

July 18, 2019

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 11

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR BASKIN PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following item is hereby received and filed:

a. COMM. 14D-2 (2019)  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES:** “CPS Statistical Report for May 2019”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

2. COMM. 13E-10 (2019)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health Division of Services of Children with Special Needs is responsible for the operation of Preschool and Early Intervention Programs; and

WHEREAS, through the Pre-School Program for three and four year old children specialized education and therapeutic services are provided to children with special needs; and

WHEREAS, the Preschool Program serves over 2,000 children every year; and

WHEREAS, Erie County is required to contract with any New York State Education Department approved service agency that a child has been referred to by local school districts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to enter into contract with Buffalo Public Schools for Section 4410 Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Law and to Dr. Gale R. Burstein, Commissioner in the Erie County Health Department, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Rath Building.  
(6-0)

3. INTRO. 14-1 (2019)

**MEYERS**

WHEREAS, nearly four million gallons of leftover paint are generated annually in New York State; and

WHEREAS, most leftover paint is currently disposed of in the garbage, despite the efforts of local governments to foster and support environmentally-friendly recycling and disposal; and

WHEREAS, local governments spend millions of dollars annually to collect and manage a small fraction of unwanted paint through household hazardous waste collection programs; and

WHEREAS, eight states and Washington, DC have passed their own paint stewardship laws which are estimated to have saved taxpayers over \$69 million, created over 200 jobs, and led to the recycling of over 17 million gallons of high-quality paint; and

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in the New York State Assembly (Bill A.6373 and Senate (Bill S.4351, sponsored by State Senator Timothy Kennedy) that would amend the state’s environmental conservation law in order to establish a post-consumer paint collection program; and

WHEREAS, the Senate has passed the legislation and the bill is awaiting Assembly action; and

WHEREAS, the bill would establish a Post-Consumer Paint Collection Program to manage leftover household paint, with all architectural paint manufacturers selling in New York being required to fund the program through a cost-based, independently audited assessment added to their current price of paint which would reduce local and state government costs, increase resident convenience, and create new jobs in recycling and manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, the bill has drawn the support of a range of environmental advocacy organizations, paint industry representatives, and municipal agencies, as well as the New York State Association of Counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature expresses its support for Assembly Bill A.6373, and urges the New York State Assembly to expeditiously approve the legislation in the best interests of consumers and the environment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, New York State Assembly, New York State Senate, Sierra Club, The Product Stewardship Institute, the American Coatings Association, and to the New York State Association of Counties.

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

4. COMM. 15E-11 (2019)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Governor included, and the State Legislature approved, an additional \$15 million dollars in funding for the New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) in the State's 2019-20 budget; and

WHEREAS, the additional monies are to increase services for eligible older adults, served by County Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), whose needs have been previously unmet due to the lack of available funding; and

WHEREAS, NYSOFA has now awarded \$766,247 in Unmet Need grant funding to the Erie County Department of Senior Services, for the period April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, no additional County funds are required to secure this new grant, as it is 100% funded by NYSOFA; and

WHEREAS, the Department plans on utilizing these funds to provide homecare, transportation and home delivered meal services to eligible older adults; and

WHEREAS, to address the additional workload necessitated by this new grant, the Department proposes to restructure staffing and transfer two employees from the CSE1920 grant to this new grant, Case Manager Senior Services position #873 and Community Resource Technician – Senior Services position #51012748, and utilize the budgeted payroll savings in the CSE1920 grant to increase funding for the Department's case management subcontract agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Unmet Need 1920 grant budget needs to be created and the 163CSE1920 grant budget now needs to be amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to accept the NYSOFA Unmet Need grant funding for the period April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020; and be it further

RESOLVED, effective April 1, 2019, as reflected on B100 #11471 Case Manager Senior Services position # 873 be transferred from the 163CSE1920 grant to the 163Unmetneed1920 grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, effective April 1, 2019, as reflected on B100 #11471 Community Resource Technician – Senior Services position # 51012748 be transferred from the 163CSE1920 grant to the 163Unmetneed1920 grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Unmet Need Grant for the period April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020 (163UNMETNEED1920) be established as follows:

