

February 14, 2013

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 2

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.  
CHAIR GRANT PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. COMM. 26E-12 (2012)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health's Division of Emergency Medical Services does not receive New York State Department of Health emergency medical services (EMS) training reimbursement for EMS first responders whose agency is not eligible for funding under NYS DOH EMS Policy Statement # 09-06; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health Emergency Medical Services Division does not have the resources in the 2013 Budget to provide training to ineligible first responder agencies without reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, training can be provided to the ineligible first responder agencies who still request training through the establishment of a training fee; and

WHEREAS, authorization is required in order to establish a training fee for those first responders who are willing to pay said fee for EMS training.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Legislature authorizes the Erie County Department of Health's Division of Emergency Medical Services to collect a fee for training provided to individual first responders from agencies who do not meet the New York State Department of Health requirement for reimbursement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the amount of the fee shall be the same as calculated by the State for the reimbursement of eligible first responders, said fee will be adjusted in accordance with established State reimbursement rates; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the amount of the fee imposed for 2013 shall be established as follows:

Erie County Department of Health  
Emergency Medical Services Division  
NYS DOH EMS Reimbursement Rates for 2013

EMS Course Type	Course Fee
Emergency Medical Technician - Basic Original class	\$775
Emergency Medical Technician - Basic Recertification class	\$425
Certified First Responder Original class	\$260
Certified First Responder Recertification class	\$145

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Division of Budget and Management is hereby authorized, upon receipt of said fees, to make required budgetary adjustments in order to increase expense in the amount of reimbursement received as needed, to properly fund the training expense for the ineligible responders; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive's Office, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Health Emergency Medical Services Division, the County Comptroller, the Department of Law and to Dr. Gale Burstein, Commissioner, in the Erie County Department of Health.  
(6-0)

2. COMM. 3E-14 (2013)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health Emergency Medical Services Division has a need for EMT students enrolled in EMT training to observe on ambulances; and

WHEREAS, Twin City Ambulance, Inc. has agreed to allow Emergency Medical Services Division EMT students enrolled in EMT training to observe on ambulances; and

WHEREAS, Twin City Ambulance, Inc. will provide supervision of students assigned to them by the Division; and

WHEREAS, the County will provide orientation and schedules and maintain records and reports on students' observation experience; and

WHEREAS, there is no cost to the County associated with this agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Twin City Ambulance, Inc. to allow Emergency Medical Services Division EMT students enrolled in EMT training to observe on Twin City ambulances; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded 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 Department, 9th Floor, 95 Franklin Street.  
(6-0)

3. COMM. 3E-19 (2013)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) EmPower NY program delivers energy efficiency and energy use education to low-income New Yorkers and can provide access to electric and heating efficiency measures such as ENERGY STAR, lighting and refrigerators, insulation and air sealing, and In-Home energy education to reduce the energy bills of those served; and

WHEREAS, NYSERDA has recently entered into an agreement to pay the Department of Senior Services for each completed, and income verified, EmPower NY application processed; and

WHEREAS, the Department currently contracts with seven not-for-profit agencies, Community Concern of Western New York Inc.; Concerned Ecumenical Ministry to the Upper West Side of Buffalo, New York, Inc.; Lt. Col. Matt Urban Human Services Center of Western New York an assumed name of Polish Community Center of Buffalo, Inc.; People Inc.; Schiller Park Community Services Inc.; South Buffalo Community Association, Inc.; Town of Amherst by and through The Amherst Center for Senior Services, to provide case management services for seniors living in different geographic areas within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Department desires to share a portion of the additional NYSERDA revenue with these seven case management agencies, so as to provide a monetary incentive to help ensure as many eligible seniors as possible are reached in each agency's geographic area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into agreements and amend the contracts with, Community Concern of Western New York Inc.; Concerned Ecumenical Ministry to the Upper West Side of Buffalo, New York, Inc.; Lt. Col. Matt Urban Human Services Center of Western New York an assumed name of Polish Community Center of Buffalo, Inc.; People Inc.; Schiller Park

Community Services Inc.; South Buffalo Community Association, Inc.; Town of Amherst by and through The Amherst Center for Senior Services, and pay five dollars for each completed, and income verified EmPower NY application an agency submits to the Department of Senior Services during the period January 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Community Services for the Elderly grant (163CSE1213) which runs through March 31, 2103 be revised, to reflect anticipated revenue generated from NYSERDA's payments for completed applications, as follows:

		CURRENT	CHANGES	AMENDED
		BUDGET		BUDGET
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>				
Account	Description			
516010	Contractual Pymts –Non Profits	0	+6,000	6,000
516030	Maintenance Contracts	14,655	+12,000	26,655
530000	Other Expenses	69,110	<u>+6,000</u>	75,110
Total Appropriation Change			24,000	

**REVENUES**

466330	Other Local Match	3,000	+24,000	27,000
--------	-------------------	-------	---------	--------

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Community Services for the Elderly grant (163CSE1314) for the period April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014 be revised, to reflect anticipated revenue generated from NYSERDA's payments for completed applications, as follows:

		CURRENT	CHANGES	AMENDED
		BUDGET		BUDGET
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>				
Account	Description			
516010	Contractual Pymts –Non Profits	0	+12,000	12,000
516030	Maintenance Contracts	15,100	+25,000	40,100
530000	Other Expenses	49,725	<u>+11,000</u>	60,725
Total Appropriation Change			48,000	

REVENUES

466330	Other Local Match	0	+48,000	48,000
--------	-------------------	---	---------	--------

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.

(6-0)

**THOMAS J. MAZUR**  
**CHAIR**