

February 5, 2015

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 2

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 26E-27 (2014)
GRANT: “County Dental Network Card Program”
(5-0)
 - b. COMM. 1E-9 (2015)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: “Appointment of Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health”
(5-0)
 - c. COMM. 2E-28 (2015)
MILLER-WILLIAMS: “Roswell Park Cancer Institute Memorandum of Support of E-Cigarette Legislation”
(5-0)
2. INTRO. 26-5 (2014)
DIXON, RATH, LORIGO, MORTON, MILLS & HARDWICK
WHEREAS, for three days this year, November 18th, 19th, and 20th, many parts of Erie County were hit with record levels of snow fall; and

WHEREAS, in the past few weeks the news has been full of stories about emergency services personnel helping individuals with chronic conditions that require frequent medical treatments like kidney failure requiring dialysis; and

WHEREAS, while these dedicated men and women should be congratulated we need to use this disaster as a learning experience to help better prepare for future events of similar magnitude; and

WHEREAS, even with the efforts of our excellent service personnel many in our community with life threatening chronic conditions went without treatment, during the period that Winter Storm Knife ravaged parts of our region, in large part because no one knew they needed assistance; and

WHEREAS, a voluntary database containing the name, address, and condition of Erie County residents with chronic conditions that might require specialized medical assistance during a situation that cripples their ability to go and seek help and prevents most others from coming to them, as the last winter event did.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature hereby directs the Departments of Health, Emergency Services, and Central Police Services to work together to create and maintain a database, for use in emergency situations, containing the name, address, and condition of county residents who might be in need of medical treatment at a time where they are under County orders not to leave their residence; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said list must remain within all applicable personal privacy laws; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Commissioner of the Erie County Health Department, the director of Emergency Services, the Commissioner of Central Police Services and all parties deemed necessary and proper.
(5-0)

LYNNE M. DIXON
CHAIR