

September 20, 2004

HUMAN SERVICES  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 10

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT EXCEPT LEGISLATOR DEBENEDETTI. CHAIRMAN HOLT PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, that the following items are hereby received and filed.

- a.           Item           Page                           -2003           (Comm. 15M-42)  
**SUCCESS BY 6:** Request to Implement NYS 15% Rate Differential for Accredited Child Care Providers in EC.  
(5-0) Legislator DeBenedetti absent. Chairman Holt present as Ex-Officio Member.
- b.           Item           Page                           -2004           (Comm. 11E-5)  
**DEBENEDETTI:** Copy of Letter to Social Services Commissioner Requesting Information Pertaining to “Blueprint for Change”.  
(5-0) Legislator DeBenedetti absent. Chairman Holt present as Ex-Officio Member.
- c.           Item           Page                           -2004           (Comm. 13E-3)  
**SMITH:** Letter to Commissioner of Social Services Re: Coordinating Council on Children & Families.  
(5-0) Legislator DeBenedetti absent. Chairman Holt present as Ex-Officio Member.
- d.           Item           Page                           -2004           (Comm. 17D-6)  
**SOCIAL SERVICES:** Response to Request for Information Re: Comm. 16E-20 (Transfer of Funds for Statler Towers Lease Payment).  
(5-0) Legislator DeBenedetti absent. Chairman Holt present as Ex-Officio Member.
- e.           Item           Page                           -2004           (Comm. 19D-14)  
**ECMCC:** Financial Statements for 6/04.  
(5-0) Legislator DeBenedetti absent. Chairman Holt present as Ex-Officio Member.
- f.           Item           Page                           -2004           (Comm. 19D-30)  
**MENTAL HEALTH:** 2004-06 Local Government Plan for Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities.  
(5-0) Legislator DeBenedetti absent. Chairman Holt present as Ex-Officio Member.
- g.           Item           Page                           -2004           (Comm. 19D-35)  
**ECMCC:** Financial Statements for 7/04.  
(5-0) Legislator DeBenedetti absent. Chairman Holt present as Ex-Officio Member.
- h.           Item           Page                           -2004           (Comm. 19M-20)  
**TOWN OF CLARENCE:** Copy of Letter to Senator Rath Re: A.9924.  
(5-0) Legislator DeBenedetti absent. Chairman Holt present as Ex-Officio Member.

- Item Page -2004 (Comm. 19M-52)  
 i. **TOWN OF CHEEKTOWAGA:** Certified Resolution Re: Rodent Control.  
 (5-0) Legislator DeBenedetti absent. Chairman Holt present as Ex-Officio Member.

2. Item Page -2004 (Comm. 15E-40)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health has recently received a revised grant award from the New York State Health Department in the amount of \$643,956 for the provision of family planning services, and extends the end date from 3/31/04 to 6/30/04, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the grant is to provide comprehensive family planning services to at-risk adolescents and other medically indigent women and men in areas where infant mortality, morbidity, adolescent pregnancy and out-of-wedlock birth rates are high, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to delete one full-time position of Head Nurse, *JG N3*, (position number 816171) in order to comply with the New York State authorized staffing levels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Health Department to accept the amended grant which extends the end date from 3/31/04 to 6/30/04 and is, budgeted as follows:

**Women's Health Services  
 4/1/03 -6/30/04  
 Project #879**

SFG CODE	REVENUE	CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	REVISED BUDGET
386	PRIVATE PAY	\$ 1,875	\$ +469	\$ 2,344
387	MEDICAID	467,840	146,960	614,800
549-138	PRIOR YEARS ROLLOVER	826,902	155,194	982,096
549-166	INSURANCE	36,000	9,000	45,000
553	STATE AID-OTHER	515,165	128,791	643,956
685-2700	INTERFUND-NON SUBSIDY	71,908	17,977	89,885
	<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<u>\$ 1,919,690</u>	<u>\$ 458,391</u>	<u>\$ 2,378,081</u>

**APPROPRIATIONS**

800	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 1,022,843	\$ 237,678	\$ 1,260,521
805	FRINGE BENEFITS	303,660	72,967	376,627
810	OFFICE SUPPLIES	11,000	2,750	13,750
814	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	128,664	34,224	162,888
816	MAINT SUPPLIES	2,500	625	3,125
821	DUES & FEES	153,598	85,157	85,157
822	RENTAL CHARGES	90	12	102
823	REPAIRS & MAINT	37,226	15,125	52,351
824	LOCAL MILEAGE	11,410	2,842	14,252

