

February 27, 2020

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 4

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

1. RESOLVED, the following item is hereby received, filed and printed:
 - a. COMM. 4E-2 (2020)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: "Appointment to the EC Board of Health"
(Chair's Ruling)

February 5, 2020

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin St.
4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Honorable Members:

I, Mark C. Poloncarz, Erie County Executive, pursuant to Erie County Charter Section 503, do hereby appoint the following individual to the Board of Health, for a term expiring December 31, 2025.

Appointee:

Hon. Lisa Chimera
92 Franklin St., 4th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact my office at (716) 858-8500.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

2. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 3E-6 (2020)
CHIMERA: "Letter to County Attorney Regarding Ruthie's Law Compliance & Enforcement"
(Chair's Ruling)
 - b. COMM. 3D-1 (2020)
COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Letter to Legislator Chimera Concerning Ruthie's Law"
(Chair's Ruling)
 - c. COMM. 4E-7 (2020)
CHIMERA: "Letter Requesting Additional Information Relating to Ruthie's Law Enforcement"
(Chair's Ruling)
3. COMM. 4E-10 (2020)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services participated in a pilot study of the Aging Mastery Program (AMP) in 2016 and 2017 as part of a collaborative effort of the New York State Office of Aging (NYSOFA) and the National Council on Aging (NCOA) to build evidence of the effectiveness of AMP across New York State; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary results from the pilot projects conducted both locally and across the country show that the AMP participants significantly increased their physical activity levels, healthy eating habits, use of advanced planning, social connectedness, and participation in evidence-based self-management programs after taking the core curriculum; and

WHEREAS, evidence has shown older adults are interested and have requested further information on Sexual Health in aging; and

WHEREAS, the NCOA has subsequently requested Erie County supplement the AMP series with a Sexual Health elective and develop a curriculum to be incorporated into further AMP class schedules and build additional evidence for impact of the program; and

WHEREAS, the NCOA desires to contract with and provide \$2,500 of grant funding for the Department of Senior Services to function as the developer of a Sexual Health Elective and expand the offerings of the AMP for the year period March 1, 2020 to October 20, 2020; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to contract with the Nation Council on Aging to accept \$2,500 of AMP grant monies for the development and implementation of the Sexual Health Elective for the Aging Mastery Program for the period March 1, 2020 through October 30, 2020; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department’s 163AMPNCOA2021 grant be established as follows:

Account	Revenues Description	Initial Budget
417060	Other Income Senior Services	\$2,500
Account	Appropriations Description	Initial Budget
916390	ID Senior Services Grant	\$2,500

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust items of appropriations and revenue which may be impacted by changes to grantor awards; 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)

4. COMM. 4E-13 (2020)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, one of the primary goals of child protective services (CPS) is preserving families and protecting children. Yet, when a caregiver is experiencing a substance abuse issue, the goals of preserving families and protecting children can seem at odds with each other; and

WHEREAS, of the many risk factors that could be present for families, it is suspected that substance use is underreported. The stigma of mental health and substance abuse diagnoses may lead many parents/caregivers away from seeking the very support and services that could preserve their ability to parent their children and reduce the need for CPS; and

WHEREAS, children born to a mother who used alcohol and/or drugs during her pregnancy often present various health-related issues. The early identification, referral and implementation of services is critical to these families; and

WHEREAS, fourteen Social Services districts in New York State have previously used behavioral health consultants and found that these positions provided direct support to child protective and preventive caseworkers; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services is making a portion of its Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act allocation from the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018 available to Erie County Department of Social Services to hire behavioral health consultants or public health nurses to assist in the identification of families experiencing substance abuse disorders, and in the development, implementation, and monitoring of plans of safe care with infants and families affected by substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, in September 2019, the Department of Social Services issued a Request-for-Proposal (RFP) to provide child abuse prevention public health services. Best-Self Behavioral Health was the only respondent to the RFP. The scoring committee reviewed the proposal and have recommended the Erie County Department of Social Services award a contract to it to provide the requested service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the State of New York to accept the aforementioned funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Social Services and the County Executive are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Best-Self Behavioral Health in the amount of \$90,000 for the provision of child abuse prevention public health services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments are hereby authorized in the 2020 Adopted Budget:

Department of Social Services, Fund 110, Department 120

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE
516010	Contractual Payments	<u>\$90,000</u>
	Total Expenditures	<u>\$90,000</u>
409000	State Aid	<u>\$90,000</u>
	Total Revenues	<u>\$90,000</u>

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

5. COMM. 4E-18 (2020)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services previously contracted with Diona (US) Inc. to develop a custom solution that integrates mobile and desktop components which will allow Child Protective Services (CPS) and Adult Protective Services (APS) staff to develop, create, access and update case files; and

WHEREAS, the software developed by Diona (US) Inc. has been deployed and Department of Social Services and Division of Information and Support Services staff support the software on day-to-day issues; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services entered into an agreement with Diona (US) Inc. to provide high-level support for the software; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services and Division of Information and Support Services do not have the technical expertise to make significant changes to the software and rely on support from Diona (US) Inc. to make those changes; and

WHEREAS, because Diona (US) Inc. has developed the software and customized it for the Department of Social Services, it is the best vendor to provide ongoing support; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services has negotiated an agreement for Diona (US) Inc. to provide ten months (220 hours of support) of offsite support for \$31,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Diona (US) Inc. to provide ten months (220 hours of support) of offsite support for \$31,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the funding is available in account 516020, professional services, of the Department of Social Services (Fund Center 120); and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Administrative Code requirement in section 19.08 Request for Proposals (RFP) is hereby waived as Diona is the sole source provider of this service; and be it further

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

LISA M. CHIMERA
CHAIR