

December 9, 2021

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 13

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR BASKIN PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
  - a. INTRO. 16-2 (2021)  
**TODARO, GREENE & MILLS:** “Opposition to County-Wide Masking Mandate in Erie County Schools”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - b. INTRO. 17-3 (2021)  
**LORIGO, TODARO, GREENE & MILLS:** “Urging the Buffalo Bills to Provide an Opt-In Exemption of a Recent Negative COVID-19 Test to Allow Attendance at Highmark Stadium & KeyBank Center”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - c. INTRO. 19-2 (2021)  
**LORIGO, GREENE, TODARO & MILLS:** “Urging Pegula Sports & Entertainment and the EC Health Dept. to Provide an Opt-In Exemption of a Recent Negative COVID-19 Test to Allow Attendance at Highmark Stadium and KeyBank Center”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - d. COMM. 20E-4 (2021)  
**COMPTROLLER:** “Letter to Legislature Regarding Whistleblower Information”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - e. COMM. 20D-5 (2021)  
**DEPARTMENT OF LAW:** “Local Emergency Order Extensions”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - f. COMM. 20M-1 (2021)  
**LOCAL COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS:** “Letters of Support for LL Intro. 3-1 (2021)”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - g. COMM. 21D-2 (2021)  
**COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES:** “Child Protective Caseloads for 10/2021”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

- h. COMM. 21D-6 (2021)  
**DEPARTMENT OF LAW:** “Local Emergency Order Extensions”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - i. COMM. 24D-1 (2021)  
**DEPARTMENT OF LAW:** “Local Emergency Order Extensions”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - j. COMM. 24M-1 (2021)  
**KRISTA HARRISON:** “Letter Concerning State of Emergency in EC”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
2. COMM. 21E-17 (2021)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**  
RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby confirm the reappointments of the following individuals to the Division for Persons with Disabilities’ Advisory Board for terms ending December 31, 2023.

Kristin Collins 718 Jewett Holmwood Road East Aurora, NY 14052	Dennis Martinez 165 Mariner Street Buffalo, NY 14201	Andrea Russell 1985 Delaware Ave, APT 3G Buffalo, NY 14216
Patricia Wiseman 181 Ellicott Street Buffalo, NY 14203	Hal Lewis 12 N. Eaglecrest Drive Hamburg, NY 14075	

(5-0) Chair Baskin not present for vote.
  3. COMM. 24E-8 (2021)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**  
WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health has a responsibility to ensure the health and safety of its residents by its ability to respond to public health emergencies; and  
  
WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health has the responsibility to provide COVID-19 vaccine administration and education to healthcare professionals; and  
  
WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health will provide funding to the Erie County Department of Health in the amount of \$1,718,259.77 for marketing materials, education materials, staffing, supplies and equipment to promote and increase COVID-19 vaccine administration; and  
  
WHEREAS, 20% of the budget will be to promote and increase vaccine uptake in racial and ethnic minority groups and to increase accessibility for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the funding will increase COVID-19 vaccine confidence strategies; and

WHEREAS, Community Network for Engagement & Transformation (CoNECT Inc.) has the staffing and experience to perform COVID-19 Vaccine outreach and education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Department of Health is authorized to receive a grant award from the New York State Department of Health in the amount of \$1,718,259.77 to be budgeted as follows:

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		01/01/21 - 06/30/24	
<u>SAP</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>		<u>BUDGET</u>
409000	State Aid		1,718,260
		TOTAL	<u>1,718,260</u>
	<u>EXPENSES</u>		<u>BUDGET</u>
505000	Office Supplies		15,000
505400	Food and Kitchen Supplies		4,000
505800	Medical and Health Supplies		30,000
510200	Training and Education		20,000
516020	Prof Ser Cnt and Fees		1,601,760
516030	Maintenance Contracts		5,000
561410	Lab & Tech Equipment		17,500
530000	Other Expense		1,000
980000	ID DISS Services		24,000
		TOTAL	<u>1,718,260</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to extend the contract with Community Network for Engagement & Transformation (CoNECT Inc.) to perform COVID-19 vaccine outreach and education; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby waive the procedure provided for in section 26.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code to secure the services of Community Network for Engagement & Transformation (CoNECT Inc.) to perform COVID-19 Vaccine outreach and education; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust items of appropriations and revenues, which may be impacted by changes to the grantor award, provided there are no changes to authorized personnel levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this Resolution to the Erie County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management, the County Attorney's Office, and to Dr. Gale Burstein, the Commissioner of Health. (6-0)

4. COMM. 24E-9 (2021)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health has responsibility to ensure the health and safety of its residents by its ability to respond to public health emergencies; and

WHEREAS, health education and awareness is a valuable way to educate Erie County residents and to protect the community; and

WHEREAS, providing fellows to perform outreach and education to our vulnerable population enhances Erie Counties ability to do such; and

WHEREAS, fellows would be able to directly assist with the local COVID-19 public health response and prevention campaigns and address the local health needs over the next two years; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Public Health Corps will provide the resumes for follow applicants to the Erie County Health Department; and