825	TRAVEL-OUT OF AREA	12,000	2,750	14,750
826	OTHER EXPENSES	73,430	12,988	86,418
880-2700	INTERFUND-HEALTHDEPT. 31,374		7,844	39,218
	INTERFUND-PUBLIC HEALTH			
880-2720	LAB	40,043	10,010	50,053
880-4000	INTERFUND-ECMC	16,500	7,125	2,625
880-5100	INTERFUND-DISS	17,000	4,250	21,250
883-2709	INTERDEPT – HEALTH GRANTS	-909	-39,856	-40,765
931	BUILDINGS & GROUNDS EQUIP	22,000	0	22,000
932	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	17,261	0	17,261
933	LAB & TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT	20,000	1,900	21,900
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 1,919,690</b>	<b>\$ 458,391</b>	<b>\$ 2,378,081</b>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the deletion of one full-time position of Head Nurse, JG N3, (position number 816171), and be it further

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

(5-0) Legislator DeBenedetti absent. Chairman Holt present as Ex-Officio Member.

3. Item Page -2004 AS AMENDED  
(Comm. 19E-68)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Labor-Management Healthcare Coalition, Inc (LMHC) was formed by Erie County management and union leaders to provide dependable, affordable health insurance benefits for governmental agencies throughout Western New York, and

WHEREAS, the Labor-Management Healthcare Coalition now has the ability to offer dental insurance to government agencies at a rate lower than is now available for the exact same coverage, and

WHEREAS, Erie County has the opportunity to take immediate advantage of this cost saving,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Labor-Management Healthcare Fund for the provision of dental insurance to county employees in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreements, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the dental benefits to be provided to County employees shall be the same or better than those dental benefits currently provided, and be it further

RESOLVED, that any unanticipated funds generated by this transaction shall be deposited in the Personnel Department Accounts (205) 561410, (205a) 561410, (961h) 516020, (825) 510100 upon a

subsequent, separate written request by the County Executive and after formal approval by the County Legislature, and be it further

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

(5-0) Legislator DeBenedetti absent. Chairman Holt present as Ex-Officio Member.

4. Item Page -2004 (Comm. 19E-69)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

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

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Mental Health has been awarded \$1,731,137 over three years by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide rental assistance and supportive services for sixty (60) homeless individuals and/or families disabled by serious mental illness and/or chemical dependency under the Supportive Housing Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, additional matching funds of \$178,650 in NYS Office of Mental Health State Aid dollars are available over three years to meet the Federal match requirements of this award, and

WHEREAS, no County funds will be required for Erie County to accept these Federal funds to serve homeless individuals or families disabled by serious mental illness and/or chemical dependency, and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Mental Health has identified Spectrum Human Services, Horizon Human Services, and Cazenovia Recovery Systems as recipients of the Request for Proposals (RFP) associated with this award, and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature has already authorized the County and the Department of Mental Health to contract with Spectrum Human Services, Inc., Horizon Human Services, Inc., and Cazenovia Recovery Systems, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be hereby authorized to enter into a three-year Agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), for the period September 2004 through August 2007, in the amount of \$1,731,137, to provide rental assistance and supportive services for sixty (60) homeless individuals and/or families disabled by serious mental illness and/or chemical dependency, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following appropriation increases hereby be established in the Operating Fund accounts of the Erie County Department of Mental Health to provide rental assistance and supportive services for sixty (60) homeless individuals and/or families disabled by serious mental illness and/or chemical dependency for the period September 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004, which represents the first 4 months of the three year period:

Horizon Human Services, Inc.	\$65,000
Spectrum Human Services, Inc.	\$71,266
Cazenovia Recovery Systems, Inc.	\$71,266

The source of these funds being NYS Office of Mental Health State Aid dollars in the amount of \$14,292 and United States Department of Housing and Urban Development funds in the amount of 193,240, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be authorized to amend and increase the 2004 contract for the period January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004, with each agency as follows:

Horizon Human Services, Inc.: by an amount not to exceed \$65,000  
 Spectrum Human Services, Inc.: by an amount not to exceed \$71,266  
 Cazenovia Recovery Systems, Inc.: by an amount not to exceed \$71,266,

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the actual grant period may be amended to coincide with the actual grantor award period; 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.

(5-0) Legislator DeBenedetti absent. Chairman Holt present as Ex-Officio Member.

