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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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Erie County Legislature
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IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION REQUESTED

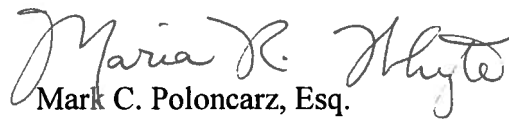
Re: Amend 2017-18 Appropriations for Case Management Contract Agencies

Dear Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests authorization for the Department of Senior Services to amend the 2017 adopted county budgets for case management contract agencies in the 163CSE1718 and 163EISEP1718 grants.

Should your Honorable Body require any further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner Timothy Hogues 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: Timothy Hogues, Commissioner, Department of Senior Services

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Senior Services
Re: Amend 2017-18 Appropriations for Case Management Contract Agencies
Date: March 20, 2017

SUMMARY

The attached resolution requests authorization to amend the Department of Senior Services appropriations for case management contract agencies in the 163CSE1718 and 163EISEP1718 grant budgets. One agency, Concerned Ecumenical Ministries Inc. (CEM), has decided to discontinue providing case management services for the Department of Senior Services after March 31, 2017. To ensure existing CEM case managed clients are covered beginning April 1, 2017, the Department of Senior Services has arranged with People Inc. to perform the work. This also included the review and restructuring of caseloads which allow for shifting case management appropriations from the 163CSE1718 grant to the 163EISEP1718 grant.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No additional county funds are required.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

With CEM ceasing to provide case management services after March 31, 2017, it is necessary for the Department of Senior Services to take steps to ensure that the CEM caseload will be covered beginning April 1, 2017.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Department of Senior Services has been contracting with seven not for profit agencies to provide case management services to seniors within different areas of the County. The annual contracts, which follow an April 1st through March 31st fiscal year, are funded through both the Department's CSE and EISEP grants.

One of the agencies, CEM, has decided to discontinue providing case management services for the Department of Senior Services, upon the expiration of its current contract on March 31, 2017. To ensure continuity of service for the existing CEM caseload, the Department of Senior Services has chosen one of the remaining agencies, People Inc., to take over the work beginning April 1, 2017.

The change in agencies results in a \$67,688 cash savings for the Department of Senior Services, but a loss of \$37,465 of contract match that CEM had been providing out of its own funds. The contract match will be made up by recognizing a like amount of overmatch that another case management agency, the Town of Amherst, has been providing.

In an effort to operate more efficiently, the Department of Senior Services has also reviewed and restructured caseloads which allow for a shift of contract agency appropriations from the 163CSE1718 grant to the 163EISEP1718 grant. This will help to ensure that the use of EISEP grant dollars is maximized and that the dollar savings are now in the CSE grant, where they can be used to offset potential State and Federal funding reductions.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

After April 1, 2017 the Department of Senior Services would be unable to provide case management services to seniors formerly served by CEM.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Department of Senior Services will amend the 163EISEP1718 and 163CSE1718 budgets and will contract with People Inc. to provide case management services in the area formerly served by CEM.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES**

**RE: Amend 2017-18 Appropriations for
Case Management Contract Agencies**

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services has been annually contracting with seven not for profit agencies to provide case management services for seniors within different areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, the case management contracts, which follow an April 1st through March 31st fiscal year, are funded through both the Department's CSE and EISEP grants; and

WHEREAS, one of the agencies, Concerned Ecumenical Ministries Inc. (CEM) has elected not to continue providing case management services for the Department of Senior Services after its existing contract expires March 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, to ensure continuity of service for the existing CEM caseload after March 31, 2017, the Department of Senior Services has chosen one of the remaining case management contract agencies, People Inc. to take over the work beginning April 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the change in agencies results in a \$67,688 cash savings, but a loss of \$37,465 of contract match that CEM had been providing out of its own funds, which will be made up by recognizing a like amount of overmatch that, another case management agency, the Town of Amherst, has been providing; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to operate more efficiently, the Department of Senior Services has also reviewed and restructured caseloads which will allow for a shift of contract agency appropriations from the 163CSE1718 grant to the 163EISEP1718 grant, thereby helping to ensure that the use of EISEP grant dollars is maximized and that the dollar savings are now in the CSE grant, where they can be used to offset potential State and Federal funding reductions; and

WHEREAS, the 163CSE1718 and 163EISEP1718 grant budgets need to be amended to reflect the above changes to the grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to contract with People Inc. to take over cases formerly covered by CEM for the period April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 163CSE1718 grant budget be amended as follows

	INITIAL BUDGET	CHANGE	AMENDED BUDGET
APPROPRIATIONS			
516020 Professional Svcs Contracts & Fees	155,415	177,688	333,103
517573 Concerned Ecumenical Ministry	55,580	-55,580	0
517693 Lt. Col. Matt Urban Center	238,040	-39,706	198,334
517755 People, Inc.	120,448	672	121,120
517785 Schiller Park Community Services	175,425	-56,980	118,445
517797 South Bflo Comm Development Assoc	97,024	-26,164	70,860
517829 Town of Amherst Senior Center	97,500	70	97,570
TOTAL CHANGE		-0-	

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 163EISEP1718 grant budget be amended as follows

	INITIAL BUDGET	CHANGE	AMENDED BUDGET
APPROPRIATIONS			
516010 Contract Pymts NonProfit Purch Svcs	160,000	-110,000	50,000
517573 Concerned Ecumenical Ministry	197,365	-197,365	0
517693 Lt. Col. Matt Urban Center	180,800	39,706	220,506
517755 People, Inc.	85,220	147,120	232,340
517785 Schiller Park Community Services	229,792	56,980	286,772
517797 South Bflo Comm Development Assoc	122,949	26,164	149,113
517829 Town of Amherst Senior Center	104,580	37,395	141,975
TOTAL CHANGE		-0-	

and be it further

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 if necessary, the County Executive is hereby authorized to execute amendments to these Department of Senior Services agencies contracts to effectuate adjusted 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.