

October 24, 2002

HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 13

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT EXCEPT LEGISLATOR HOLT.

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

AS AMENDED

- | | Item | Page | -2002 | (Intro. 5-2) |
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| a. | DUSZA: Calling Upon Congress to Stand Firm on Its Commitment to Protect Americans with Type 2 Diabetes.
(4-0) Legislator Holt absent. | | | |
| b. | FISHER: Letter to Clerk of Legislature Re: "Providing a Safe Working Environment for All County Employees."
(4-0) Legislator Holt absent. | | | (Comm. 12E-21) |
| c. | FISHER, SWANICK, HOLT, DALE & HOLT: Providing a Safe Working Environment for All County Employees.
(4-0) Legislator Holt absent. | | | (Intro. 12-11) |
| d. | DUSZA & DALE: Copy of Letter to Health Commissioner Re: Beach Closures.
(4-0) Legislator Holt absent. | | | (Comm. 16E-12) |
| e. | PEOPLES & HOLT: Letter to Legislator Weinstein Re: West Nile Virus.
(4-0) Legislator Holt absent. | | | (Comm. 18E-33) |

AS AMENDED

2. Item Page -2002 (Intro. 16-1)
DUSZA, WEINSTEIN, LARSON, CHASE, FISHER, KUWIK & PEOPLES
WHEREAS, commitment to military service is a duty unlike any other requiring a selfless dedication to international defense and national security, and

WHEREAS, Erie County is home to over 110,000 veterans of the United States military, and

WHEREAS, the City of Lackawanna has more veterans per capita than any other city in the country, and

WHEREAS, Western New York has an integrated Veterans Healthcare Network including primary health care facilities in Buffalo and Batavia and six community-based outpatient centers throughout the region, and

WHEREAS, Buffalo VA Hospital, established in 1950, provides medical, surgical, mental health and long-term care services through a full range of inpatient and outpatient programs, and

WHEREAS, citing financial constraints, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs recently ordered veterans hospital and clinic administrators to discontinue any recruitment, outreach and promotion efforts, and

WHEREAS, in a memo by Department of Veterans Affairs undersecretary Laura Miller to the VA's health network directors, Miller called activities such as health fairs, open houses or enrollment displays at veterans service organization meetings "inappropriate" and prohibited activities such as generalized mailings to veterans, local newspaper or newsletter articles encouraging veterans to enroll and similar public service announcements, and

WHEREAS, according to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the oldest veterans association in the country, over 300,000 veterans - both new and established VA patients - are on waiting lists for clinic appointments,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby support continued efforts by the federal government to provide United States veterans with the health and mental health services they deserve, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body calls upon United States President George W. Bush and members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives to reverse the Department of Veterans Affairs anti-outreach policy and re-institute a veterans service delivery system that meets the demand for this valued population, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to President George W. Bush, the Western New York Delegation of Federal representatives, Department of Veterans Affairs undersecretary Laura Miller, Erie County Department of Veterans Services Director Louis Palma and Buffalo Medical Center Director William F. Feeley.

Fiscal Impact: To be determined.

3. Item Page -2002 (Comm. 19E-7)

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 Federal aid in the amount of \$399,026 annually for the three year grant period, July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2005, by the United States Department of Health and Human Services to provide evidenced-based training to teachers, childcare workers, parents, and children 0-5 years of age with or at risk of emotional and behavioral disorders, and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Mental Health has reviewed and approved programs of mental health services from Mid Erie Counseling and Treatment Services, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature has already authorized the County and the Department of Mental Health to contract with Mid Erie Counseling and Treatment Services, Inc., and

WHEREAS, no County funds will be required for Erie County to accept these Federal funds to train the teachers, childcare workers, parents, and children 0-5 years of age with or at risk of emotional and behavioral disorders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be hereby authorized to accept a three- year grant award for the period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2005 with the United States Department of Health and Human Services for an annual amount of \$399,026 in Federal aid to train teachers, childcare workers, parents, and children 0-5 years of age with or at risk of emotional and behavioral disorders, and to execute all necessary contracts with the grantor for this award, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following grant project and budget be established in the Erie County Department of Mental Health to train the teachers, childcare workers, parents, and children 0-5 years of age with or at risk of emotional and behavioral disorders, for the period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003, representing year one of the three year period:

Department of Mental Health Grant Funds
Project Title: Building Mentally Healthy Communities

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
830-116	Mid Erie Counseling & Treatment, Inc.,	\$399,026
640	Federal Aid	\$399,026

the source of these funds being 100% United States Department of Health and Human Services Federal aid dollars, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be authorized to contract with Mid Erie Counseling and Treatment Services, Inc. for these funds, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be furnished to the Department of Mental Health, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Division of Budget, Management and Finance. (4-0) Legislator Holt absent.

