

JUNE 28, 2007

HEALTH COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 7

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. INTRO 12-4 (2007) **AS AMENDED**
GRANT, LOCKLEAR, MAZUR & KONST

WHEREAS, the Berger Commission after careful review of the "State of Healthcare in New York State" issued its recommendations regarding the closing and or merging of several health facilities in New York State; and

WHEREAS, among the recommendations by the Commission was the requirement that Kaleida Health and ECMCC engage in discussions regarding the merger of these two institutions to eliminate unnecessary duplication of services and result in reduced expenses for the cost of healthcare; and

WHEREAS, it has long been recognized that ECMCC is one of the most outstanding and premier trauma centers in this state and region of the country resulting in ECMCC, providing critical, lifesaving healthcare services on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, ECMCC recently provided life-saving health care for Officer Patricia Parete and Firefighter Mark Reed demonstrating a continuing need in our community for a top-notch health care institution with employees who are committed to providing quality care to ensure the saving of lives; and

WHEREAS, ECMCC recently played a critical role in the release of the wrongly convicted Anthony Capozzi, whose release from jail was facilitated because ECMCC retained DNA evidence in their files for over twenty years and a review of that evidence demonstrated that Mr. Capozzi was not the individual who committed the crimes for which he had been imprisoned; and

WHEREAS, ECMCC, under its current management, has reversed the financial position of the hospital thereby reducing the need for and its reliance on public taxpayer dollars for support; and

WHEREAS, ECMCC has been and continues to be a vital, important contributor to the economic well-being of the City of Buffalo and the Western New York region; and

WHEREAS, ECMCC has demonstrated its continued concern for the Community as a whole by providing \$10,000 for Mayor Byron Brown's recently successful "Gun Buy Back Program," which culminated in the removal of several hundred weapons from our city.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does commend ECMCC for its continued service to our community in providing outstanding and quality healthcare and support for programs that improve the quality of life in our community; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does encourage ECMCC to return to the table in its negotiations with Kaleida and pursue a speedy conclusion to the required discussions between the parties thereby ensuring that the public of Erie County and the Western New York region will continue to have access to the fine services provided by ECMCC and Kaleida.
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2. COMM. 12E-30 (2007)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health currently operates an HIV Partner Notification program, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this grant is to provide HIV surveillance and partner assistance services in conjunction with the New York State Health Department disease control staff, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health has approved a grant modification which includes the creation of one Regular Part Time position of Caseworker, JG VII, and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds available in the grant budget to accommodate this staffing modification.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive is hereby authorized to accept a revised grant award from the New York State Department of Health which authorizes a staffing adjustment, and be it further

RESOLVED, that one Regular Part Time position of Caseworker, JG VII, Step 0, is hereby created as indicated on B100 #2546.

The following personnel detail is hereby submitted:

Title: Caseworker RPT
JG: VII
County's Share: 0%
Fringe Benefits: 41.15%

Number of hours to be Worked: 20/wk
Hourly Wage: \$13.17
Manner in which Position will be Filled: Civil Service

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the County Executive, the Department of Health, Department of Personnel, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, and the Department of Law.
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3. COMM. 12E-31 (2007)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Health Department provides an important program of supplemental food and nutrition to high risk women, infants and children through its WIC Program sites in various locations throughout Erie County, and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Health Department wishes to enter into a five year lease agreement with Harlem Road Associates for space located at 3527 Harlem Road, Suite #8, Cheektowaga, New York, to be utilized as a WIC distribution site.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby approves of this community service and authorizes the County Executive to enter into a five year lease agreement with Harlem Road Associates for space located at 3527 Harlem Road, Suite #8, Cheektowaga, New York, commencing September 1, 2007 and terminating August 31, 2012, at the monthly rate of \$1,125.00 for the first two years and \$1,150.00 per month for the last three years, there being funds available in the WIC Program budget, and be it further

RESOLVED, that in the event that the Health Department terminates the lease prior to its expiration due to non-renewal of the WIC grant the buyout will be calculated as follows: cost of improvements, locking closet and installation of wiring times the remaining months of the lease divided by 60, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the County Executive, the Department of Health, Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget, Management and Finance and the Department of Law.
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4. COMM. 12E-32 (2007)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, due to the reorganization of the Department's Environmental Health Services in 2007, these programs no longer have access to the Change Fund in the Department's Rath Building Office, and

WHEREAS, the Division of Public Health Laboratories, Epidemiology, and Environmental Health is requesting the establishment of a Change fund in the amount of \$100.00 at the Division's administrative offices at 462 Grider Street, Clinical Center Building BB, and

WHEREAS, this fund will be utilized to provide change to clients and customers who are paying for Department of Health permits and which are necessary in conducting County business where the County requires payment upon delivery, and

WHEREAS, the account activities will be monitored and maintained by adequate fiscal control through a post-audit procedure, and

WHEREAS, Section 2.06 of the County Administrative Code authorizes the establishment of a Change Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the creation of a Change Fund in the amount of \$100.00 in the Division of Public Health Laboratories, Epidemiology, and Environmental Health at the Division's administrative offices at 462 Grider Street, Clinical Center Building BB, 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 Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, and the Department of Law.
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5. COMM. 12E-33 (2007) **AS AMENDED**
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Health Department provides an important program of supplemental food and nutrition to high risk women, infants and children through its WIC Program sites in various locations throughout Erie County, and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health contracts with Breastfeeding Peer Counselors to improve the successful breastfeeding rate of mothers in low income or minority communities, and

WHEREAS, we are requesting an increase in the hourly rate for Breastfeeding Peer Counselor and Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Coordinator so that it is commensurate with Breastfeeding Peer Counselor and Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Coordinator rates in other NYS counties, and

WHEREAS, funds are available in Account 516020, Professional Services Contract and Fees, in the WIC grant 2006 - 2007 adopted budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby approves the acquisition by the Erie County Department of Health of such necessary services from qualified individuals for those categories as are listed in Exhibit A, incorporated herein,

Exhibit A
Erie County Department of Health
Contractual Service Rate for Fee-For-Service Personnel
Annual Compensation Will Be Less Than \$10,000

TITLE	RATE
Breastfeeding Peer Counselor	\$9.00 per hour
Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Coordinator	\$10.00 per hour

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 Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, the Personnel Department and the Department of Law.
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CYNTHIA E. LOCKLEAR
CHAIRMAN