

NOVEMBER 26, 2007

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 12

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT EXCEPT LEGISLATORS IANNELLO AND RANZENHOFER.
CHAIRPERSON MARINELLI PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. COMM. 21E-9 (2007)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature has already appropriated funds for the Weatherization Referral, Assistance and Packaging (WRAP-DSS) program for the period January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services (Department) has reviewed the budget and actual costs of carrying out the program through year-end, and

WHEREAS, the Department desires to transfer unspent funds within the program budget into the account used for providing weatherization services by year end, and

WHEREAS, the County budget for this program is in need of revision, and

WHEREAS, the WRAP-DSS program is 100% federally funded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the budget for the WRAP-DSS program, cost center 1632050, be revised as follows:

		CURRENT	CHANGES	AMENDED
		BUDGET		BUDGET
APPROPRIATIONS				
Account	Description			
500000	Full Time Salaries	\$28,432	-813	\$27,619
500010	PT Wages	11,015	-760	10,255
502000	Fringe Benefits	15420	-3,000	12,420
505000	Office Supplies	500	-500	0
530000	Other Expenses	13,958	4,565	18,523
980000	ID DISS Services	500	508	1,008
TOTAL CHANGE			<u>\$0</u>	

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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2. COMM. 21E-10 (2007)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging has notified the Department of Senior Services (Department) that the Department has been awarded a \$55,832 grant, entitled the Medicare Extra Help Enrollment Program (MEHEP), as a partner in the Aging Services Network Community Based Enrollment Campaign for the period October 30, 2007 to June 30, 2008, and

WHEREAS, the Department will provide outreach and enrollment assistance in the form of group education, individualized counseling/enrollment assistance, media outreach activities; and will be required to participate in quarterly meetings and conference calls, and

WHEREAS, three Department staff will be involved in carrying out the approved Work Plan throughout the grant timeframe, and

WHEREAS, the Department desires to charge the portion of salaries, fringe benefits and travel of the Coordinator of Insurance Outreach and Counseling, the Project Coordinator of Special Events and the Senior Case Manager spent on MEHEP activities to the MEHEP grant, and

WHEREAS, there are no matching funds requirement, and

WHEREAS, the MEHEP grant budget needs to be established.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Medicare Extra Help Enrollment Program grant, 163MEHEP0708, for the period October 30, 2007 through June 30, 2008 be established as follows:

		INITIAL
		BUDGET
REVENUES		
Account	Description	
479100	Other Sponsor Revenue	\$55,832
TOTAL REVENUE		<u>\$55,832</u>

APPROPRIATIONS

500000	Full Time Salaries	\$30,305
502000	Fringe Benefits	12,471
505000	Office Supplies	400
510000	Local Mileage Reimbursement	2,000
510200	Training and Education	200
516020	Professional Services & Fees	6,955
530000	Other Expenses	1,100
980000	DISS Services	<u>2,401</u>
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$55,832</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the portion of salaries, fringe benefits and travel spent on the MEHEP activities by the Coordinator of Insurance Outreach and Counseling, the Project Coordinator of Special Events and the Senior Case Manager be charged to the MEHEP grant, 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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3. COMM. 21E-12 (2007)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Mental Health is responsible for the delivery of a comprehensive range of mental health and chemical dependency services for the residents of Erie County, and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Mental Health has been awarded an additional \$550,000 as part of a direct award by the New York State Office of Mental Health to Living Opportunities of DePaul, Inc., to develop a 70-bed SRO (single room occupancy) housing facility for individuals affected by mental illness, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Mental Health has identified Living Opportunities of DePaul, Inc., through a Statewide Request for Proposals (RFP) process as the recipient of this award to develop a this SRO housing facility for individuals affected by mental illness, and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature has already authorized the County and the Department of Mental Health to contract in 2007 with Living Opportunities of DePaul, Inc., and

WHEREAS, no County funds will be required for Erie County to accept these State funds to serve individuals affected by mental illness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following appropriation, contract and funds reservation increases hereby be established in the Operating Fund accounts of the Erie County Department of Mental Health to provide SRO housing services for the period January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, which represents the first year of operation for this program:

(GL 516010) Living Opportunities of DePaul, Inc. \$550,000

The source of these funds being (GL 406830) NYS Office of Mental Health State Aid dollars in the amount of \$550,000, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be authorized to amend and increase the appropriation, contract and funds reservation (1000004359, line 1) for the period January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, with Living Opportunities of DePaul, Inc., by an amount not to exceed \$550,000, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be furnished to the Office of the County Executive, the Department of Mental Health, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Division of Budget, Management and Finance.

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4. COMM. 21E-13 (2007)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Mental Health is responsible for the delivery of a comprehensive range of mental health and chemical dependency services for the residents of Erie County, and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Mental Health has been awarded an additional \$450,000 by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (NYS OASAS) as part of a NYS OASAS Re-Entry Care Coordination Initiative to provide case management services to chemically dependent individuals re-entering the community from prison, and

WHEREAS, Spectrum Human Services, Inc., was identified through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process as the recipient of this award to develop this Care Coordination program, and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature has already authorized the County and the Department of Mental Health to contract in 2007 with Spectrum Human Services, Inc., and

WHEREAS, no County funds will be required for Erie County to accept these funds to serve individuals re-entering Erie County from prison who are affected by chemical dependency issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following appropriation, contract and funds reservation increases hereby be established in the Operating Fund accounts of the Erie County Department of Mental Health to provide Re-Entry Care Coordination services for the period January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, which represents the first year of operation for this program:

(GL 516010)	Spectrum Human Services, Inc.	\$450,000
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The source of these funds being (GL 406860) NYS Office of Alcoholism & Substance Abuse State Aid dollars in the amount of \$450,000, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be authorized to amend and increase the 2007 appropriation, contract and funds reservation (100000438) for the period January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, with Spectrum Human Services, Inc., by an amount not to exceed \$450,000, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be furnished to the Office of the County Executive, the Department of Mental Health, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Division of Budget, Management and Finance.

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5. COMM. 21E-17 (2007) **AS AMENDED**
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, Federal and State laws require the County to ensure that new Medicaid applicants and active recipients meet income and asset threshold tests prior to enrollment or recertification, and

WHEREAS, determining eligibility for self-employed applicants/recipients is particularly challenging, where a potential exists for under-reporting of income and Department staff who evaluate applications and certify eligibility have neither the technical training nor experience to uncover hidden misrepresentations in these sometimes sophisticated financial documents, and

WHEREAS, under-reported income may result in costly medical assistance being provided to recipients who would otherwise not be eligible, and

WHEREAS, Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) having expertise and experience with small business finances are needed to assist the Department to review and audit selected Medicaid applications/cases, and

WHEREAS, there is no fiscal impact to this resolution as this contract will be fully reimbursed with Federal and State Medicaid administrative funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments are hereby authorized in the 2007 Adopted Budget:

Department of Social Services, Department 120, Fund 110

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</u>
516020	Professional Services	<u>\$48,000</u>
	Total Expenditure	<u>\$48,000</u>
407540	State Aid Social Services Administration	\$24,000
411540	Federal Aid Social Services Administration	<u>\$24,000</u>
	Total Revenue	<u>\$48,000</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services and/or the County Executive are authorized to enter into a contract and necessary agreements with The Bonadio Group for audits of self-employed applicants for Medicaid, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Human Services Committee of the Erie County Legislature will be provided with a mid-year and final report examining the costs, experiences of families, outcomes of families and number of cases from the Department of Social Services; and be it further

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

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THOMAS J. MAZUR
CHAIRMAN