

September 10, 2002

HUMAN SERVICES  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 11

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. Item Page -2002 (Intro. 8-5)  
**HOLT**

WHEREAS, the City of Buffalo ranks sixth highest in its poverty rate, while poverty in the United States overall is the lowest it has been in nearly 30 years, and

WHEREAS, slightly more than one in four residents, or 26%, of the city of Buffalo is impoverished, and

WHEREAS, 75% of impoverished children live in single parent homes earning less than \$15,000 annually, and

WHEREAS, a large percentage of impoverished people lack education greater than high school or GED level, skilled trades and information technology training, and

WHEREAS, large percentages of impoverished people represent lower socio-economic classes with a "Welfare Status" that has cycled for generations, and

WHEREAS, the Western New York Region has lost approximately 65% of the large major industrial manufacturing business, which once provided upward social economic mobility potential, and

WHEREAS, skill development is strictly imperative for gainful employment in the wake of present economic crises, including the state of the U.S. Steel industry,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Erie County Legislature does hereby reaffirm its commitment to ensure a high the quality of life among the residents of Erie County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body does hereby wish to ensure that impoverished families receive income supplements supporting education and job training opportunities toward gaining employment, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body acknowledges the necessity of families with children to balance the demands of wage earnings, parenting, and family life, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body through its reaffirmation of commitment intends to provide some measure of training vehicle, avenues for skill development and educational advancement to obtain valuable skills, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Governor George E. Pataki, County Executive Joel A. Giambra, Commissioner of Social Services Deborah A. Merrifield.

Fiscal Impact: To Be Determined.  
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2. Item Page -2002 (Comm. 16E-23)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the First Time/Last Time Program serves youth, ages 16-21, from throughout Erie County, and

WHEREAS, the First Time/Last Time Program's mission is to provide assistance to young people who have been charged with criminal offenses by providing direct services of crisis intervention and individual/family counseling as well as diverting these offenders into an extensive and supportive referral-based system, and

WHEREAS, The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services has made Federal funding available for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided for the County Executive to enter into a contract with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the receipt of Federal funding in the amount of \$41,000, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the First Time/Last Time Program to provide services and receive \$41,000 in funding, and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to make the following budgetary adjustments in the general fund budget of the Youth Bureau:

Youth Bureau  
Project 946

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Acct. 627 – State Aid Criminal Justice Program	\$41,000
<u>Appropriation</u>	
Acct. 830-0262 – Contractual, First Time/Last Time	<u>\$41,000</u>
Net Cost	\$0

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Erie County Youth Bureau and the Department of Probation and Youth Detention Services.

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3. Item Page -2002 (Comm. 16E-30)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Social Services contracts with Parents Anonymous for crisis support respite services that are critically needed to provide short term immediate care to foster parents with sporadic and immediate care needs, and

**WHEREAS**, these short term services are needed to prevent disruption or termination of foster boarding home placements in such instances as employment, medical emergency and crises resulting from foster child behavioral problems, and

**WHEREAS**, services are provided during all hours and also on weekends and holidays when other programs are generally not available, and

**WHEREAS**, the contract for these services was first implemented in 2001 and the need in 2002 has grown beyond the capacity of the resources and funding available in the 2002 budget, and

**WHEREAS**, an expansion of this contract in the amount of \$100,000 in the current year is made possible at no additional local share due to the availability of new sixty-five percent State share funding and the provision of donated in-kind services by Parents Anonymous, and

**WHEREAS**, there is no fiscal impact to this change.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the County Executive and/or Commissioner of Social Service are authorized to amend the current contract with Parents Anonymous, increasing the contract by \$100,000, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the following budget amendments are hereby authorized in the 2002 Adopted Budget:

**Department of Social Services, Department 200, Fund 120**

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</u>
830 1500	Parents Anonymous - Crisis Support Respite	<u>\$100,000</u>
	Total Expenditures	<u>\$100,000</u>

598	State Aid - Child Welfare Services	\$65,000
447	Donated Funds	<u>35,000</u>
	Total Revenue	<u>\$100,000</u>

and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that because these special services are needed immediately, 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 Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, the Erie County Comptroller and the Director of the Division of Budget, Management and Finance.

