

MARCH 5, 2009

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 3

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR MILLER-WILLIAMS.
CHAIR MARINELLI PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. INTRO 5-4 (2008)
WHYTE & GRANT: County Clinics and Hepatitis A
(4-0) Chair Marinelli not present for vote.
 - b. COMM. 13D-6 (2008)
DEPUTY COMPTROLLER - AUDIT: Letter Regarding Erie County Comptroller's Office Audit of Department of Senior Services - Client-Owned Assets Program
(4-0) Chair Marinelli not present for vote.
 - c. INTRO 14-5 (2008)
WHYTE: Senior Service Contracts with Local Non-Profit Agencies
(4-0) Chair Marinelli not present for vote.
 - d. INTRO 14-6 (2008)
WHYTE: Socialization and Recreational Opportunities for Seniors
(4-0) Chair Marinelli not present for vote.
 - e. INTRO 15-4 (2008)
WHYTE: Exploring the Link Between Illiteracy, Lead Exposure & Below Grade Level Achievement and Juvenile Delinquency, Detention and Incarceration Rates
(4-0) Chair Marinelli not present for vote.
 - f. COMM. 1E-2 (2009)
COMPTROLLER: Erie County Prescription Drug Discount Card Program
(4-0) Chair Marinelli not present for vote.
 - g. COMM. 3E-19 (2009)
MARINELLI: Letter Concerning Contingency Planning For Social Services Agency County Funding
(4-0) Chair Marinelli not present for vote.

- h. COMM. 4D-1 (2009)
COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH: Letter to Chair Marinelli Concerning Legislative Appointment to the Erie County Board of Health
(4-0) Chair Marinelli not present for vote.
 - i. COMM. 4M-2 (2009)
COLUCCI & GALLAHER, P.C.: Agenda Materials for ECMCC Board of Directors Meeting Held 1/29/09
(4-0) Chair Marinelli not present for vote.
2. COMM. 3E-11 (2009)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature has already appropriated funds for the Protective Services for Older Adults (PSA) and New York Connects programs for the period January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009; and

WHEREAS, PSA is a Title XX mandated service and is experiencing steadily increasing caseloads and the New York Connects program is entering the full implementation stage; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office for the Aging and the New York State Department of Health have collaborated statewide to create a single Point of Entry for long term care services for people of all ages, called New York Connects; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Departments of Senior Services, Social Services, and Health, along with other community stakeholders have come together to implement this program in Erie County, with the Department of Senior Services as the lead agency, and the program is in its third year of operation; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services does not currently have adequate staff to serve the approximately 80 disabled or elderly adults per month identified by the program as needing assistance to maintain themselves in the community with support and avoid costly nursing home placement; and

WHEREAS, a Senior Case Manager vacancy exists within the PSA Program and the Department of Senior Services has determined that transferring the Senior Case Manager position to New York Connects and creating a Case Manager position in PSA will maximize protective case management services to seniors in Erie County and ensure New York Connects operational objectives are accomplished; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services desires to transfer the vacant Senior Case Manager position, job group 9, from PSA to New York Connects and to create a Case Manager position, job group 7, in PSA, effective February 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, these position changes are reflected in the SAP system on B-100 Control numbers 4430 and 4438; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services projects a \$7,500 annual savings in the PSA personnel and fringe benefit lines as a result of these position changes and will be able to use existing New York Connects funding to cover the Senior Case Manager position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the vacant Senior Case Manager position be transferred from PSA to New York Connects and that a Case Manager position be created in the PSA program effective February 1, 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for New York Connects, cost center 1632080, be revised as follows:

	CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
APPROPRIATIONS			
500000 Full Time-Salaries	\$57,305	\$38,975	\$96,280
502000 Fringe Benefits	26,823	18,751	45,574
516020 Professional Services & Fees	55,226	-50,000	5,226
530000 Other Expenses	10,000	<u>-7,726</u>	2,274
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		<u>\$0</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 Departments of Personnel and Senior Services.
(4-0) Chair Marinelli not present for vote.

