

JUNE 12, 2007

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 8

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT EXCEPT LEGISLATOR RANZENHOFER.

1. COMM. 11E-15 (2007)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services has conducted a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an initiative entitled Disproportionate or Over Representation of Children of Color in Foster Care, and

WHEREAS, nationwide, as well as in Erie County, many more youth of color are placed in foster care, where they remain placed for longer periods of time than would be expected based on percentage representation in the overall population, and minority children are less likely to be returned home and less likely to be adopted, and

WHEREAS, a special RFP was developed to identify and recruit a provider with staff having the skills, sensitivity and expertise to work with this vulnerable population and based on scoring of 12 proposals submitted, the evidence-based program of Bright Options Family Services was the clear choice of the review committee, and

WHEREAS, the mandated preventive services provided by this contract will utilize a community based, child centered and family focused approach and promising evidenced-based practice models of intervention which include early and on-going engagement of children, parents and family members as well as early and thorough assessments of children's needs for well being, safety, permanency and family connections, and

WHEREAS, there is no fiscal impact to this resolution as funding was provided in the 2007 Adopted Budget specifically for this purpose in the general Mandated Preventive Services contractual account.

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>
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516010 Mandated Preventive Services Enhancements	(\$248,895)
516010 Bright Options Family Services	<u>248,895</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>\$0</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive and/or the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services are authorized to execute necessary contracts with Bright Options Family Services for this initiative, 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.

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2. COMM. 11E-17 (2007)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Department has been awarded funding in the amount of \$143,883 in 100% Federal share Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds to enhance non-residential services to victims of domestic violence, and

WHEREAS, the additional federal TANF funding is awarded for contract expansion for vendors with existing State approval to deliver non-residential services to victims of domestic violence, and

WHEREAS, the provisions of the award specifically prohibit the supplantation of existing funding agreements and also prohibit the use of funds for County government operations, and

WHEREAS, only new contractual services or expansion of existing contractual services are eligible for this funding, and the vendors used must be among those named in the Department's submission to the State of the Consolidated Services Plan (CSP), and

WHEREAS, the Department has determined the distribution of these funds through the negotiation of program enhancements with all vendors eligible to receive funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Social Services and/or the County Executive are hereby authorized to enter into or amend contracts for expanded non-residential services to victims of domestic violence with Child and Family Services, Crisis Services and Hispanics United, and be it further

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

Department of Social Services, Fund 110, Department 120

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
516010	Crisis Services	\$46,397
516010	Hispanics United of Buffalo	25,546
516010	Child and Family Services	<u>71,940</u>
	Total Expenditures	<u>\$143,883</u>
414000	Federal Aid	<u>\$143,883</u>
	Total Revenues	<u>\$143,883</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that because only State-approved providers of non-residential services to victims of domestic violence are eligible to receive these funds, and because the Department has negotiated program enhancements with all of the vendors eligible to provide services and because these special services are needed immediately, the County Administrative Code requirement in Section 19.08 for a Request for Proposals (RFP) is hereby 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.
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3. COMM. 11E-19 (2007)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature has already appropriated funds for the Long Term Care Insurance Education & Outreach Program (LTCIEOP), the Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP) and the Community Services for the Elderly (CSE) grants for the period April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office for the Aging has notified the Department of Senior Services (Department) that the Department has been awarded a AAA Transportation Program (AAA Transit) grant for the period April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008, and additional HIICAP funds, and

WHEREAS, the AAA Transit grant funds are intended to supplement current transportation activities related to serving the elderly and to expand transportation services in areas where there is a determined need that has not been met , and

WHEREAS, the Department desires to enter into a contract with Center for Transportation Excellence LLC, for a demonstration pilot project to expand the number of rides available to seniors and to cover the instances whereby the existing fleet is unavailable and to allow for early or late pick-ups that cannot now be accommodated, and

WHEREAS, the Department was not able to get the pilot project underway during the 45-day period authorized by your Honorable Body under the previous AAA Transit grant period, and

WHEREAS, the Center for Transportation Excellence has agreed to work in conjunction with our established dispatch system using additional transportation providers in the community to accomplish the above objective, and