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4. Item Page -2002 (Comm. 16E-31)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

**WHEREAS**, Erie County is entitled to receive enhanced reimbursement from New York State for medical costs for individuals who are current or former Medicaid recipients and were also inpatients of a mental hygiene facility for a continuous period of at least five years and were subsequently released, and

**WHEREAS**, there are instances where individuals that were residents of such mental hygiene facilities and have been discharged do not become known to the Department, and

**WHEREAS**, the Department issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to identify a consultant with direct experience in the identification of individuals from Mental Hygiene facility discharge records to document individuals and costs eligible for enhanced State reimbursement and to prepare revenue claims for the County, and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy Stormer, esq, who has considerable experience and success in this area, was the sole respondent to the RFP and is recommended for this important initiative to gain additional State reimbursement on a contingency fee basis, and

**WHEREAS**, it is not possible to estimate the overall impact of this effort until such time as cases are identified, costs of care are captured and claims are prepared.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the County Executive and/or Commissioner of Social Services are authorized to execute a contract with Nancy Stormer, esq. on a 20 percent contingent fee basis to be paid from revenues actually received, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, the Erie County Comptroller and the Director of the Division of Budget, Management and Finance.

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**AS AMENDED**

5. Item Page -2002 (Comm. 16E-32)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health is responsible for protecting the health of the citizens of Erie County, and

WHEREAS, Erie County Department of Health has received a revised grant from Health Research, Inc., to support West Nile Virus surveillance activities, including human, bird/mammal and mosquito surveillance and public and professional education activities related to West Nile Virus, and

WHEREAS, under this letter of agreement, Health Research, Inc. will provide reimbursement for expenses incurred by the County in performing West Nile surveillance for the period 4/1/02 through 3/31/03, up to a maximum of \$30,000, and

WHEREAS, this revision authorizes the creation of one part time position of Assistant Public Health Sanitarian, JG 14.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to enter into an agreement with Health Research, Inc., to be budgeted as follows:

**WEST NILE SURVEILLANCE & EDUCATION GRANT**

**04/01/02 - 3/31/03**

**PROJECT #686**

ACCT	SUB-ACCT	REVENUE	CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	REVISED BUDGET
553	200	Health Research, Inc	<u>\$ 60,000</u>	<u>- \$ 30,000</u>	<u>\$ 30,000</u>
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$ 60,000</u>	<u>-\$ 30,000</u>	<u>\$ 30,000</u>
		<b>EXPENSES</b>			
800	000	Personal Services	\$ 0	\$ 7,400	\$ 7,400
801		Overtime	10,000	-6,000	4,000
805	000	Fringe Benefits	0	836	836
814		Medical Supplies	4,000	-4,000	0

821	Dues and Fees	10,000	-9,200	800
824	Local Travel	9,000	-7,600	1,400
825	Out of Area Travel	2,000	0	2,000
826	Other Expenses	10,000	-10,000	0
932	Office Equipment	1,000	1,000	2,000
933	Lab & Tech Equipment	<u>14,000</u>	<u>-2,436</u>	<u>11,564</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$60,000</u></b>	<b><u>-\$30,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$30,000</u></b>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that one part time position of Associate Public Health Sanitarian, JG 14, is hereby created. The following personnel detail is hereby submitted.

TITLE: Assistant Public Health Sanitarian – Part Time FUNDING: 100% State Funded  
 JG: 14 CIVIL SERVICE: Yes  
 STEP: 1 CIVIL SERVICE LIST: Yes  
 HOURLY RATE: \$24.63

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Health, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, and the Department of Law. (5-0)

6. Item Page -2002 (Comm. 16E-34)

**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 check distribution sites in various locations, and

WHEREAS, we wish to renew an agreement to lease space in a building at 546 Abbott Road, Buffalo, New York, being utilized as a WIC check distribution site, and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the WIC grant budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby approves of this community service and authorizes the County Executive to renew an agreement with Mercy Hospital & Our Lady of Victory Hospital of Buffalo (Catholic Health Systems) whereby Erie County will continue to pay \$4,000.00 annually for the rental of a lower floor of a two-story building located at 546 Abbott Road, Buffalo, New York for the period February 1, 2002 through January 31, 2003, with an option to renew for two one-year periods, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Health, Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget, Management and Finance and the County Attorney's Office.

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7. Item Page -2002 (Comm. 16E-35)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has awarded a revised grant in the amount of \$116,546 to the Erie County Department of Health for the purpose of integrating viral hepatitis prevention services into existing Western New York health departments' services, and

WHEREAS, the regional Integration of Hepatitis Prevention Services project will provide hepatitis prevention counseling to patients at high risk, testing for Hepatitis C and B, vaccination for Hepatitis A and B, referral of infected patients to appropriate substance abuse and medical specialist services, staff training and project evaluation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to enter into a revised agreement with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) which is budgeted as follows:

