

JANUARY 15, 2009

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 1

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 10D-5 (2008)
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN: Letter & Memorandum Concerning Need for Child Drop Off Center in the Rath Building (5-0)
 - b. INTRO 11-3 (2008)
MARINELLI & MAZUR: Legislature's Recommendations to Governor for Appointment to the Erie County Medical Center Corporation Board of Directors (5-0)
 - c. COMM. 26M-6 (2008)
COLUCCI & GALLAHER, P.C.: Agenda Materials for ECMCC Meeting Held 11/20/08 (5-0)
 - d. COMM. 1D-1 (2009)
COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH: Agenda Items for Board of Health Meeting to be Held 1/8/09 (5-0)
 - e. COMM. 1M-15 (2009)
COLUCCI & GALLAHER, P.C.: Agenda Items for ECMCC Meeting Held on 12/18/08 (5-0)
2. COMM. 23E-8 (2008)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, a Senior Fiscal Analyst (position 00008788) assigned to Fiscal Management Cost Center 1201060 actually works in Youth Detention Cost Center 1252010; and

WHEREAS, the vacant Supervisor of Accounts (position 50016664) in Youth Detention Cost Center 1252010 is needed in Financial Record Services Cost Center 1202060); and

WHEREAS, this title exchange will help make revenue claiming easier and more timely and accurate; and

WHEREAS, no employees are being transferred or relocated and job functions will not change; and

WHEREAS, there is no impact to the 2008 Adopted Budget or the 2009 Executive Recommended Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that position 00008788 be reassigned to Youth Detention (SAP Cost Center 1252010); and be it further

RESOLVED, that vacant position 50016664 be reassigned to Financial Record Services (SAP Cost Center 1202060); and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, the Commissioner of Social Services, the Commissioner of Personnel, the Erie County Comptroller and the Director of the Division of Budget and Management. (5-0)

3. COMM. 26E-9 (2008)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health has received a revised grant award from the New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Community Environmental Health and Food Protection, Center for Environmental Health in the amount of \$532,810, which includes funds for enhancement of inspection activities in the "Erie County Lead Poisoning Primary Prevention Pilot Program;" and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Lead Poisoning Primary Prevention Pilot Program is to identify and address lead hazards in high risk zip codes in Erie County in order to prevent at-risk children from becoming lead poisoned; and

WHEREAS, this will be accomplished through neighborhood surveys, home paint inspections and lead risk assessments, provision of services, distribution of intervention products for hazard control, and education and outreach for property owners and tenants in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, in order to meet the increased requirements of this program it will be necessary to create one full-time position of Senior Investigating Public Health Sanitarian, JG X, two full-time positions of Investigating Public Health Sanitarian, JG VIII, and one full-time position of Junior Education Specialist – Environmental Health, JG VII; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to subcontract with Environmental Education Associates, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for the period 10/1/08 to 9/30/09 for the purpose of providing periodic training courses for lead safe work practices and for clearance sampling and reporting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that one full-time position of Senior Investigating Public Health Sanitarian, JG X, two full-time positions of Investigating Public Health Sanitarian, JG VIII and one full-time position of Junior Education Specialist – Environmental Health, JG VII are hereby created as indicated on B100 numbers 4223, 4224 and 4225 respectively.

The following personnel detail is hereby submitted:

Title: Senior Investigating Public Health Sanitarian

JG: X

Step: 0

Annual Salary: \$37,886

Annual Benefits: \$15,533

Fiscal Impact on the budget for the remaining portion of the fiscal year: none

County's Share: 0

Whether the position is filled from civil service preferred list, (or in the case of no preferred list) from a Civil Service list: Yes

Title: Investigating Public Health Sanitarian

JG: VIII

Step: 0

Annual Salary: \$32,841

Annual Benefits: \$13,465

Fiscal Impact on the budget for the remaining portion of the fiscal year: none

County's Share: 0

Whether the position is filled from civil service preferred list, (or in the case of no preferred list) from a Civil Service list: Yes

Title: Junior Education Specialist – Env. Health

JG: VII

Step: 0

Annual Salary: \$30,587

Annual Benefits: \$12,669

Fiscal Impact on the budget for the remaining portion of the fiscal year: none

County's Share: 0

Whether the position is filled from civil service preferred list, (or in the case of no preferred list) from a Civil Service list: Yes

Grant	# of Pos.	Position	JG/Step	Action	Budgeted
127LEADPRIMARY0809					
	1	Sr. Inv. Pub. Health San.	X 0	Add	\$37,886
	2	Inv. Pub. Health San.	VIII 0	Add	\$65,682
	1	Jr. Educ. Spec. Env. Health	VII 0	Add	\$30,587

Appropriations:

Account	Description	Current Budget	Changes	Amended Budget
500000	Full Time Salaries	\$96,547	\$134,155	\$230,702
502000	Fringe Benefits	\$44,506	\$ 55,132	\$ 99,638

Revenues:

Account	Description	Current Budget	Changes	Amended Budget
409000	State Aid Revenues	\$316,733	\$189,287	\$506,020

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to enter into a subcontract with Environmental Education Associates, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for the period 10/1/08 – 9/30/09 for the purpose of providing periodic training courses for lead safe work practices and for clearance and sampling; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the subcontract with Environmental Education Associates, Inc. is a special service which must be provided immediately and continuously and was originally proposed to the granting agency and is now expected by the granting agency to complete the grant deliverables and therefore the RFP procedure required under Section 19.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code, is hereby waived; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, the Office of the Comptroller, the Department of Personnel, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Law and to Dr. Anthony J. Billittier, IV, M.D., Commissioner of Health, 9th Floor Rath Building.

