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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

September 16, 2014

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

Re: Amend 163III-D2014 grant

Dear Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests authorization for the Department of Senior Services to amend the Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (III-D2014) grant for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, to reflect a departmental restructuring of the program's operations.

Should your Honorable Body require any further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner Randy Hoak in the Department of Senior Services. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark C. Poloncarz".

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

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Enclosure

cc: Randy Hoak, Commissioner, Department of Senior Services

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MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Senior Services
Re: Amend 163III-D2014 grant
Date: September 16, 2014

SUMMARY

The Department of Senior Services Disease Prevention and Health Promotion grant (III-D), funds the Erie County Living Healthy Program, which currently includes the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP) and Diabetes Self-Management Program (DSMP). The Department of Senior Services is proposing to restructure the program's operations to begin the process of making it eligible for potential Medicare reimbursement.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No additional county funds are required to carry out this restructuring.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Recent changes in Federal government health care regulations have created the opportunity for properly structured CDSMP and DSMP evidence based programs to be Medicare eligible. The Department of Senior Services desires to begin taking steps to restructure its existing CDSMP and DSMP programs into Medicare eligible programs and open up the possibility for increased revenues in the future.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Department of Senior Services operated CDSMP and DSMP are Stanford model self-management programs national, evidence-based, health education programs for people with one or more chronic conditions. Program workshops are led by two trained Peer Leaders, one of whom has a chronic condition or is a caregiver of someone with a chronic condition. These workshops are designed to help people find practical ways to deal with day to day management of chronic conditions like asthma, diabetes and hypertension. These programs are currently funded on an expenditure reimbursement basis out of the limited Federal funds available in the III-D grant. This grant restructuring will also involve the transfer of a full time position to another grant, creation of part time position as well as utilizing Catholic Charities selected through a recent RFP.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The Department of Senior Services would be unable to begin taking steps to restructure the existing CDSMP and DSMP into Medicare eligible programs and open up the possibility for increased revenues in the future.

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STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL The Department of Senior Services will amend the 163III-D2014 budget and restructure the grant's disease prevention and health promotion operations.

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A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY: DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES

RE: Amend 163III-D2014 grant

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services Disease Prevention and Health Promotion grant (III-D) funds the Erie County Living Healthy Program, which currently includes the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP) and Diabetes Self-Management Program (DSMP); and

WHEREAS, CDSMP and DSMP are Stanford model self-management programs national, evidence-based, health education programs for people with one or more chronic conditions; and

WHEREAS the program workshops, led by two trained Peer Leaders, one of whom has a chronic condition or is a caregiver of someone with a chronic condition. These programs are designed to help people find practical ways to deal with day to day management of chronic conditions like asthma, diabetes and hypertension; and

WHEREAS recent changes in Federal government health care regulations have created the opportunity for properly structured CDSMP and DSMP evidence based programs to be Medicare eligible; and

WHEREAS the Department desires to begin taking steps to restructure its existing CDSMP and DSMP programs into Medicare eligible programs and open up the possibility for increased revenues in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Department plans on extending, for the period October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, its existing contract with consultant Beverly Sottile-Malona RN, at a cost not to exceed \$1,200 to continue to provide technical assistance, including assistance in strategic planning and execution of the CDSMP; and

WHEREAS appropriation savings of \$16,316 are currently available in the 163III-D2014 grant to begin restructuring efforts, due to the transfer of the Health and Wellness Coordinator Senior Services position (#51008532) from the 163III-D2014 grant to the 163CSE1415 grant, through recently submitted Legislative Resolution 17E-23 (2014); and

WHEREAS the Department desires to use \$7,885 of these available appropriations, to create a part time Registered Nurse position in the 163III-D2014 grant effective October 4, 2014 to assist with operating the Erie County Living Healthy Program; and

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WHEREAS the Department also plans on using \$8,000 of the available appropriations to contract, for the period October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, with Catholic Charities of Buffalo, which was selected through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process to provide professional services to promote, recruit and assist in coordinating the Erie County Living Healthy Program, including working with the Department to align the program with requirements that qualify classes for Medicare reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, the 163III-D2014 grant budget, for the period January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014, is now in need of revision.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to extend existing contract with consultant Beverly Sottile-Malona RN to now cover the period October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 at a cost not to exceed \$1,200 funded out of the IIID grant utilizing existing Professional Service appropriations, to continue to provide technical assistance, including assistance in strategic planning and execution of the CDSMP; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a part time Registered Nurse position be created in the 163III-D2014 grant effective October 4, 2014 (B100#7893); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and hereby is authorized to contract with Catholic Charities of Buffalo, at a cost not to exceed \$8,000, to provide professional services to promote, recruit, and assist in coordinating the Erie County Living Healthy Program for the period October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the III-D2014 (163IIID-2014) grant, be amended as follows:

| | | CURRENT BUDGET | CHANGES | AMENDED BUDGET |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| APPROPRIATIONS | | | | |
| Account | Description | | | |
| 500000 | Full Time Salaries | \$44,005 | -\$11,001 | \$33,004 |
| 500010 | Part Time Salaries | \$0 | \$5,600 | \$5,600 |
| 502000 | Fringe Benefits | 34,486 | -6,337 | 28,149 |
| 517540 | Catholic Charities | -0- | +8,000 | 8,000 |
| 916390 | ID Senior Services | 3,759 | +3,738 | 7,497 |
| TOTAL CHANGE | | \$82,250 | \$-0- | \$82,250 |

and be it further

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RESOLVED, that, the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust items of appropriations and revenues which may be impacted by changes to grantor awards; 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 Senior Services.