

July 15, 2021

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 8

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR TODARO.
CHAIR BASKIN PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

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

- a. COMM. 3E-4 (2021)
LORIGO, GREENE, TODARO & MILLS: “Letter Requesting In-Person Legislative Sessions & Committee Meetings”
(Chair’s Ruling)
- b. COMM. 10E-9 (2021)
LORIGO, TODARO, GREENE & MILLS: “Letter to Commissioner of Social Services Regarding FOIL Request & Receipt”
(Chair’s Ruling)
- c. COMM. 10D-3 (2021)
DEPT. OF SOCIAL SERVICES: “Response to FOIL Request for Information Related to COMM. 3E-9 (2021)”
(Chair’s Ruling)
- d. COMM. 11E-6 (2021)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: “Letter to Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance Regarding Emergency Rental Assistance Program”
(Chair’s Ruling)
- e. COMM. 11D-5 (2021)
COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES: “Child Protective Caseloads for 04/2021”
(Chair’s Ruling)
- f. COMM. 11D-6 (2021)
DEPARTMENT OF LAW: “Local Emergency Order Extensions”
(Chair’s Ruling)

- g. INTRO. 12-11 (2021)
TODARO, GREENE & MILLS: “Calling on NYS to Remove Mask Mandates in WNY Schools”
(Chair’s Ruling)
- h. COMM. 12D-4 (2021)
DEPARTMENT OF LAW: “Local Emergency Order Extensions”
(Chair’s Ruling)
- i. COMM. 12D-5 (2021)
COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES: “Response to COMM. 10E-9 (2021)”
(Chair’s Ruling)
- j. COMM. 12D-6 (2021)
COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES: “Child Protective Caseloads for 05/2021”
(Chair’s Ruling)
- k. COMM. 12D-8 (2021)
COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH: “Updated Nursing Home Outbreak Information - 05/2021”
(Chair’s Ruling)
- l. COMM. 12M-3 (2021)
PRESIDENT, EC BOARD OF HEALTH: “Board of Health Meeting Minutes and Agenda from Meeting Held on 1/14/2020”
(Chair’s Ruling)
- m. COMM. 13E-3 (2021)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: “COVID-19 State of Emergency Status”
(Chair’s Ruling)
- n. COMM. 13D-1 (2021)
DIRECTOR OF BUDGET & MANAGEMENT: “Notification of New COVID-19 Contracts”
(Chair’s Ruling)
- o. COMM. 13D-5 (2021)
DEPARTMENT OF LAW: “Local Emergency Order Extensions”
(Chair’s Ruling)
- p. COMM. 14D-4 (2021)
DEPARTMENT OF LAW: “Local Emergency Order Extensions”
(Chair’s Ruling)

2. COMM. 13E-13 (2021)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby confirm the reappointments of the following individuals to the Erie County Medical Center Corporation for a term ending December 31, 2026:

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| Eugenio Russi 29 Dana Road Buffalo, NY 14216 | Christopher J. O'Brien 25 Crosby Boulevard Amherst, NY 14226 | Jennifer Persico Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP 50 Fountain Plaza, Suite 1700 Buffalo, NY 14202 |
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3. COMM. 13E-14 (2021)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby confirm the appointments of the following individuals to the Erie County Advisory Board, Division for Persons with Disabilities for a term ending December 31, 2023:

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| Anthony J. Anderson, P.E. 619 Ridge Road Lackawanna, NY 14218 | Stephanie Orlando 3108 Main Street Buffalo, NY 14214 |
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4. COMM. 14E-4 (2021)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby confirm the reappointments of the following individuals to the Erie County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board for a term ending December 31, 2023:

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| Presley M.C. Redeye 14167 Route 438 Gowanda, NY 14070 | Kimberely Atwater 7780A Eddy Road Colden, NY 14033 | Thomas S. Barsi 30 Camelot Drive West Seneca, NY 14224 |
| Michael J. Baumgartner 79 Lison Street Buffalo, NY 14223 | Janinne Blank 20 Sagebrush Lane Lancaster, NY 14086 | Allan L. Brown 98 Chateau Terrace Snyder, NY 14226 |
| Robert Eleczko 6212 Genesee Street Lancaster, NY 14086 | Johanna Innes, MD 36 Charleston Avenue Kenmore, NY 14217 | Christine Verni 28 Tillinghast Place Buffalo, NY 14216 |

