

October 15, 2013

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 14

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR MILLS.

- 1. RESOLVED, the following item is hereby received and filed:
  - a. COMM. 17D-1 (2013)  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES:** “ECDSS - Copy of Reorganization Proposal to the Health & Human Services Committee - 9/24/2013”  
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- 2. COMM. 17E-14 (2013)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**  
WHEREAS, a lack of a permanent Public Health Laboratory Director has led to the utilization of contract pathologists and insufficient funds exist to pay for the critical HealthSpace™ software contract; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health has analyzed its objects of expense and has determined that in that in Account 516020 Professional Services Contracts and Fees expenditures will exceed appropriations by \$140,000; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in Account 500000 Full Time Staff and Account 505800 Medical Supplies to accommodate this request; and

WHEREAS, a protracted process to hire and orient staff for critical positions in the Department of Health’s Correctional Health Division has led to an increased utilization of contract nursing agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health has determined that in that in Account 516020 Professional Services Contracts and Fees expenditures will exceed appropriations by \$700,000; and

WHEREAS, the Adopted 2013 Health Department Budget provides funding to provide medical services at the Erie County Holding Center and the Erie County Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, a transfer of funds must be made in order to fulfill the Department’s commitment to the Erie County Sheriff’s Department – Jail Medical Division and to remain in compliance with the Stipulated Order of Dismissal signed with the US Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in Account 500000, Full Time Staff, Account 516050, Payment to ECMC, and from fringe benefits to accommodate this request; and

WHEREAS, the retirement of the Chief Medical Examiner has led to the utilization of contract pathologists; and

WHEREAS, the Adopted 2013 Health Department Budget provides funding to perform autopsy services at the Erie County Medical Examiner’s office; and

WHEREAS, a transfer of funds must be made in order to fulfill our commitments to perform autopsies; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in Account 500000 Full Time Staff to accommodate this request; and

WHEREAS, vacancy savings from the retirement of the Chief Medical Examiner will be utilized to fund the contract expense Account 516020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby approve the following transactions within the accounts of the Department of Health:

Health Department: Public Health Laboratory Division – Fund Center 12730

<u>Expense</u>	<u>Increase/(Decrease)</u>
Account 500000 Full Time Staff (Vacancy Savings)	\$(110,000)
Account 505800 Medical Supplies	(30,000)
Account 516020 Professional Services Contracts & Fees	<u>140,000</u>
Net	-0-

Health Department: Medical Examiner’s Office – Fund Center 12740

<u>Expense</u>	<u>Increase/(Decrease)</u>
Account 500000 Full Time Staff (Vacancy Savings)	\$(26,000)
Account 516020 Professional Services Contracts and Fees	<u>\$ 26,000</u>
Net	-0-

Health Department: Correctional Health – Fund Center 12760

<u>Expense</u>	<u>Increase/(Decrease)</u>
Account 500000 Full Time Staff (Vacancy Savings)	\$(100,000)
Account 502000 Fringe Benefits	(200,000)
Account 516050 Payments to ECMC	(400,000)
Account 516020 Professional Services Contracts and Fees	<u>700,000</u>
Net	-0-

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Sheriff’s Department, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Law, and to Dr. Gale R. Burstein, Commissioner in the Erie County Department of Health, 9th Floor, Rath Building.  
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3. COMM. 17E-16 (2013)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE AS AMENDED**

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services is to receive a cash donation of \$66,500 from Say Yes to Education for the provision of Mandated Preventive Services, and this funding is to be used to establish a new contract with Catholic Charities; and

WHEREAS, the donated funds will be used to draw down additional State share funding in the amount of \$108,500; therefore, this resolution requests authorization to increase the current year budget and contract amount with Catholic Charities by \$175,000; and

WHEREAS, ECDSS has traditionally provided Mandated Preventive Services to children and families identified to be at risk of removal from the home and entry into the Foster Care System; and

WHEREAS, this new program derives from the public private partnership between the Say Yes to Education Buffalo organization, the Buffalo Public Schools, Erie County, the City of Buffalo, higher education partners and local foundations; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Charities is a longstanding provider of qualified Mandated Preventive Services in Erie County as well as an established provider with Say Yes to Education, Inc. – Buffalo in the efforts to increase engagement of high risk children and their families; and

WHEREAS, these Mandated Preventive Services will identify at risk children from the school base and align intervention with these children and their families while allowing greater frequency of access and monitoring to promote ongoing safety and risk assessment; and

WHEREAS, there is no fiscal impact to this resolution as the local share is to be offset by the private cash donation from Say Yes to Education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments are hereby authorized in the 2013 Adopted Budget:

Department of Social Services, Department 120, Fund 110

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
516400	Catholic Charities – Say Yes to Education Total Expenditure	<u>\$175,000</u> <u>\$175,000</u>
418430	Donated Funds	\$66,500
407680	State Aid Services for Recipients Total Revenue	<u>108,500</u> <u>\$175,000</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive and the Commissioner of Social Services are authorized receive the cash contribution from Say Yes to Education – Buffalo and to execute necessary contracts and agreements for this program; and be it further

RESOLVED, due to the need to fund this program with an important existing provider agency, the requirement for Request for Proposals is waived; 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.

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**THOMAS J. MAZUR**  
**CHAIR**