

January 14, 2016

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 1

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

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

a. COMM. 1M-8 (2016)  
**BOARD OF HEALTH:** "Agenda for Jan. 19, 2016 Meeting and Minutes from Previous Meeting"  
(5-0)

2. COMM. 1E-11 (2016)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**  
WHEREAS, the Department has been awarded \$109,000 in 100% State share funds to continue and enhance a program entitled Safe Harbor for Exploited Children; and

WHEREAS, a key provision of the Act is to move sexually exploited youth from the criminal and juvenile justice systems to the family court where children and their families can receive support and services from the child welfare system; and

WHEREAS, services are to be provided to victims of sex trafficking and core elements of the service include case management, emergency temporary housing, health care, mental health counseling, language interpretation and translation services, job training and placement and services to assist in establishing permanent residence; and

WHEREAS, as this is the fourth year of a newly established program, this proposed resolution seeks Legislative authority to waive section 19.08 of the County Administrative Code which otherwise requires that a Request for Proposals (RFP) be conducted; and

WHEREAS, this proposed resolution authorizes the Department to amend the 2016 Adopted Budget and to renew a contract with the International Institute as the lead agency for this program funding; and

WHEREAS, International Institute of Buffalo is the only local agency with the expertise and existing resources to carry out the program; and

WHEREAS, there is no local share fiscal impact to this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into contract with the State of New York to accept funding for the Safe Harbor for Exploited Children program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Social Services and/or the County Executive are hereby authorized to enter into a subcontract with the International Institute in order to implement the Safe Harbor for Exploited Children program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments are hereby authorized in the 2016 Adopted Budget:

Department of Social Services, Fund 110, Department 120

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE
517172	International Institute Total Expenditures	<u>\$109,000</u> <u>\$109,000</u>
409000	State Aid Total Revenues	<u>\$109,000</u> <u>\$109,000</u>

RESOLVED, 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 Erie County Executive, the Commissioner of Social Services, the Erie County Comptroller, and the Director of the Division of Budget and Management.  
(5-0)

3. COMM. 1E-12 (2016)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**  
WHEREAS, the physicians and other advanced emergency medical provider members of Specialized Medical Assistance response Team (S.M.A.R.T) have responded to actual and potential disaster situations including medical emergencies throughout Erie County; and

WHEREAS, S.M.A.R.T. operates under the authority of the Erie County Department of Health and is coordinated by the Department of Emergency Medicine and the Erie County Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, New York State Health Department certified Basic and Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians compose an integral part of S.M.A.R.T.; and

WHEREAS, in order to fulfill its mission and maintain the scope of practice of its New York State Health Department certified Basic and Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians, it is necessary for S.M.A.R.T to function as a New York State Advanced Life Support Fire Response Service; and

WHEREAS, potential and sudden marketplace changes and/or other events in the sometimes tenuous local and national ambulance industry could result in a public health emergency such that Erie County might have the need to emergently develop ambulance transport capability or, more likely, contract for such services from commercial vendors to service the citizens of Erie County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that Erie County shall apply for a Municipal Certificate of Need for an ALS-FR service covering all of Erie County as prescribed in New York State Public Health Law Article 30, section 3008; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Erie County may apply for a Municipal Certificate of Need for an ambulance service covering all of Erie County as prescribed in New York State Public Health Law Article 30, section 3008, in the event that sudden marketplace changes and/or other events result in inadequate ambulance service necessary to protect the health and well-being of the citizens of Erie County thus jeopardizing the public's health; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature shall establish Erie County Department of Health EMS Division as a New York State Certified Advanced Life Support First Response unit; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, the Department of Emergency Services, the Erie County Medical Center Emergency Department, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Law, the New York State Department of Health, the New York State Emergency Medical Services Council, and to Dr. Gale Burstein Commissioner, in the Department of Health.  
(5-0)

4. COMM. 1E-13 (2016)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

**AS AMENDED**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health Cancer Services Program provides breast, cervical and colorectal cancer screening to under and uninsured residents of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the Cancer Services Program is a 100% grant funded program from the New York State Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health provides a 2.0% annual Direct Care Cost of Living Adjustment to cover annual increases in expense; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive said funding, the State requires that the governing board of the county approve a resolution memorializing how the Direct Care Cost of Living Adjustment funding will be allocated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED; that the Erie County Legislature agrees to accept the New York State Department of Health Direct Care Cost of Living Adjustments of 2.0%, as applied to salary and fringe expenditures, for those employees determined by the New York State Department of Health to be eligible to receive the adjustment; and be it further

RESOLVED; that this funding will be distributed solely to those eligible employees at the rate of 2.0% as applied to actual salary and fringe expenditures incurred during the award period; and be it further

RESOLVED; that the funding received for any Direct Care Cost of Living Adjustments will be used solely to support salary and salary-related fringe benefit increases for direct care staff, direct support professionals, clinical staff, and eligible foster parents and adoptive parents; and be it further;

RESOLVED; that this action is conducted pursuant to Subdivision 3-d of section 1 of part C of chapter 57 of the laws of 2006, as added by L. 2014, chapter 60, Part I, Section 2 (paragraph (i)) and the applicable standards issued by DOH; and be it further

RESOLVED; that this Resolution take effect immediately; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Erie County Executive, Commissioner of Personnel, Director of Budget and Management, County Comptroller, County Attorney and the Commissioner of Health.  
(5-0)

5. COMM. 1E-16 (2016)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Mental Health's SPOA process is designed to identify, screen and assign Care Coordination and Wraparound Services to eligible high need/high risk children and youth with a serious emotional disturbance (SED) and/or behavioral disorder and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Mental Health has been awarded an additional \$89,100 by the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) as part of an effort to help support the enhanced roles and responsibilities of the Local Government Unit (LGU) and Single Point of Access (SPOA) due to changes to the OMH Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver; and

WHEREAS, the New York State OMH has identified the Erie County Department of Mental Health as the recipient of this award to continue development of its Children's SPOA community outreach; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Mental Health requires legislative approval to accept the State funds and to establish a grant budget in Fund 281; and

WHEREAS, no County funds will be necessary for Erie County to accept this state aid to serve individuals residing in Erie County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive to accept New York State funds as part of an effort to help support the enhanced roles and responsibilities of the LGU and SPOA, and authorizes the Division of Budget and Management to establish a grant-funded position as follows:

Erie County Department of Mental Health  
Grant Fund 281, Fund Center 12420  
January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016  
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Revenue	Increase
Account 406810 - State Aid- Forensic Mental Health	\$89,100
Appropriation	Increase
Account 500000 - Full Time Salaries	\$55,000
Account 502000 - Fringe Benefits	<u>\$34,100</u>
Total Appropriation	\$89,100

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following position be created through grant funding for The Department of Mental Health's SPOA division:

1 Forensic Mental Health (FMH) Specialist I - Children (JG 10)  
B-100 #8484  
Start Date: January 1, 2016

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 the grantor award, provided there are no changes to county share amounts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be furnished to the Office of the County Executive, the Department of Mental Health, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Division of Budget and Management.  
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**LYNNE M. DIXON**  
**CHAIR**