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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

July 8, 2016

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

Re: Youth Services Contract with Niagara County

Dear Honorable Members:

Niagara County would like to utilize the current Erie County contract for non-secure youth services provided to Erie County through the Gateway Longview and New Directions agencies. Niagara County has agreed to reimburse Erie County in the amount of \$108,928 for the period of July 1st through December 31st 2016 for the guarantee of two non-secure beds per day.

The attached resolution requests authorization to enter into agreement with Niagara County and to adjust the budget of the Youth Services Division.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact the Deputy Commissioner Paul Kubala at the Erie County Detention Facility. 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: Paul Kubala, Deputy Commissionoiner, Erie County Youth Services

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Erie County Youth Services
Re: Youth Services Contract with Niagara County
Date: July 8, 2016

SUMMARY

The attached resolution requests authorization to enter into agreement with Niagara County and to adjust the budget of the Youth Services Division. Niagara County would like to utilize the current Erie County contract for non-secure youth services provided to Erie County through the Gateway Longview and New Directions agencies.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Erie County Contract is currently fully funded. Niagara County has agreed to reimburse Erie County for a portion of the contract in the amount of \$108,928 for the period of July 1st through December 31st 2016 for the guarantee of two non-secure beds per day. The cost estimate is based on a reimbursement rate of \$296 per day per bed. After revenue adjustments the County will receive an additional \$55,553 that will be added to the Youth Services budget.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The County of Niagara wished to take advantage of the Erie County contract with the Gateway Longview and New Directions community agencies for non-secure detention beds. Niagara will be guaranteed 2 beds for their youth and Erie County will realize a savings in the cost of the contract.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

All New York State counties are required to provide non-secure housing and care for Persons in Need of Supervision and lower risk juvenile delinquents involved in Family Court proceedings. Erie County utilizes community based programs to provide this service which is designed to help divert youth from secure detention.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Failure to approve this resolution result in higher cost for Erie County and impair Niagara County's ability to locate non-secure beds.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

A contract will be prepared and budget adjustments will be implemented.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
YOUTH SERVICES DIVISION

RE: **Youth Services Contract with Niagara County**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Youth Service Division currently contracts for the provision of non-secure youth services through the Gateway Longview and New Directions community agencies; and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara would like to utilize the current Erie County contract for the provision of two non-secure beds per day; and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara has agreed to reimburse Erie County for their portion of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into contract with the County of Niagara in the amount of \$108,928 for the guarantee of two non-secure beds per day utilizing the existing Erie County contract with the Gateway Longview and New Directions agencies for the period of July 1st to December 31st, 2016, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following Budget adjustments are hereby authorized:

2016 Budget		
Division of Youth Services - Fund Center 12520		
Revenue		Increase/(Decrease)
Account 420060 Reimbursement Other Govt. non-secure		\$ 108,928
Account 407615 State Aid - Non-Secure Local		<u>(53,375)</u>
	Total Revenue	\$ 55,553
Expense		
Account 516020 Professional Services		<u>\$ 55,553</u>
	Total Expense	\$ 55,553
	Net	\$ 0

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, the Office of the Comptroller, the Department of Social Services, and the Division of Youth Services.