

June 12, 2012

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 8

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 3E-7 (2012)
MARINELLI: "Letter Concerning Need for a Rational System of Dispensing Controlled Substances in NYS"
(5-0)
 - b. COMM. 9E-11 (2012)
MARINELLI: "Constituent Letter to Legislator Marinelli Concerning Medicine Abuse"
(5-0)
 - c. COMM. 11M-4 (2012)
ROSWELL PARK CANCER INSTITUTE: "Letter Concerning Establishing a Smoke-Free Policy for EC-Owned Parks, Playgrounds, Beaches, Golf Courses & Recreational Areas"
(5-0)
2. COMM. 11E-9 (2012)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services has issued an annual Request for Proposals (RFP), selected providers for its Employee Education and Training Program pursuant to Section 19.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code, and has the responses, evaluation and selection material available; and

WHEREAS, these contracts will enable employees of the Department of Social Services to upgrade their professional knowledge and skills thereby benefiting Departmental operations; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services must have Legislative approval to renew Employee Education and Training Program contracts; and

WHEREAS, there is no fiscal impact to the 2012 Adopted Budget based on this resolution and no additional County local share funds are necessary because the existing appropriation in Account 516040, DSS Training and Education, is sufficient to cover these contract renewals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive and/or the Commissioner of Social Services are hereby authorized to renew the Employee Education and Training Program contracts to New York State mandated State University of New York (SUNY) institutions as specified below:

Educational Institution	Period	Gross Contract	Institution's Contribution	Paid by ECDSS
Empire State College (Bachelor's/ Associate's Degrees in Business/ Community and Human Services)	09/01/12 - 08/31/13	\$428,149	\$154,134	\$274,015
Empire State College (In-Service Training And Organizational Development)	09/01/12 - 08/31/13	\$862,134	\$258,640	\$603,494
University at Buffalo – School of Social Work (Master's Degree in Social Work)	09/01/12 - 08/31/13	\$332,964	\$116,537	\$216,427
Buffalo State College (CDHS) (Bachelor's in Business/Social Work; Master's in Human Services Admin.)	09/01/12 - 08/31/13	\$535,993	\$192,957	\$343,036
TOTAL				\$1,436,972

and be it further

RESOLVED, that funds to pay for these programs are available in and shall be made from Account 516040, DSS Training and Education in Fund Center 120; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, the Commissioner of Social Services, the Erie County Comptroller, and the Director of the Division of Budget and Management.
(5-0)

3. COMM. 11E-16 (2012)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health provides forensic medical services through the Office of the Medical Examiner; and

WHEREAS, the need for expert pathological skills is critical for the function of the medical examiner's office; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Medical Examiner's office provides crucial support and determinations to the law enforcement community; and

WHEREAS, the position of Deputy Chief Medical Examiner is currently vacant and recruitment has been unsuccessful, leaving the Medical Examiner's Office with only 2 full time medical examiners; and

WHEREAS, as such, the Department of Health is requesting the creation of an Associate Chief Medical Examiner at a variable minimum; and

WHEREAS, funding for these changes will be made available by the deletion of the Deputy Chief Medical Examiner with a net savings to the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the creation of one full time position of Associate Chief Medical Examiner, Job Group 22, (B-100 #6903) and to hire at a variable minimum hiring level of Step 4 (annual salary \$129,453); and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is also provided to delete the vacant position of Deputy Chief Medical Examiner, Job Group 24, Step 5 (annual salary \$167,635) in order to fund said addition; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Department of Personnel, the Division of Budget and Management, and to Commissioner Gale R. Burstein in the Erie County Department of Health.
(5-0)

**THOMAS J. MAZUR
CHAIR**