

October 26, 2009

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 14

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. RESOLVED, the following item is hereby received and filed:

a. COMM. 20E-21 (2009)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE:** “Appointments to the Youth Services Board”  
(4-0) Legislator Walter absent for vote.

2. INTRO 20-3 (2009)

**MILLER-WILLIAMS** **AS AMENDED**

WHEREAS, in the 2010 Tentative Budget recently presented to the Erie County Legislature, the County Executive has proposed closing the only two remaining health care clinics; and

WHEREAS, these clinics, located at 1500 Broadway and 608 William Street, are vital to the health care needs of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District, to be certain, but are also utilized by county residents from other parts of the City of Buffalo, as well as suburban and rural communities; and

WHEREAS, pediatrics, ob-gyn, podiatry, dental and adult medicine are offered, providing underserved individuals in high-need zip codes health care they otherwise could not access; and

WHEREAS, closing health clinics in these communities will undoubtedly lead to inappropriate, costly utilization of emergency rooms by individuals who could more cost-effectively and conveniently be seen in community health centers; and

WHEREAS, it is the Erie County Legislature’s belief that state revenues for bad debt and charity care, as well as billing private insurance companies or public plans such as Medicaid or Medicare, more than compensated for the expenses of running these health care centers; and

WHEREAS, absent solid evidentiary support that Erie County taxpayers will indeed save money and that clinic clients will be seamlessly transitioned to other community-based health care facilities, the Erie County Legislature stands in firm opposition to the closing of these clinics.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature go on record to express its opposition to the County Administration’s proposed closure of the only two remaining county-run health care centers – the

Dr. Matt Gajewski Health Care Center at 1500 Broadway and the Jesse Nash Health Care Center at 608 William Street; and be it further

RESOLVED, that interested and knowledgeable parties to this important public health policy discussion attend a future meeting of the Erie County Legislature’s Health and Human Services Committee to more fully explore the reasons behind these closures and to determine whether there is any evidentiary support of cost savings to do so; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be conveyed to the County Executive, Budget Director, Commissioner of Health, and community stakeholders deemed necessary and proper. (4-0) Legislator Walter absent for vote.

3. COMM. 20E-5 (2009)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature has already appropriated funds for the Weatherization Referral and Packaging Program (WRAP-SOFA) grant for the period April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office for the Aging has notified the Department of Senior Services (Department) of final WRAP-SOFA allocations for the 2009/2010 grant year; and

WHEREAS, the Department reviewed the program budgets and service objectives and desires to provide additional weatherization services to HEAP-eligible seniors in Erie County that will allow them to remain independent in their own homes and healthy; and

WHEREAS, the WRAP-SOFA grant budget need to be revised, and

WHEREAS, there is no local match required for this grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to accept the additional Federal funds for the WRAP-SOFA grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the WRAP-SOFA grant (163WRAP-SOFA0910) be revised as follows:

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to accept the additional Senior Aides and Senior Employment funds from Senior Service America, Inc. and the New York State Office for Aging; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to amend the contract with Supportive Services Corp.; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Senior Aides grant, 163SRAIDES0910, be revised as follows:

		CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Account	Description			
414000	Federal Aid	\$985,090	\$219,259	\$1,204,349
466320	Subcontractor Match	44,751	29,117	73,868
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>			<u>\$248,376</u>	
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>				
516010	Supportive Services Corp., Inc.	\$1,113,841	\$248,376	\$1,362,217
<b>TOTAL CHANGE</b>			<u>\$248,376</u>	

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Senior Employment grant, 163SREMP0910, be revised as follows:

		CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Account	Description			
414000	Federal Aid	\$279,400	\$32,017	\$311,417
466320	Subcontractor Match	13,045	3,558	16,603
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>			<u>\$35,575</u>	

		CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Account	Description			
414000	Federal Aid	\$320,456	\$298,994	\$619,450
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>			<u>\$298,994</u>	
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>				
530000	Last Resort Weatherization Services	\$70,847	\$298,994	\$369,841
			<u>\$298,994</u>	

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.

(4-0) Legislator Walter absent for vote.

4. COMM. 20E-6 (2009)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, Senior Service America and the New York State Office for Aging have notified the Department of Senior Services (Department) that the Department has been awarded additional federal funds for the Senior Aides and Senior Employment programs for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Department currently contracts with Supportive Services Corp. to provide Title V employment services to seniors -55 years of age and older, and desires to amend the contract with Supportive Services Corp. to reflect the additional funds to expand the employment placements; and

WHEREAS, the ARRA Senior Aides and ARRA Senior Employment grant budgets need to be revised; and

WHEREAS, Supportive Services Corp. will provide the required local match.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

APPROPRIATIONS

516010 Supportive Services Corp., Inc.	\$310,445	<u>\$35,575</u>	\$346,020
TOTAL CHANGE		<u><u>\$35,575</u></u>	

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 County Attorney's Office, the Comptroller's Office and the Department of Senior Services.  
(4-0) Legislator Walter absent for vote.