REVENUES		INITIAL BUDGET
Account	Description	
409000	State Aid Revenues	\$766,247
417000	Contributions-Participant	2,500
419630	EISEP Cost Sharing	<u>21,000</u>
	TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$789,747</u>

APPROPRIATIONS		INITIAL BUDGET
Account	Description	
500000	Full-Time Salaries	\$ 81,924
502000	Fringe Benefits	55,929
505000	Office Supplies	500
510000	Local Mileage Reimbursement	2,300
510200	Training & Education	500
516020	Professional Services & Fees	75,000
516026	Home Care Services	518,995
516027	Meal Preparation	50,000
530000	Other Expenses	500
561410	Lab & Tech Equipment	1,000
980000	ID DISS Services	<u>3,099</u>
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$789,747</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the 163CSE1920 be amended as follows:

		CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>				
500000	Full-Time Salaries	\$525,933	(\$81,924)	\$444,009
502000	Fringe Benefits	320,196	(55,929)	264,267
516020	Professional Services Contracts and Fees	128,868	110,746	239,614
916390	ID Senior Services Grants	(46,607)	30,206	(16,401)
980000	ID DISS Services	\$21,978	(3,099)	\$18,879
	Net change		\$0	

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 grantor awards; 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 Senior Services. (6-0)

5. COMM. 15E-16 (2019)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services has experienced a budget shortfall in Account 510100 Out of Area Travel; and

WHEREAS, this account is primarily used to fund civil service employee travel expenses incurred while traveling for mandated orientation and training; and

WHEREAS, out-of-area expenses is now and will continue to be higher than in the past because OCFS is now requiring all counties to send employees for training at their new Human Services Training Center in East Greenbush, New York; and

WHEREAS, this required training has significantly increase the number of nights trainees will have to stay at a hotel in the Albany area; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services has already taken steps to mitigate the increased costs, such as reducing the number of staff attending conferences and non-mandatory training; and

WHEREAS, approximately an addition \$60,000 is needed in Out of Area Travel to have adequate funds to send employees to training; and

WHEREAS, there is no 2019 fiscal impact to this resolution as funds are available to transfer from the Professional Service Contracts and Fees account.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments are hereby authorized in the 2019 Adopted Budget:

Department of Social Services  
Department 120 - Fund 110

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</u>
510100	Out of Area Travel	\$60,000
516020	Professional Svs Contracts	(60,000)
	Total Expenditure	<u>-0-</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, the Commissioner of Social Services, the Erie County Comptroller, and the Director of the Division of Budget and Management. (6-0)

6. COMM. 15E-17 (2019)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, Erie County is required to track Medicaid eligibility for children in care and bill for services received by the child appropriately; and

WHEREAS, Fidelity EHR is the software being used to support the High Fidelity Wraparound program that the Department is employing as part of its process of coming into compliance with the Families First legislation; and

WHEREAS, enhancements to the Fidelity EHR system is required to allow for tracking and to prevent services be obtained without an allowable funding source to pay for the services; and

WHEREAS, because this is an enhancement to software already in use in Erie County, the Department is requesting the Legislature waive the request-for-proposal requirement from Community Connections of New York, the organization who provides to the software to the County; and

WHEREAS, Community Connections of New York is a nonprofit organization that specializes in software development, program evaluation and quality improvement for local nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services has adequate funds to pay for this enhancement in its preventive and protective services budget line.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to enter into contract with Community Connections of New York for an amount not to exceed \$32,025 for enhancements to the Fidelity EHR system; and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Administrative Code requirement in section 19.08 Request for Proposals (RFP) is hereby waived as Community Connections of New York, Inc. is the sole source provider of this service, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Department of Social Services.  
(6-0)

7. **COMM. 15E-19 (2019)**  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services is required to conduct an interview with applicants to the SNAP program at point of application and during recertification to verify eligibility for the program; and

WHEREAS, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program would like to change its call center structure from a scheduled, out-bound system to an intake, on-demand system; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature approved the acceptance of \$899,264 from a SNAP High Performance Bonus Award to the Erie County Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, these funds could be used for technology enhancements to create an on-demand call center; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services issued a request-for-proposal and Advocate Solutions scored the highest; and

