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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

NORMA GONSALVES,
Presiding Officer

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

ROSE MARIE WALKER,
Chairwoman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, November 7, 2016
5:49 P.M

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2 A P P E A R A N C E S:3 ROSE MARIE WALKER,
4 Chairwoman5 C. WILLIAM GAYLOR III,
6 Vice Chairman7 LAURA SCHAEFER (Substituted by
8 Vincent Muscarella)

9 JAMES KENNEDY

10 DELIA DeRIGGI-WHITTON,
11 Ranking

12 ELLEN BIRNBAUM

13 SIELA A. BYNOE

14 MICHAEL PULITZER,
15 Clerk of the Legislature

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LIST OF SPEAKERS

MARYELLEN LORRAINE	6
BRIAN HALL	13
PAUL BRODERICK	18

1 Health/Social Services 11-7-16

2 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: At this time
3 I'll call the Health and Social Services
4 Committee to order. I would ask the clerk
5 to please take the roll.

6 CLERK PULITZER: Health and
7 Social Services Committee, plus addendums.
8 Legislator Siela Bynoe?

9 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

10 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Ellen
11 Birnbaum?

12 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.

13 CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member
14 DeRiggi Whitton?

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI WHITTON:
16 Here.

17 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator James
18 Kennedy?

19 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

20 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
21 Vincent Muscarella?

22 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

23 CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chairman C.
24 William Gaylor, III?

25 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.

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2 CLERK PULITZER: Chairwoman Rose
3 Marie Walker?

4 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Here.

5 CLERK PULITZER: We have a
6 quorum, Ma'am.

7 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Just before
8 we start, I would like to ask, since we have
9 one item on the addendum, I would like to
10 ask for a motion to suspend the rules.

11 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

12 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Second.

13 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: By Vincent
14 Muscarella, seconded by Bill Gaylor.

15 All in favor, signify by saying
16 aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 Any opposed?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 The rules are suspended.

21 There are five items I believe
22 that deal with the Department of Health.

23 The first is Clerk Item 503-16,
24 an ordinance supplemental to the annual
25 appropriation ordinance in connection with

1 Health/Social Services 11-7-16
2 the Department of Health.

3 The next is 513-16, an ordinance
4 supplemental to the annual appropriation
5 ordinance in connection with the Department
6 of Health.

7 516-16, an ordinance supplemental
8 to the annual appropriation ordinance in
9 connection with the Department of Health.

10 517-16, an ordinance supplemental
11 to the annual appropriation ordinance in
12 connection with the Department of Health.

13 On the addendum calendar is Clerk
14 Item 550-16, which is an ordinance
15 supplemental to the annual appropriation
16 ordinance in connection with the Department
17 of Health. May I have a motion, please?

18 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: So moved.

19 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Second.

20 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Motion by
21 Legislator Kennedy, seconded by Legislator
22 Gaylor.

23 MS. LORRAINE: Good evening.

24 MaryEllen Lorraine, Department of Health.

25 Item 503-16 is a supplemental appropriation

1 Health/Social Services 11-7-16
2 in the amount of \$15,656. This is for our
3 sexually transmitted disease intervention
4 grant. This is New York State Department of
5 Health funded. It is an additional COLA
6 award and it's mission is to make sure
7 people are treated for sexually transmitted
8 diseases.

9 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Is there any
10 questions from the legislator?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 Any public comment?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Clerk Item
15 513-16.

16 MS. LORRAINE: Item 513-16 is a
17 supplemental appropriation in the amount of
18 \$6,180. This is for our sexually
19 transmitted disease public health campaign.
20 Again, this is funded through the New York
21 State Department of Health funded. It is an
22 additional COLA award and it's mission is
23 the same as the previous appropriation.

24 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Is there any
25 questions or comments from the legislator?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 Any public comment?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 Clerk 516-16.