5. Item Page -2004 (Comm. 19E-70)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

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

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Mental Health has reviewed and approved programs of mental health services for individuals and families receiving services from the Erie County Medical Center, and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature has already authorized the County and the Department of Mental Health to contract with Erie County Medical Center, and

WHEREAS, additional funds of \$7,000 in NYS Office of Mental Health State Aid dollars are available to be used for one-time costs related to the purchase of clothing, other personal care items, incentives, and other discharge needs for foster care children and adolescents served by the inpatient adolescent psychiatric unit of the Erie County Medical Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the 2004 appropriation for the Erie County Medical Center be increased by a total of \$7,000, the source of these funds being NYS Office of Mental Health State Aid dollars, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be authorized to amend and increase the 2004 contract with the Erie County Medical Center, for the period January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004, by an amount not to exceed \$7,000, 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.

(5-0) Legislator DeBenedetti absent. Chairman Holt present as Ex-Officio Member.

6. Item Page -2004 (Comm. 19E-71)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

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

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Mental Health has reviewed and approved programs of mental health services for individuals and families receiving services from Compeer West, Inc. (dba Compeer of Greater Buffalo), and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature has already authorized the County and the Department of Mental Health to contract with Compeer West, Inc. (dba Compeer of Greater Buffalo), and

WHEREAS, Compeer West, Inc. (dba Compeer of Greater Buffalo) is acting as the host and mentoring agency for the development of the Family Voices Network, and

WHEREAS, additional funds of \$125,000 in NYS Office of Mental Health State Aid dollars are available to be used for costs related to the development of the Family Voices Network, a consumer directed organization devoted to ensuring access to needed support, information, and services to all families in Erie County raising children with emotional, behavioral and/or social disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the 2004 appropriation for Compeer West, Inc. (dba Compeer of Greater Buffalo), be increased by a total of \$125,000, the source of these funds being NYS Office of Mental Health State Aid dollars, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be authorized to amend and increase the 2004 contract with the Compeer West, Inc. (dba Compeer of Greater Buffalo), for the period January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004, by an amount not to exceed \$125,000, 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.

(5-0) Legislator DeBenedetti absent. Chairman Holt present as Ex-Officio Member.

7. Item Page -2004 (Comm. 19E-72)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, public health law requires the reporting of HIV infection and HIV related disease in addition to AIDS, and

WHEREAS, HIV surveillance data is used to monitor trends in the epidemic, to evaluate resource needs and to target prevention efforts, and

WHEREAS, the identification of partners at risk of exposure to HIV enables access to HIV counseling and testing and care, and

WHEREAS, in Erie County the HIV Surveillance and Partner Notification program (HIV PNP) is conducted by New York State Health Department staff assisted by three Erie County Health Department positions funded by the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive is hereby authorized to accept a revised grant award from the New York State Health Department which is budgeted as follows:

**HIV Partner Notification  
10/1/03 – 9/30/04  
SFG Project #876  
SAP Title: 127HIVPARTNOT0304 Cost Center: #1271230**

SAP	REVENUE	CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	REVISED BUDGET
409010	State Aid Other	\$ 174,168	\$ 37,619	\$ 211,787
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 174,168</b>	<b>\$ 37,619</b>	<b>\$ 211,787</b>

**EXPENSES**

500000	Personal Services	\$ 94,968	\$ 55,780	\$ 150,748
501000	Overtime	1,500	-1,500	0
502000	Fringe Benefits	25,622	13,207	38,829
505000	Office Supplies	3,000	-3,000	0
505800	Medical Supplies	4,836	4	4,840
510000	Travel & Mileage	5,700	-4,050	1,650
510100	Out Of Area Travel	4,000	-4,000	0
516020	Professional Services	3,435	-	13

	Contracts & Fees		-3,422	
530000	Other Expenses	15,607	-9,363	6,244
	Lab & Technical			
561410	Equipment	12,000	-5,033	6,967
912700	I/D Health Services	0	1,200	1,200
980000	I/D DISS	3,500	-2,204	1,296
	<b>TOTAL</b>			
		<u>\$ 174,168</u>	<u>\$ 37,619</u>	<u>\$ 211,787</u>

912700	I/D Health Services	\$ 1,200
	Professional Services	
516020	Contracts & Fees	\$ 1,200

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the County Executive, the Department of Health, Department of Personnel, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, and the Department of Law.  
(5-0) Legislator DeBenedetti absent. Chairman Holt present as Ex-Officio Member.