Michael Krupski
4834 Gerber Parkway
Hamburg, NY 14075

Lynn Ann O'Donnell
22 Wesley Drive
Akron, NY 14001

Ryan M. Sheedy
71 Jeffrey Drive
Depew, NY 14043

Emily A. Rowles
97 Meadow Lea Drive
Amherst, NY 14226

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5. COMM. 14E-5 (2021)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby confirm the reappointments of the following individuals to the Erie County Mental Hygiene Community Services Board for a term ending December 31, 2023:

Joan Baizer
84 Russell Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14214

BJ Stasio
1 South Street, Apt 302
Buffalo, NY 14204

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6. COMM. 14E-8 (2021)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health has responsibility to ensure that the Erie County Kindergarten through 12th grades (K-12) schools have the proper COVID-19 screening testing programs; and

WHEREAS, the NYSDOH grant will provide the Erie County Department of Health funding for the financial, staffing, and technical resources required to develop and assist Erie County grades K-12 schools on COVID-19 screening testing for the 2021-2022 academic year; and

WHEREAS, Erie County in providing the above-mentioned services will be able to identify emerging school COVID-19 testing needs and COVID-19 trends and provide technical services where needed; and

WHEREAS, Quadrant Biosciences has the staffing and technology capacity to perform COVID-19 diagnostic and screening PCR testing for the school population with lower test costs due to pooled COVID-19 PCR testing and quick turn-around times; and

WHEREAS, Walgreens Pharmacy has 26 pharmacy locations in Erie County; offers lower priced COVID-19 PCR tests and shorter test turn-around time compared to other pharmacies will enable many Erie County residents to easily access COVID-19 testing; and

WHEREAS, Erie County Department of Health has a working relationship with Buffalo HomeCare Inc. as a current contractor in providing home COVID-19 vaccine related nursing services and has expertise in COVID-19 specimen collection that can provide COVID-19 test specimen collection throughout Erie County in homes or schools; and

WHEREAS, Quest Diagnostics can provide COVID-19 test specimen collection and COVID-19 PCR testing at mobile sites throughout southern Erie County and other Erie County areas where Walgreens are not located; and

WHEREAS, appropriate Erie County personnel are needed to establish and oversee this large COVID-19 screening testing program in grade K-12 schools and comply with reporting requirements, administer the budget, and provide the necessary services and equipment required for screening testing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to accept NYSDOH funds to establish COVID-19 screening testing programs for Erie County Kindergarten through 12th grade (K-12) schools to support and maintain in-person learning; and authorizes the Division of Budget and Management to amend the 2021 Adopted Budget as follows:

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07/01/21 - 07/31/22

| <u>SAP</u> | <u>REVENUE</u> | <u>BUDGET</u> |
|------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 414000 | Federal Aid | 18,465,482 |
| | TOTAL | <u>18,465,482</u> |

| <u>SAP</u> | <u>EXPENSES</u> | <u>BUDGET</u> |
|------------|------------------------|---------------|
| 500000 | Full Time Salaries | 188,276 |
| 502000 | Fringe Benefits | 100,351 |
| 505000 | Office supplies | 5,000 |
| 510000 | Local Mileage | 1,000 |
| 516020 | Prof Ser Cnt and Fees | 17,084,945 |
| 912700 | ID Health Services | 369,310 |
| 912730 | ID Health Lab Services | 600,000 |
| 980000 | ID DISS Services | 116,600 |

TOTAL 18,465,482

BD12700

| <u>SAP</u> | <u>EXPENSES</u> | <u>BUDGET</u> |
|------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 505800 | Medical Supplies | 300,000 |
| 516020 | Prof Ser Cnt and Fees | 69,310 |
| 912700 | ID Health Services | -369,310 |
| | TOTAL | <u>0</u> |

BD12730

| <u>SAP</u> | <u>EXPENSES</u> | <u>BUDGET</u> |
|------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| 505000 | Medical & Health Supplies | 600,000 |
| 912730 | ID Health Lab Services | -600,000 |
| | TOTAL | <u>0</u> |