6 MS. LORRAINE: Item 516-16 is a
7 supplemental appropriation in the amount of
8 \$73,123. This is for our women, infants and
9 children's program. This is a federally
10 funded nutrition education, supplemental
11 nutrition education program.

12 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Is there any
13 questions or comments from the legislator?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 Any public comment?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Clerk Item
18 517-16.

19 MS. LORRAINE: Item 517-16 is an
20 supplemental appropriation in the amount of
21 \$700,611. This is for the Early
22 Intervention Administrative Grant and it is
23 New York State Department of Health funded
24 and it helps provide administrative support
25 for our Early Intervention Program.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions
3 or comments from our legislators?
4 Legislator Bynoe.

5 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you,
6 Chairwoman Walker. I have one question.
7 For what program period is this?

8 MS. LORRAINE: The administrative
9 grant is for -- it started 10-1-16 to
10 9-30-17. It's a state grant.

11 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you very
12 much.

13 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: I just have
14 to comment. I can certainly say that the
15 department was very, very helpful when I had
16 issues with the Early Intervention Program.
17 I want to thank you for that and if you can
18 pass that on to them.

19 MS. LORRAINE: Any time.

20 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any other
21 comments from the legislators?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 Any public comment?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 Then I believe the last one is

1 Health/Social Services 11-7-16
2 Clerk Item 550-16.

3 MS. LORRAINE: Item 550-16 is a
4 supplemental appropriation in the amount of
5 \$150,000. This is an additional funding for
6 the Ebola Zika preparedness and response.
7 It is funded through the Centers for Disease
8 Control and Prevention and it helps with our
9 planning and response to the Zika Virus.

10 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Legislator
11 DeRiggi-Whitton has a question.

12 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Do
13 you happen to know if Glen Cove is still
14 designated as a treatment center for Ebola?

15 MS. LORRAINE: I believe so. The
16 grant monies started off as Ebola. Now it's
17 Zika. I'm not sure the World Health
18 Organization has -- if they consider it
19 eradicated -- not eradicated. So what the
20 federal government did was, they allowed us
21 to use the money for the Zika virus. But I
22 do believe that that hospital is still
23 prepared if need be.

24 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Is
25 there going to be any system like that for

1 Health/Social Services 11-7-16

2 Zika, like a certain hospital that's
3 designated?

4 MS. LORRAINE: We hopefully do
5 not expect it to be in this region but we
6 are following I would say 53 residents right
7 now that have acquired the virus elsewhere.

8 So there is a lot of education
9 and follow-up that needs to be done. We do
10 have a Zika action plan, and we do, not
11 right now, but we just finished testing
12 mosquitoes, but hopefully we will not see it
13 here. It's a type of mosquito that we don't
14 generally see in this area. Does that
15 answer the question?

16 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Yes.
17 Thank you.

18 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any other
19 comments or questions from the legislators?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 Any public comment?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 Hearing none, we will vote on all
24 those clerk items, Item 503, 513, 516, 517,
25 and 550. All those in favor of those items

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2 signify by saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 Any opposed?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 Then they will move on to the
7 Finance Committee. Thank you very much and
8 thank you for being so patient being here
9 all day.

10 Clerk Item 510-16 is an ordinance
11 supplemental to the annual appropriation
12 ordinance in connection with the Department
13 of Human Services.

14 Clerk Item 514-16 is an ordinance
15 supplemental to the annual appropriation
16 ordinance in connection with the Department
17 of Human Services.

18 Clerk Item 515-16 is an ordinance
19 supplemental to the annual appropriation
20 ordinance in connection with the Department
21 of Human Services.

22 And, lastly, 524-16, an ordinance
23 supplemental to the annual appropriation
24 ordinance in connection with the Department
25 of Human Services.

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2 A motion, please.

3 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: So moved.

4 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

5 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Motion by
6 Legislator Kennedy, seconded by Legislator
7 Muscarella.