**INTEGRATION OF HEPATITIS PREVENTION  
SERVICES  
9/30/01 - 9/29/02  
PROJECT # 580**

<u>SFG</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>CHANGES</u>	<u>REVISED BUDGET</u>
521	OTHER UNCLASSIFIED REVENUE	\$ 116,546	\$0	\$ 116,546
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$ 116,546</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$ 116,546</u>
 <b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>				
800	PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$ 39,174	\$ 0	\$ 39,174
805	FRINGE BENEFITS	6,872	2,400	9,272
814	MEDICAL & HEALTH SUPPLIES	8,000	-8,000	0
821	DUES & FEES	4,000	2,000	6,000
824	TRAVEL & MILEAGE	2,000	0	2,000
825	OUT OF AREA TRAVEL	5,500	2,000	7,500
826	OTHER EXPENSES	1,000	1,600	2,600
880-2720	INTERFUND-PUBLIC HEALTH LAB	38,500	0	38,500
880-4000	ECMC	10,000	0	10,000

880-5100 DISS	500	0	500
932 OFFICE EQUIPMENT	<u>1,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$ 116,546</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$ 116,546</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Health, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, and the Department of Law. (5-0)

8. Item Page -2002 (Comm. 16E-36)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health received a revised grant award from Health Research Inc. in the amount \$91,250 of for the purpose of funding breast and cervical cancer screening for low income, asymptomatic, underserved women aged 40 and over, for the period 9/30/01 to 9/29/02 and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Healthy Women's Partnership is made up of a coalition of concerned community agencies and health care providers, funded by grants from the New York State Health Department, Health Research, Inc. and the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County, and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Health Department is the fiscal intermediary for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to accept the revised grant award from Health Research Inc., to be budgeted as follows:

**BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER  
09/30/01 - 09/29/02  
PROJECT # 510**

<u>SFG</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET CHANGES</u>		<u>REVISED BUDGET</u>
553-200	State Aid – HRI, Inc.	<u>\$55,250</u>	<u>\$36,000</u>	<u>\$91,250</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$55,250</u>	<u>\$36,000</u>	<u>\$91,250</u>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>				
830-989	Contractual Clinical Services	<u>\$55,250</u>	<u>\$34,000</u>	<u>\$89,250</u>
880-4000	ECMC	<u>0</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$55,250</u>	<u>\$36,000</u>	<u>\$91,250</u>



and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Health, the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, the Office of the Comptroller and the Department of Law. (5-0)

9. Item Page -2002 (Comm. 16E-37)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, recent threats of bioterrorism incidents in Erie County have resulted in an increased need for security and protection from the risk of bioterrorism infectious agents. This will be accomplished in part by increasing supervision over the autopsy process, and increasing the efficiency of the office, and

WHEREAS, this change is also necessary to fix responsibility for assuring that autopsy rooms are organized, supplied, and maintained according to the regulatory standards, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to create one full-time position of Senior Pathological Lab Worker, JG 7 and one full-time position of Morgue Keeper, JG 5, and

WHEREAS, to effectuate this change it is necessary to delete one full time position of Pathological Lab Worker, JG 5 (position number 149296) and two positions of Part-Time Morgue Keeper, (position numbers 149310 and 141313 respectively), and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the 2002 Adopted Budget to effectuate this change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that one full-time position of Senior Pathological Lab Worker, JG 7, and one position of Morgue Keeper, JG 5, are hereby created:

The following personnel detail is hereby submitted:

TITLE: Sr. Pathological Lab Worker

JG: 7

STEP: E

ANNUAL SALARY: \$40,945

ANNUAL BENEFITS: \$9,417

CIVIL SERVICE LIST: No

CIVIL SERVICE: Yes

TITLE: Morgue Keeper

JG: 5

STEP: 0

ANNUAL SALARY: \$24,762

ANNUAL BENEFITS: \$5,695

CIVIL SERVICE LIST: No

CIVIL SERVICE: Yes

and be it further

RESOLVED, that one full time position (position number 149296) of Pathological Lab Worker, JG 5, and two positions of Morgue Keeper – Part-Time (position number 149310 and 149313 respectively) are hereby deleted, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Health, the Department of Personnel, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, and the Department of Law.  
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10. Item Page -2002 (Comm. 16E-38)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health has awarded an amended contract totaling \$115,000 which includes an additional \$15,000 for the Erie County Department of Health, and

WHEREAS, the funding will be used to implement the Expanded Syringe Access Program (ESAD) throughout Erie County, and

WHEREAS, the Expanded Syringe Access Program will provide individuals who have medical conditions requiring at home use of sharps, to safely dispose of them and to provide those individuals with information on how they can replace their sharps at a minimal fee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into an amended contract with the New York State Department of Health to provide services budgeted as follows:

**WESTERN REGIONAL TRAINING GRANT  
07/01/02 - 06/30/03  
PROJECT # 706**

<u>SFG</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>CHANGES</u>	<u>REVISED BUDGET</u>
553	STATE AID	\$ 100,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 115,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$ 100,000</u>	<u>\$ 15,000</u>	<u>\$ 115,000</u>
	<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>			

