



COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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January 20, 2012

The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street– Fourth Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

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RE: Authorization to contract for Geriatric Counseling to Caregivers

Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests authorization to contract with Jewish Family Service of Buffalo and Erie County under the Elder Caregiver Support (III-E) grant for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012, to provide caregiver counseling services.

Should your Honorable Body require any further information, I encourage you to contact the Department of Senior Services. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,



MARK POLONCARZ
Erie County Executive

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MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Senior Services
Re: Authorization to contract for Geriatric Counseling to Caregivers.
Date: 1/13/12

SUMMARY

Approve the attached resolution to authorize the County Executive to enter into a contract with Jewish Family Service of Buffalo and Erie County under the Elder Caregiver Support (III-E) grant.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No additional County funds are required; funds are currently available in the existing Elder Caregiver grant.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Prior to 2012 the Department contracted with Jewish Family Service of Buffalo and Erie County to provide caregiver counseling services to family members caring for an elder, after being selected through a competitive process by an RFP review committee.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Jewish Family Service of Buffalo and Erie County desires to continue to provide caregiver counseling services to family members caring for an elder under the Department's Geriatric Counseling to Caregivers program.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The Department will not be able to provide this service required under grant terms for the benefit of seniors in Erie County.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Department will process the contract and take the steps necessary to continue the services.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES**

RE: Authorization to contract for Geriatric Counseling to Caregivers in Elder Caregiver Support Grant.

WHEREAS, the 2012 Erie County Budget includes appropriated funds for Geriatric Counseling in the Elder Caregiver Support (III-E) grant for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services has previously contracted with Jewish Family Service of Buffalo and Erie County to provide caregiver counseling services to family members caring for an elder; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Family Service of Buffalo and Erie County desires to continue to provide services under the Department's Geriatric Counseling to Caregivers program; and

WHEREAS, the Department desire to contract with the agency, Jewish Family Service of Buffalo and Erie County to provide services under the Department's Geriatric Counseling to Caregivers program for the period January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the III-E grant budget already allocated \$15,000 for geriatric counseling services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and hereby is authorized to enter into a contract in the amount of \$15,000 with Jewish Family Service of Buffalo and Erie County to provide caregiver counseling to individuals referred by the Department of Senior Services' Caregiver Resource Center for the period January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012; 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 Departments of Law and Senior Services.