

December 8, 2003

HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 14

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT EXCEPT LEGISLATORS CHASE & FISHER.

1. RESOLVED, that the following items are hereby received and filed.

Item Page -2003 (Intro. 9-5)
a. **MINORITY CAUCUS:** Restoring Essential Funding to ECMC Health Care Network.
(3-0) Legislators Chase and Fisher absent.

Item Page -2003 (Intro. 10-7)
b. **MINORITY CAUCUS:** Authorizing the Transfer of Essential Funding to ECMC Health
Care Network.
(3-0) Legislators Chase and Fisher absent.

2. Item Page -2003 (Comm. 20E-19)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the prevalence, hospitalization, missed school days and mortality due to asthma has significantly increased in New York State, and

WHEREAS, the burden of asthma affects numerous sectors of our Western New York communities, including primary and acute health care, public health, education, business, health insurers, etc., and

WHEREAS, asthma-related costs to the New York State taxpayer, while not fully known, exceeded \$160 Million in 1995 alone, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health has awarded the Erie County Department of Health, as a lead agency of the Asthma Coalition of Western New York, an amount of \$182,714 to develop and implement a systems approach for reducing the burden of asthma in the eight counties of Western New York, and

WHEREAS, the Asthma Coalition of Western New York is a regional collaborative partnership of community stakeholders from diverse sectors who are concerned about the burden of asthma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Health Department to accept the grant award budgeted as follows:

Systems Approach to Reducing the Burden of Asthma
07/01/03 – 06/30/04
Project #861

SFG	REVENUE	CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	REVISED BUDGET
553	State Aid	\$200,000	\$-17,286	\$182,714
	TOTAL	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>\$-17,286</u>	<u>\$182,714</u>
 EXPENSES				
821	Dues and Fees	\$500	\$-500	\$0
825	Out of Area Travel	2,500	-1,500	1,000
826	Other Expenses	1,500	-1,500	0
830-551	CONT-UB Family Medicine CONT-Healthy Comm.	14,500	4,120	18,620
830-1186	Alliance	5,000	0	5,000
830-1187	CONT-Lake Plains	5,000	0	5,000
830-1209	CONT-American Lung	138,900	-1,715	137,185
830-1210	CONT-Niagara Health	21,600	-19,007	2,593
830-1588	CONT-Southern Tier	5,000	0	5,000
882-2709	Interfund – ECHD	0	8,000	8,000
932	Office Equipment	1,500	-1,184	316
933	Lab & Technical Equipment	4,000	-4,000	0
	TOTAL	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>\$-17,286</u>	<u>\$182,714</u>

Partners for Prevention
04/01/03 – 03/31/04
Project #865

800	Personal Services	\$15,389	\$809	\$16,198
883-2709	Interfund – ECHD	\$-12,816	\$-809	\$-13,625

and be it further

RESOLVED, that this legislation rescinds Comm. 15E-44 that was approved at meeting #16 on September 25, 2003, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a subcontract with Family Medicine Faculty Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$18,620 for project evaluations, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into contracts with three rural health networks, the Lake Plains Community Care Coalition, the Southern Tier Health Care System and the Healthy Community Alliance, each in the amount of \$5,000 to train local volunteer firemen and emergency medical staff on asthma, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a subcontract with the American Lung Association in the amount of \$137,185 for project coordination and implementation, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a subcontract with the Niagara Health Quality Coalition in the amount of \$2,593 for evaluating and modifying the "Rules of Two" asthma program through a network of pharmacists, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the subcontracts with the American Lung Association, Family Medicine Faculty Associates, Inc., the Niagara Health Quality Coalition, the Southern Tier Health Care System, the Lake Plains Community Care Coalition and the Healthy Community Alliance are special services which must be provided immediately and continuously and therefore, the RFP procedure required under Section 19.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code is hereby waived, 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.

(3-0) Legislators Chase and Fisher absent.