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into a contract with Quadrant Biosciences to provide COVID-19 PCR diagnostic and screening testing for Erie County grades K-12 school students and staff; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into a contract with Walgreens Pharmacy to provide COVID-19 PCR diagnostic and screening testing for Erie County grades K-12 school students and staff; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into a contract with Buffalo HomeCare, Inc. to provide COVID-19 specimen collection at homes and schools for diagnostic and screening testing for Erie County grades K-12 school students and staff; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into a contract with Quest Diagnostics to provide COVID-19 PCR diagnostic and screening testing for Erie County grades K-12 school students and staff; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby waive the procedures provided for in Section 28.06 of the Erie County Administrative Code to secure the services of Quadrant Biosciences to provide COVID-19 PCR diagnostic and screening testing for Erie County grades K-12 school students and staff; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby waive the procedures provided for in Section 28.06 of the Erie County Administrative Code to secure the services of Walgreens Pharmacy to provide COVID-19 PCR diagnostic and screening testing for Erie County grades K-12 school students and staff; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby waive the procedures provided for in Section 28.06 of the Erie County Administrative Code to secure the services of Buffalo HomeCare, Inc. to provide COVID-19 specimen collection at homes and schools for diagnostic and screening testing for Erie County grades K-12 school students and staff; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby waive the procedures provided for in Section 28.06 of the Erie County Administrative Code to secure the services of Quest Diagnostics to provide COVID-19 PCR diagnostic and surveillance testing for Erie County grades K-12 school students and staff; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following positions for which sufficient funding for personnel services and fringe benefits exist will be funded in the above program:

Full-time Project Coordinator (JG-11)
B-100 No. 12306
Budgeted Annual Salary: \$67,501

Full-time Assistant Project Coordinator (JG-9)
B-100 No. 12307
Budgeted Annual Salary: \$44,081

Full-time Accountant (JG-9)
B-100 No. 12308
Budgeted Annual Salary: \$44,081

Full-time Lab Assistant (JG-5)
B-100 No. 12309
Budgeted Annual Salary: \$33,854

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of the Division of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to implement any budget adjustments as required to comply with the grantor funding requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this Resolution to the County Executive, the Director of the Division of Budget and Management, the Office of the Comptroller, the County Attorney's Office, and Dr. Gale Burstein, the Commissioner of Health.
(4-1) Legislator Vinal voted in the negative.

7. **COMM. 14E-10 (2021)**
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Social Services has been awarded an amount of \$1,967,794 in 100% federal share funds to provide Outreach and Application Assistance for the COVID Emergency Rental Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Social Services issued a RFP on May 6, 2021 to qualified agencies interested in providing Outreach and Application Assistance Services to customers in Erie County applying for rental assistance secondary to the federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, based on the results of the RFP the Erie County Department of Social Services has identified Belmont Housing, The Martin Group, and the Community Action Organization of Western New York as the recipients of this funding to provided Outreach and Application services to the residents of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services requires legislative approval to accept the Federal funds and to amend the Adopted 2021 Budget; and

WHEREAS, no County funds will be necessary for Erie County to accept this federal aid to serve individuals residing in Erie County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive to accept Federal funds for the Outreach and Application Assistance for the COVID Emergency Rental Assistance Program and authorizes the Division of Budget and Management to amend the 2021 Adopted Budget as follows:

Erie County Department of Social Services
Fund 110, Fund Center 120

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|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Revenue | Increase |
| Account 414000 - Federal Aid Revenue | \$1,967,794 |

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| Appropriation | Increase |
| Account 516020 – Professional Services Contracts | \$1,967,794 |

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust items of appropriations and revenues which may be impacted by changes to the award, provided there are no changes to county share amounts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be furnished to the Office of the County Executive, the Department of Social Services, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Division of Budget and Management.
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8. COMM. 14E-12 (2021)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health has declared opioid addiction a public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, for every fatal opioid overdose there are dozens of overdoses where the victim is revived with naloxone; and

WHEREAS, the hours and days after a non-fatal overdose are often when the individual with opioid use disorder is most open to beginning a path to recovery; and

WHEREAS, Erie County has begun a pilot program to identify root causes of the deaths attributed to opioids and other substances; and

WHEREAS, the University of Buffalo Primary Care Research Institute (PCRI) has agreed to expand evaluation efforts on the project; and

WHEREAS, this grant in the amount of \$20,000 and requires no local funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Department of Health is authorized to receive a grant award from the Institute on Intergovernmental Research on behalf of the United States Department of Justice in the amount of \$20,000 to be budgeted as follows:

