

May 5, 2016

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 7

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR MILLS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. COMM. 8E-15 (2016)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, group respite programs provide a safe, supervised, entertaining environment for memory impaired adults, thereby allowing their family caregivers temporary relief; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services is working to cost efficiently expand services for frail older adults in Erie County by partnering with faith-based and other local senior organizations to provide group respite programs; and

WHEREAS, partner institutions need assistance in setting up these programs; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services desires to extend the contract, previously approved in 6/25/15 COMM. 12E-13 with consultant, Ms. Lisa Rood, for the period April 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$5,000 to assist with the creation of additional group respite programs; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services has identified four additional area churches, Williamsville United Methodist Church, Kenmore United Methodist Church, Primera Iglesias Metodista Unida de Buffalo, and South Park United Methodist Church, as well as the Clarence Senior Center as interested in beginning this initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Department plans on providing each of the identified entities with a one time payment of \$1,000 to cover program start up expenses; and

WHEREAS, budgetary appropriations are available in the 163III-E2016 grant's Professional Services Contracts and Fees account to fund the contracts with the consultant and churches.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to extend the previously approved consultant contract with Lisa Rood, for the period April 1, 2016 through December, 31, 2016, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000 to assist with the expansion of the group respite program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to enter into contracts, not to exceed \$1,000 each, with Williamsville United Methodist Church, Kenmore United Methodist Church, Primera Iglesias Metodista Unida de Buffalo, South Park United Methodist Church, and the Clarence Senior Center, to begin group respite programs; and be it further

RESOLVED, that budgetary appropriations in the 163III-E2016 grant's Professional Services Contracts and Fees account be utilized to fund the contracts with the consultant and group respite providers; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, the County Attorney, the Division of Budget and Management, the Comptroller's Office, and the Department of Senior Services.

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2. COMM. 8E-16 (2016)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) has recently awarded the Department of Senior Services \$31,930 of Medicare Improvements for Patients and Provider Act (MIPPA) grant funds for the period September 30, 2015 through September 29, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the funds are to be utilized for the purpose of enhancing the Department's outreach efforts to beneficiaries on Medicare Part D, particularly those on limited incomes or living in rural areas of the County, as well as informing, all Medicare beneficiaries about Medicare prevention and wellness benefits; and

WHEREAS, the grant is 100% federally funded and does not require a local share; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services desires to contract, at a cost not to exceed \$7,500, with the University at Buffalo's Institute on Innovative Aging Policy and Practice, to identify and implement new strategies for improving public education and outreach; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated spending of up to \$3,000 on translation services; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated spending of up to \$12,000 for direct mailing and postage; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated spending of up to \$9,430 for advertisement to promote outreach events.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with NYSOFA to accept the MIPPA funding for the period September 30, 2015 to September 29, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to contract with the University at Buffalo Institute on Innovative Aging Policy and Practice, at a cost not to exceed \$7,500; and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to enter into contracts and amendments with NYSOFA and the University at Buffalo Institute on Innovative Aging Policy and Practice to effectuate adjusted funding levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the 163MIPPA/ADRC1516 grant, be established as follows:

REVENUE		INITIAL BUDGET
Account	Description	
414000	Federal Aid	<u>\$31,930</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$31,930</u>

APPROPRIATION		INITIAL BUDGET
Account	Description	
516020	Professional Services & Fees	<u>\$31,930</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$31,930</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that, the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust the budget as required to comply with the NYSOFA approved funding levels; and be it further.

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive Office, the County Attorney, the Division of Budget and Management, the Comptroller's Office and the Department of Senior Services.

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3. **COMM. 8E-17 (2016)**  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) has recently awarded the Department of Senior Services \$20,000 of Aging Mastery Program (AMP) grant funds for the period January 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the funds are to be utilized for the purpose of implementing the The Aging Mastery Program® for Older adults in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the grant is 100% state funded and does not require a local share; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services desires to contract, at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 per subcontractor, with the Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers Inc. and the Town of Hamburg, to implement the Aging Mastery Program in their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with NYSOFA to accept the AMP funding for the period January 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to contract with the Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers Inc. and the Town of Hamburg by and through the Town of Hamburg Senior Services, at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 per subcontractor; and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to enter into contracts and amendments with NYSOFA and the Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers Inc. and the Town of Hamburg by and through Town of Hamburg Senior Services to effectuate adjusted funding levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the 163AMP1617 grant, be established as follows:

REVENUES		INITIAL BUDGET
Account	Description	
409000	State Aid	<u>\$20,000</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$20,000</u>

APPROPRIATIONS		INITIAL BUDGET
Account	Description	
516020	Professional Services & Fees	<u>\$20,000</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$20,000</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that, the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust the budget as required to comply with the NYSOFA approved funding levels; and be it further.

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive Office, the County Attorney, the Division of Budget and Management, the Comptroller's Office and the Department of Senior Services.

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4. COMM. 8E-18 (2016)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE AS AMENDED**

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services' four Year Plan with the New York State Office for Aging identified the need to expand the number and variety of elderly communities that are aware of and receive services from the Department of Senior Services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services issued a RFP to select a consultant to assist in developing a communications plan and assess past print communications and social media efforts to identify improvements as well as providing staff training to effectively communicate and implement the new messaging plan; and

WHEREAS, Legislative resolution 9E-9 dated May 14, 2015 authorized the Department of Senior Services to contract with AMDG Public Affairs, at a cost not to exceed \$15,000 to function as the consultant to develop, and implement a communication plan for the Department for the period June 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, additional time, through September 30, 2016 is needed to implement the plan; and

WHEREAS, contract appropriations remain available in the 163CONNECTS1516 grant to pay for these consulting services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to extend the contract with AMDG Public Affairs, to assist in continuing to develop and implement the communications plan for the Department during the period April 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016, and be it further

RESOLVED, that existing appropriations in the 163CONNECTS1516 grant Professional Services Contracts and Fees account be utilized to pay for these consulting services, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, the Division of Budget and Management, the Comptroller's Office, and the Department of Senior Services.

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**LYNNE M. DIXON  
CHAIR**