

February 28, 2019

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 4

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

1. RESOLVED, the following item is hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 2E-6 (2019)
LORIGO: "Letter to Legislator Brusco Concerning the Rural Outreach Center"
(Chair's ruling)
2. COMM. 4E-9 (2019)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature hereby confirms the appointment of Karen King, Jr. to the position of Commissioner of Public Advocacy effective February 11, 2019.
(6-0)
3. COMM. 4E-16 (2019)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health has declared opioid addiction a public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, neo-natal abstinence syndrome is one of the most profound consequences of the opioid epidemic, causing newborn babies to be born addicted to opioids; and

WHEREAS, SBIRT training is a nationally recognized, evidence based process to screen for and intervene to assist individuals with opioid use disorder; and

WHEREAS, Positive Directions LLC, is a HHS licensed SBIRT trainer and current Erie county Vendor; and

WHEREAS, the University at Buffalo Medical Group Practice Plan employees expert OB/GYN's who are qualified to implement quality improvement programs to ensure successful implementation of new procedures; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the Erie County Department of Health's leading role in creating the Erie County Opioid Epidemic Task Force, the U.S Department of Health and Human Services has decided to award Erie County with funding to implement SBIRT screening throughout local OB/GYN practices; and

WHEREAS, this grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 requires no local funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Department of Health is authorized to receive a grant award from the United States Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of \$100,000 to be budgeted as follows:

"Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)"
127SBIRT1819
7/1/18 - 6/30/19

SAP	REVENUE	BUDGET
414000	Federal Aid	<u>\$100,000</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$100,000</u>
SAP	EXPENSES	BUDGET
505000	Office Supplies	\$ 16,588
510100	Out of Area Travel	4,712
516020	Professional Svcs Contracts & Fees	50,700
561410	Lab & Technical Equipment	<u>28,000</u>
	TOTAL	<u>100,000</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into contract with Positive Directions LLC for the purposes of fulfilling this grant contract; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust grant appropriations and revenues in accordance with the final grantor funding levels or grantor authorized changes to award amounts, provided there are no changes to authorized personnel levels or county share amounts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Personnel, the Department of Law and to Dr. Gale R. Burstein, Commissioner, in the Erie County Department of Health, 9th Floor, Rath Building.
(6-0)

4. COMM. 4E-17 (2019)

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 Erie County Medical Examiner's Offices faces a critical staffing shortage due to the vacancies of two Associate Chief Medical Examiner positions; and

WHEREAS, the Division anticipates the final vacancy will be filled by the end of July 2019; and

WHEREAS, fee-for-service forensic pathology services are available to cover staffing shortages on an interim basis; and

WHEREAS, an RFP process was previously performed to solicit respondents willing to perform fee-for-service on a rotating basis in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, approximately \$100,000 in funding will be required and is available through vacancy savings in the Full Time Salaries and less-than-anticipated Fringe Benefits costs in the Medical Examiner's Division.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

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

Health Department - Medical Examiner's Division - Fund Center 12740

<u>Expense</u>	Increase/(Decrease)
500000 Full Time - Salaries	\$ (52,309)
502000 Fringe Benefits	\$ (47,691)
516020 Professional Svcs Contracts & Fees	<u>\$ 100,000</u>
Total Expense	<u>\$ 0</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Law, and to Dr. Gale R. Burstein, Commissioner of Health.
(6-0)

5. COMM. 4E-22 (2019)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services issued an RFP in November 2017, to select a vendor to provide transportation dispatching software and staff training; and

WHEREAS, Buffalo Intelligent Technology Systems (BITS), an experienced, local agency with a strong background in transportation scheduling, was selected through the RFP process; and

WHEREAS, Legislative resolution 4E-19 (2018), dated March 1, 2018 authorized the County to contract with BITS, for an initial period through December 31, 2018, with the option for the county to extend the agreement beyond its initial term for up to three additional one year periods; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services has been able to improve ride scheduling in a manner by which we are able to use the most efficient routes and utilize the full capacity of the vans traveling to similar destinations; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services now desires to extend the contract with BITS for the one year period, January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, at a cost not to exceed \$18,000; and

WHEREAS, appropriations to pay for the contract extension are available in the Department's IIB-2019 grant's Professional Services Contracts and Fees account (acct# 516020).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to extend the contract with BITS for computerized scheduling and dispatching software, for the one year period, January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019, at a cost not to exceed \$18,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that available appropriations in the Department's IIB 2019, grant's Professional Services Contracts and Fees accounts (acct# 516020) be utilized to pay for this contract extension; and be it further

RESOLVED, and if necessary the County Executive is hereby authorized to execute amendments to the contract to effectuate adjusted 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.

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JOHN BRUSO
CHAIR