

September 29, 2003

HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 11

ALL LEGISLATORS PRESENT EXCEPT LEGISLATOR FISHER.

1. RESOLVED, that the following item is hereby received and filed.

- Item Page -2003 (Comm. 15M-11)
a. **PRESIDENT'S NEW FREEDOM COMMISSION ON MENTAL HEALTH:** Achieving the Promise: Transforming Mental Health Care in America.
(4-0) Legislator Fisher absent.

2. Item Page -2003 (Comm. 16E-12)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the County has received an increase of \$49,924 in a Federal award to expand the Federal Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program (FSNEP), and

WHEREAS, this program is designed to instruct Food Stamp recipients in concepts of economy and nutrition in making sound food choices, and

WHEREAS, the Cornell Cooperative Extension currently operates FSNEP programs through individual partnership agreements with 41 counties, and

WHEREAS, this program is available at no local County share as donated funds in an equivalent amount of the contract are to be provided by the vendor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Department of Social Services is authorized to accept the additional Federal award and amend the contract with the Cornell Cooperative Extension to provide FSNEP services to Erie County Food Stamp recipients over a twelve-month period, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments are hereby authorized in the 2003 Adopted Budget:

Department of Social Services, Department 200, Fund 120

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
830-0186	Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County	<u>\$49,924</u>
	Total Expenditures	<u>\$49,924</u>

651	Federal Aid- Food Stamp Program Admin.	<u>\$49,924</u>
	Total Revenues	<u>\$49,924</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that because these special services are needed immediately, and because the selected vendor has extensive experience in delivery of this Federal program throughout New York State, and because the proposal to secure the Federal funds for Erie County was initiated by the Cornell Cooperative Extension, 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.

(4-0) Legislator Fisher absent.

3. Item Page -2003 (Comm. 16E-13)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services contracts with Joan A. Male Family Support Center 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 2003 has grown beyond the capacity of the resources and funding available in the 2003 Adopted Budget, and

WHEREAS, an expansion of this contract in the amount of \$200,000 in the current year is made possible due to the availability of new sixty-five percent State share funding and the availability of unanticipated prior year revenue received in 2003 which may be used to satisfy the local share requirement, and

WHEREAS, there is no net 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 Joan A. Male Family Support Center, increasing the contract by \$200,000, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments are hereby authorized in the 2003 Adopted Budget:

Department of Social Services, Department 200, Fund 120

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</u>
830 1500	Joan A. Male Family Support Center - Crisis Support Respite	<u>\$200,000</u>
	Total Expenditures	<u>\$200,000</u>
606	State Aid – Services for Recipients	\$130,000
529	Unanticipated Prior Year Revenue	<u>70,000</u>
	Total Revenue	<u>\$200,000</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.

(4-0) Legislator Fisher absent.

4. Item Page -2003 (Comm. 16E-14)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services purchases bus tokens and passes from the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority for distribution to individuals in receipt of public assistance, and

WHEREAS, public assistance recipients are provided access to public transportation to enable travel to workfare assignments and to subsidized employment, and

WHEREAS, transportation is a mandated benefit and also facilitates self sufficiency through entry to full time employment and closure of public assistance cases, and

WHEREAS, the Department will exceed the 2003 Adopted Budget amount for purchase of bus tokens and passes based on current levels of utilization, and

WHEREAS, funds are available within the 2003 Comprehensive Employment Grant budget to transfer from a contract line for Erie County Community College that will not otherwise be fully utilized to the transportation account, and

WHEREAS, there is no fiscal impact to this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments are hereby authorized in the 2003 Adopted Budget:

Department of Social Services, Department 200, Fund 281, Project 827

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</u>
830-403	Erie County Community College Training Programs	(\$375,000)
826	Other Expenses – Bus Tokens and Passes	<u>375,000</u>
	Total Expenditures	<u>-0-</u>

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.
(4-0) Legislator Fisher absent.

5. Item Page -2003 (Comm. 16E-15)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Department has been awarded funding in the amount of \$143,883 in 100% Federal share Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds to enhance non-residential services to victims of domestic violence, and

WHEREAS, the additional federal TANF funding is awarded for contract expansion for vendors with existing State approval to deliver non-residential services to victims of domestic violence, and

WHEREAS, the provisions of the award specifically prohibit the supplantation of existing funding agreements and also prohibit the use of funds for County government operation, and

WHEREAS, only new contractual services or expansion of existing contractual services are eligible for this funding, and the vendors used must be among those named in the Department's submission to the State of the Consolidated Services Plan (CSP), and

WHEREAS, the Department has determined the distribution of these funds through negotiation of program enhancements with all of the vendors eligible to receive funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Social Services and/or the County Executive are hereby authorized to enter into or amend contracts for expanded non-residential services to victims of domestic violence with Child and Family Services, Crisis Services and Hispanics United, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments are hereby authorized in the 2003 Adopted Budget:

Department of Social Services, Fund 120, Department 200

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
830-0119	Crisis Services	\$46,397
830-0220	Hispanics United of Buffalo	25,546
830-0324	Child and Family Services	<u>71,940</u>
	Total Expenditures	<u>\$143,883</u>
649	Federal Aid	<u>\$143,883</u>
	Total Revenues	<u>\$143,883</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that because only State-approved providers of non-residential services to victims of domestic violence are eligible to receive these funds, and because Department has negotiated program enhancements with all of the vendors eligible to provide services and 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.

(4-0) Legislator Fisher absent.

BARRY A. WEINSTEIN, M.D.
CHAIRMAN