WHEREAS, Advocate Solutions has implemented a similar solution for SNAP call centers in Ohio.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to issue a contract with Advocate Solutions to build a solution for the SNAP call center for \$579,056; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments are hereby authorized in the 2019 Adopted Budget:

Department of Social Services Department 120 - Fund 110		
<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</u>
561410	Lab & Technical Equipment	<u>(\$579,056)</u>
516020	Professional Svs Contracts	<u>\$579,056</u>
	Total Expenditure	<u>-0-</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Information and Support Services, and the Department of Social Services.  
(6-0)

8. **COMM. 15E-20 (2019)**  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services has been awarded a \$100,000 grant in SNAP Education & Training funds from the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance to support employment services for limited English proficient individuals; and

WHEREAS, similar programming is currently available to native English and Spanish speakers but have not expanded this program to other languages due to resource constraints; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services issued a request for proposal for this program and the only response was a joint proposal from Catholic Charities and the International Institute; and

WHEREAS, the response included a \$100,000 match which will be funded by Catholic Charities and the International Institute; and

WHEREAS, this program would allow the Department to refer limited English proficient cash assistance clients as a way to receive job readiness training; and

WHEREAS, this job readiness program would help participants improve job interviewing skills, reinforce appropriate workplace behaviors and promote the benefits of work; and

WHEREAS, this program will reduce the number of work requirement exemptions for cash grant, helping reinforce the Department's work first philosophy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Social Services and/or the County Executive are hereby authorized to enter into contract with Catholic Charities for an amount not to exceed \$100,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments are hereby authorized in the 2019 Adopted Budget:

Department of Social Services  
Department 120 - Fund 110

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
516430	Catholic Charities	<u>\$100,000</u>
	Total Expenditures	<u>\$100,000</u>
410120	SNAP E&T 100%	<u>\$100,000</u>
	Total Revenues	<u>\$100,000</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to make any further budget adjustments required for this program in order to comply with final New York State approved allocations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, the Commissioner of Social Services, the Erie County Comptroller, and the Director of the Division of Budget and Management.  
(6-0)

9. COMM. 15E-39 (2019)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, Special Investigations Division investigates welfare fraud and works aggressively to recover funds wherever possible to reduce the cost of assistance programs for Erie County taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Special Investigation Division does not have a centralized system to track its investigations and collections operations, relying on a system of standalone Access databases and paper; and

WHEREAS, a centralized tracking system will allow the Division to run more efficiently and put in more management controls in place; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services issues RFP# 1901VF for Software Development for the Special Investigations Division in January of 2019; and

WHEREAS, Gateway Consulting Group, a company from East Amherst, New York, that specializes in business process automation, scored the highest among the three respondents; and

WHEREAS, contracting with Gateway Consulting Group, Inc. will enable greater levels of accountability and coordination in the Special Investigations Division.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to issue a contract with Gateway Consulting Group to build a custom tracking system for SID; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller's Office be authorized to make payments to Gateway Consulting Group from SAP Project A.00253, for an amount not to exceed \$70,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Information and Support Services, and the Department of Social Services.  
(6-0)

10. COMM. 15E-40 (2019)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services (DSS) utilizes mobile tablets for its Child Protective Services workforce, and wants similar functionality for its Children Services and Adult Protective Services workers; and

WHEREAS, a competitive Request-for-Proposal (RFP) was issued in 2017 to develop a custom solution that integrates mobile and desktop components which will allow workers to develop, create, access and update case files; and

WHEREAS, Diona (US) Inc. was the deemed the best proposal in that process; and

WHEREAS, DSS considered the need for future expansion as part of that process, with a goal for expanding the software to Children Services and Adult Protective Services; and

WHEREAS, Children Services and Adult Protective Services work is functionally similar to Child Protective Services work as employees spend the majority of their time in the field taking notes, filling out forms, and photographing evidence – which is what the software assists with; and

WHEREAS, Diona (US) Inc. is the only entity that can sell its software and customize the software to meet the needs of the purchaser; and

WHEREAS, DSS has no interest in using different software for Children Services and Adult Protective Services because it would take significant man-hours to provide support to another solution; and

WHEREAS, the application will include the ability to scan and photograph, provide short-term storage and retrieval of all necessary documents used in Children Services and Adult Protective Services intake and ongoing operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to issue a contract to Diona (US) Inc. to develop custom mobile and desktop software for Children Services and Adult Protective Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller's Office be authorized to make payments to Diona (US) Inc. from SAP Project A.19029, for an amount not to exceed \$460,915; and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Administrative Code requirement in section 19.08 Request for Proposals (RFP) is hereby waived as Diona is the sole source provider of this service; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, the Office of the Comptroller and the Department of Social Services.

