

June 28, 2018

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 10

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR SAVAGE PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
  - a. COMM. 13E-18 (2018)  
**SAVAGE:** "Letter to Governor Cuomo Regarding Expansion of ECMC"  
(Chair's ruling)
  - b. COMM. 13D-3 (2018)  
**SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES:** "CPS Statistical Report – May 2018"  
(Chair's ruling)
2. COMM. 13E-27 (2018)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**  
WHEREAS, Effective July 1, 2018, the New York State Office for the Aging will cease funding the Department of Senior Services Senior Employment grant (163SREMPPLY1819); and

WHEREAS, this grant was included in the County's 2018 adopted budget and was to receive \$248,880 in State and \$18,000 in County share monies for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the total grant funds were appropriated for the Supportive Services Corporation, a not for profit agency that operates employment programs for Erie County job seekers fifty-five years and older; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the elimination of the grant, Supportive Services Corp is now facing an operating shortfall of \$78,720 which represents the amount of the 163SREMPPLY1819 grant funding they were allowed to use for direct care and operating expenses of the agency's employment services program; and

WHEREAS, the Supportive Services Corp via the Senior Employment services provides comprehensive employment assessment, job development, resume preparation, job match and referral, job coaching, case management referral (if needed), and workshops in navigating the various aspects of retraining and obtaining employment for Erie County job seekers fifty-five years and older; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services has a separate 2018 general fund contract with Supportive Services that provides the agency with \$60,000 in operating funds for employment services for seniors; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services desires to increase this existing general fund contract with the \$18,000 of County share monies budgeted for the 163SREMPPLY1819 grant, to reduce the funding shortfall Supportive Services is facing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the 163SREMPPLY1819 grant be removed from the 2018 adopted County grant budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to amend the Senior Services Department's general fund contract with the Supportive Services Corporation to increase funding by \$18,000, utilizing the County share monies that had been budgeted in the 163SREMPPLY1819 grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Senior Services general fund budget for the Administration & Support cost center (#1631010) be amended as follows:

|                             | INITIAL<br>BUDGET | CHANGE     | AMENDED<br>BUDGET |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|
| APPROPRIATIONS              |                   |            |                   |
| 517825 Supportive Srvs Corp | \$60,000          | +18,000    | \$78,000          |
| 559000 County Share-Grants  | 2,144,729         | (18,000)   | 2,126,729         |
| NET CHANGE                  |                   | <u>-0-</u> |                   |

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.

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3. COMM. 13E-29 (2018)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, group respite programs provide a safe, supervised, entertaining environment for memory impaired adults, thereby allowing their family caregivers temporary relief; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services is working to cost efficiently expand services for frail older adults in Erie County by partnering with faith-based institutions to provide group respite programs; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services has identified an additional area church to begin this initiative, First Presbyterian Church of Tonawanda; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services plans on providing the church with a one-time payment of \$1,000 to cover program startup expenses; and

WHEREAS, budgetary appropriations are available in the Elder Caregiver Support (163III-E2018) grant's Professional Services Contracts and Fees account (#516020) to fund the contract with the church.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract, not to exceed \$1,000 with First Presbyterian Church, to begin a group respite program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that budgetary appropriations in the 163III-E2018 grant's Professional Services Contracts and Fees account be utilized to fund the contract with the church; 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 Senior Services. (6-0)

4. COMM. 13E-30 (2018)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services Powerful Tools for Caregivers (PTC) program is a class series designed to help family caregivers take better care of themselves while caring for a family member or friend; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services desires to efficiently expand its PTC program in Erie County by contracting with Lisa Rood a certified PTC master trainer with experience in establishing program sites, training new instructors and organizing classes; and

WHEREAS, this consultant contract would be for the period June 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 at a cost not to exceed \$9,000; and

WHEREAS, budgetary appropriations to cover contract costs are available in the Department's 163III-E grant's Professional Services Contracts & Fees account #516020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to contract with Lisa Rood, for the period June 1, 2018 through December, 31, 2018 at a cost not to exceed \$9,000 to assist with the expansion and coordination of the Department's PTC program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that budgetary appropriations in the Department's 163III-E grant's Professional Services Contracts & Fees account (#516020) be utilized to fund the contract; 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)

5. COMM. 13E-35 (2018)

**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, as such, the Department of Health is requesting authorization to fill the vacant title of Associate Chief Medical Examiner at a variable minimum; and

WHEREAS, funding for these changes is already available in the 2018 enacted budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the hiring of one Associate Chief Medical Examiner, Job Group 22, at a variable minimum hiring level of Step 5 (annual salary \$156,790); 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.  
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**JOHN BRUSO**  
**CHAIR**