WHEREAS, that Coordinated Care Services Inc. (CCSI) has a long history with Erie County Mental Health Services and has provided services to other counties throughout New York State and is a sole source provider of state grant contract management.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Department of Health is authorized to receive a grant award from New York State to be budgeted as follows:

NYS Public Health Corps Fellowship Program  
127FELLOWSHIP2123  
09/01/21 - 07/31/23

<u>SAP</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>		<u>BUDGET</u>
409000	State Aid		<u>12,350,184</u>
		TOTAL	<u><u>12,350,184</u></u>

  

<u>SAP</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>		<u>BUDGET</u>
516020	Prof Ser Cnt and Fees		<u>12,350,184</u>
		TOTAL	<u><u>12,350,184</u></u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to enter into a sole source contract with Coordinated Care Services Inc. (CCSI) for hiring of the fellows; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust items of appropriations and revenues, which may be impacted by changes to the grantor award, provided there are no changes to authorized personnel levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this resolution to the Erie County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Personnel, the County Attorney’s Office, and to Dr. Gale Burstein, the Commissioner of Health.

(6-0)

5. COMM. 24E-10 (2021)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the last position of Executive Assistant – Health moved to another position in early 2020; and

WHEREAS, a former Erie County employee, who has significant experience working in Erie County Government as well as educational qualifications, is willing to return to County service if paid at his former payroll step (Step 5).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the establishment of a variable minimum, Job Group 15, Step 5 (annualized 2022 salary \$96,724) hiring level for the position of Executive Assistant - Health; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Division of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust the Adopted 2021 Budget of the Department of Health as necessary; 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 the Department of Health.  
(4-2) Legislators Lorigo and Todaro voted in the negative.

6. COMM. 24E-13 (2021)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Social Services in collaboration with the Erie County Youth Bureau is responsible for the delivery of a comprehensive range of services for the residents of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Social Services in collaboration with the Erie County Youth Bureau has been awarded \$205,000 by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) to provide extended hours of youth engagement activities to those of ages 14-24 at risk of being perpetrators and victims of gun violence in high gun violence neighborhoods and census tracts; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services in collaboration with the Erie County Youth Bureau is requesting that the Erie County Legislature waive Erie County Administrative Code Section 26.08 to enter into contracts with various anti-violence agencies to provide extended hours of youth engagement activities; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services requires legislative approval to accept the State funds and to amend the 2021 Adopted Budget; and

WHEREAS, no County funds will be necessary for Erie County to accept this state aid to serve individuals residing in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, Erie County Youth Bureau has a working relationship with CAO of WNY as a current contractor in providing services to at risk youth and has expertise community programming and drop in recreation programs for teens and young adults at three sites; and

WHEREAS, African Heritage Food Coop/Blegacy Farms has the staffing and expertise in community programming for youth; and

WHEREAS, Erie County Youth Bureau has a working relationship with Willie Hutch Jones Sports Clinic, Inc. as a current contractor in providing services to at risk youth and has expertise in youth sports and recreation; and

WHEREAS, Say Yes to Education can provide paid undergrad internships; and

WHEREAS, Erie County Youth Bureau has a working relationship with Girls Sports Foundation and they can offer drop in evening youth sports and recreation activities; and

WHEREAS, Police Athletic League (PAL) can provide Play Streets sports equipment and instruction in the community at several hot spots in the city; and

WHEREAS, Buffalo Arts Studio can provide community programming; and

WHEREAS, Urban Fruits and Vegetables and WNY STEM Hub can provide youth engagement activities and community programming; and

WHEREAS, WNY STEM Hub can provide community programming; and

WHEREAS, Buffalo Niagara Partnership, Buffalo Center for Arts and Technology, Northland Workforce, and Service Collaborative can provide youth employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, FATHERS, MAD DADS, Most Valuable Parents of Buffalo, Stop the Violence Coalition, and TRY – Teaching & Restoring Youth can provide SNUG and anti-violence programs; and

WHEREAS, God’s Speed Track Team can provide youth sports and recreational programming.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive to accept New York State funds to provide extended hours of youth engagement activities to those of ages 14-24 at risk of being perpetrators and victims of gun violence and authorizes the Division of Budget and Management to establish a grant as follows:

Erie County Youth Bureau Funds Center 12530	
Revenue Increase	
Account 408000 - State Aid - Youth Programs	\$205,000
Appropriation	Increase
Account 517876 – Youth Development Programs	\$205,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Executive can enter into contract with CAO of WNY, African Heritage Food Coop/Blegacy Farms, Buffalo Arts Studio, Urban Fruits and Veggies, and WNY STEM Hub to provide community programming; and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Executive can enter into contract with FATHERS, MAD DADS, Most Valuable Parents of Buffalo, Stop the Violence Coalition, and TRY – Teaching & Restoring Youth to provide leadership activities for youth currently engaged in gun violence; and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Executive can enter into contract with Buffalo Niagara Partnership, Buffalo Center for the Arts & Technology, Northland Workforce Training Center, and Service Collaborative + Youth Build to provide services to at risk youth and has expertise in career exploration; and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Executive can enter into contract with Say Yes to Education to provide paid undergrad internships; and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Executive can enter into contract with the God’s Speed Track Team, Girls Sports Foundation, Buffalo PAL and Willie Hutch Jones Sport Clinic, Inc. to provide youth sports and recreational activities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby waive the procedures provided for in Section 26.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code to secure the services of various anti-violence agencies throughout the targeted zip codes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust items of appropriations and revenues which may be impacted by changes to the award, provided there are no changes to county share amounts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be furnished to the Office of the County Executive, the Department of Social Services, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Division of Budget and Management.  
(6-0)