(5-0)

4. COMM. 28E-5 (2008)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services continues to conduct Requests for Proposals for many contracted purchase of service requirements, and three RFP selection processes have recently been completed; and

WHEREAS, based on selection committee review and quantitative scoring of proposals received, current providers were selected for Visitation Services, while there are changes proposed to Parenting Training and Respite Services allocations; and

WHEREAS, Visitation Services are provided to biological families to facilitate communication and relationships to enable children in foster placement to return home, Respite Services are critical for the permanency of children in events of biological or foster parent emergency or short-term absence, and Parenting Training is often court ordered in instances of child abuse and neglect for teaching appropriate parental skills and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the budget appropriation amounts with community providers for Parenting Training and Respite Services need to be revised from adopted budget amounts; and

WHEREAS, this resolution reallocates funds among providers, and as such there is no fiscal impact to this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following adjustments are made in the 2009 adopted budget:

	2009 Adopted Budget	RFP Revision	2009 Adjusted Budget
Parenting Training			
516010 Catholic Charities	0	79,998	79,998
516010 Gateway	0	35,521	35,521
516010 HUB	0	35,521	35,521
516010 Salvation Army	146,040	-146,040	0
516010 EPIC	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-5,000</u>	<u>0</u>
total	151,040	0	151,040
Respite Services			
516010 Gateway	141,339	-77,776	63,563
516010 Hopevale	0	100,000	100,000

516010 Joan A Male	<u>184,472</u>	<u>-22,224</u>	<u>162,248</u>
total	325,811	0	325,811

*Community Action Organization Parenting Training is unchanged from the original 2009 budget allocation.

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive and/or the Commissioner of Social Services are authorized to execute contracts with the above providers in amounts not to exceed above adjusted budget detail; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, the Commissioner of Social Services, the Erie County Comptroller and the Director of the Division of Budget and Management.

(5-0)

5. COMM. 1E-14 (2009)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the New York State Office for Aging has notified the Department of Senior Services (Department) that the Department has been awarded a \$21,000 grant for the Performance Outcomes Measures Project (POMP), tenth phase, for the period September 30, 2008 to July 31, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Department desires to use the POMP grant funds to maintain and support the case management system that will compile the POMP statistical results and to cover the cost of POMP-related meetings and conferences coordinated by the New York State Office for the Aging; and

WHEREAS, the POMP grant budget needs to be established; and

WHEREAS, local match is not required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to accept the POMP funds from New York State Office for Aging; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the POMP grant, 163POMP0809, be established as follows:

INITIAL
BUDGET

REVENUES

Account	Description	
409000	State Aid	<u>\$21,000</u>
	TOTAL REVENUE	<u><u>\$21,000</u></u>

APPROPRIATIONS

510100	Out of Area Travel	\$4,000
516020	Software Support & Modifications	<u>17,000</u>
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u><u>\$21,000</u></u>

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)

6. COMM. 1E-16 (2009)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature has already appropriated funds for the Weatherization Referral and Packaging (WRAP-SOFA) grant for the period October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office for Aging has notified the Department of Senior Services (Department) that the WRAP-SOFA grant period has been adjusted to coincide with the state fiscal year ending March 31, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the grant allocation will not be adjusted for the shortened program year; and

WHEREAS, the Department desires to allocate more of the WRAP-SOFA grant funds to provide weatherization services to HEAP-eligible seniors, enabling the seniors to remain independent and in the community; and

WHEREAS, the WRAP-SOFA grant budget needs to be revised; and

WHEREAS, WRAP-SOFA is a 100% federally funded program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the budget for the WRAP-SOFA grant, 163WRAP-SOFA0809, be revised as follows:

	CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
REVENUES			
Account	Description		
414000	Federal Aid	\$306,421	<u>\$14,035</u>
	TOTAL REVENUE		<u><u>\$320,456</u></u>
APPROPRIATIONS			
500000	Full Time-Salaries	\$157,410	-\$79,188
502000	Fringe Benefits	67,009	-33,709
505000	Office Supplies	1,000	1,000
510000	Local Mileage Reimbursement	7,000	700
530000	Other Expenses-Weatherization	70,802	<u>125,232</u>
	TOTAL CHANGE		<u><u>\$14,035</u></u>

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)

7. COMM. 1E-17 (2009)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services requests authorization to create the position of Assistant Commissioner to manage the Division of Public Health Insurance; and

