

May 17, 2018

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 8

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 7E-7 (2018)
MILLER WILLIAMS: “Letter to County Executive – Status of Dialogue with CSEA Local 815 on CPS”
(Chair’s ruling)
 - b. COMM. 7D-7 (2018)
COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES: “Letter to Legislator Brusco Concerning Employee Survey”
(Chair’s ruling)
 - c. COMM. 8M-1 (2018)
PRESIDENT, EC BOARD OF HEALTH: “Agenda Items for Meeting to be Held on 5/1/18”
(Chair’s ruling)
 - d. COMM. 9D-5 (2018)
SPECIAL ASSISTANT, COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES: “CPS Statistical Report for April 2018”
(Chair’s ruling)
2. COMM. 8E-9 (2018)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health manages multiple New York State Department of Health programs designed to reduce the spread of communicable diseases; and

WHEREAS, treating and preventing the spread of sexual transmitted diseases is a core public health function under Article 6 of New York State Public Health Law; and

WHEREAS, these personnel changes align with the New York State Department of Health’s vision for how STDs and HIV should be addressed in New York State and allow Erie County to better implement proven strategies for decreasing the number of cases of STDs and HIV in our community; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is follow-up to COMM. 23E-19 (2017), which included an initial set of adjustments to, effectively, combine the Partner Notification (PNAP) and STDDI grants; and

WHEREAS, the grant manager, the New York State Department of Health has recommended and authorized this staff transfer and new position to align with its goals in addressing STDs and HIV; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds available in the grants to accommodate this staff transfer and addition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive hereby authorizes the transfer of the Projects Coordinator – Health, JG-11, (B100 #10231) from the STDDI grant to the PrEP grant, retroactive to January 1, 2018 to align with the current grant year; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive hereby authorizes the creation of new position of Disease Intervention Specialist, JG-6, (B100#10232) in the STDDI grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, that funding is available through Fund 281 grants 127HIVPREP1718 & 127HIVPREP1819 and 127STDDI2018 grants; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this Resolution 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 in the Erie County Health Department, 9th Floor, Rath Building.
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3. COMM. 9E-25 (2018)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health has successfully won multiple new Federal grants to launch programs to address specific public health challenges created by the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, Federal grants often include a requirement for an outside entity to provide professional evaluation of grant performance; and

WHEREAS, The Research Foundation for the State University of New York (RF) is the largest comprehensive university-connected research foundation in the country and is a private non-profit education corporation that is tax-exempt under Intern Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501 (c) (3); and

WHEREAS, the goal of this contract is to evaluate the activities and outcomes for the Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) and the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) grants to better improve services; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to authorize the County Executive to enter into a contract with The Research Foundation for the State University of New York beginning September 30, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to enter into contract and amendments to that contract with The Research Foundation for State University of New York retroactive to September 30th 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, that funds necessary to cover the costs of this contract are available through two grants, 127CARA1718 & 127SBIRT1718; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this Resolution 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 in the Erie County Health Department, 9th Floor, Rath Building.
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4. COMM. 9E-27 (2018)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, a key provision of the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act is to move sexually exploited youth from the criminal and juvenile justice systems to the family court where children and their families can receive support and services from the child welfare system; and

WHEREAS, services are to be provided to victims of sex trafficking and core elements of the service include case management, emergency temporary housing, health care, mental health counseling, language interpretation and translation services, job training and placement and services to assist in establishing permanent residence; and

WHEREAS, International Institute of Buffalo has been the lead agency for this program for the previous five years and is the only local agency with the expertise and existing resources to carry out the program; and

WHEREAS, a gradual decrease in State funding over the past few years has required additional county funding to operate this valuable program; and

WHEREAS, this proposed resolution authorizes the Department to amend the 2018 Adopted Budget and to increase funding for the current year contract with the International Institute to assure the continuation of the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Social Services and/or the County Executive are hereby authorized to amend the 2018 contract with the International Institute of Buffalo in order to provide an additional \$80,000 in county funding to assure the provision of services for the Safe Harbor for Exploited Children program to year end; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments are hereby authorized in the 2018 Adopted Budget:

Department of Social Services, Fund 110, Department 120

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	Increase/(Decrease)
525000	Medicaid	(\$80,000)
517172	International Institute	<u>\$80,000</u>
	Total Expenditures	0

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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JOHN BRUSO
CHAIR