7. COMM. 24E-23 (2021)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Senior Services continually looks to educate the public and enhance services for older adults and caregivers in Erie County and for ways to fund such services; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) has awarded the Department \$21,875 of Disability Awareness grant funds for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Department will be a pilot Area Association on Aging (AAA) chosen by NYSOFA, to raise awareness in Erie County regarding people living with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) and/or their caregivers; and

WHEREAS, no addition County funds are required to accept the grant, as it 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 the New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) to accept \$21,875 of Disability Awareness grant funds for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to enter into contracts and amendments with NYSOFA to effectuate changes in funding level or Grant period; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Disability Awareness (163Disaware2022) grant, be established as follows:

<u>INITIAL BUDGET</u>		
REVENUES		
Account	Description	
414000	Federal Aid	<u>\$ 21,875</u>
APPROPRIATIONS		
Account	Description	
505000	Office Supplies	\$ 400
530000	Other Expenses	\$ 600
916390	ID Senior Srvs Grant	\$ 19,875
980000	ID DISS Services	\$ <u>1,000</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 21,875</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 grantor approved funding levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the: County Executive's Office, Division of Budget and Management, Comptroller's Office, and the Department of Senior Services.  
(6-0)

8. COMM. 24E-28 (2021)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, as part of their efforts to support the ongoing "Live Well Erie WALKS!" series hosted by Erie County Division of Community Wellness, Wegmans Food Markets Inc. wishes to donate a \$100 gift card for the purchase of supplies, water and/or refreshments for walk participants; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health seeks legislative authorization to accept the donation of the \$100 gift card as well as authorization to receive any future donations of \$100 or less from other entities, organizations or individuals, for the purpose of providing refreshments, water, and other necessary supplies for the ongoing "Live Well Erie WALKS!" series led by the Erie County Department of Health in Partnership with the Erie County Department of Senior Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Department of Health is authorized to receive \$100 from Wegmans Food Market Inc., and is authorized to receive any future donations of \$100 or less from other entities, organizations or individuals, for the purpose of providing refreshments, water, and other necessary supplies for the ongoing “Live Well Erie WALKS!” series led by the Erie County Department of Health in Partnership with the Erie County Department of Senior Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Division of Budget and Management, and Department of Health are hereby authorized to accept and make any necessary budgetary adjustments for these and any future donated gift cards and funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, that future donated funds will be placed into the Erie County Department of Health’s Fund 110, Fund Center 1271215, Account Number 505400; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this Resolution to the County Executive, the Director of the Division of Budget and Management, the Office of the Comptroller, the County Attorney’s Office, and Dr. Gale Burstein, the Commissioner of Health.  
(6-0)

9. COMM. 24E-32 (2021)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby confirm the appointment and reappointments of the following individuals to the Erie County Mental Hygiene Community Services Board for terms ending December 31, 2023.

Elizabeth Smith, BA, CASAC 115 Anglecrest Lane West Seneca, NY 14224 Re-Appointment	Max Donatelli, Jr. 3264 Queens Lane Hamburg, NY 14075 Re-Appointment	Erica Westphal 9295 Sandrock Road Eden, NY 14057 Re-Appointment
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Daniel Antonius 172 Saint James Place Buffalo, NY 14222 Re-Appointment	Katie Coric 2159 Fix Road Grand Island, NY 14072 New Appointment
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10. COMM. 24E-33 (2021)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE AS AMENDED**

WHEREAS, the Health Professional Opportunity Grant (HPOG) was a successful and longstanding federal pilot program administered by the Erie County Workforce Investment Board that helped train Erie County residents for in-demand healthcare jobs for 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Erie County has continued funding for the program via the 2021 RENEW plan after the HPOG program was not federally renewed in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Erie County hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and other healthcare employers report a significant shortage of trained employees, contributing to hospital crowding and a lack of available beds; and

WHEREAS, additional funding can further expand the number of training slots available for the now-Erie County funded HPOG program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature authorizes the Director of Budget and Management to make the following budgetary adjustments and necessary revenue adjustments:

Description	Fund	Fund Center	Account	Amount
WIB HPOG Program	110	1331010	518700	\$1,350,000
Medicaid MMIS	110	120	525000	(\$1,350,000)

and be it further

RESOVLED, that the Erie County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into contract with the Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Investment Board for the purposes of expanding the Erie County Healthcare Career program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is authorized to make any technical adjustments necessary to facilitate this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this Resolution to the County Executive; the Erie County Comptroller; the Director of Budget and Management; and the Commissioner of Personnel.

(6-0)

**LISA M. CHIMERA  
CHAIR**