(6-0)

11. COMM. 15E-41 (2019)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, On April 29, 2015, New York State released Blueprint to End AIDS, which contained the statewide task force's recommended strategies to end the AIDS epidemic in New York State by reducing the number of annual new HIV infections to 750 by the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, the third point outlined in this plan is to provide access to PrEP as part of a strategy to prevent HIV infection among individuals at high risk; and

WHEREAS, by including access to PrEP as a major element in this initiative, New York State emphasizes the importance of PrEP as a safe and effective method to prevent HIV infection, demonstrating the use of PrEP as a strategy that should be adopted by all interested in ending the epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health has received funding for and operated a program to encourage individuals at high risk of contracting HIV to take PrEP since 2016; and

WHEREAS, in the New York State Department of Health has released additional funding to enhance the Erie County Department of Health's PrEP grant program by providing intensive medical case management; and

WHEREAS, these grant enhancements are 100% funded by the New York State Department of Health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Department of Health is authorized to receive a grant enhancement award to be budgeted as follows:

“Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)”  
 127HIVPREP1920  
 April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020

SAP	REVENUE	BUDGET		
		Original	Additional	Final
409000	State Aid	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$300,000</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$300,000</u>
SAP	EXPENSES	BUDGET		
		Original	Additional	Final
500000	Full Time Salaries	\$108,152	\$ 35,060	\$143,212
500350	Other Employee Payments	1,366	0	1,366
502000	Fringe Benefits	79,450	36,267	115,717
505000	Office Supplies	0	600	600
505800	Medical & Health Supplies	20,000	5,395	25,395
510000	Local Mileage	0	500	500
510100	Out of Area Travel	0	3,000	3,000
516020	Pro Ser Cnt and Fees	24,824	(4,980)	19,844
530000	Other Expenses	11,044	(3,583)	7,461
561410	Lab & Tech Equipment	0	1,200	1,200
912700	ID Health Services	6,610	23,390	30,000
912790	ID Health Grant Srv	(51,446)	2,671	(48,775)
980000	DISS Charges	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 480</u>	<u>\$ 480</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$300,000</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the creation of one position of Public Health Nurse, JG 9 (B100 11442), in the NYSNA bargaining unit; 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 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, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Rath Building.  
 (6-0)

12. COMM. 15E-44 (2019)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services just completed a move from 478 Main Street to the Appletree Business Park; and

WHEREAS, to make the workplace safe for Social Services employees, the Department desired security enhancements greater than what was covered in the lease, such as security cameras and swipe card access; and

WHEREAS, the costs for security enhancements for swipe card readers and cameras needed at the Appletree Business Park were higher than expected; and

WHEREAS, to move these projects ahead and provide a safe environment for employees moving to the facility, these expenses were paid using money originally budgeted for needed upgrades to technological equipment from the Lab & Technology Equipment budget line (Account 561410); and

WHEREAS, the Lab & Technology Equipment budget line is used by the Department of Social Services for needed technical equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Department budgeted for and anticipated a need for new equipment due to the upgrade from Windows 7 to Windows 10; and

WHEREAS, some equipment currently used by the Department will need to be replaced due to this upgrade; and

WHEREAS, with the required move from Windows 7 to Windows 10, the Department cannot defer upgrades to technological equipment and has a need for the money originally budgeted in 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby approve the transfer of \$180,587 from account 502000 Fringe Benefits to account 561410 Lab & Technical Equipment Account 561410 in the Department of Social Services; 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 Social Services.

(6-0)

**JOHN BRUSO**  
**CHAIR**