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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

April 22, 2016

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

Re: Group Respite Program Contracts

Dear Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests authorization for the Department of Senior Services to continue a group respite initiative to assist memory impaired seniors and their families. The Department of Senior Services is requesting authorization to extend the contract with the consultant, Lisa Rood, who has been assisting in establishing the group respite programs with area faith based organizations, and contract with four additional churches as well as one senior organization to begin such programs.

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,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

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Enclosure

cc: Randy Hoak, Commissioner, Department of Senior Services

MEMORANDUM

To:	Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From:	Department of Senior Services
Re:	Group Respite Program Contracts
Date:	April 22, 2016

SUMMARY

Approve the attached resolution to allow the Department of Senior Services to expand the group respite initiative to assist memory impaired seniors and their families. The Department of Senior Services requests authorization to extend the contract, previously approved in 6/25/15 COMM. 12E-13 with consultant, Ms. Lisa Rood, to assist with establishing the group respite programs. Also requested is authorization to establish five additional group respite programs with four area faith based entities and one senior organization, by providing each with a one time payment of $1,000 to begin such programs.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Budgetary appropriations are available in 163III-E2016 grant's Professional Services Contracts and Fees account to cover the cost of contracting with the consultant and churches.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

With a growing older adult population, the Department of Senior Services is working to maximize the impact of it's programing by providing new low cost services in partnership with community organizations, including local faith based institutions. To assist in creating the group respite programs we have contracted with Lisa Rood for consultant services. Currently, Ms. Rood has assisted in contracting five faith based institutions and established respite programs at each location. By extending the length of this contract Ms. Rood would be able to create additional partnerships.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In partnership with the faith-based community, the Department of Senior Services is working to increase the availability of older adult group respite programs. Such programs provide a safe, supervised, entertaining environment for memory impaired adults, thereby allowing their family caregivers temporary relief. While loved ones are participating in the group respite program, caregivers can pursue activities that aid the caregiver in maintaining their own health and wellbeing; attend to their own medical appointments, exercise and/or have a break from their daily routine.

Ms. Rood has identified four additional churches, Williamsville United Methodist Church, Kenmore United Methodist Church, Primera Iglesias Metodista Unida de

Buffalo, and South Park United Methodist Church, as well as the Clarence Senior Center as interested in starting this program. The Department of Senior Services will continue working to identify additional faith-based institutions and other senior organizations with which to partner on this important initiative to expand services for the county's frail older adult population.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The Department of Senior Services would be unable expand the group respite program.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Department of Senior Services will contract with the consultant and group respite provider entities.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES

RE: **Group Respite Program Contracts**

WHEREAS, group respite programs provide a safe, supervised, entertaining environment for memory impaired adults, thereby allowing their family caregivers temporary relief; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services is working to cost efficiently expand services for frail older adults in Erie County by partnering with faith-based and other local senior organizations to provide group respite programs; and

WHEREAS, partner institutions need assistance in setting up these programs; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services desires to extend the contract, previously approved in 6/25/15 COMM. 12E-13 with consultant, Ms. Lisa Rood, for the period April 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 at a cost not to exceed $5,000 to assist with the creation of additional group respite programs; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services has identified four additional area churches, Williamsville United Methodist Church, Kenmore United Methodist Church, Primera Iglesias Metodista Unida de Buffalo, and South Park United Methodist Church, as well as the Clarence Senior Center as interested in beginning this initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Department plans on providing each of the identified entities with a one time payment of $1,000 to cover program start up expenses; and

WHEREAS, budgetary appropriations are available in the 163III-E2016 grant's Professional Services Contracts and Fees account to fund the contracts with the consultant and churches.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to extend the previously approved consultant contract with Lisa Rood, for the period April 1, 2016 through December, 31, 2016 , at a cost not to exceed $5,000 to assist with the expansion of the group respite program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to enter into contracts, not to exceed $1,000 each, with Williamsville United Methodist Church, Kenmore United Methodist Church, Primera Iglesias Metodista Unida de Buffalo, South Park United Methodist Church, and the Clarence Senior Center, to begin group respite programs; and be it further

RESOLVED, that budgetary appropriations in the 163III-E2016 grant's Professional Services Contracts and Fees account be utilized to fund the contracts with the consultant and group respite providers; and be it further

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