0)

6. **COMM. 1E-13 (2013)**
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Probation Department has an approved Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) for \$31,616 in the adopted 2013 Budget – Book B Special Funds (page 21); and WHEREAS, the Probation Department will be partnering with the City of Buffalo, Division of Youth to facilitate Council of Boys and Young Men training sessions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Buffalo, Division for Youth, is currently the only agency locally with a trained facilitator for the Council of Boys and Young Men program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into contracts and amendments to these contracts, with the City of Buffalo, Division of Youth, Room 2301, City Hall, Buffalo, NY 14202; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby makes a finding that it is impracticable to follow the RFP procedures for the professional service contracts with the City of Buffalo, Division for Youth as they are sole source providers of the training outlined in the grant work plan, and hereby waives the procedures outlined in Section 19.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the funds necessary to cover the costs of this contract have been appropriated in the 2013 Erie County Budget – Book B Special Funds (page 21); and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive's Office, the Division of Budget and Management, the County Comptroller, the County Attorney, and the Probation Department c/o Dina Connors Room 112, 1 Niagara Plaza.
(4-0)

7. COMM. 2E-15 (2013)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services requests authorization to contract with Catholic Charities for the Closing the Gap initiative in the amount of \$160,000; and

WHEREAS, this initiative will be fully supported with no additional local tax levy dollars as the Department will receive an \$80,000 cash donation from the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County, and the remaining \$80,000 of local share will be derived from a 2013 adopted budget line with ECMC which will not be utilized; and

WHEREAS, State reimbursement for this local share will be sought from the State through approval of this initiative as a Community Optional Preventive Services program; and

WHEREAS, the Closing the Gap initiative places casework staff in school buildings to provide an outreach specialist function to assist students as needed in assessment, counseling, referral and intervention; and

WHEREAS, staff assigned focus on the unique needs of individual students and bridge the gap between students, teachers, administrators, support staff and community service providers; and

WHEREAS, this proposed resolution authorizes the Department to amend the 2013 Adopted Budget and to execute a contract with Catholic Charities as the lead agency for this program funding; and

WHEREAS, there is no local share fiscal impact to this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive and the Commissioner of Social Services are authorized to execute necessary contracts and agreements for this program, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments are hereby authorized in the 2013 Adopted Budget

Department of Social Services, Fund 110, Department 120

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE/ (DECREASE)
516400	Title XX Preventive and Protective Services (Catholic Charities – Closing the Gap Program)	\$160,000
516052	Contractual – ECMC Vocational Rehabilitation	<u>(80,000)</u>
	Total Expenditure	<u>\$80,000</u>
418430	Donated Funds	<u>\$80,000</u>
	Total Revenue	<u>\$80,000</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, since this program is needed immediately, the County Administrative Code requirement in Section 19.08 for a Request for Proposals (RFP) is hereby waived; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, the Commissioner of Social Services, the Erie County Comptroller, and the Director of the Division of Budget and Management.
(4-0)

THOMAS J. MAZUR
CHAIR