

September 30, 2021

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 10

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.
CHAIR BASKIN PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 17D-3 (2021)
COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH: “Updated Nursing Home Outbreak Information - 08/2021”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - b. COMM. 17D-4 (2021)
COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH: “EC COVID-19 Update”
(Chair’s Ruling)
2. COMM. 16E-44 (2021)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health has partnered with several local sewer service providers and the University at Buffalo to test wastewater for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus so the Department of Health may better understand the prevalence of COVID-19 in our community; and

WHEREAS, the testing of wastewater has been helpful with the Department of Health’s epidemiology efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health issued a request for proposals for assistance in developing a remote sampling program for SARS-CoV-2 testing to gather wastewater / COVID-19 data within more targeted geographic areas; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 26.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code, an evaluation committee scored all responses using a consistent rating matrix; and

WHEREAS, the evaluation committee recommends Core Environmental Consultants, Inc. be retained to perform the requested services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that an agreement with Core Environmental Consultants, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 to perform remote wastewater sampling for SARS-CoV-2 testing is hereby approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, be and hereby is, authorized to execute said agreement subject to approval as to form by the County Attorney and approval as to content by the Commissioner of Health; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this project be funded through an “Epidemiology & Laboratory Capacity (ELC) – COVID-19 Capacity Building for Case Investigations and Contact Tracing Coordination” grant Fund 281, Fund Center 12700 Account 516020; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to the County Executive, the County Comptroller, the Director of Budget and Management, Gregory Kammer, Assistant County Attorney, and Dr. Gale Burstein, Commissioner of Health. (5-0) Chair Baskin not present for vote.

3. COMM. 17E-10 (2021)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, the National Council on Aging’s (NCOA) Benefit Enrollment Center (BEC) initiative is a national program that supports efforts by community-based organizations and agencies to assist Medicare recipients in applying for, enrolling and maintaining benefits in financial assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Senior Services, had submitted a competitive grant application to NCOA for BEC Grant funding to increase current outreach and enrollment assistance to all Erie County Medicare Beneficiaries with focus, but not limited, in rural and refugee communities in the County of Erie; and

WHEREAS, NCOA has recently awarded the Department \$120,000 of Benefit Enrollment Center grant funds for the period October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, no additional County funds are required, as the grant is 100% funded by the grantor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with NCOA to accept the \$120,000 of BEC funding for the period October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to enter into contracts and amendments with the NCOA to effectuate changes to funding levels or grant period; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the 163BEC2123 grant, be established as follows:

REVENUES		BUDGET
Account	Description	
414000	Federal Revenue	\$120,000
APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET
Account	Description	
505000	Office Supplies	\$7,000
516020	Pro Ser Cnt and Fees	\$15,000
561410	Lab & Technical Equipment	\$5,000
916390	ID Senior Services Grant	\$90,000
980000	ID DISS Services	<u>\$3,000</u>
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$120,000</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust the budget as required to comply with the NCOA approved funding levels; and be it further

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

(5-0) Chair Baskin not present for vote.

4. COMM. 17E-13 (2021)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health has demonstrated its commitment to the treatment of Chlamydia and has qualified for this performance incentive; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health understands the importance of sexual health and its effects on the community; and

WHEREAS, Erie County Department of Health has participated in the performance incentive in prior years and will use the funds according to article 6; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health wishes to award the Erie County Department of Health a Performance Incentive of \$28,250.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the acceptance of the Performance Incentive Award of \$28,250 that is budgeted as follows:

Erie County Department of Health
Health Division
Fund 110
Fund Center 12700

SAP	REVENUE	AMOUNT
405540	State Aid-Art VI/Public Hlth Work	\$28,250
	Total	\$28,250

SAP	EXPENSES	AMOUNT
505800	Medical & Health Supplies	\$16,250
516020	Prof Ser Cnt & Fees	<u>\$12,000</u>
	Total	\$28,250

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Law and to Dr. Gale R. Burstein, Commissioner in the Erie County Health Department, 9th Floor, Rath Building.

(5-0) Chair Baskin not present for vote.

LISA M. CHIMERA
CHAIR