5. COMM. 20E-7 (2009)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) and the New York State Office for Aging have notified the Department of Senior Services (Department) that the Department has been awarded \$47,000 for the n4a Generational Communication Campaign (GENCOM) for the period July 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010 and \$10,000 for the Performance Outcomes Measures Project (POMP) for the period August 1, 2009 to July 31, 2010, respectively; and

WHEREAS, GENCOM funds will be used to:

- recruit and train volunteers to assist seniors and early retirees to use the Internet and online tools to learn about public and private health insurance options;
- train seniors, younger retirees and caregivers in the use of the Benefits Checkup, Medicare Plan Finder and other ways to access information on the Internet;
- inform workers facing early retirement or loss of health insurance coverage about health insurance options and long term care planning;
- provide an online forum for consumers to post questions and staff/train volunteers to provide responses; and
- increase use of local media in order to raise awareness of available health care options; and

WHEREAS, the POMP grant funds will be used to maintain and support the case management system that will compile the POMP statistical results and to cover the cost of POMP-related meetings and conferences coordinated by the New York State Office for the Aging; and

WHEREAS, the GENCOM and POMP grant budgets need to be established; and

WHEREAS, the Department will provide the required local match from the established Community Services for the Elderly State grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to accept the GENCOM and POMP funds from n4a and the New York State Office for Aging, respectively; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the GENCOM grant, GENCOM0910, be established as follows:

		INITIAL BUDGET
REVENUES		
Account	Description	
414000	Federal Aid	\$47,000
466330	Other Local Match	<u>4,493</u>
	TOTAL REVENUE	<u><u>\$51,493</u></u>

APPROPRIATIONS		
505000	Office Supplies	\$500
510000	Local Mileage Reimbursement	825
510100	Out of Area Travel	2,904
516020	Professional Services and Fees	6,000
516020	Software Support and Modification	2,435
530000	Other Expenses	140
561410	Lab & Tech Equipment	2,500
916300	ID Senior Services	31,589
980000	ID DISS Services	<u>4,600</u>
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u><u>\$51,493</u></u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the POMP grant, 163POMP0910, be established as follows:

REVENUES		INITIAL BUDGET
Account	Description	
409000	State Aid	<u>\$10,000</u>
	TOTAL REVENUE	<u><u>\$10,000</u></u>
APPROPRIATIONS		
510100	Out of Area Travel	\$1000
516030	Maintenance Contracts	<u>9,000</u>
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u><u>\$10,000</u></u>

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.

(4-0) Legislator Walter absent for vote.

6. COMM. 20E-17 (2009)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature has already appropriated funds for the Elder Abuse Prevention (Title VII) grant for the period January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 and the Long Tern Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP) grant for the period April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office for the Aging notified the Department of Senior Services (Department) of final allocations for the above grants; and

WHEREAS, the Department, as the designated Area Agency on Aging in Erie County, is responsible to oversee the provision of the ombudsman services required by this grant, via contract with the American Red Cross, the designated Ombudsman for Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the Department desires to amend the contracts with the American Red Cross to reflect the increases in Title VII and LTCOP funding; and

WHEREAS, there are no County funds associated with these grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to accept the additional Title VII and LTCOP grant funds and amend the contracts with the American Red Cross for the remainder of the grant periods at the amount authorized herein; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Title VII grant (163VII2009) for the period January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009, be revised as follows:

		CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
REVENUES				
Account	Description			
414000	Federal Aid	\$48,051	<u>\$36,272</u>	\$84,323
	TOTAL REVENUE		<u><u>\$36,272</u></u>	
APPROPRIATIONS				
516010	American Red Cross	\$48,051	<u>\$36,272</u>	\$84,323
			<u><u>\$36,272</u></u>	

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the LTCOP grant (163LTCOP0910) for the period April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010, be revised as follows:

		CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
REVENUES				
Account	Description			
409000	State Aid	\$43,983	<u>\$16,624</u>	\$60,607
	TOTAL REVENUE		<u><u>\$16,624</u></u>	
APPROPRIATIONS				
516010	American Red Cross	\$43,983	<u>\$16,624</u>	\$60,607
			<u><u>\$16,624</u></u>	

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, the Department of Law and the Department of Senior Services of Budget and Management, the Comptroller's Office and the Department of Senior Services.

(4-0) Legislator Walter absent for vote.

