

February 26, 2013

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 3

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 18M-1 (2012)
ANNETTE COLE, ELLEN MOSACK & MARTI KOVACH: “Letter to Chair of Legislature Concerning Senior Services Support Program Support Specialist”
(5-0)
 - b. COMM. 19M-9 (2012)
ANNETTE COLE, ELLEN MOSACK & MARTI KOVACH: “Letter to Chair Grant Concerning Senior Service Support Specialist, Department of Social Services”
(5-0)
 - c. COMM. 3M-13 (2013)
BUFFALO COMMON COUNCIL: “Buffalo Common Council Resolutions Concerning Death of Amanda Lynn Wienckowski”
(5-0)
 - d. COMM. 4D-3 (2013)
COMPTROLLER’S OFFICE: “Letter to Commissioner of Social Services Concerning Audit of Medicaid & Public Assistance Units”
(5-0)
 - e. COMM. 4D-6 (2013)
COMPTROLLER’S OFFICE: “Copy of Letter to NYS Medicaid Inspector General Concerning Medicaid Eligibility Recertification”
(5-0)
 - f. COMM. 4D-10 (2013)
DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE: “Copy of Letter to NYS Medicaid Inspector General Concerning Audit Request”
(5-0)

g. COMM. 4D-12 (2013)
COUNTY ATTORNEY: “Letter to EC Chief Medical Examiner Concerning Appearance Before Health & Human Services Committee”
(5-0)

h. COMM. 4M-11 (2013)
BUFFALO COMMON COUNCIL: “Letter to Legislature Concerning Commissioner of Health’s Attendance at Meeting Held 1/29/2013”
(5-0)

2. COMM. 4E-4 (2013)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services (Department) , \$25,000 Falls Prevention Grant, for the period December 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014 is 100% funded by the Health Foundation for Western & Central New York (Foundation); and

WHEREAS, the Department’s grant proposal and contract with the Foundation calls for a portion of the grant funds to be used to compensate a consultant who will complete the initial canvassing of falls prevention programs and offerings in Erie County, and support outreach on the use of our new web-based tool for gathering on-going information on falls prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, the grant proposal specifically identifies Ms. Patricia Watson, a Licensed Master Social Worker as the consultant the department will utilize; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Watson, until recently retiring from her Supervisor Case Management Services position with the Department, had been the point person between the Department and Foundation on previous falls prevention efforts and is felt by both parties as the logical choice to function as the consultant given her knowledge and expertise in this area; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Senior Services desires to contract with Ms. Watson, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000; to function as the consultant for the Falls Prevention Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to enter into a \$5,000 consultant contract with Ms. Patricia Watson, for the Department of Senior Services Falls Prevention Grant; and be it further

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

(5-0)

THOMAS J. MAZUR
CHAIR