

September 15, 2022

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 12

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. 14D-1 (2022)
DISTRICT ATTORNEY: “Letter to Chair Baskin Regarding Buffalo Resiliency Center”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - b. COMM. 14M-3 (2022)
BOARD OF HEALTH: “Minutes of EC Board of Health Meeting from May 10, 2022 & Agenda for July 26, 2022 Meeting”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - c. COMM. 15E-44 (2022)
BASKIN: “Letter to Director of the Office of Health Equity”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - d. COMM. 15D-3 (2022)
COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES: “Comm. 12E-34 Compliance Report for Month of June”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - e. COMM. 15D-4 (2022)
COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES: “Comm. 12E-34 Compliance Report for Month of July”
(Chair’s Ruling)
2. COMM. 15E-27 (2022)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, the Erie County Healthcare Careers (“EHC”) program has successfully enrolled 485 Erie County residents into training and education programs related to highly in-demand healthcare careers as of September 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, 485 enrollees far exceed the 110 Licensed Practical Nurse positions trained under the former Health Professional Opportunity Grant (“HPOG”) program by 126% and far surpassed the anticipated 250 EHC enrollees for 2022, demonstrating the tremendous success of, and exceptional demand for, the EHC program; and

WHEREAS, significant demand remains for additional healthcare staffing here in Erie County and across the United States; and

WHEREAS, SUNY Erie Community College and Erie County Medical Center have developed an innovative program that will further expand the EHC program, and provide a faster and more efficient education-to-employment pipeline in our healthcare system; and

WHEREAS, Erie County hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and other healthcare employers report a significant shortage of trained employees, contributing to hospital crowding and a lack of available beds; and

WHEREAS, further support of the EHC program can bolster and expand the number of high-quality employees in high-demand, frontline healthcare positions across Erie County; and

WHEREAS, Erie County recently received \$16,050,531 in unbudgeted revenue for prior-year Gaming Facilities Aid owed to the State of New York and select municipalities which provides adequate funding to effectuate a replenishment of the vital EHC program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the transfer of \$1,418,970 in funding from unbudgeted revenue in Fund 110, Funds Center 14010, Revenue Account – 402520 Gaming Facilities Aid to Fund 110, Funds Center 1331010, Account 518700 – WIB HPOG Program as follows:

APPROPRIATIONS	Economic Development Agency Funding Fund 110, Funds Center 1331010		
	Original	Change	New
518700 WIP HPOG Program	\$1,350,000.00	\$1,418,970.00	\$2,768,970.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into contract with the Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Investment Board, Inc. (“BECWIB”) and Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Development Consortium, Inc., the BECWIB fiscal agent, for the purposes of expanding the EHC program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is authorized to make any technical adjustments necessary to facilitate this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this Resolution to the office of the County Executive; the Office of the Erie County Comptroller; the Division of Budget and Management, and the Department of Personnel.
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3. COMM. 15E-29 (2022)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services will provide a three-year grant totaling \$1,455,129 to the County for the provision of indigent defense services; and

WHEREAS, Erie County will contract with the Erie County Bar Association's Aid to Indigent Prisoners Society and the Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo to deliver the services required through the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into contract with the State of New York Office of Indigent Legal Services, in the amount of \$1,455,129 over three years from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025 to provide enhanced representation to indigent defendants; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into three-year subcontracts with the Erie County Bar Association Aid to Indigent Prisoners Society and the Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo to deliver said services from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is provided to establish grant funding in the County Attorney's Office as follows:

Erie County Attorney's Office
ILS Quality Improvement D10 Grant
Grant Fund 281 160QID13ILS2325
January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025

Revenue	Increase
Account 409000 - State Aid Revenue	\$1,455,129
Appropriation	Increase
Account 516601 - Legal Aid Bureau	\$727,566
Account 516602 - EC Bar Association	<u>727,563</u>
Total Appropriation	\$1,455,129

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 grantor award, provided there are no changes to authorized personnel levels and county share amounts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the County Attorney, the Office of the Comptroller, the County Executive's Office and the Division of Budget and Management.
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LISA M. CHIMERA
CHAIR