7. COMM. 20E-18 (2009)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature has already appropriated funds for the Home Delivered Meals Program (III-C-2) grant for the period January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009; the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) for the period April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010; and the Cash in Lieu of Commodities (CIL) grant for the period October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office for the Aging has notified the Department of Senior Services (Department) of the final federal and state allocations; and

WHEREAS, the Department reviewed the program budgets and service objectives and desires to allocate the additional federal funds to improve the delivery of home delivered meals and to serve additional seniors throughout Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the Department contracts with Meals on Wheels of WNY, Inc. to provide home delivered meals to frail, elderly seniors throughout Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the Department desires to amend the contract with Meals on Wheels of WNY, Inc. for the remainder of the 2009 calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the III-C-2, SNAP and CIL grant budgets need to be revised; and

WHEREAS, sufficient local match is already in place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to accept the additional federal and state funds from New York State Office for Aging; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to amend the contract with Meals on Wheels of WNY, Inc. as detailed herein; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the III-C-2 grant (163III-C-22009) be revised as follows:

		CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Account	Description			
414000	Federal Aid Revenue	\$739,809	-\$7,736	\$732,073
<b>TOTAL CHANGE</b>			<u>-\$7,736</u>	
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>				
516010	Meals on Wheels of WNY, Inc.	\$1,245,918	-\$7,736	\$1,238,182
<b>TOTAL CHANGE</b>			<u>-\$7,736</u>	

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the SNAP grant (163SNAP0910) be revised as follows:

		CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Account	Description			
409000	State Aid Revenue	\$1,161,694	\$16,464	\$1,178,158
<b>TOTAL CHANGE</b>			<u>\$16,464</u>	
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>				
516010	Meals on Wheels of WNY, Inc.	\$1,761,980	\$16,464	\$1,778,444
<b>TOTAL CHANGE</b>			<u>\$16,464</u>	

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the CIL grant (163CIL0910) be revised as follows:

		CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
<b>REVENUES</b>				
414000	Federal Aid	\$666,633	\$85,957	\$752,590

TOTAL REVENUES			<u>\$85,957</u>	
APPROPRIATIONS				
516010	Meals on Wheels of WNY, Inc.	\$434,995	\$48,845	\$483,840
516020	Professional Svs - Meal Preparation	231,638	37,112	268,750
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS			<u>\$85,957</u>	

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, the Department of Law and the Department of Senior Services.

(4-0) Legislator Walter absent for vote.

8. COMM. 20E-19 (2009)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Public Health Laboratories Division of the Erie County Department of Health is responsible for the provision of emerging infections/biodefense laboratory services to a 17 county region of New York State; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health has been awarded a Laboratory Response Network (LRN) grant by the New York State Department of Health to support the emerging infection/biodefense laboratory in the Division of Public Health Laboratories, Epidemiology and Environmental Health; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Laboratories have developed molecular diagnostic capacity for the detection of agents responsible for novel influenza virus (including swine flu) infection, anthrax, plague, tularemia, brucellosis; and

WHEREAS, state-of-the-art laboratory diagnosis includes the utilization of molecular diagnostic microbiology methods; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Public Health Laboratories have developed a variety of molecular diagnostic microbiology methods and plans to develop additional important methods to identify other emerging infections and biodefense threats; and

WHEREAS, a molecular microbiology laboratory requires the expertise of a trained molecular scientist to lead and supervise the development, implementation and associated testing; and

WHEREAS, a technical supervisory position is required to manage a molecular microbiology laboratory, including development, implementation and supervision of molecular microbiology testing for emerging infections and biodefense threats and other supervisory responsibilities for laboratory operations; and

WHEREAS, in order to efficiently meet program mandates it is necessary to implement staffing adjustments within the Division of public Health Laboratories, Epidemiology and Environmental Health by creating one (1) full time position of Chief Molecular Scientist (Public Health) JG 12, Step 0 as indicated on B100#4800 and deleting one (1) full time position of Chief Laboratory Technician (Microbiology) position #1214, JG 10, Step 3; and

WHEREAS, available balances within the grant will be utilized to fully fund this request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature authorizes the creation of one (1) full time position of Chief Molecular Scientist (Public Health) JG 12, Step 0 as indicated on B100 #4800 and the deletion of one (1) full time position of Chief Laboratory Technologist (Microbiology) (position #1214) JG 10, Step 3 within the Health Department, Public Health Laboratory, Fund Center 1273010, as outlined below;

Delete: Chief Laboratory Technologist (Microbiology) FT, position # 1214, JG 10, Step 3 (B100 #4800)

Add: Chief Molecular Scientist (Public Health) FT, JG 12, Step 0 (Bi00 #4800)

and be it further

RESOLVED, that available balances within the grant budget will be utilized to fully fund this request; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the County Executive, the Department of Personnel, the Office of the Comptroller, the Office of Budget and Management, the Department of Law and to Dr. Anthony J. Billitteri, IV, Commissioner in the Erie County Department of Health, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Rath Building.

(4-1) Legislator Walter voted in the negative.

**THOMAS J. MAZUR  
CHAIR**