

April 11, 2019

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 7

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR SAVAGE PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:

- a. LL INTRO. 1-1 (2019)  
**MILLER-WILLIAMS, BRUSO, BASKIN & MEYERS:** "A LL Titled, "THE YOUTH HEALTH PROMOTION ACT OF 2019"  
(Chair's ruling)
- b. COMM. 4D-1 (2019)  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES:** "CPS Statistical Report for January 2019"  
(Chair's ruling)
- c. COMM. 5E-9 (2019)  
**LORIGO:** "Submission to the Public Record - Buffalo News Article Titled, "Another Voice: Rural Poverty Remains a Largely Invisible Problem"  
(Chair's ruling)
- d. COMM. 5D-2 (2019)  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES:** "Letter from Social Services Commissioner Re: Rural Outreach Center Funding"  
(Chair's ruling)
- e. COMM. 6E-1 (2019)  
**LORIGO:** "Submission to the Public Record - ECDSS Blast & Spectrum News Article Regarding Combating Poverty in EC"  
(Chair's ruling)
- f. COMM. 6E-5 (2019)  
**LORIGO:** "Letter to Chair of Health & Human Services Committee Requesting Invitation of EC Poverty Committee to Future HHS Meeting"  
(Chair's ruling)

g. COMM. 7E-6 (2019)  
**BRUSO:** "Letter to Health Commissioner - Invitation to Attend Future HHS Committee Meeting"  
(Chair's ruling)

h. COMM. 7M-1 (2019)  
**ECMC:** "2018 Annual Report"  
(Chair's ruling)

i. COMM. 7M-4 (2019)  
**EC POVERTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** "Policy Brief of the Poverty Challenge in Erie County"  
(Chair's ruling)

2. COMM. 7E-14 (2019)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**  
WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services continually looks to enhance services to help older adults remain in their homes longer; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services wishes to reduce long-term care costs by providing services to reduce or delay long-term admissions to facilities; and

WHEREAS, caregiver burnout contributes to premature placement into long-term care settings; and

WHEREAS, overnight respite programs provide a safe and supervised environment for memory impaired adults and other physically disabled older adults unable to take care of themselves, thereby allowing their family caregivers temporary relief; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services desires to offer respite services in Erie County to eligible caregivers; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services through an RFP process selected Niagara Lutheran Health System Inc. (Niagara Lutheran), a NY State Department of Health licensed Long-Term Care Facility, to provide overnight respite services in 2019 at \$275.00 per day and in 2020 at \$286.00 per day; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services now desires to contract with the Niagara Lutheran, to provide overnight respite services during the initial period of April 1, 2019 to December 31,

2020; contract may be extended beyond the initial term for up to two one-year periods at prices and conditions agreed upon by County and Agency; and

WHEREAS, \$52,000 of budgetary appropriations are available in the 163III-E2019 grant's Professional Services Contracts and Fees account (#516020) to pay for the 2019 overnight respite services for eligible seniors; and

WHEREAS, amounts for subsequent contract years are to be determined by appropriations available in each of those year's County budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to contract with the Niagara Lutheran to provide overnight respite services for the Department during the April 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020 this contract may be extended beyond the initial term for up to two one-year periods, at prices and conditions agreed upon by County and Agency; and be it further

RESOLVED, that \$52,000 of existing appropriations in the 163III-E2019 grant's Professional Services Contracts and Fees account (#516020) be utilized to pay for the contract's 2019 overnight respite services, with amounts for subsequent contract years to be determined by appropriations available in each of those year's County budgets; and be it further

RESOLVED, and if necessary the County Executive is hereby authorized to execute amendments to the contract to effectuate adjusted funding levels; and be it further

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

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**JOHN BRUSO  
CHAIR**