

APRIL 12, 2007

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 6

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. COMM. 7E-15 (2007)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, it is critical that the Department Social Services implement progressive methodologies to improve workfare participation among clients as severe fiscal penalties may be incurred in the event that a sufficient proportion of clients are not engaged in work activities of up to 35 hours per week, and

WHEREAS, the measurement and documentation of individual client participation is necessary in order to meet this need, and

WHEREAS, the Department has conducted a Request for Proposals (RFP) to identify a contractor to install a custom case tracking software package on the existing local computer network, and

WHEREAS, there were two responses to the Department's RFP, and Salient Corporation was selected in a blind scoring review based on their experience and the quality of their technical proposal in meeting the Department's needs, and

WHEREAS, this software will provide the Department real-time access to data, including activity reporting specific to individual clients as well as outcome measurements specific to individual counselor staff, and

WHEREAS, this data is to be used to address client workfare assignment participation attendance and also other data such as appointment tracking, disability monitoring, counseling compliance and daycare related activity, and it will also be possible to evaluate performance of clients within specific worker caseloads to enable the replication of best practices among Department staff, and

WHEREAS, the intent of this contract is to use Salient for case management tracking for a one to three year period as well as a prototype system to further expand the use of the existing SAP data warehouse capacity, and

WHEREAS, the contractor has agreed to work with Department staff for eventual migration of the case management software product to the SAP environment, and

WHEREAS, Salient has already invested in substantial research and development in analysis of the State data warehouse, and this information is critical for the production of this system and can be used by SAP for an in-house product, and

WHEREAS, this contract is to be funded with 100 percent Federal funds from the Flexible Fund for Family Service (FFFS) allocation, and there is no County share impact.

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</u>
516020	Professional Service Contracts and Fees	<u>\$154,000</u>
	Total Expenditure	<u>\$154,000</u>
411490	Federal Aid - Flexible Fund for Family Services	<u>\$154,000</u>
	Total Revenue	<u>\$154,000</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive and/or the Commissioner of Social Services are authorized to enter into a contract with Salient Corporation for the purchase and installation of a case tracking software package, 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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2. COMM. 7E-17 (2007)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services has been notified by New York State of the approval of a plan to provide Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) payments in the total amount of \$95,313 to contracted providers of preventive services, and

WHEREAS, funds in the annualized amount of 2.8% for this COLA were provided in the 2006/2007 State budget for the period of expense of October 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007, and

WHEREAS, a survey of Erie County providers of Mandated Preventive Services and Community Optional Preventive Services was conducted and compiled for consideration by New York State Office of Children and Family Services, and

WHEREAS, funds are to be used by providers in a manner consistent with the attestation received from the Chief Executive Officer of each provider agency, and

WHEREAS, these funds are restricted by New York State for the purpose of awarding this COLA, and

WHEREAS, there is no local share and no fiscal impact to this resolution.

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</u>
516010	Community Agencies	<u>\$95,313</u>
	Total Expenditure	<u>\$95,313</u>
407650	State Aid Child Welfare Services	<u>\$95,313</u>
	Total Revenue	<u>\$95,313</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the State budget for the period April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008 as well as future years will likely contain a similar provision for a restricted preventive services COLA, the Department is authorized to make future year payments to providers based on required survey, provider attestation and State approval, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive and the Commissioner of Social Services are authorized to execute necessary contracts and/or agreements for this program, and be it further

RESOLVED, that payments are to be made to the following providers for a six-month COLA calculated based on the amount of the 2006 contract:

BAKER VICTORY SERVICES	14,558
BE A FRIEND PROGRAM	825
BELLE CENTER	1,250
BENNETT SMITH	1,875
HISPANICS UNITED	1,250
BUFFALO URBAN LEAGUE	12,905
CATHOLIC CHARITIES	26,962
CHILD & ADOLESCENT TREATMENT	5,924
CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES	5,626
COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION	1,000
COMMUNITY SERVICES DEV DISAB	1,625
GATEWAY LONGVIEW	6,080
JOAN A MALE	9,681
LIFE TRANSITIONS CENTER	1,050
SALVATION ARMY	2,396
WNY UNITED	1,485
YWCA OF WNY	821

and be it further

RESOLVED, due to the immediate need to make payments and submit claims for reimbursement to New York State, the requirement for Request for Proposals is waived, 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**