

JANUARY 23, 2007

HEALTH COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 1

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby referred to the PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:
 - a. COMM. 22E-18 (2006)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: Health - Personnel Adjustment - Division of Public Health Laboratories, Epidemiology & Environmental Health
(4-0)
 - b. COMM. 25E-25 (2006)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: Health - Healthy Neighborhoods Program 10/1/06 - 9/30/07
(4-0)
2. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. INTRO 3-8 (2006)
MARINELLI: Appointments to Fill Erie County Home Health Care Advisory Board Vacancies
(4-0)
 - b. COMM. 5E-38 (2006)
SMITH: Copy of Letter to Health Commissioner Re: National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
(4-0)
 - c. COMM. 8D-7 (2006)
HEALTH: Letter to Weinstein, Konst, Locklear & Mills Re: Intro 6-1
(4-0)
 - d. COMM. 10M-5 (2006)
ECWA: Health Dept. - Plan Review Fees
(4-0)
 - e. COMM. 15E-21 (2006)
MARINELLI: Health Matrix Initiatives
(4-0)
 - f. COMM. 15M-33 (2006)

PROBATION/YOUTH SERVICES EMPLOYEES: Petition - Mold in the Family Court Building
(4-0)

- g. COMM. 15M-34 (2006)
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 - h. COMM. 18E-4 (2006)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: Family Court Building
(4-0)
 - i. COMM. 18D-5 (2006)
DPW: Family Court Building - Timeline of Indoor Environmental Quality Issues
(4-0)
 - j. COMM. 24E-28 (2006)
MARINELLI: Copy of Letter to County Attorney Re: Future of ECOMC
(4-0)
 - k. COMM. 24M-8 (2006)
LEE CHARLES LAMENDOLA, ATTY. AT LAW: Copy of Letter to Probation Director Re: Family Court Building
(4-0)
3. INTRO 6-1 (2006) **AS AMENDED**
WEINSTEIN, KONST, LOCKLEAR & MILLS
WHEREAS, youth crime and delinquency are serious problems affecting society and it is important to understand how anti social behavior develops in order to design applicable programs that interrupt this developmental pathway, and

WHEREAS, the most serious and chronic offenders often show signs of antisocial behavior as early as the preschool years, and

WHEREAS, three important risk factors associated with the early development of antisocial behavior, poor prenatal care, child abuse and neglect and a troubled maternal life course, can be modified, and

WHEREAS, children who exhibit antisocial behavior very early in life are more likely to have impaired neurological functioning, including poor motor functioning, attention deficits, hyperactivity, impulsivity, and impaired language and cognitive functioning, and

WHEREAS, in many cases these problems can be traced to poor prenatal health conditions that interfere with the development of the fetal nervous system and lead to future anti-social behavior, juvenile delinquency and criminal behavior, and

WHEREAS, research validates evidence that prenatal and early childhood nurse home visitation services provided in Elmira, New York and Memphis, Tennessee have reduced future juvenile crime and delinquency. And

WHEREAS. These home nurse visitation programs helped pregnant women improve their diet, cut down on cigarette smoking and/or stop the use of alcohol or illegal drugs that" can harm the development of the fetus, and

WHEREAS, the programs have reduced rates of child abuse and neglect and other serious care giving problems by helping young parents deal with depression, anger, impulsiveness, and substance abuse problems, and

WHEREAS, home nurse visitation also helped parents reflect on how they were parented themselves, learn about normal child development and develop the skills needed to "read" their baby's signals, anticipate their baby's needs and parent effectively, and

WHEREAS, mothers who are unmarried, do not graduate from high school, and have three or more children are more likely to exhibit behavioral problems. The home nurse visitation program reduces these risk factors by helping young parents develop the confidence and skills necessary to set and achieve goals such as completing their education, finding work and avoiding unplanned subsequent pregnancies, and

WHEREAS, the nurses that help young parents consider multiple options, make good choices about the environment in which they will raise their children and take steps to create the kind of lives they want for themselves and their children, and

WHEREAS, the home nurse visitation program focuses on low income, first-time mothers, using trained nurses with strong interpersonal skills making home visits that begins three months into pregnancy and continues for two years after a child is .born, and