WHEREAS, the Department will reimburse the Center for Transportation Excellence on a per trip basis (one way) for an estimated 1,225 trips, at a total cost not to exceed \$25,000, and

WHEREAS, the Department desires to transfer a Dispatcher position, position number 3073, (B-100# 3004), from the III-B grant to the AAA Transit grant, effective April 1, 2007, and

WHEREAS, the Department has reviewed the LTCIEOP and HIICAP service objectives and staff involved in carrying out LTCIEOP and HIICAP activities and desires to charge the portion of the Coordinator of Insurance Outreach's salary and fringe benefits for time spent on LTCIEOP-related activities to the LTCIEOP grant, and the portion of the Senior Case Manager's salary and fringe benefits for time spent on HIICAP-related activities to the HIICAP grant throughout each grant's program period; position numbers 51001877 and 8171, respectively; and to transfer the Outreach Aide PT position, position number 51002220, (B-100# 3005), from the LTCIEOP grant to the CSE grant, effective April 1, 2007, and

WHEREAS, there are no County funds required for the three grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to contract with Center for Transportation Excellence LLC, for the period June 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008, for a demonstration pilot project to expand the number of rides available to seniors and to cover the instances whereby the existing fleet is unavailable and to allow for early or late pick-ups that cannot now be accommodated, at a total cost not to exceed \$25,000, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Dispatcher position be transferred to the AAA Transit grant, effective April 1, 2007; that the Coordinator of Insurance Outreach's salaries and fringe benefits be charged to the LTCIEOP grant for the time spent on LTCIEOP-related activities and that a portion of the Senior Case Manager's salaries and fringe benefits be charged to the HIICAP grant for the time spent on HIICAP-related activities throughout each grant's program period, and that the Outreach Aide PT position be transferred from the LTCIEOP grant to the CSE grant, effective April 1, 2007, and

RESOLVED, that the budget for the AAA Transit grant, 163AAATRAN0708, be established as follows:

		INITIAL BUDGET
REVENUES		
Account	Description	
409000	State Aid	\$108,876
	TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$108,876</u>
APPROPRIATIONS		
500000	Full Time Salaries	\$57,363
502000	Fringe Benefits	23,605
516020	PLS III, LLC	25,000
980000	DISS Services	2,908
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$108,876</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for LTCIEOP grant, 163LTCIEOP0708, be revised as follows:

		CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
APPROPRIATIONS				
Account	Description			

500000	Full Time Salaries	\$0	\$30,192	\$30,192
500010	Part Time Wages	\$30,996	-30,996	0
502000	Fringe Benefits	7,913	4,512	12,425
510000	Local Mileage Reimbursement	1,000	-600	400
510100	Out of Area Travel	0	600	600
516020	Professional Services & Fees	7,691	-2,691	5,000
530000	Other Expenses	1,000	-1,000	0
980000	DISS Services	1,400	-17	1,383
	TOTAL CHANGE		<u>\$0</u>	

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for HIICAP grant, 163HIICAP0708, be revised as follows:

		CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
REVENUES				
Account	Description			
414000	Federal Aid	\$27,413	-\$11	\$27,402
409000	State Aid	0	15,092	15,092
	TOTAL REVENUE		<u>\$15,081</u>	
APPROPRIATIONS				
500000	Full Time Salaries	\$11,754	\$12,634	\$24,388
502000	Fringe Benefits	4,820	5,216	10,036
505000	Office Supplies	439	-39	400
510000	Local Mileage Reimbursement	1,500	-500	1,000
510100	Out of Area Travel	1,400	-700	700
516020	Professional Services & Fees	4,000	-1,000	3,000
530000	Other Expenses	2,300	-530	1,770
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		<u>\$15,081</u>	

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for CSE grant, 163CSE0708, be revised as follows:

CURRENT	AMENDED
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		BUDGET	CHANGES	BUDGET
APPROPRIATIONS				
Account	Description			
500000	Full Time - Salaries	\$242,360	-\$10,800	\$231,560
500010	Part Time - Wages	0	<u>10,800</u>	10,800
	TOTAL CHANGE		<u><u>\$0</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, Management and Finance, the Department of Law, the Comptroller's Office, and the Departments of Personnel and Senior Services.

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THOMAS J. MAZUR
CHAIRMAN