

November 26, 2013

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 17

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. COMM. 20E-4 (2013)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Long Term Care Coordinator civil service position (#51011576) was reinstated in the Department of Senior Services III-B2013 grant, which ends on December 31, 2013, as part of the managerial restructuring and cost cutting initiatives undertaken through Legislative resolution 13E-38 (2013) adopted on July 18, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Senior Service proposed 2014 budget, funds the position in the Connects1415 grant which runs from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015, leaving the position without funding for the period of January 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Senior Services desires to fund the \$88,150 payroll and fringe benefit costs of the Long Term Care Coordinator position for the period January 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014, by transferring the position, effective January, 1, 2014, to the Department's Connects1314 grant; and

WHEREAS, 100% State funding is available in the Connects1314 grant to cover the cost of the Long Term Care Coordinator position do to a position transfer occurring as part of the Departments 2014 County budget, which effective April 1, 2014, transfers Senior Case Manager position (#51006254) out of the Connects1314 grant and into the new EISEP1415 grant, thereby freeing up \$43,493 of Connects1314 payroll and fringe benefit appropriations; and

WHEREAS, the remaining \$44,657 of Connects1314 appropriations needed to fund the Long Term Care Coordinator position are available through vacancy savings due to the transfer of the employee in Connects1314 Case Manager position (#871) to the CSE1314 Case Manager position (#51001747) previously held by the employee promoted on October 19, 2013 to the Long Term Care Coordinator position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Department of Senior Services is hereby authorized to transfer, effective January 1, 2014, the Long Term Care Coordinator position (#51011576) into the existing Connects1314 grant (B100 #7446); and be it further

RESOLVED, that one source of funds to cover the LTC coordinator position gain into the Connects1314 grant, results from the Senior Case Manager position transfer out of Connects1314 to the EISEP1415 grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the remaining source of funds results from Case Manager transfer out of Connects1314 to the CSE1314 grant coupled with vacancy savings; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust the grant budgets impacted by this change including intra-grant billings as required to comply with this resolution; and be it further;

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive Office, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Personnel; the Comptroller's Office and the Department of Senior Services.

(5-0)

2. COMM. 20E-14 (2013)
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, as such, the Department of Health is requesting authorization to fill the vacant title of Associate Chief Medical Examiner at a variable minimum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the hiring of one Associate Chief Medical Examiner, Job Group 22, at a variable minimum hiring level of Step 4 (annual salary \$129,453); and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Department of Personnel, the Division of Budget and Management, and to Commissioner Gale R. Burstein in the Erie County Department of Health.

(5-0)

3. COMM. 20E-16 (2013)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Home Delivered Meal program assists high risk homebound elderly persons maintain their independence by providing them with nutritious meals; and

WHEREAS, the Congregate Dining program helps elderly persons maintain their nutritional well-being and social independence by providing a hot noon meal at 45 meal sites throughout Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services recently conducted an RFP process to obtain proposals from entities desiring to prepare and deliver meals for the Home Delivered Meals and Congregate Dining Programs encompassing various departmental nutrition grants and now desires to enter into multi-year contracts with the selected agencies; and

WHEREAS, Senior Services has selected the Salvation Army, a New York Corp., and Town of Amherst by and through the Amherst Center for Senior Services, to prepare on-site congregate meals at the dining site each agency operates; and

WHEREAS, Senior Services has selected Meals on Wheels of Western New York, Inc., to prepare and deliver meals to the remaining congregate dining sites; and

WHEREAS, Senior Services has selected three agencies, Meals on Wheels of Western New York, Inc., Town of Amherst by and through the Amherst Center for Senior Services and Kenmore Tonawanda Meals on Wheels, Inc., d/b/a Ken-Ton Meals on Wheels to prepare and deliver meals to eligible homebound elderly; and

WHEREAS, the three selected Congregate Dining agencies, happen to be the program's current meal providers and have been so for a number of years, while Meals on Wheels of Western NY is also a current meal provider for the Home Delivered Program, and has been so for approximately the last three decades; and

WHEREAS, Amherst and Ken-ton Meals on Wheels will be new subcontractors of the Department's Home Delivered Meal program, as for the first time, the Department of Senior Services will utilize available Federal, State and County monies to provide home delivered meals to eligible seniors in the Towns of Amherst and Tonawanda, which together contain 24% of all seniors living in Erie County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and hereby is authorized to contract for the three year period January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016 (The County in its sole discretion may extend the Contracts

beyond the initial term for up to two (2) additional one (1)-year periods) for food preparation and delivery to approved homebound clients of the County's Home Delivered Meal program with Meals on Wheels of Western New York, Inc., Town of Amherst by and through the Amherst Center for Senior Services and Kenmore Tonawanda Meals on Wheels, Inc., d/b/a Ken-Ton Meals on Wheels, in amounts not to exceed the appropriations in each contract year's County budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and hereby is authorized to contract for the three year period January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016 (The County in its sole discretion may extend the Contracts beyond the initial term for up to two (2) additional one (1)-year periods) for food preparation and delivery to congregate dining sites for the County's Congregate Dining program with Meals on Wheels of Western New York, Inc., Town of Amherst by and through the Amherst Center for Senior Services, and the Salvation Army, a New York Corp., in amounts not to exceed the appropriations in each contract year's County budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the appropriation amounts for the first contract year (January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014), shall not exceed the amounts appropriated for the agencies in the 2014 adopted County budget for the Home Delivered Meals and Congregate Dining Program encompassing various departmental nutrition grants, with amounts for subsequent contract years to be determined by appropriations available in each of those contract year's County budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to amend the contracts encompassing various departmental nutrition grants to reflect changes in the amount of Federal, State and non-County funds available in each contract year; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust items of appropriations and revenues which may be impacted by changes in Federal, State and non-County funds in the various departmental nutrition grants; 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 Department of Senior Services.
(5-0)

4. COMM. 20E-17 (2013)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the 2013 Erie County Budget includes funds appropriated for the Senior Community Services Employment (163SREMP1314) grant; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office for the Aging has recently notified the Department of Senior Services of an award of an additional \$9,467 of federal grant funds which must be expended on senior employment services during the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Senior Services currently contracts with Supportive Services Corporation to provide Title V employment services to seniors 55 years of age and older; and

WHEREAS, Senior Services desires to amend the contract with Supportive Services Corporation to reflect the additional funds to expand the employment placements; and

WHEREAS, additional local match is not required; and

WHEREAS, the Senior Community Services Employment grant budget needs to be revised to reflect the additional funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and hereby is authorized to accept the additional Senior Community Services Employment grant funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and hereby is authorized to amend the contract with Supportive Services Corporation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Senior Community Services Employment grant (163SREMP1314) for the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 be revised as follows:

		CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
REVENUES				
Account	Description			
414000	Federal Aid	257,872	+9,467	267,339
APPROPRIATIONS				
Account	Description			
517825	Supportive Services Corporation	288,917	+9,467	298,384

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 Department of Senior Services.

(5-0)

THOMAS J. MAZUR
CHAIR