“Supplemental Opioid Mortality Review Board funding,
Opioid Fatality Review Data Pilot Site”
127SOMRB2021
9/15/2020 – 9/30/2021

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|--------|-----------------|-----------------|
| SAP | REVENUE | BUDGET |
| 414000 | Federal Aid | \$20,000 |
| | TOTAL | <u>\$20,000</u> |
| | EXPENSES | |
| 516020 | Prof services | 18,500 |
| 505000 | Office Supplies | 1,500 |
| | TOTAL | \$20,000 |

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into contract with State University at Buffalo, Primary Care Research Institute; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Personnel, the Department of Law and to Dr. Gale R. Burstein, Commissioner, in the Erie County Department of Health, 9th Floor, Rath Building.
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9. COMM. 14E-13 (2021)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Northland Workforce Training Center is a unique workforce development asset that has trained over 500 students in a variety of trade skills; and

WHEREAS, like many educational institutions the Northland Workforce Training Center incurred significant new expenses during the COVID-19 pandemic while also experiencing a loss in revenue; and

WHEREAS, Northland Workforce Training Center’s COVID-19 related expenses are eligible to be reimbursed with Federal CARES Act dollars from Erie County as a subrecipient; and

WHEREAS, Northland Workforce Training Center has provided detailed receipts documenting the Center’s COVID-19 related expenses; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funding is available in the CARES Act Fund 252, which must be encumbered by December 31st 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to enter into contract with Northland Workforce Training Center for the purposes of providing reimbursement for COVID-19 related expense in an amount not to exceed \$13,946.83; and be it further

RESOLVED, funding for the contract is available in Fund 252, Funds Center 14010, Account 516020; 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, and the Department of Law.
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10. COMM. 14E-26 (2021)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services continually looks to enhance services for older adults in Erie County and for ways to fund such services; and

WHEREAS, the Department wishes to contract with Syracuse Jewish Family Service and accept \$26,000 to implement Project SECURE (Supporting the Experience of Upstate Region Elders) in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, Project SECURE will facilitate family caregiver well-being and enhance the overall caregiving experience, with focus on respite, social relationships, individual learning and skill building, and creative and therapeutic activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Syracuse Jewish Family Services and accept \$26,000 in funds to implement Project SECURE locally for the period April 1, 2021 to February 28, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Department is authorized to utilize funds to pay for family caregiver well-being and enhance the overall caregiving experience, with focus on respite, social relationships, individual learning and skill building, and creative and therapeutic activities, office printing supplies and postage costs; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the 163SECURE2123 grant, be established as follows:

| REVENUES | | INITIAL BUDGET |
|----------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Account | Description | |
| 417060 | Other Income Senior Services | \$26,000 |
| | TOTAL | <u>\$26,000</u> |
| APPROPRIATIONS | | BUDGET |
| 505000 | Office Supplies | \$ 900 |
| 530000 | Other Expenses | \$ 100 |
| 916390 | ID Senior Srvs Grant | \$25,000 |
| | TOTAL | <u>\$26,000</u> |

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust the budget as required to comply with the grantor approved funding levels; and be it further

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

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11. COMM. 14E-27 (2021)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby confirm the reappointments of the following individuals to the Erie County Youth Services Board for a term ending July 1, 2023:

Liza Acanfora
4890 Morgan Parkway
Hamburg, NY 14075

Kelli Blakely
56 Cotton Street
Lancaster, NY 14086

Nichelle Brown
1542 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14208

Alan Carter-Fambo
94 Rogers Drive
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

David Caywood
124 Morris Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14214

Paul Denning
118 Unionvale Road
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

Melissa Jones
108 Indian Church Road
Buffalo, NY 14210

Jack Kavanaugh
1896 Niagara Street
Buffalo, NY 14207

Charity Lulas
10788 Gowanda State Road
North Collins, NY 14211

Susan Lumadue
65 Niagara Square
Buffalo, NY 14202

Brian Rochford
726 Exchange Street
Buffalo, NY 14210

Kenny Simmons
505 City Hall, 65 Niagara Sq.
Buffalo, NY 14201

Sean Tulumello
65 Niagara Square
Buffalo, NY 14202

Jasmine Ansah
2001 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14208

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**LISA M. CHIMERA
CHAIR**