800	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 65,496	\$ 0	\$ 65,496
805	FRINGE BENEFITS	20,107	0	20,107
810	OFFICE SUPPLIES	500	4,000	4,500
824	TRAVEL & MILEAGE	5,500	0	5,500
825	OUT OF AREA TRAVEL	3,000	1,000	4,000
826	OTHER EXPENSES	5,097	10,000	15,097
830	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	<u>300</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>300</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<u>\$ 100,000</u>	<u>\$ 15,000</u>	<u>\$ 115,000</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Health, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget, Management and Finance and the Department of Law. (5-0)

11. Item Page -2002 (Comm. 16E-39)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Youth Detention Medical Clinic needs to make personnel adjustments to assure consistent coverage for second shift, more flexibility in staffing procedures and utilization of part-time positions and reduce the need for overtime, and meet State requirements, and

WHEREAS, the Health Department wishes to create one full-time position of Registered Nurse, JG N1, and delete one Regular Part Time position of Registered Nurse (position number 126821) and one Part-Time position of Registered Nurse (position number 131530) in order to fund this full-time position, and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the Health Department's 2002 Adopted Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the creation of one full-time position of Registered Nurse, JG N1 and the deletion of one Regular Part Time position of Registered Nurse (position number 126821) and one Part-Time position of Registered Nurse (position number 131530)

The following personnel detail is hereby submitted:

TITLE: Registered Nurse	FUNDING: 100% Reimbursed
JG: N1	CIVIL SERVICE: Non-competitive
STEP: 3	CIVIL SERVICE LIST: Yes
ANNUAL SALARY: \$35,978	
ANNUAL BENEFITS: \$8,333	

and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Health, the Division of Personnel, the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, the Office of the Comptroller and the Department of Law.

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12. Item Page -2002 (Comm. 16E-40)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

**WHEREAS**, the Erie County Department of Mental Health is responsible for the delivery of a comprehensive range of mental health services for the residents of Erie County, and

**WHEREAS**, on May 23, 2002, the Erie County Legislature authorized the County Executive to contract with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of \$623,520 over a five year period to provide rental assistance for homeless persons disabled by serious mental illness, and

**WHEREAS**, the Erie County Legislature established a grant and project budget of \$124,704 from HUD for year one of the five year period, and

**WHEREAS**, additional New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) funds are available to serve as the required matching funds, and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature requested that the Erie County Department of Mental Health (ECDMH) recommend the transfer of said funds in order to execute contracts with specific provider agencies identified through a Request For Proposals (RFP) process, and

**WHEREAS**, the Erie County Department of Mental Health has recently identified Housing Options Made Easy, Inc., as the RFP recipient of the HUD Shelter Plus Care V award.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that a 2002 appropriation be established in Project 739 for Housing Options Made Easy, Inc., in the amount of \$78,485, with the source of these funds being \$39,245 in HUD funds and \$39,240 in NYS Office of Mental Health funds, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive be authorized to contract with Housing Options Made Easy, Inc., for the period September 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002 in an amount not to exceed \$78,485, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be furnished to the Department of Mental Health, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Division of Budget, Management and Finance.

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13. Item Page -2002 (Comm. 16E-41)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

**WHEREAS**, the Erie County Department of Mental Health is responsible for the delivery of a comprehensive range of mental health services for the residents of Erie County, and

**WHEREAS**, on May 9, 2002, the Erie County Legislature authorized the County Executive to contract with the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of \$513,452 over a three year period to provide rental assistance for homeless persons dually disabled by serious mental illness and chemical abuse disorders under the HUD Supportive Housing Program, and

**WHEREAS**, the Erie County Legislature established a grant and project budget of \$171,150 from HUD for year one of the three year period, and

**WHEREAS**, additional New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) funds are available to serve as the required matching funds, and

**WHEREAS**, the Erie County Legislature requested that the Erie County Department of Mental Health (ECDMH) recommend the transfer of said funds in order to execute contracts with specific provider agencies, and

**WHEREAS**, the Erie County Department of Mental Health has reviewed and approved programs of mental health services for persons receiving mental health treatment from the Restoration Society, Inc.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that a 2002 appropriation for Restoration Society, Inc., be established in Project 738 in the amount of \$93,785, with the source of these funds being \$85,576 in U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds and \$8,209 in matching New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) funds, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive be authorized to amend and increase the 2002 contract with Restoration Society, Inc., for the period January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002, by an amount not to exceed \$93,785, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be furnished to the Department of Mental Health, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Division of Budget, Management and Finance.

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**BARRY A. WEINSTEIN, M.D.**  
**CHAIRMAN**