

February 11, 2016

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 2

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR MORTON.

1. RESOLVED, the following item is hereby received and filed:
  - a. COMM. 2D-7 (2016)  
**CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** “Documents Received Regarding Opioid Informational Meeting”  
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2. COMM. 3E-1 (2016)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**  
WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Mental Health is responsible for the delivery of a comprehensive range of mental health and chemical dependency services for the residents of Erie County; and  
  
WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Mental Health has been awarded an additional \$285,000 by the New York State Office of Mental Health (NYSOMH) as part of a grant to offer peer-to-peer mentoring services to veterans and their family members; and  
  
WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Mental Health has identified Veterans One-Stop Center of Western New York, Inc. as the recipient of this award to continue development of a peer-to-peer mentoring program for post 9/11 veterans in Erie County experiencing Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI); and  
  
WHEREAS, the Department of Mental Health requires legislative approval to accept the State funds and to establish a grant budget in Fund 281; and  
  
WHEREAS, no County funds will be necessary for Erie County to accept this state aid to serve individuals residing in Erie County.  
  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT  
  
RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive to accept New York State grant funds for the continuation of a peer-to-peer veterans counseling program, and enter into contract with the Veterans One Stop Center of Western New York, Inc., and authorizes the Division of Budget and Management to establish a grant as follows:

Erie County Department of Mental Health  
Grant Fund 281, Fund Center 12410  
January 1, 2016-June 30, 2017  
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Revenue	Increase
Account 409000 - State Aid Revenue	\$285,000
Appropriation	Increase
Account 516010 – Contract Payments – Nonprofit Purch Serv	<u>\$285,000</u>
Total Appropriation	\$285,000

and be it further

RESOLVED that to the extent this subcontract may constitute a professional, technical or other consultant service, the County Administrative Code requirement in Section 19.08 for a Request for Proposal (RFP) is hereby waived, as this Honorable Body has previously approved of the County’s entering into contract with the Veterans One Stop Center of Western New York, Inc. for this program in Intro. 14-4 on July 18, 2013; 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 to the grantor award, provided there are no changes to county share amounts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be furnished to the Office of the County Executive, the Department of Mental Health, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Division of Budget and Management.  
(4-0)

3. COMM. 3E-15 (2016)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**  
WHEREAS, Executive Order 151- Emergency Declaration Regarding Homelessness During Inclement Winter Weather; and

WHEREAS, this Executive Order adds significant new responsibilities to the Department of Social Services when temperatures decline to 32 degrees or below, including extending shelter hours, allowing individuals who are homeless to remain indoors, instructing homeless service outreach workers to work with other relevant personnel and working with local police in relation to the involuntarily transport of at-risk individuals who refuse to go inside and who appear to be at-risk for cold related injuries to appropriate facilities for assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services anticipates being fully reimbursed by New York State for activities which bring it in compliance with this Executive Order; and

WHEREAS, City Mission has operated its Code Blue program with City funding when temperatures are 15 degrees or below at a cost of \$1,400 per weather event and can expand its program to times when temperatures are 32 degrees or below if provided the same level of funding; and

WHEREAS, the Lt. Col. Matt Urban Human Services Center of W.N.Y. has informed the Department of Social Services it can provide warming centers in the daytime for homeless individuals at a cost of \$700 per weather event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into contract with the State of New York in order to accept reimbursement for the implementation of programs designed to comply with Executive Order 151 for Erie County Code Blue events; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into contracts with the City Mission to house homeless individuals at night when temperatures are between 15 and 32 degrees at a cost of \$1,400 per weather event; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into contracts with the Lt. Col. Matt Urban Human Services Center of W.N.Y. to house homeless individuals during the day when temperatures decline to 32 degrees or below at a cost of \$700 per weather event; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to make budget revisions, appropriate additional unanticipated revenues, and transfer funds necessary to cover the costs of the aforementioned contracts with the City Mission and the Lt. Col. Matt Urban Human Services Center of W.N.Y.; and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Administrative Code requirement in Section 19.08 for a Request for Proposals (RFP) is hereby waived; 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 and the Department of Social Services.

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**LYNNE M. DIXON**

**CHAIR**