

February 2, 2017

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 2

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR MILLS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. COMM. 2E-23 (2017)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health's Division of Emergency Medical Services provides CPR training through a partnership with the American Heart Association; and

WHEREAS, the Orchard Park Fire District Emergency Medical Services has offered to provide a training site to host CPR and other first aid trainings at no cost to the County; and

WHEREAS, CPR can increase the survival rate of sudden cardiac arrest by 40%; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to authorize the County Executive to enter into a contract with Orchard Park Fire District Emergency Medical Services.

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 Orchard Park Fire District Emergency Medical Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Department of Law and to Dr. Gale R. Burstein, Commissioner in the Erie County Health Department, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Rath Building.  
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2. COMM. 2E-24 (2017)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health's Public Health Lab is required by the New York State Sanitary code to prevent and control the spread of rabies; and

WHEREAS, unvaccinated and unlicensed animals suspected of biting a human or other animal must be subject to confinement, observation and, if rabid, decapitation; and

WHEREAS, rabies is nearly 100% fatal; and

WHEREAS, an emergency veterinarian contractor is needed to provide 24/7 rabies services should the need arise; and

WHEREAS, Greater Buffalo Veterinary Emergency Clinic has been determined to be capable of providing these key rabies services.

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 Greater Buffalo Veterinary Emergency Clinic; and be it further

RESOLVED, that funding is available on an as needed basis in the Erie County Department of Health's Public Health Lab, Fund Center 12730, Account # 516020; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Department of Law and to Dr. Gale R. Burstein, Commissioner in the Erie County Health Department, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Rath Building.  
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3. COMM. 2E-25 (2017)

**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 another \$92,500 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, 2017 - June 30, 2018  
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Revenue Increase	
Account 409000 - State Aid Revenue	\$92,500

Appropriation	Increase
Account 516010 – Contract Payments – Nonprofit Purch Serv	\$92,500

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.  
(6-0)

4. COMM. 2E-26 (2017)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, group respite programs provide a safe, supervised, entertaining environment for memory impaired adults, thereby allowing their family caregivers temporary relief; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services is working to cost efficiently expand services for frail older adults in Erie County by partnering with faith-based institutions to provide group respite programs; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services has identified two additional area churches to begin this initiative, Trinity Old Lutheran Church and Saint David's Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services plans on providing each of the identified churches with a one-time payment of \$1,000 to cover program startup expenses; and

WHEREAS, budgetary appropriations are available in the 163CSE1617 and 163CSE1718 grants' Professional Services Contracts and Fees account to fund the contracts with the churches.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to enter into contracts, not to exceed \$1,000 each, with Trinity Old Lutheran Church and Saint David's Episcopal Church, to begin group respite programs; and be it further

RESOLVED, that budgetary appropriations in the 163CSE1617 and 163CSE1718 grants' Professional Services Contracts and Fees account be utilized to fund the contracts with the consultant and churches; 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.  
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5. COMM. 2E-27 (2017)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Department has been awarded \$92,000 in 100% State share funds to continue and enhance a program entitled Safe Harbor for Exploited Children; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Department of Social Services Adopted Budget has appropriated an additional \$30,000 to support this program; and

WHEREAS, a key provision of the 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, as this is the fifth year of a newly established program, this proposed resolution seeks Legislative authority to waive section 19.08 of the County Administrative Code which otherwise requires that a Request for Proposals (RFP) be conducted; and

WHEREAS, this proposed resolution authorizes the Department to amend the 2017 Adopted Budget and to renew a contract with the International Institute as the lead agency for this program funding; and

WHEREAS, International Institute of Buffalo is the only local agency with the expertise and existing resources to carry out the program; and

WHEREAS, there is no local share fiscal impact to this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into contract with the State of New York to accept funding for the Safe Harbor for Exploited Children program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Social Services and/or the County Executive are hereby authorized to enter into a subcontract with the International Institute in order to implement the Safe Harbor for Exploited Children program in the amount of \$122,000 which includes the State Grant of \$92,000 and the County appropriation of \$30,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments are hereby authorized in the 2017 Adopted Budget:

Department of Social Services, Fund 110, Department 120

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE
517172	International Institute	<u>\$92,000</u>
	Total Expenditures	<u>\$92,000</u>
409000	State Aid	<u>\$92,000</u>

Total Revenues

\$92,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to make any further budget adjustments required for this program in order to comply with final New York State approved allocations; 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 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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6. COMM. 2E-28 (2017)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services received on Friday, December 16, 2016 a Notice of Emergency Adoption and Proposed Rule Making relative to emergency measures for the homeless during inclement winter weather from the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance; and

WHEREAS, the emergency regulation continues many provisions contained within Executive Order 151 issued last January but had since sunsetted; and

WHEREAS, the emergency regulation continues 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 regulation; and

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 §304.1 to 18 NYCRR (Emergency Measures for the Homeless During Inclement Winter Weather); and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Lt. Col. Matt Urban Human Services Center of WNY to house homeless individuals at night when temperatures are between 16 and 32 degrees at a cost of \$220,289.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Restoration Society Inc. (Harbor House) to house homeless individuals at night when temperatures are between 16 and 32 degrees at a cost of \$88,650.00 Lt. Col. Matt Urban Human Services Center of W.N.Y.; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Rural Outreach Center to house homeless individuals when temperatures are between 16 and 32 degrees at a cost of \$65,000.00; 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 Restoration Society Inc., Rural Outreach Center 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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7. COMM. 2E-29 (2017)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**  
January 20, 2017

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin St. - 4th Floor  
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Honorable Members:

RE: APPOINTMENTS TO THE YOUTH SERVICES BOARD

I, Mark C. Poloncarz, Erie County Executive, pursuant to Section 11.09 of the Erie County Code, do hereby appoint the following individuals to the Erie County Youth Services Board to a term ending December 31, 2019:

Bryan Wittmeyer MSPT  
3752 Howard Rd. Hamburg,  
New York 14075

Charity Lulas  
10788 Gowanda State Road  
North Collins, New York 14111

Melissa Jones, MS  
108 Indian Church Road  
Buffalo, New York 14210

Patricia Waters  
43 Newman Place  
Buffalo, New York 14210

Jacob Brown  
202DA Dewey Hall  
University at Buffalo  
Buffalo, New York 14261

Sincerely,  
MARK C. POLONCARZ  
Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

cc: Al Dirschberger, Commissioner of Social Services  
Paul Kubala, Deputy Commissioner, Erie County Youth Services  
Appointees  
(6-0) Received, filed & printed.

**LYNNE M. DIXON**  
**CHAIR**