

April 24, 2014

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 5

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

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

a. COMM. 2M-5 (2014)
EC FIRE DISTRICT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION: "Imposition of Fees on Volunteer Firefighters"
(5-0)

2. INTRO. 5-10 (2014)

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WHEREAS, New York State and Erie County have seen dramatic decreases in the number of volunteer firefighter and emergency service trainees; and

WHEREAS, this long-term trend persists despite the successful efforts of volunteer organizations and their recent gains in membership within Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the drop in volunteers is partly due to the increase in difficulty and training required to join one of these programs; and

WHEREAS, other factors leading to the decrease in number of volunteers are the time commitment and hazard associated with the work, the risk people take that their volunteer work may interfere with their full-time employment, and the increase costs for health insurance due to the nature of the volunteer work; and

WHEREAS, volunteers in these programs are vital to the protection and assistance of a significant population of our State and County; and

WHEREAS, full-time providers are not staffed at adequate levels to eliminate the need for these volunteer programs; and

WHEREAS, many towns and associations believe that increased incentives offered to our volunteers would increase both the number of qualified trainees as well as improve the retention rates for the individual programs; and

WHEREAS, programs initiated to encourage individuals to sign up for volunteer programs include preventing full-time employers from firing the volunteers for missing work when the volunteer is

responding to an emergency, potential real-property tax exemptions for volunteers, offer volunteers certain tax credits for their time, allow for the volunteer's length of service awards to be made tax free, or ensure that health insurance for the volunteers is offered at the same rate as it is for paid firefighters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature supports the efforts of Assemblymen Magee (A2444) and Senator Griffo (S2090), Assemblyman Zebrowski (A1315), and Senator Ritchie (S2111) which serve to incentivize volunteer membership through various tax credits; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies be sent to the WNY Delegation of the State Legislature, Governor Andrew Cuomo's Office, and any other parties deemed necessary and proper.
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3. COMM. 7E-18 (2014)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health's Division of Correctional Health requires an electronic health record; and

WHEREAS, Erie County Department of Health strives to contract with the highest quality and most cost effective vendors; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposal was made to solicit qualified electronic health record respondents; and

WHEREAS, an evaluation committee was formed to review these proposals; and

WHEREAS, Fusion Consulting, Incorporated was chosen as the most qualified and cost effective respondent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Fusion Consulting Incorporated; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the term of this contract shall commence on May 1, 2014 through May 1, 2017 with the County at its sole discretion extending the contract for up to two, one-year periods; and be it further

RESOLVED, that funding for this contract is available in capital project A.00334 and is hereby approved for appropriation for this contract in an initial amount totaling \$165,655 with annual recurring support costing \$18,570; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Law, and to Dr. Gale R. Burstein, Commissioner of Health.

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4. **COMM. 7E-19 (2014)**
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health's Division of Correctional Health and Division of Health require pharmaceutical management services; and

WHEREAS, Erie County Department of Health strives to contract with the highest quality and most cost effective vendors; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposals was made to solicit qualified pharmaceutical management respondents; and

WHEREAS, an Evaluation Committee was formed to review these proposals; and

WHEREAS, Diamond Drug, Inc. was chosen as the most qualified and cost effective respondent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Diamond Drug Inc. for the provision of pharmaceutical services in the Department of Health; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the term of this contract shall commence on May 1, 2014 through May 1, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, that funding is currently available for these pharmaceutical services in the 2014 Budget of the Department of Health's Division of Correctional Health Services, Account 505800 (Medical and Health Supplies); and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Law, and to Dr. Gale R. Burstein, Commissioner of Health.

EDWARD A. RATH, III
CHAIR