4. Item Page -2002 (Comm. 19E-10)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature has already appropriated funds for the Congregate Services Initiative (CSI) and the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP) grants for the period April 1, 2001 through March 31, 2002; and the Title VII Elder Abuse Prevention (Title VII) and Hope for Elderly Independence Program (HOPE) grants for the period January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office for the Aging has notified the Department of Senior Services (Department) of final allocations for the CSI, LTCOP and Title VII grant programs, and

WHEREAS, funding under the CSI is designed to support programming in community settings at which elderly people come together for services and activities that respond to their diverse needs and interests; and

WHEREAS, several seniors in Erie County are unaware of the nutritional and social benefits of the congregate dining program and related physical fitness and nutritional intervention programs, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services wishes to provide special cultural and educational services to participants of congregate dining sites and to seniors in the surrounding communities; and to provide incentive to Erie County seniors to participate in congregate activities, and

WHEREAS, the Department desires to contract with The Community Music School, the MusicalFare Theatre Company and Theatre for Change, Inc. to coordinate and provide these services; and to distribute meal tickets in the community for nonparticipating seniors to attend a congregate meal site, and

WHEREAS, the Department currently contracts with the American Red Cross, Greater Buffalo Chapter to provide ombudsman services under the LTCOP and Title VII grants, and

WHEREAS, the Department desires to amend the contracts with the American Red Cross for the additional funding, and

WHEREAS, the budgets for these four grants are in need of revision.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and hereby is authorized to enter into contracts for the period October 1, 2002 through March 31, 2003 with The Community Music School in the amount of \$9,000; with the MusicalFare Theatre Company in the amount of \$6,000; and the Theatre for Change, Inc. in the amount of \$7,000, to provide special cultural and educational services to participants of dining sites and seniors in the surrounding communities, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and hereby is authorized to amend the contracts with

The American Red Cross, Greater Buffalo Chapter, for the periods April 1, 2002 through March 31, 2003 and January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002, respectively, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the CSI grant, Project No. 655, be revised as follows:

	CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
REVENUES			
Account Description			
617 State Aid	\$73,374	<u>\$3,483</u>	\$76,857
TOTAL CHANGE		<u><u>\$3,483</u></u>	
APPROPRIATIONS			
830/385 Other Projected Agencies	\$25,937	-\$25,937	\$0
830/xxx Community Music School	0	9,000	9,000
830/xxx MusicFare Theatre	0	6,000	6,000
830/xxx The Theatre for Change	0	7,000	7,000
826 Other Expenses	20,000	<u>7,420</u>	27,420
TOTAL CHANGE		<u><u>\$3,483</u></u>	

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the LTCOP grant, Project No. 657, be revised as follows:

	CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
REVENUES			
Account Description			
553 State Aid	\$45,325	<u>\$3,387</u>	\$48,712
TOTAL CHANGE		<u><u>\$3,387</u></u>	
APPROPRIATIONS			
830/418 American Red Cross	\$45,325	<u>\$3,387</u>	\$48,712
TOTAL CHANGE		<u><u>\$3,387</u></u>	

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Title VII grant, Project No. 650, be revised as follows:

	CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
REVENUES			

Account Description			
664 Federal Aid	\$36,683	<u>\$10,396</u>	\$47,079
TOTAL CHANGE		<u><u>\$10,396</u></u>	

APPROPRIATIONS

830/418 American Red Cross	\$36,683	<u>\$10,396</u>	\$47,079
TOTAL CHANGE		<u><u>\$10,396</u></u>	

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the HOPE grant, Project No. 666, be revised as follows:

	CURRENT		AMENDED
	BUDGET	CHANGES	BUDGET
APPROPRIATIONS			
Account Description			
805 Fringe Benefits	\$10,546	\$5,400	\$15,946
830/385 Other Projected Agencies	137,999	<u>-5,400</u>	132,599
TOTAL CHANGE		<u><u>\$0</u></u>	

and be it further

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

(4-0) Legislator Holt absent.

5. Item Page -2002 (Comm. 19E-11)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature has already appropriated funds for the Congregate Dining Nutrition Program (III-C-1) grant for the period January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002 and for the Cash in Lieu of Commodities (CIL) grant for the period October 1, 2001 to September 30, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office for the Aging (SOFA) has notified the Department of Senior Services (Department) of CIL Award Number 2, and the Department has reviewed the current grant budgets and actual needs of the programs, and

WHEREAS, the budgets for these grants are in need of revision.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the III-C-1 grant, Project 644, be revised as follows:

		CURRENT		AMENDED
		BUDGET	CHANGES	BUDGET
APPROPRIATIONS				
Account	Description			
805	Fringe Benefits	\$107,484	\$31,600	\$139,084
826	Other Expenses	1,247,806	<u>-31,600</u>	1,216,206
	TOTAL CHANGE		<u><u>\$0</u></u>	

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the CIL grant, Project 437, be revised as follows:

		CURRENT		AMENDED
		BUDGET	CHANGES	BUDGET
REVENUES				
Account	Description			
665	Federal Aid	\$719,965	<u>\$17,502</u>	\$737,467
	TOTAL CHANGE		<u><u>\$17,502</u></u>	
APPROPRIATIONS				
826	Other Expenses	\$298,562	-\$92,496	\$206,066
830/141	Meals on Wheels	421,403	<u>109,998</u>	531,401
	TOTAL CHANGE		<u><u>\$17,502</u></u>	

and be it further

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

(4-0) Legislator Holt absent.

BARRY WEINSTEIN, M.D.
CHAIRMAN