

November 12, 2009

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 15

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. RESOLVED, the following item is hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 21D-2 (2009)
MEDICAL DIRECTOR: "Notification & Agenda Items for Next Board of Health Meeting, Minutes from Meeting Held 8/13/09"
(5-0)
2. INTRO 11-3 (2009)
**WHYTE, IANNELLO, REYNOLDS, MILLER-WILLIAMS
WALTER, TERRANOVA & GRANT AS AMENDED**
WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Erie County Legislature that certain actions taken to balance the Erie County Budget during the 2005 crisis may have had a negative impact on certain not-for-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, among these organizations are veterans' posts, including AMVETS Medallion Post 13 in Buffalo, and these organizations continue to face enormous fundraising challenges that are exacerbated by added expenses such as the aforementioned Erie County Health Permit Fees; and

WHEREAS, at a time when more and more demands are placed on veterans' organizations to provide services with fewer resources, especially in view of the numbers of veterans returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Erie County is well beyond the dark days of the fiscal crisis, and the time is right to review policies that were put in place so many years ago.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body initiate a discussion of the impact of Erie County Health Permit Fees on the ability of not-for-profit veterans' organizations to keep up with increased demands for services, especially on the part of veterans returning from war; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature invite the Erie County Commissioner of Health, the Director of the Erie County Veterans' Services Office, the Budget Director or his designee, and both Post Commander David E. Hooch and Auxiliary President Stephanie McGaughey of AMVETS Post 13 to a future meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee of the Erie County Legislature so that this important discussion may ensue in the near future and that remedial actions may be explored.
(5-0)

**THOMAS J. MAZUR
CHAIR**