3. Item Page -2003 (Comm. 20E-32)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature has already appropriated funds for the Community Services for the Elderly (CSE) grant, the Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP) and the Congregate Services Initiative (CSI) grant for the period April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004, and the Elder Caregiver Support (III-E) grant for the period January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office for the Aging (SOFA) has notified the Department of Senior Services (Department) of final 2003 state allocations for the CSE, EISEP and CSI grants, which has resulted in State Aid reductions of \$6,535, \$12,345 and \$25,119, respectively, and

WHEREAS, the Department has completed an analysis of actual costs of the programs, and

WHEREAS, the Department has identified \$48,000 in CSE and EISEP funds that can be reallocated to our Cluster agencies and has worked with all of the Cluster agencies to obtain their plans for supplementing case management and related services, and

WHEREAS, funding under CSI is designed to support programming in community settings at which elderly people come together for services and activities that respond to their diverse needs and interests; and

WHEREAS, the Department wishes to enhance the services and programs available in senior centers and congregate dining sites throughout Erie County, and

WHEREAS, the Department desires to contract with The Community Music School and the Theatre For Change, Inc. to provide performances and presentations in a community setting, and

WHEREAS, the CSE, EISEP, CSI and III-E grant budgets and the related CSE and EISEP contracts are in need of revision.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to amend the contracts with the CSE and EISEP agencies as detailed below, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and hereby is authorized to enter into contracts with The Community Music School and The Theatre for Change, Inc. in the amounts detailed below and for respective grant periods,

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the CSE grant budget, Project 771, be revised as follows:

		CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
REVENUES				
Account	Description			
617	State Aid	\$933,862	-\$6,535	\$927,327
	TOTAL CHANGE		-\$6,535	
800	Personal Services	\$167,132	-\$48,535	\$118,597
805	Fringe Benefits	41,664	2,000	43,664
826	Other Expenses	2,515	2,700	5,215
830/231	Concerned Ecumenical Min	136,299	6,000	142,299
830/302	Town of Amherst	27,149	6,000	33,149
830/321	South Buffalo Comm. Dev.	109,251	6,000	115,251
830/355	Bailey Delevan Comm. Srv	154,325	6,000	160,325
830/362	Lt. Col. Matt Urban Human	113,948	6,000	119,948
830/397	Comm. Concern of WNY	52,912	6,000	58,912
933	Lab & Technical Equipment 0		1,300	1,300
	TOTAL CHANGE		-\$6,535	

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the EISEP grant budget, Project 772, be revised as follows:

		CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
REVENUES				
Account	Description			
617	State Aid	\$1,461,296	-\$12,345	\$1,448,951

TOTAL CHANGE		<u><u>-\$12,345</u></u>	
APPROPRIATIONS			
800 Personal Services	\$430,085	-\$56,345	\$373,740
805 Fringe Benefits	106,622	4,000	110,622
830/317 North Buffalo Comm. Devel	40,755	6,000	46,755
830/356 Northwest Buffalo Comm.	31,550	6,000	37,550
830/391 Other Home Care Agencies	1,083,780	<u>28,000</u>	1,111,780
TOTAL CHANGE		<u><u>-\$12,345</u></u>	

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the CSI grant budget, Project 773, be revised as follows:

	CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
REVENUES			
Account Description			
443 In-Kind Contributions	\$4,378	\$7,788	\$12,166
617 State Aid	76,857	<u>-25,119</u>	51,738
TOTAL CHANGE		<u><u>-\$17,331</u></u>	
APPROPRIATIONS			
830/385 Other Projected Agencies	\$34,420	-\$26,632	\$7,788
830/405 Community Music School	0	5,500	5,500
830/1630 Theatre for Change, Inc.	0	<u>3,801</u>	3,801
TOTAL CHANGE		<u><u>-\$17,331</u></u>	

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the III-E grant budget, Project 770, be revised as follows:

	CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
APPROPRIATIONS			
Account Description			
805 Fringe Benefits	\$81,123	\$21,000	\$102,123
825 Out of Area Travel	\$1,100	\$1,000	2,100
830/385 Other Projected Agencies	293,968	-22,000	271,968
TOTAL CHANGE		<u><u>\$0</u></u>	

and be it further

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

(3-0) Legislators Chase and Fisher absent.

