

December 11, 2014

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 15

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 10E-31 (2014)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: “Reforming Child Protective Services in NYS”
(5-0)
 - b. COMM. 15E-23 (2014)
MILLER-WILLIAMS: “Letter Regarding Social Services Decision to Remove Clients from My Place Home”
(5-0)
 - c. COMM. 20M-5 (2014)
GOVERNOR'S PRESS OFFICE: “Press Release Titled ‘Governor Cuomo Signs Bills to Protect New York’s Youth from Harmful Effects of Cigarettes’”
(5-0)
 - d. COMM. 20M-7 (2014)
CONSUMER ADVOCATES FOR SMOKE-FREE ALTERNATIVES: “Article Titled ‘New Study Confirms that Chemicals in Electronic Cigarettes Pose Minimal Health Risk;’”
(5-0)
 - e. COMM. 25D-5 (2014)
EC YOUTH BUREAU: “Summer Primetime 2014 Review”
(5-0)
 - f. COMM. 25M-8 (2014)
EC COMMUNITY COORDINATING COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES:
“Presentation Regarding Child Welfare System”
(5-0)
2. COMM. 25E-18 (2014)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, group respite programs provide a safe, supervised, entertaining environment for memory impaired adults, thereby allowing their family caregivers temporary relief; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services is working to cost efficiently expand services for frail older adults in Erie County by partnering with faith-based institutions to provide group respite programs; and

WHEREAS, partner institutions need assistance in setting up these programs; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services desires to contract with a consultant, Ms. Lisa Rood, for the period December 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015, at a cost not to exceed \$6,400 to assist with the creation of the group respite program; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services has identified five area churches to begin this initiative, including Trinity Old Lutheran Church in Amherst, Springville United Methodist Church in Springville, St. Peter and Paul’s Catholic Church in Hamburg, Kenmore United Methodist Church in Kenmore, and Eden United Methodist Church in Eden; and

WHEREAS, the Department plans on providing each of the identified churches with a onetime payment of \$1,000 to cover program startup expenses; and

WHEREAS, budgetary appropriations are available in the 163CSE1415 grant’s Professional Services Contracts and Fees account to fund the contracts with the consultant and churches.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to enter into a consultant contract, not to exceed \$6,400, with Lisa Rood, for the period December 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015, to assist with the creation of the group respite program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to enter into contracts, not to exceed \$1,000 each, with Trinity Old Lutheran Church in Amherst, Springville United Methodist Church in Springville, St. Peter and Paul’s Catholic Church in Hamburg, Kenmore United Methodist Church in Kenmore, and Eden United Methodist Church in Eden, to begin group respite programs; and be it further

RESOLVED, that budgetary appropriations in the 163CSE1415 grant’s Professional Services Contracts and Fees account be utilized to fund the contracts with the consultant and churches; 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 Senior Services.
(5-0)

**LYNNE M. DIXON
CHAIR**