

April 22, 2021

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 5

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR BASKIN PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
  - a. INTRO. 6-4 (2021)  
**GREENE**: “Calling for the ECDoH to Reduce the Six Foot Distancing Guidelines to Help Get Students Back in School”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - b. COMM. 6M-7 (2021)  
**WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION**: “A How-To-Guide for Physical Distancing”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - c. COMM. 6M-8 (2021)  
**INFECTIOUS DISEASES SOCIETY OF AMERICA**: “Information Regarding Metrics of Physical Distancing”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - d. INTRO. 8-5 (2021)  
**GILMOUR**: “Expressing Support for the Re-Examination of Social Distancing Guidelines in Schools by NYS”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - e. COMM. 8E-12 (2021)  
**COMPTROLLER**: “Letter to Commissioner of Social Services Regarding COMM. 3E-9 (2021)”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - f. COMM. 8D-1 (2021)  
**COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH**: “Updated Nursing Home Outbreak Information - 3/20/2021”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - g. COMM. 8D-3 (2021)  
**DIRECTOR OF BUDGET & MANAGEMENT**: “Notification of New COVID-19 Related Contracts”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

- h. COMM. 8D-5 (2021)  
**COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES**: “Child Protective Caseloads for 02/2021”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
- i. COMM. 8D-6 (2021)  
**COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH**: “Updated Nursing Home Outbreak Information - 3/27/2021”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
- j. COMM. 8D-7 (2021)  
**DIRECTOR OF BUDGET & MANAGEMENT**: “Notification of New COVID-19 Related Contracts”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
- k. COMM. 8D-9 (2021)  
**DEPARTMENT OF LAW**: “Local Emergency Order Extensions”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
- l. COMM. 8M-5 (2021)  
**ECCSAB**: “Letter to Governor Urging Prioritization of Incarcerated People for COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
- m. COMM. 8M-6 (2021)  
**NYS ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**: “Report Titled, "Nursing Home Response to COVID-19 Pandemic"”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
- n. COMM. 8M-14 (2021)  
**ECMCC**: “2020 Annual Report of ECMCC”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
2. COMM. 8E-34 (2021)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**  
WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services continually looks to enhance services to help seniors remain in their homes longer; and  
  
WHEREAS, the Department wishes to reduce long-term care costs by providing services to reduce or delay long-term admissions to facilities; and  
  
WHEREAS, providing Home Care is a cost-effective manner to provide service; and

WHEREAS, the Department desires to continue to offer Home Care Services to eligible residents in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the Department, through an RFP process, selected Ciambella Home Care Inc, d/b/a First Light Home Care, and JTT Business Solutions, d/b/a Happier at Home to provide services to the clients of the Department; and

WHEREAS, the Department now desires to extend contracts with Ciambella Home Care Inc, d/b/a First Light Home Care, and JTT Business Solutions, d/b/a Happier at Home for a one-year period of April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022, which at the sole discretion of the County may be extended beyond the initial term for up to two one-year periods; and

WHEREAS, no additional County funds are required as budgetary appropriations for aggregate home care expenditures are available in the Department's Home Care Services account (#516026) in the 163EISEP2122, 163III-E2021, 163ADCSI2021 and 163UNMETNEED2122 Grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to extend contracts with Ciambella Home Care Inc, d/b/a First Light Home Care, and JTT Business Solutions, d/b/a Happier at Home to provide Home Care Services for the Department of Senior Services during the April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 period, which at the sole discretion of the County may be extended beyond the initial term for up to two, one-year periods; and be it further

RESOLVED, that existing aggregate Home Care Services account (#516026) appropriations in the 163EISEP2122, 163III-E2021, 163ADCSI2021 and 163UNMETNEED2122 grants be utilized to pay for the Home Care Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, and if necessary the County Executive is hereby authorized to execute amendments to the contract to effectuate adjusted 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, and the Department of Senior Services.

(5-0) Chair Baskin not present for vote.

**LISA M. CHIMERA  
CHAIR**