

FEBRUARY 8, 2007

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 2

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. COMM. 3E-20 (2007)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services receives a grant from New York State to fund a continuing project called Day Care Registration, and this project supports mandated functions of registration, inspection and monitoring of Group Family Daycare and other providers, and

WHEREAS, registration includes provider application for licensing, provider due date notification and renewal processing, and

WHEREAS, the project also includes the investigation, reporting and resolution of complaints against specific providers, and

WHEREAS, on-site inspections are completed for Family Day Care, School Age Child Care and Group Family Day Care providers and these inspections involve a rigorous protocol of case sampling and compliance testing including fingerprint file assessment for all active staff at each provider, and

WHEREAS the actual grant award for 2007 differs from the amount estimated for the 2007 grant budget, and this resolution amends the grant budget to be consistent with the actual award, adjusting accounts as necessary to achieve an overall reduction of \$52,737, and

WHEREAS, the resolution also provides for the substitution of a Senior Caseworker position for a Caseworker position currently in the grant as the Senior Caseworker position is needed due to the growing complexity of program operations and responsibilities, and savings from turnover and vacancies enable the overall personnel appropriation to be reduced while still providing for the salary difference between the Senior Caseworker and the Caseworker, and

WHEREAS, there is no fiscal impact to this resolution as this grant is 100% Federal share.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments are hereby authorized in the 2007 Adopted Budget:

Department of Social Services, Department 120, Fund 281, Grant 120DAYCAREREG2007

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>(DECREASE)</u>
500000	Personal Services	(15,347)
501000	Overtime	(2,000)
502000	Fringe Benefits	(14,015)
510100	Out of Area Travel	(1,000)
912000	ID Dept of Social Services	<u>(20,375)</u>
	Total Appropriation	<u>(52,737)</u>
409000	State Aid Revenue	<u>(52,737)</u>
	Total Revenue	<u>(52,737)</u>

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the following staff position is created in the grant fund:

(1) Senior Caseworker JG 9

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following staff position is deleted from the grant fund:

(1) Caseworker JG 8

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, the Commissioner of Personnel, the Erie County Comptroller and the Director of the Division of Budget, Management and Finance. (3-1) Legislator Weinstein voted in the negative.

2. COMM. 3E-21 (2007)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services will receive a \$5,000 cash donation from the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County for preventive services aimed at supplementing the successful Closing the Gap initiative, and

WHEREAS, the Closing the Gap initiative has been fully supported with non-tax levy dollars over the last three year period, and

WHEREAS, the donated funds will be used to supplement an existing contract with Joan A. Male Family Support Center as an important agency for this program, and

WHEREAS, the Full Services Schools initiative places casework staff in school buildings to provide an outreach specialist function to assist students as needed in assessment, counseling, referral and intervention, and

WHEREAS, staff assigned focus on the unique needs of individual students and bridge the gap between students, teachers, administrators, support staff and community service providers, and

WHEREAS, there is no fiscal impact to this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments are hereby authorized in the 2007 Adopted Budget:

Department of Social Services, Department 120, Fund 110

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</u>
516010	Joan A. Male Family Support Center Total Expenditure	<u>\$14,285</u> <u>\$14,285</u>
418430	Donated Funds	\$5,000
407680	State Aid Services for Recipients Total Revenue	<u>9,285</u> <u>\$14,285</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive and the Commissioner of Social Services are authorized to execute necessary contracts and agreements for this program, and be it further

RESOLVED, due to the immediate need to fund this program with an important provider agency, the requirement for Request for Proposals is waived, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, the Erie County Comptroller and the Director of the Division of Budget, Management and Finance.
(4-0)

3. COMM. 3E-22 (2007)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services has been notified of a nominal Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase to rates paid to foster boarding and subsidized adoption homes based on a calculated Consumer Price Index, and a mandatory increase in rates of 2.8 percent is to be applied on a retroactive basis to rates for the period beginning October 1, 2006, and these rates are to extend prospectively through March 31, 2007, and

WHEREAS, it is likely that a subsequent increase will be required by New York State based on a renewal of this COLA provision in an amount to be determined in the yet to be adopted 2007-2008 State budget, and

WHEREAS, rates paid to foster parents are fixed dollar amounts which are specific to the age group and the level of care for individual children placed and resolutions which accompany the County Adopted Budget specify rates to be paid during respective calendar years, and

WHEREAS, the Department must seek revision to these rates by legislative action, and

WHEREAS, there is no fiscal impact to this resolution as the COLA provision is fully funded in the Foster Care Block Grant established by New York State for County reimbursement of foster care expense and no amendment of the budget is required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Department of Social Services is authorized to adjust rates for foster boarding and subsidized adoption homes for the required 2.8 percent COLA increases for the period beginning October 1, 2006 and extending to March 31, 2007, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Department is also authorized to adjust rates for subsequent periods if so required by New York State, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, the Erie County Comptroller and the Director of the Division of Budget, Management and Finance.
(4-0)

**THOMAS J. MAZUR
CHAIRMAN**