

MARCH 21, 2006

HEALTH COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 5

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. INTRO 5-5 (2006)

IANNELLO, LOCKLEAR & KONST

WHEREAS, the City of Buffalo has implemented a successful rodent control program that has been in effect for the last few years; and,

WHEREAS, a cornerstone of the program implemented by the City of Buffalo includes the purchase, distribution and enforcement of use of 'rodent proof' garbage totes to eliminate the food source; and,

WHEREAS, as a direct consequence of the success of the rodent control program in the City of Buffalo, the rodent population is moving outward from the City and into adjoining "first-tier" communities; and,

WHEREAS, the rodent exodus has been highlighted by Cheektowaga Town Supervisor Dennis Gabryszak in his 2005 State of the Town address and further in a recent and alarming event and a Village of Kenmore resident was attacked and been bitten by a rat outside her home; and

WHEREAS, the spread of disease becomes an increased concern and threat to the public health and well-being of the entire community as the rodent population progressively moves and flourishes through the vulnerable communities of the County of Erie; and,

WHEREAS, the County Health Department is charged with the responsibility of preserving and protecting the residents of the County from the spread of high risk diseases and to that end has engaged in rodent control initiative and to leverage the most cost effective means to implement a County-wide program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Health be called upon to report to this Honorable Body on the status of the County's current rodent control programs and initiatives; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Health be asked to work with the local leaders in the City of Buffalo, Lackawanna, Tonawanda and the other first-tier communities in investigating, developing and implementing a comprehensive rodent control program to safeguard the health and well-being of the County's 990,000 residents; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner include in this investigation research into the availability of State grants, aid and other funding sources such as programs which encourage local government cooperation and joint service provision; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, County Health Commissioner, Director of Budget, Management & Finance, the mayors of the cities of Buffalo, Lackawanna and Tonawanda, and the Supervisors of the Towns of Tonawanda, Cheektowaga, Amherst and West Seneca and the Village of Kenmore.
(3-0) Legislator Weinstein was not present.

2. COMM. 6E-5 (2006)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature does hereby confirm the appointment of the following individual as a non-voting member of the Erie County Medical Center Corporation to fill the remainder of the term previously held by Kevin Hogan expiring December 31, 2006.

APPOINTEE

Kevin Pranicoff, MD
150 Greenaway Road
Eggertsville, New York 14226

(4-0)

3. COMM. 6E-6 (2006)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature does hereby confirm the appointment of the following individual as a member of the Erie County Medical Center Corporation to fill the remainder of the term previously held by JoAnne Campagna expiring December 31, 2009.

APPOINTEE

Kevin Hogan
9 Argyle Park
Buffalo, New York 14222

(3-0) Legislator Weinstein was not present.

4. COMM. 6E-13 (2006)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, New York State requires that the Medical Examiner's Toxicology Laboratory maintain forensic laboratory accreditation, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature appropriated funds to help laboratories pay the costs associated with attaining and maintaining accreditation required by Executive Law Article 49-B.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive is hereby authorized to accept the grant which is budgeted as follows:

Medical Examiner's Toxicology Lab Aid Grant

4/1/05 – 3/31/07

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SAP ACCOUNT	REVENUE	BUDGET
409000	State Aid Other	<u>\$78,242</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$78,242</u>
	EXPENSES	
500000	Personal Services	\$41,987
502000	Fringe Benefits	12,967
510100	Out of Area Travel	3,000
561410	Lab & Technical Equipment	<u>20,288</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$78,242</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the County Executive, the Department of Health, the Division of the Medical Examiner's Toxicology Laboratory, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, and the Department of Law. (3-0) Legislator Weinstein was not present.

CYNTHIA E. LOCKLEAR
CHAIRMAN