4. Item Page -2003 (Comm. 22E-9)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Health Department has received a continuation of a grant from the National Institutes of Health through ECMC which provides outreach services, through a multi-agency comprehensive collaboration, to individuals with HIV who have relapsed or who are disconnected; routine HIV/STD risk assessment of substance abusers; enhanced evidence based system of outpatient services, mutual case conferencing; and follow-up care for diagnosed individuals leaving in-patient care, and

WHEREAS, the goal is to implement a collaborative, comprehensive treatment infrastructure program that is responsive to the target population, increase the longevity of clients by addressing the unique needs of the target population, and improve and integrate outreach in the community to engage high-risk individuals not currently receiving care or frequently absent from care, and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health will continue to partner with the Erie County Medical Center, AIDS Community Services and Project Reach in order to provide needed services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature hereby approves the following budget:

Department of Health
HIV/AIDS Peer Navigator Program
9/30/03 – 9/29/04

SFG	REVENUE	CURRENT BUDGET
685	INTERFUND REV. NON-SUB	\$ 61,117
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 61,117</u>
	EXPENSES	
800-000	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 47,166
805-000	FRINGE BENEFITS	11,951
824	TRAVEL & MILEAGE	500
825	OUT OF AREA TRAVEL	1,500
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 61,117</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Health, the Erie County Medical Center, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, and the Department of Law.

(3-0) Legislators Chase and Fisher absent.

5. Item Page -2003 (Comm. 22E-11)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Social Services is the largest department within the County government, it has several major operations, including Support to the Commissioner, Systems Development, Legal Affairs, Assistant Deputy Commissioner Services, Health and Nutrition, and Public Assistance. Within Erie County, it has 28 offices, with an annual rent of approximately \$5 million, and

WHEREAS, a preliminary study to determine if any improvements to the efficiency of Social Services operations can be determined along with ADA and Code Compliance requirements in an effort to reduce annual rental costs, and

WHEREAS, the University of Buffalo Research Foundation has the expertise to provide the required services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT,

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be authorized and is hereby directed to enter into a contract between the County of Erie and the University of Buffalo Research Foundation to conduct a preliminary study to determine if any improvement to the efficiency of the Social Services Department can be determined, along with ADA and Code Compliance issues, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that this contract not exceed \$27,600.00, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the fee allocation be taken from EC Code Compliance, Project 293, Fund 410, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, Office of the Commissioner; one copy to the Division of Budget Management & Finance; and one copy to the Office of the Comptroller.

(3-0) Legislators Chase and Fisher absent.

6. Item Page -2003 (Comm. 22E-12)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services is engaged in a comprehensive multi-faceted effort to examine alternatives to safely reduce the length of stay of children in costly institutional foster care placement, and

WHEREAS, one component of this effort will be wraparound services conducted by New Directions Youth and Family Services that are focused on early discharge of children from institutional care into less restrictive community settings, and

WHEREAS, in order to assure success of this transition a flexible needs-based program of intensive wraparound services tailored to the needs of the child and family must be implemented, and

WHEREAS, the design and scope of services needed is determined in consultation with County caseworker staff, a care coordinator and a youth mentor at New Directions as well as natural parents and foster care parents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Social Services and/or County Executive are authorized to enter into a contract with New Directions Youth and Family Services for the Wraparound Services Program, 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-xxxx	New Directions Youth and Family Services	<u>\$200,000</u>
	Total Expenditures	<u>\$200,000</u>
529	Unanticipated Prior Year Revenue	\$70,000
606	State Aid – Services for Recipients	<u>130,000</u>
	Total Revenues	<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.
(3-0) Legislators Chase and Fisher absent.

7. Item Page -2003 (Comm. 24E-15)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health operates a Public Health Preparedness Laboratory Response Network through funding from New York State Health Research, Inc. for the development of a high containment emergency preparedness laboratory, and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health has received a revised grant award in the amount of \$604,000 from New York State Health Research, Inc. (HRI) which authorizes budgetary adjustments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to accept the revised grant award from HRI which is budgeted as follows:

**Public Health Laboratory Response Network Grant
09/01/02 – 08/30/03
Project #896**

SFG	REVENUE	CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	REVISED BUDGET
557-200	NYS HEALTH RESEARCH	\$ 604,000	\$ 0	\$ 604,000
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 604,000</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 604,000</u>
EXPENSES				
800-000	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 14,445	\$-261	\$ 14,184
805-000	FRINGE BENEFITS	3,897	-59	3,838
880-2208	DPW-CAPITAL FUNDS	410,000	3,835	413,835
933	LAB & TECH EQUIP	175,658	-3,515	172,143
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 604,000</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 604,000</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.

(3-0) Legislators Chase and Fisher.

