

March 28, 2019

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 6

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR SAVAGE PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. INTRO. 5-11 (2019)

**LORIGO**

WHEREAS, Rural Outreach Center (ROC) provides services to rural residents in Erie County, which is a subset of the population often ignored by traditional social welfare programs; and

WHEREAS, the ROC provides services to the rural poor that assist, empower, and elevate their clients as they work to achieve self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, New York State requires all service providers to achieve certification pursuant to State Education Department regulations in order to receive reimbursement for services rendered to New York State residents; and

WHEREAS, the ROC has submitted an application for certification under the State Education Department in 2016 and 2018; and

WHEREAS, the ROC has already provided services for Code Blue assistance in cold weather and is seeking reimbursement from the county for the provision of those services; and

WHEREAS, it is a finding of this body that Erie County has residents living in poverty in all communities and that no matter where residents are located in Erie County they are all equally deserving of County resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this honorable body hereby issues its support to the application of the Rural Outreach Center for state certifications to allow the Rural Outreach Center to contract with New York State and the Erie County Department of Social Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the New York State Education Department, the Rural Outreach Center, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.  
(4-1) Legislator Brusco voted in the negative. Chair Savage not present for vote.

2. COMM. 6E-16 (2019)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Health Foundation for Western and Central New York, (Health Foundation) an independent private foundation that serves 16 counties, develops, implements and evaluates sustainable programs with community partners that make a positive difference in the lives of thousands of older adults in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Senior Services, in conjunction with the Health Foundation endeavors to improve the of older adults through its programming and community collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the Health Foundation recently awarded the Department of Senior Services \$2,500 in Aging Services of America Leadership grant funds to allow one Department staff member to attend the Leadership Academy hosted by the American Society on Aging, at a national conference in New Orleans, LA., on April 15<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the grant is 100% funded and does not require a local share.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Health Foundation to accept the \$2,500 of Aging Services in America Leadership grant funding; and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to enter into contracts and amendments with the Health Foundation effectuate adjusted funding levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the 163ASAL2019 grant, be established as follows:

REVENUES		INITIAL BUDGET
Account	Description	
417060	Other Income Senior Services	\$2,500
APPROPRIATIONS		INITIAL BUDGET
Account	Description	
510100	Out of Area Travel	\$2,500

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 Health Foundation's approved funding levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the: County Executive Office, Division of Budget and Management, Comptroller's Office and the Department of Senior Services.  
(5-0) Chair Savage not present for vote.

**JOHN BRUSO**  
**CHAIR**