

March 27, 2014

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 5

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR MILLS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 10E-1 (2013)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: “Copy of Letter to Comptroller Concerning Investigation into Medicaid Recertification Process”
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 - b. COMM. 10E-2 (2013)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: “Copy of Letter to Comptroller Concerning Subpoenas on Medicaid Recertification Process”
(6-0)
 - c. COMM. 13E-7 (2013)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: “Letter to Comptroller Concerning Medicaid Recertification Audit & Investigation”
(6-0)
 - d. COMM. 13D-2 (2013)
COMPTROLLER’S OFFICE: “Audit of Eligibility & Recertification Process within the Temporary Assistance Unit of the Department of Social Services for the Period of 1/1/2011 - 3/31/2013”
(6-0)
 - e. COMM. 14D-1 (2013)
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES: “Response to EC Comptroller Audit of Eligibility & Recertification Processes within the Temporary Assistance Unit of DSS for the Period 1/1/2011 - 3/31/2013”
(6-0)
 - f. COMM. 17E-1 (2013)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: “Report of Medicaid Usage in EC from 2008 - 2013”
(6-0)
 - g. COMM. 3D-4 (2014)

COMPTROLLER’S OFFICE: “Investigation into the Recertification of Medicaid Benefits, January and February, 2013”
(6-0)

- h. COMM. 5D-8 (2014)
COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES: “Comptroller Investigation into Medicaid Recertification”
(6-0)
2. COMM. 5E-25 (2014)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature hereby appoints the following individuals as recommended by the County Executive to the Erie County Local Early Intervention Coordinating Council for the term stated.

Vickie Rubin
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Williamsville, NY 14221

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3. COMM. 5E-26 (2014)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, Erie County child protective services ("CPS") investigates reports alleging child abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS, Erie County CPS has been focused on improving its practice after a November 2013 audit by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services ("OCFS") noted areas in need of improvement; and

WHEREAS, the improvement process has resulted in an increase in caseloads; and

WHEREAS, in February 2014, the OCFS issued an audit lauding the improved standard of practice of Erie County CPS, but noting the need to reduce its backlog of cases; and

WHEREAS, Erie County has implemented numerous initiatives to reduce CPS caseloads, such as increasing access to overtime, transferring positions from other divisions within the Department of Social Services to CPS, and providing child protection workers with additional supports; and

WHEREAS, Erie County has come to an agreement with Civil Service Employees Association Local 815 to allow qualified retired child protection workers, who left the County in good standing, to return temporarily as part-time employees for the purpose of reducing the current caseloads; and

WHEREAS, this arrangement will allow Erie County to have adequate manpower to reduce its caseloads while maintaining a high standard of practice; and

WHEREAS, this arrangement is expected to be temporary; and

WHEREAS, after a survey of qualified retired child protection workers, there is a great deal of enthusiasm among qualified persons to return caseloads to an adequate level.

WHEREAS, Erie County Department of Social Services has excess funds in the Other Expenses budget line earmarked for expenses it will no longer incur.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments are hereby authorized in the 2014 Adopted Budget in order to create six (6) positions of Part-Time Child Protective Worker (JG8-E) in the Department of Social Services:

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, FUND 110, DEPARTMENT 120

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE
500010	Part Time - Wages	\$ 83,987
502000	Fringe Benefits	\$ 8,886
530000	Other Expenses	<u>(\$43,734)</u>
	Total Appropriations	<u>\$49,139</u>
407540	State Aid - Social Service Administration	\$34,159
411540	Federal Aid - Social Service Administration	<u>\$14,980</u>
	Total Revenues	<u>\$49,139</u>

RESOLVED, that six (6) Part-Time Child Protective Worker positions are created within the Department of Social Services effective April 1, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, the Commissioner of Social Services, the Erie County Comptroller, the Director of the Division of Budget and Management, the Personnel Director and the Director of Labor Relations.

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4. COMM. 5E-27 (2014)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services, through the Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP) grant, (163EISEP1314) contracts with seven not-for-profit agencies to provide case management services for seniors in various geographical areas throughout the County:

- Town of Amherst by and through the Amherst Center for Senior Services
- Community Concern of Western New York, Inc.
- Concerned Ecumenical Ministry to the Upper West Side of Buffalo, New York, Inc.

- Lt. Col. Matt Urban Human Services Center of Western New York an assumed name of Polish Community Center of Buffalo, Inc.
- People, Inc.,
- Schiller Park Community Services, Inc.
- South Buffalo Community Association, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services has available \$49,650 of unused budgetary appropriations in the 163EISEP1314 grant's Home Care line (account #516026), which can be used to fund a one-time increase in the subcontract agencies contracts; and

WHEREAS, Department budgeted EISEP funding for these agencies has not increased since 2011, due to flat and declining EISEP grant funding from NY State; and

WHEREAS, unused appropriations from the EISEP1314 grant, which expires on March 31, 2104, automatically revert back to NY State; and

WHEREAS, the agencies will use this one time increase in their EISEP funding to improve case management services they provide to seniors, and cover additional expenses they have or will incur during the grant's fiscal year, which exceed the current contract amounts; and

WHEREAS, the additional amount each agency is to receive equals \$3,000 plus \$1,000 for each full time equivalent case manager and project coordinator currently funded by the Department of Senior Services; and

WHEREAS, the 163EISEP1314 grant budget needs to be amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and hereby is authorized to amend the 163EISEP1314 grant contracts with Town of Amherst by and through the Amherst Center for Senior Services, Community Concern of Western New York, Inc., Concerned Ecumenical Ministry to the Upper West Side of Buffalo, New York, Inc., Lt. Col. Matt Urban Human Services Center of Western New York an assumed name of Polish Community Center of Buffalo, Inc., People, Inc., Schiller Park Community Services, Inc., and South Buffalo Community Association, Inc. to provide the agencies a total of \$49,650 of additional grant funding for case management services, for the period March 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly grant (163EISEP1314) for the period April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2104 be revised as follows:

		CURRENT	CHANGES	AMENDED
		BUDGET		BUDGET
APPROPRIATIONS				
Account	Description			
516026	Home Care Services	1,485,325	-49,650	1,435,675
517561	Community Concern of WNY	72,780	+5,350	78,130
517573	Concerned Ecumenical Ministry	207,365	+6,000	213,365
517693	Lt. Col. Matt Urban Center	125,310	+9,500	134,810
517755	People, Inc.	105,220	+6,000	111,220
517785	Schiller Park Com Sr	155,730	+9,300	165,030
517797	SBuff Com Dev Assoc	96,760	+7,000	103,760
517829	Town of Amherst Senior Center	169,580	+6,500	176,080
TOTAL CHANGE			-0-	

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 Departments of Law and Senior Services.
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5. COMM. 5E-28 (2014)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, several months ago construction contracts were authorized by this Honorable Body for renovations of the Erie County Toxicology Laboratory HVAC Upgrades; and

WHEREAS, additional medical gas relocation and temporary air conditioning is required to complete the work; and

WHEREAS, the construction contingency must be increased in order to fund the additional work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to increase the current construction contingency fund by \$40,000.00 from \$30,000.00 to \$70,000.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the deduct change orders will result in these funds being returned to the Contingency Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Contract Amendments will be negotiated and issued to the previously approved contractor on the site to complete the additional medical gas relocation and temporary air conditioning to complete the upgrades; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller's office be authorized to make payments for all the above from SAP Project A.11005- Countywide Building & Facility Improvements, for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, Commissioner's Office, and one copy each to the Office of the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, and the Office of the Comptroller.

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LYNNE M. DIXON
CHAIR