8. Item Page -2003 (Comm. 24E-16)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health has received a grant award in the amount of \$50,000 from Department of Health & Human Services to provide funding for the coordination and recruitment of the continually expanding SMART (Specialized Medical Assistance Response Team) capacity for the eight counties of the Western New York Public Health Alliance, and

WHEREAS, this is the first year’s funding of a three-year contract, and

WHEREAS, in order to efficiently meet the requirements of this award, it is necessary to create one full-time position of SMART Volunteer Corps Coordinator, JG VIII.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to accept the grant award from the Department of Health & Human Services which is budgeted as follows:

Medical Reserve Corps
10/1/03 – 9/30/04

SFG	REVENUE	AMOUNT
640	Federal Aid	<u>\$50,000</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$50,000</u>
	EXPENSES	
800	Personal Services	\$32,574
805	Fringe Benefits	12,053
810	Office Supplies	500
824	Travel & Mileage	1,200
880-5100	Interfund – DISS	1,000
933	Lab & Technical Equipment	<u>2,673</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$50,000</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that one full-time position of SMART Volunteer Corps Coordinator, JG VIII, is hereby created.

The following personnel detail is hereby submitted:

TITLE: SMART Volunteer Corps Coordinator	FUNDING: 100% Federal Funded
JG: VIII	CIVIL SERVICE: Pending
STEP: 0	Jurisdictional Classification
ANNUAL SALARY: \$32,574	
ANNUAL BENEFITS: \$12,053	

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.
(3-0) Legislators Chase and Fisher absent.

9. Item Page -2003 (Comm. 24E-35)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature has already appropriated funds for the Operation Restore Trust (ORT) grant for the period July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003 and the Elder Abuse Prevention (Title VII) grant for the period January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003, and

WHEREAS, the County budgets for these grants are in need of revision, and

WHEREAS, the Department currently contracts with the American Red Cross, Greater Buffalo Chapter to provide ombudsman services under the Title VII grant, and

WHEREAS, the Department desires to amend the contracts with the American Red Cross, and

WHEREAS, no additional County funds are needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to amend the ORT and Title VII contracts with the American Red Cross, Greater Buffalo Chapter by the amounts detailed herein, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the ORT grant, Project 668, be revised as follows:

		CURRENT	AMENDED	
		BUDGET CHANGES		BUDGET
APPROPRIATIONS				
Account	Description			
	826 Other Expenses	\$3,117	-\$1,098	\$2,019
830/418	American Red Cross	10,200	<u>1,098</u>	11,298
	TOTAL CHANGE		<u><u>\$0</u></u>	

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Title VII grant, Project 768, be revised as follows:

		CURRENT	AMENDED	
		BUDGET CHANGES		BUDGET
APPROPRIATIONS				
Account	Description			
	810 Office Supplies	\$109	-\$109	\$0
	821 Dues & Fees	\$100	-\$100	0
	826 Other Expenses	\$2,000	-\$2,000	0
830/418	American Red Cross	52,525	<u>2,209</u>	54,734
	TOTAL CHANGE		<u><u>\$0</u></u>	

and be it further

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

(3-0) Legislators Chase and Fisher absent.

10. Item Page -2003 (Comm. 24E-36)

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, psychotropic medications are prescribed when needed for inmates at the Erie County Correctional Facility, and the costs may be reimbursed to the Correctional Facility by the Department of Mental Health (Forensic Mental Health Service) to the extent of available appropriations, and

WHEREAS, additional funds in the amount of \$20,000 are available on a one time basis within the accounts of the Forensic Mental Health Service for the reimbursement of such medications, and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Mental Health provides services to youth in secure custody at the Erie County Youth Detention Center and computers are needed by the staff providing those services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that \$20,000 be transferred within the accounts of the Department of Mental Health (Forensic Mental Health Service) from Account 821, Dues and Fees, to Account 882-6600, Interdepartment - Correctional Facility, to provide funding for psychotropic medications at the Erie County Correctional Facility and be it further

RESOLVED, that Account 814, Medical Supplies and Account 883-2410, Interdepartment - Mental Health, within the accounts of the Erie County Correctional Facility, be increased by \$20,000 to enable the purchase of psychotropic medications and the reimbursement for the medications by the Forensic Mental Health Service, and be it further

RESOLVED, that \$2,350 be transferred within the accounts of the Forensic Mental Health Service from Account 821, Dues and Fees, to Account 932, Office Equipment, to enable the purchase of two computers to be used by Erie County Youth Detention Center staff, and be it further

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

(3-0) Legislators Chase and Fisher absent.

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