3. COMM. 4E-10 (2009)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature has already appropriated funds for the Community Services for the Elderly (CSE) grant for the period April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Department regularly compares grant budgets with actual costs throughout the grant period; and

WHEREAS, the Department desires to allocate \$10,000 of CSE funds to the cluster agencies providing transportation services to cover the higher operating costs and to allocate \$49,000 as a one-time salary adjustment for Cluster agency case managers and project coordinators providing valuable case management services to seniors; and

WHEREAS, the Department has identified funds that will not be spent as originally appropriated due to charge backs to other grants and cluster agency vacancies; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office for Aging (NYSOFA) issued a Technical Assistance Memorandum describing fiscal options available to local area agencies on aging to provide flexibility to deal with upcoming state fiscal cutbacks; and

WHEREAS, the Department identified at least \$55,000 in various III-B grant employees' salary, fringe benefits and local mileage costs that are allowable costs to transfer into the CSE grant for the last quarter of the grant period, January 1, 2009 to March 31, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the contracts with the cluster agencies need to be amended by the amounts indicated herein; and

WHEREAS, the CSE grant budget is in need of revision; and

WHEREAS, there is no impact on County funds appropriated for the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to amend the contracts with the cluster agencies as detailed herein; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a portion of various Title III-B employees' salaries, fringe benefits and mileage costs that are allowable in the CSE grant be charged to the CSE grant for the last quarter of the grant period, January 1, 2009 to March 31, 2009, up to remaining CSE funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the CSE grant, 163CSE0809, be revised as follows:

	CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
APPROPRIATIONS			
500000 Full Time Salaries	\$224,420	-\$10,200	\$214,220
500010 Part Time Wages	\$8,941	-\$4,000	4,941
502000 Fringe Benefits	\$99,297	-\$15,000	84,297
516010 Contractual Services	\$59,000	-\$59,000	0
516010 Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Ctrs.	102,218	1,750	103,968
516010 Community Concern of WNY, Inc.	55,912	4,375	60,287
516010 Concerned Ecumenical Ministry	34,275	7,875	42,150
516010 Hispanics United of Buffalo	19,000	2,000	21,000
516010 Lt. Col. Matt Urban Center	156,098	16,750	172,848
516010 North Buffalo Community Center	35,014	3,500	38,514
516010 Northwest Buffalo Community Center	81,134	3,500	84,634
516010 Schiller Park Community Services	178,325	2,950	181,275
516010 South Buffalo Community Devel. Corp.	109,251	-17,000	92,251
916390 ID Senior Services Services	-49,191	55,000	5,809
980000 ID DISS Services	10,890	7,500	18,390
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		<u>\$0</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, the Department of Law and the Department of Senior Services.

(4-0) Chair Marinelli not present for vote.

4. COMM. 4E-13 (2009)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Youth Bureau recently received notice of the third year of an award in the amount of \$169,800 from the New York State Department of Labor for a program entitled "A Partnership for Youth;" and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used to fund community agencies providing services including tutoring, alternative secondary services, summer employment opportunities linked to academic and occupational skills training, and leadership development activities to at-risk youth for the period October 1, 2008 – September 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, these funds will enable the Youth Bureau to plan, administer and support special delinquency prevention programs in the community to youth under the age of twenty-one (21) who are at risk of entering the criminal justice system and link youth to academic and occupational skills training; and

WHEREAS, initial contracts were awarded subsequent to a Request for Proposals (RFP), and this current funding award is a continuation of funding to specific providers based on State and local assessment of compliance and performance; and

WHEREAS, no additional County funds are required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Social Services is hereby authorized to execute contracts with providers in the specified dollar amounts for this program; and be it further

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

Youth Bureau, Fund Center 12530, Fund 110

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
516010	A Partnership for Youth	(\$169,800)
516010	Be-A-Friend	49,400
516010	Northwest Buffalo Community Center	26,500
516010	Catholic Charities	49,400
516010	Buffalo Public Schools - Father Belle Center	<u>44,500</u>
	Total Expenditure	<u>\$-0-</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Department of Social Services, the Youth Bureau, the Erie County Comptroller's Office and the Division of Budget and Management.

(4-0) Chair Marinelli not present for vote.

5. COMM. 4E-24 (2009)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services is required to maintain records related to the administration of the Community Alternative Systems Agency (CASA) program; and

WHEREAS, these records are maintained in Q Software and are critical to the Department's day to day operations; and

WHEREAS, Charles H. Mack, Inc. designed and developed Q Software and is the sole source of needed maintenance and support; and

WHEREAS, there is no fiscal impact to this resolution as \$50,400 in unassigned and 100% reimbursed funds intended for this purpose in account 516030 in the 2009 Adopted Budget are being earmarked to Charles H. Mack, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive and/or the Commissioner of Social Services are hereby authorized to execute necessary contracts with Charles H. Mack, Inc. for Q software; and be it further

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

(4-0) Chair Marinelli not present for vote.

**THOMAS J. MAZUR
CHAIR**