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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

September 25, 2013

Honorable Legislators
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Comm. 15E-29 – Department of Social Services Reorganization

Dear Honorable Legislators:

At yesterday's informational meeting of the Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee, Legislator Edward Rath requested information concerning the administration's plan to fund the ten (10) new positions requested in Comm. 15E-29 in the 2014 Budget.

As Social Services Commissioner Carol Dankert and I orally indicated in our testimony, the administration's plan for 2014 is budget-neutral and will be funded through reductions or eliminations in 2014 spending (compared to the 2013 Budget) in the following contractual areas:

- Salvation Army emergency services contract (\$3,889 reduction in contract)
- New Directions FAR contract (elimination of contract - \$95,000)
- Savings from the unexpended Erie County Medical Center Corporation Vocational Rehabilitation contract (rolled over from 2013 - \$70,054)

In addition, the Department of Social Services is reducing the interdepartmental billing from the Department of Mental Health for 2014 (\$188,732). Together, funds made available from these four accounts will provide the \$357,675 in local share funds necessary for the ten positions for fiscal year 2014.

I trust that this information is helpful to you and addresses Legislator Rath's question.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Timothy C. Callan in black ink.

Timothy C. Callan
Deputy Director of Budget and Management

cc: Commissioner Carol Dankert, Department of Social Services
Deputy County Executive Richard Tobe