WHEREAS, this position has been necessitated by the recent restructuring of the Department of Social Services into five (5) major operating Divisions. A senior level manager is required comparable to that in the other Divisions and will assure the same level of operations leadership and accountability; and

WHEREAS, a senior level manager that fully understands the complexity of NYS Public Health Insurance programs as well as the needs of applicants and department staff will be essential in leading this new Division to efficiently and effectively meet the needs of recipients through cost effective practices, efficient use of resources and consistent compliance with state and federal regulations; and

WHEREAS, our Public Health Insurance Division needs a centralized management to specifically focus on and effectively coordinate operations with community providers and the New York State Department of Health that maximize benefits to all eligible citizens in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, there is no County fiscal impact as this position will be fully reimbursed with Federal and State Medicaid administrative funds with 50% from State Aid Social Services Administration and 50% from Federal Aid Social Services Administration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Department of Social Services is authorized to create the position of Assistant Commissioner, B-100 #4161; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments are hereby authorized in the 2009 Adopted Budget:

Department of Social Services, Fund 110, Department 120

		Current Budget	Changes	Amended Budget
	REVENUES			
407540	State Aid - Soc Serv Admin	27,973,025	58,878	28,031,903
411540	Federal Aid – Soc Serv Admin	34,135,769	<u>58,879</u>	34,194,648
	TOTAL REVENUE CHANGE		<u>117,757</u>	
	APPROPRIATIONS	Current Budget	Changes	Amended Budget
500000	Full-Time Salaries	69,653,560	87,798	69,741,358
502000	Fringe	32,082,815	<u>29,959</u>	32,112,774
	TOTAL APPROPRIATION CHANGE		<u>117,757</u>	

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, the Commissioner of Social Services, the Commissioner of Personnel, the Erie County Comptroller and the Director of the Division of Budget and Management.

(4-1) Legislator Reynolds voted in the negative.

8. COMM. 1E-19 (2009)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Comprehensive Adoption Services Program is to coordinate services to children with a goal of adoption as well as those who were adopted through the Erie County Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, this program will support adoption finalizations and prevent adoption disruptions and dissolutions by providing comprehensive adoption-sensitive services to reduce stress, stabilize family crises and provide advocacy and support; and

WHEREAS, there are currently over 300 children awaiting adoption in Erie County and over 100 of these children lack an identified adoptive resource; and

WHEREAS, this program will establish a post-adoption resource center which is accessible and consumer driven and provides strength based family centered practices to adopted children and their families; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the submittal of the 2009 Executive Recommended Budget, the Department conducted a competitive procurement Request for Proposals (RFP) process to receive and evaluate proposals for the Comprehensive Adoption Services Program; and

WHEREAS, based on their review, the RFP Evaluation Committee recommended the contract be awarded to Hillside Children’s Center rather than Children Awaiting Parents as anticipated in the Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into and execute a contract for the Hillside Children’s Center Comprehensive Adoption Services Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments are made to the 2009 Adopted Budget:

<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Adopted Budget</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
516010 Children Awaiting Parents	60,000	(60,000)	0
516010 Hillside Children’s Center	0	<u>60,000</u>	60,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, the Commissioner of Social Services, the Erie County Comptroller and the Director of the Division of Budget and Management.
(5-0)

9. COMM. 1E-22 (2009)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health has reduced the amount of its annual grant award to the Erie County Department of Health to operate the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program; and

WHEREAS, the emphasis of lead poisoning prevention is shifting from case management of lead poisoned children to primary prevention of lead poisoning focused on eliminating hazards in the environment before children are poisoned; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Public Health Laboratories, Epidemiology and Environmental Health has recently reorganized the management structure of the Environmental section to more effectively provide services; and

WHEREAS, in order to effectively and efficiently operate the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention grant and to stay within the allotted funds and to bring staffing into line with the overall Environmental section management, it will be necessary to make a staffing adjustment which will create an Assistant Supervising Public Health Nurse, JG N3, Step 1, and delete a Nurse Coordinator Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, JG N5, Step B; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that one full-time position of Assistant Supervising Public Health Nurse, JG N3, Step 1, is created and one full-time position of Nurse Coordinator Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, JG N5, Step B, position number 00006637 is hereby deleted as indicated on B100 # 3923.

Center	No. of	Position	JG Step	Action	FY08-09 Budget	FY08-09 Cost
1273038	1	Asst. Supv..Pub. Health Nurse	N3 1	Add		

1273038 1 Nurse Coordinator - Lead N5 B Delete
Poisoning Prevention Program

The following personnel detail is hereby submitted:

Title: Assistant Supervising Public Health Nurse
JG: N3
Salary Step: 1
Annual Salary: \$39,140
Fiscal Impact on the budget for the remaining portion of the fiscal year: \$6,523
County's Share: \$0
Fringe Benefit Cost: \$16,212
Position to be filled from civil service or preferred list: Civil service list

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, Department of Personnel, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Law and to Dr. Anthony J. Billittier, IV, Commissioner, in the Department of Health, 9th Floor, Rath Building.
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**THOMAS J. MAZUR
CHAIR**