WHEREAS, visiting nurses see families at home every 1 to 2 weeks and focus simultaneously on the mother's health and quality of care giving for the infant or toddler, and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature approved the home nurse visitation program in 2002, and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Health department implemented the home nurse visitation program with two full time nurses in 2003 under the name Parenting Plus Outreach program, and

WHEREAS, the Parenting Plus Outreach program reached 63 first time pregnant low income women identified at Erie County Health Department Clinics, and

WHEREAS, the program was described by one nurse as "The successes have outnumbered the disappointments, which has made this a very useful and rewarding program. A client I follow has become a wonderful mother and has begun to set goals for herself and is even talking about college. This client was only in the eighth grade when her baby was born and my concerns were many while she was pregnant. Now I have high hopes for both of them", and

WHEREAS, the programs was eliminated in 2005 because of budget cuts, and

WHEREAS, the program provides reimbursable home health services to women and children that could provide a self sustaining program at little or no cost to Erie County, and

WHEREAS, Erie County had a New York State Certificate to provide and be reimbursed for home health services that was given to Erie County Medical Center many years ago, and

WHEREAS, the certificate is no longer available, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body is dedicated to improving the lives of all the residents of Erie County specifically by breaking the cycle of poor prenatal medical care, child abuse and neglect and troubled maternal life course to prevent future youth crime and juvenile delinquency, and be it further,

RESOLVED, the low-income population in Erie County could benefit from reinstating the home nurse visitation program in preventing youth crime and juvenile delinquency, and be it further,

RESOLVED, this honorable body does hereby support the attached application for the efficiency grant as offered by Legislator Barry Weinstein, MD; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Erie County Executive Joel A. Giambra, Erie County Health Commissioner Anthony Billittier MD, Erie County Social Services

Commissioner Michael Weiner, Dr. Charles Ewing and the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School.

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4. COMM. 22E-26 (2006)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature has already authorized the Erie County District Attorney's Office to accept a New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (NYS DCJS) Grant to support a Structured Treatment to Enhance Public Safety/Road to Recovery (STEPS/RtR) Program in the District Attorney's Office, and

WHEREAS, the Erie County District Attorney's Office utilized the NYS DCJS funds to designate and hire an Assistant District Attorney to head the STEPS/RtR Program, and

WHEREAS, this program provides non-violent, drug-addicted offenders an opportunity to participate in and successfully complete a program of residential and outpatient drug treatment and is designed to reduce the chances that the offender will slip back into a drug-related criminal behavior pattern, and

WHEREAS, the Erie County District Attorney's Office has identified the need for an additional \$5,000 to support and maintain this program in 2006, and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney's Office is collaborating with the Department of Mental Health to provide this important service to the community, and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Mental Health has identified \$5,000 in 100% New York State Aid dollars to support and maintain the STEPS/RtR Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that \$5,000 from Erie County Department of Mental Health State Aid Account (GL 406830) be transferred to the Erie County District Attorney's Office ID DA Services Account (GL 911400), and be it further

RESOLVED, that these funds be used to support and maintain the STEPS/RtR Program in the Erie County District Attorney's Office in 2006, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be furnished to the Department of Mental Health, the Office of the District Attorney, the Office of the County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Division of Budget, Management and Finance.

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5. COMM. 24E-11 (2006)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Mental Health is responsible for the delivery of a comprehensive range of behavioral health services for the residents of Erie County, and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Mental Health has reviewed and approved programs of behavioral health services for persons receiving services from Cazenovia Recovery Systems, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature has already authorized the County and the Department of Mental Health to contract with Cazenovia Recovery Systems, Inc., in 2006, and

WHEREAS, additional funds of \$113,800 in NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services State Aid Residential Reinvestment dollars are available to improve existing residential chemical dependence treatment services by targeting staff recruitment and retention.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the 2006 appropriation for Cazenovia Recovery Systems, Inc., (GL #516010) be increased by a total of \$113,800, the source of these funds being NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services State Aid Residential Reinvestment dollars (GL #406860), and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be authorized to amend and increase the 2006 contract with Cazenovia Recovery Systems, Inc., for the period January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006, by an amount not to exceed \$113,800, and be it further

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

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**CYNTHIA E. LOCKLEAR
CHAIRMAN**