

May 2, 2019

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 8

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR BASKIN PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
  - a. COMM. 16E-33 (2018)  
**MILLER-WILLIAMS:** “Communications Regarding Sherman L. Walker Community Center at 608 William St.”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - b. COMM. 4E-4 (2019)  
**LORIGO & DIXON:** “Letter to Chair of Health & Human Services Committee - Important Topics to Discuss in Committee”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - c. COMM. 5D-7 (2019)  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES:** “CPS Statistical Report – February 2019”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - d. COMM. 7E-7 (2019)  
**COMPTROLLER:** “Letter to Social Services Commissioner Regarding Audit of Hotels Used by DSS”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - e. COMM. 8M-5 (2019)  
**EC BOARD OF HEALTH:** “Meeting Minutes for Meeting Held on January 15, 2019”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
2. COMM. 8E-8 (2019)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**  
WHEREAS, the Erie County Cancer Services Program Provides free cancer screening for uninsured and under-insured individuals in Erie county; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Cancers Services Program connects individuals with cancer who have no insurance or poor insurance to the New York State Cancer Insurance program; and

WHEREAS, 85 West Communications will be contracted by the Cancer Services Program for the provision of program services through September 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, 85 West Communications was recommended by other healthcare entities as having a health promotion focused background; and

WHEREAS, the provision of program promotion services is based upon assigned rates from multiple grant funding sources for the Cancer Services Program (CSP) of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the funds necessary to cover the costs of this contract are available through the professional services accounts in the Cancer Services and Susan G. Komen for the Cure-Upstate grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into contract with 85 West Communications for the provision of professional public relations, program promotion and media relation services in the amount of \$3,000 for the period February 1, 2019 through September 30, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, that funds necessary to cover the costs of this contract are available through the professional services accounts of the following grants and their future grant years: 127PARTPREV1819 and 127KOMEN1819; and be it further

RESOLVED, that is contract is under the RFP threshold; 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 Law and to Dr. Gale R. Burstein, Commissioner, in the Erie County Department of Health, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Rath Building.  
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3. COMM. 8E-9 (2019)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**  
WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health has declared opioid addiction a public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, neo-natal abstinence syndrome is one of the most profound consequences of the opioid epidemic, causing newborn babies to be born addicted to opioids; and

WHEREAS, SBIRT training is a nationally recognized, evidence based process to screen for and intervene to assist individuals with opioid use disorder; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health has been funded to provide SBRIT training to local OB/GYN office; and

WHEREAS, OB/GYN Associates of WNY has three offices in Erie County and is a willing participant in this important grant program; and

WHEREAS, there is no county cost to adding an additional OB/GYN offices to the existing federally funded grant program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to enter into contract with OB/GYN Associates of WNY; and be it further

RESOLVED; that the length of this contract shall begin on May 1, 2019 and expire on April 30, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this Resolution to the County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, 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.  
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4. COMM. 8E-10 (2019)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services previously contracted with Diona (US) Inc. to develop a custom solution that integrates mobile and desktop components which will allow Child Protective Services (CPS) staff to develop, create, access and update case files; and

WHEREAS, the software developed by Diona (US) Inc. has been deployed and Department of Social Services and Division of Information and Support Services staff support the software on day-to-day issues; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services entered into an agreement with Diona (US) Inc. to provide high-level support for the software; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services and Division of Information and Support Services do not have the technical expertise to make significant changes to the software and rely on support from Diona (US) Inc. to make those changes; and

WHEREAS, because Diona (US) Inc. has developed the software and customized it for the Department of Social Services, it is the best vendor to provide ongoing support; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services is very satisfied with the support provided to it by Diona (US) Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services has negotiated an agreement for Diona (US) Inc. to provide twelve months (240 hours of support) of offsite support and two 2 consecutive weeks of onsite support \$31,400.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Diona (US) Inc. to provide twelve months (240 hours of support) of offsite support and two 2 consecutive weeks of onsite support \$31,400; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the funding is available in account 516020, professional services, of the Department of Social Services (Fund Center 120); 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, the Department of Social Services, and the Division of Information and Support Services.  
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5. COMM. 8E-11 (2019)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to 18 NYCRR §304.2, Erie County Department of Social Services was required to submit a Homeless Services Plan.; and

WHEREAS, was required to work with Homeless Alliance of Western New York (HAWNY), the local Continuum of Care and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) administrator, on the plan to coordinate services and meet regulatory requirements; and

WHEREAS, in order to improve Homeless Services Plans across the State, New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) provided a one-time \$45,000 incentive to districts; and

WHEREAS, this incentive can only be used to support districts connect to HMIS and other administrative actions related to their Homeless Service Plan; and

WHEREAS, HMIS is a local information technology system used to collect client-level data and data on the provision of housing and services to homeless individuals and families and persons at risk of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, nearly all homeless providers in Erie County use HMIS; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services is able to acquire ten licenses to HMIS for five years from HAWNY at a cost of \$500 per license per year; and

WHEREAS, HAWNY is willing to develop new reports on HAWNY needed to monitor performance at a cost of \$2,500; and

WHEREAS, HMIS allows housing and service providers to enter client and services information into a secure web-based database; and

WHEREAS, HMIS is an important tool to capture the extent of homelessness as well as the demographic characteristics of persons who are either homeless or at risk of becoming homeless; and

WHEREAS, there are no new or additional requirements as a result of accepting these funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

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

Department of Social Services, Fund 110, Department 120

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE
530000	Other Expenses	<u>\$27,500</u>
	Total Expenditures	<u>\$27,500</u>
409000	State Aid	<u>\$27,500</u>
	Total Revenues	<u>\$27,500</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 the Department of Social Services is authorized to pre-pay HAWNY for ten licenses to HMIS for five years; and be it further

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

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6. COMM. 8E-12 (2019)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services' various grants have available Home Care Services appropriations for the period January 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the fourteen Home Care agencies the Department currently contracts with are not always able to meet the demands for services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services has identified an additional Home Care agency, Community Concern of WNY, Inc., willing and capable to provide services to seniors residing throughout the county under the Department's Home Care Services program; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services desires to contract with Community Concern of WNY, Inc. to provide Home Care services, under the Department's Home Care Services program for the period January 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Community Concern of WNY, Inc. to provide home care services to individuals referred by the Department of Senior Services' case management staff for the period January 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020; 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, Department of Law and the Department of Senior Services.

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**JOHN BRUSO**  
**CHAIR**