

July 6, 2009

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 10

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 12E-4 (2009)
COMPTROLLER: "Letter to Legislature Concerning Erie County's Medicaid Anti-Fraud Initiatives"
(5-0)
 - b. COMM. 12D-7 (2009)
COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Notice of Public Hearing to be Held 7/1/09 Concerning LL INTRO 2-2009"
(5-0)
 - c. COMM. 12M-4 (2009)
CATHOLIC CHARITIES - PROJECTRUTH: "Letter Requesting the Retention of Funding"
(5-0)
2. COMM. 12E-32 (2009)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature has already appropriated funds for the Protective Services for Older Adults (PSA) program for the period January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009; and

WHEREAS, PSA is a Title XX mandated service and is experiencing steadily increasing caseloads; and

WHEREAS, PSA investigated 121% more allegations of mistreatment, neglect, and financial exploitation in 2008 compared to 2002 (265 in 2002; 585 in 2009); and

WHEREAS, the number of new cases opened for ongoing intervention in 2008 was more than double that of 2002 (101 in 2002; 203 in 2008); and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Child and Family Services recommends PSA staffing guidelines "for workers responsible for both PSA intakes and undercare cases, a combined total of up to 18 intakes and undercare cases per month" (85-INF-9); and

WHEREAS, current combined caseload size stands at 33, or 83% higher than recommended; and

WHEREAS, based on census data and projected demographic makeup of the region, the number of PSA cases is expected to continue rising; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services desires to create a Case Manager position, job group 7, in PSA, effective June 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, these position changes are reflected in the SAP system on B-100 Control number 4746; and

WHEREAS, the PSA budget has sufficient appropriations to cover the related payroll costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that a Case Manager position be created in the PSA program effective June 1, 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, the Division of Budget and Management, the Comptroller's Office and the Departments of Personnel and Senior Services.
(5-0)

3. COMM. 13E-24 (2009)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services has issued an annual Request for Proposals (RFP), selected providers for its Employee Education and Training Program pursuant to Section 19.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code, and has the responses, evaluation and selection material available; and

WHEREAS, these contracts will enable employees of the Department of Social Services to upgrade their professional knowledge and skills thereby benefiting Departmental operations; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services must have Legislative approval to renew Employee Education and Training Program contracts; and

WHEREAS, there is no fiscal impact to the 2009 Adopted Budget based on this resolution and no additional County local share funds are necessary because the existing appropriation in Account 516040, DSS Training and Education, is sufficient to cover these contract renewals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive and/or the Commissioner of Social Services are hereby authorized to renew the Employee Education and Training Program contracts to New York State mandated State University of New York (SUNY) institutions as specified below:

| <u>Educational Institution</u> | <u>Period</u> | <u>Gross Contract</u> | <u>Institution's Contribution</u> | <u>Paid by ECDSS</u> |
|--|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Buffalo State College (CDHS) degrees (Master's/Bachelor's) | 09/01/09-08/31/10 | \$455,369 | \$163,933 | \$291,436 |
| Buffalo State College (CDHS) (In-service Training and Organizational Development) | 09/01/09-08/31/10 | \$991,927 | \$357,094 | \$634,833 |
| Empire State College (Bachelor's/Associate's Degrees in Business/Community and Human Services) | 09/01/09-08/31/10 | \$396,778 | \$142,834 | \$253,944 |
| Empire State College (In-Service Training) | 09/01/09-08/31/10 | \$588,369 | \$176,510 | \$411,859 |
| SUNY-Millard Fillmore College (Bachelor's Degrees in Social Science) | 8/29/09-8/28/10 | \$97,526 | \$34,134 | \$63,392 |
| SUNYAB – School of Social Work (Master's of Social Work & Certificate in Trauma Studies) | 09/01/09-08/31/10 | \$325,189 | \$113,816 | \$211,373 |

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|--|-------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| SUNYAB Institute for Addictions Studies and Training (In-Service Training) | 10/01/09-09/30/10 | \$284,617 | \$99,616 | \$185,001 |
| Erie Community College (In-Service Training) | 10/1/09-09/30/10 | \$150,591 | \$54,213 | \$96,378 |

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.
(5-0)

**THOMAS J. MAZUR
CHAIR**