

July 20, 2017

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 12

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.
CHAIR MILLS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. COMM. 13E-31 (2017)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health Division of Services of Children with Special Needs is responsible for the operation of Pre-School 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 Pre-School Program serves of 2,000 children every year; and

WHEREAS, some children require additional specialized nursing care while participating in the Pre-School Program, which must be contracted through Erie County per New York State law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to enter into contract and amendments to that contract with PSA HealthCare; and

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, 9th Floor, Rath Building.
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2. COMM. 13E-32 (2017)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, as part of their efforts to support the Erie County Opioid Epidemic Task Force, members of the Family and Support Workgroup wish to ; and

WHEREAS, in order to accept the funds for the Erie County Department of Health, legislative authorization is required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Department of Health is authorized to receive \$200.00 from the family of Susan Kziasek, and is authorized to receive any future donated funds from other entities, organizations or individuals, for the purpose of providing services to the Erie County Department of Health; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary adjustments to the 2017 Budget are hereby authorized:

		Fund 110 – 2017 Budget 12700 – Health Division
Revenue		Increase
467000	Miscellaneous Departmental Income	\$200.00
Expense		Increase
505000	Office Supplies	\$200.00

; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Division of Budget and Management, and Department of Health are hereby authorized to accept and make any necessary budgetary adjustments for these and any future donated funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, that future donated funds will be placed into the Erie County Department of Health’s Fund Center 127000, Account505000; and

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the County Executive, Division of Budget and Management, Department of Health, and the County Comptroller.
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3. COMM. 13E-34 (2017)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services is departing from its traditional approach of contracting individually with colleges and universities for the Employee Education and Training Program and recommending a new model that utilizes one provider to coordinate the degree and in-service training programs; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the RFP bidding process, the Research Foundation of SUNY on behalf of SUNY Empire State College submitted the only bid for the new model which would provide for overall coordination and training for the Erie County Department of Social Services Employee Education and Training Program; and

WHEREAS, this new model reduces administrative expenses by more than \$180,000 while providing the same level of degree programs for employees and increasing the availability of funding for in-service training; and

WHEREAS, this contract will enable employees of the Department of Social Services to upgrade their professional knowledge and skills thereby benefiting departmental operations; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services must have Legislative approval to enter into contract; and

WHEREAS, there is no fiscal impact to the 2017 Adopted Budget based on this resolution and no additional County local share funds are necessary because the existing appropriation in account 516040, DSS Training and Education, is sufficient to cover the cost of entering into contract for 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive and/or the Commissioner of Social Services are hereby authorized to enter into contract with the Research Foundation of SUNY on behalf of SUNY Empire State College, to provide educational and training services for the Erie County Department of Social Services Employee Education and Training Program as specified below:

Educational Institution	Period	Gross Contract	Institution's Contribution	Amount to be Paid
Empire State College Research Foundation (Bachelor's/Associates Degrees in Business/Community and Human Services to reimburse appropriate local degree programs and provide in-service training to DSS employees)	8/1/2017–8/31/2018	\$2,159,088	\$647,726	\$1,511,362

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.
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4. COMM. 13E-39 (2017)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS New York State Public Health Law Article VI encourages local health departments to seek reimbursement for services rendered to individuals with health insurance; and

WHEREAS, United Healthcare is a health care insurance provider which offers government-sponsored manage care services, primarily through Medicaid, Medicare Advantage, and Medicare Prescription Drug Plans to families, children, seniors, and individual adults; and

WHEREAS, by entering into a contract with United Healthcare the Erie County Department of Health will be able to bill for services rendered to individuals with United Healthcare health insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to authorize the County Executive to enter into contract with United Healthcare beginning on January 1st 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to enter into contract and amendments to that contract with United Healthcare beginning January 1, 2017; and

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, 9th Floor, Rath Building.
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**LYNNE M. DIXON
CHAIR**