8. Item Page -2004 (Comm. 19E-73)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Division of Public Health Laboratory has analyzed their objects of expense and has determined that in Account 505800, Medical Supplies, expenditures will exceed appropriations by an estimated \$22,000, and

WHEREAS, a transfer of funds must be made in order to continue the provision of vital public health services for the remainder of the 2004 fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature is hereby approves the following transactions within the accounts of the Department of Health:

<u>Division of Public Health Laboratory</u>	
Increase – Account 505800 Medical Supplies	\$22,000
<u>Department of Health</u>	
Decrease – Account 505800 Medical Supplies	\$22,000

and be it further

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

(5-0) Legislator DeBenedetti absent. Chairman Holt present as Ex-Officio Member.

9. Item Page -2004 (Comm. 19E-74)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2004 the County Legislature, in communication 10E-13, authorized the Erie County Executive to accept funds and contract with the State of New York under Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) for Federal fiscal year 2003, and

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2004 the County Legislature in communication 17E-22, authorized \$150,000 to be utilized by the Department of Health for the purpose of modifying electronic data gathering for the Emergency Medical Services surveillance triage system currently being deployed, and

WHEREAS, in order to enable the Health Department to comply with the requirements of UASI, it is necessary to enter into a contract not to exceed \$150,000 with the Calspan UB Research Center, Inc. (CUBRC).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with CUBRC in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the purpose of modifying electronic data gathering for the Emergency Medical Services surveillance triage system currently being deployed, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the contract with CUBRC is a special service which must be provided immediately and continuously, and therefore the RFP procedure required under Erie County Local Law No. 6, Section 19.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code, is hereby waived, and be it further

RESOLVED, that funds necessary to effectuate this contract are available in Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) HS127UASIF040305, and be it further

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

(5-0) Legislator DeBenedetti absent. Chairman Holt present as Ex-Officio Member.

10. Item Page -2004 (Comm. 19E-75)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, Hepatitis C is the most common chronic blood borne pathogen in the United States. Of people infected with Hepatitis C, 50 – 80% will develop chronic infections and 25 – 40 % will develop cirrhosis or cancer of the liver, and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health and the Erie County Public Health Laboratory had provided Hepatitis C screening as part of the CDC Viral Hepatitis Integration Project grant through March 31, 2004 to Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans and Wyoming counties, and

WHEREAS, the Health Department has received a one-time funding award from the New York State Department of Health in the amount of \$14,990 for the period 7/15/04 – 12/31/04 to fund Hepatitis C screening procedures processed at the Public Health Laboratory for Allegany, Cattaraugus, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans and Wyoming counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a agreement with the New York State Health Department to accept the funding award, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Erie County Department of Health – Public Health Laboratory Division is hereby adjusted as follows:

Increase Account 505800 Medical & Health Supplies	\$14,990
Increase Account 416610 Public Health Laboratory Fees	\$14,990

and be it further

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

(5-0) Legislator DeBenedetti absent. Chairman Holt present as Ex-Officio Member.

11. Item Page -2004 (Comm. 19E-76)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health currently provides environmental health services at the Tonawanda Service and Referral Center located at 250 Cortland Avenue, Tonawanda, New York, and

WHEREAS, the current lease expired on August 31, 2004 and the Department wishes to enter into a renewal agreement, and

WHEREAS, a renewal agreement has been received from the Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda Union Free School District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the lease for the Department of Health's Tonawanda Service and Referral Center located at 250 Cortland Avenue, Tonawanda, New York is hereby renewed for a one year period commencing September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2005 at an annual rate of \$21,300 and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Office of the County Executive, the Department of Health, the Real Property Unit in the Division of Budget, Management and

Finance, the Comptroller's Office, the Division of Budget, Management and Finance and the Department of Law.

(5-0) Legislator DeBenedetti absent. Chairman Holt present as Ex-Officio Member.

12. Item Page -2004 (Comm. 19E-78)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Health Department has received a donation of 1 Philips Heartstart Defibrillator and 2 Childbirth Simulators from the W.E.R.E.M.S. Council, and

WHEREAS, the Defibrillator was purchased at a cost of \$2,160.90 and the Childbirth Simulators were purchased at a cost of \$1,191.90 each.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive is hereby authorized to accept the donated Defibrillator and Childbirth Simulators from the Wyoming-Erie Regional E.M.S. Council, and be it further

RESOLVED, that said equipment will be used by the Division of Emergency Medical Services, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Department of Health, the W.E.R.E.M.S. Council and the Department of Law.

(5-0) Legislator DeBenedetti absent. Chairman Holt present as Ex-Officio Member.

**DEMONE A. SMITH**  
**CHAIRMAN**