8 MR. HALL: Brian Hall, Human
9 Services. 510-16 is a grant in the amount
10 of \$4,867,585. It's 100 percent funded by
11 New York State. The funds are used to
12 maintain the methadone clinic for 2017.

13 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions
14 from the legislators?

15 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: I have a
16 question. Good evening. How are you today,
17 sir?

18 MR. HALL: Good.

19 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: So the monies
20 for this, that get applied to the methadone
21 clinics, is it one clinic or multiple
22 clinics throughout the county?

23 MR. HALL: One clinic located
24 over by the hospital.

25 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any public

1 Health/Social Services 11-7-16

2 comment?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 Item 514-16.

5 MR. HALL: Yes. This is a grant
6 for \$67,500. It is a fully integrated dual
7 advantage program.

8 What it is, it helps the seniors
9 pick out the best Medicaid and Medicare
10 programs that are out there right now and
11 it's fully funded by New York State Office
12 for the Aging.

13 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: How do we
14 help them with that?

15 MR. HALL: Well, the Office of
16 the Aging has information and assistance
17 program, and when seniors call and say they
18 need help picking out programs, they sit
19 down with them and show them the programs
20 and help them customize one of them for
21 themselves.

22 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: And we spread
23 that word through our senior clubs?

24 MR. HALL: Right. And whenever
25 they have any kind of fairs or anything,

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2 they give out that information.

3 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions
4 or comments from the legislators?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 Any public comment?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 Clerk Item 515-16.

9 MR. HALL: This is a similar one.
10 It's for \$31,063, 100 percent funded by New
11 York State Office of the Aging. This is
12 Medicare improvements for patients and
13 providers program.

14 It's a similar program where this
15 one is strictly for Medicare programs to
16 help the seniors assist and sign up for
17 them.

18 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions
19 or comments from the legislators?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 Any public comment?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 The final one is Clerk Item
24 524-16.

25 MR. HALL: This is a grant for

1 Health/Social Services 11-7-16
2 \$23,502,275. It's 100 percent funded by New
3 York State. This grant is the money we use
4 to fund all of our contracts with our
5 outside vendors running outpatient programs
6 for CD.

7 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions
8 or comments from the legislators?
9 Legislator Bynoe.

10 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: In the backup
11 it says that it provides services to 37
12 school districts?

13 MR. HALL: Yes.

14 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Is that all of
15 the -- that's not the total number of school
16 districts in Nassau. So why is it not
17 funding all of the school districts?

18 MR. HALL: I would have to get
19 that answer for you. I know that it's
20 included with all of our vendors, like I
21 said, the outpatient programs, and we do
22 fund a large number of schools. I'm not
23 sure why all of them would be included
24 unless some of them turned it down for
25 whatever reason. But I do know there is a

1 Health/Social Services 11-7-16
2 large number -- probably about 40 schools
3 that we fund.

4 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I think we
5 have a 56 or 55 school districts.

6 MR. HALL: I can find out. I can
7 give you a reason.

8 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Yes, if you
9 could provide this body with a list of
10 schools currently receiving services and the
11 reason why the remaining school districts
12 have not been engaged.

13 MR. HALL: Okay.

14 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: You will get
15 that to all of us?

16 MR. HALL: Sure.

17 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any other
18 questions or comments from the legislators?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 Any public comment?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 Seeing none, all those in favor
23 of Clerk Items 510, 514, 515, and 524-16
24 signify by saying aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 Any opposed?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 They will move on to Finance

5 also. Thank you very much and thank you for
6 being here all day with us.

7 The final two items are Clerk
8 Item 530-16 which is an ordinance
9 supplemental to the annual appropriation in
10 connection with Social Services.

11 And 534-16 which is an ordinance
12 supplemental to the annual appropriation in
13 connection with Social Services.

14 May I have a motion, please?

15 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: So moved.

16 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

17 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Motion by
18 Legislator Gaylor, seconded by Legislator
19 Muscarella. We have Mr. Paul Broderick.

20 MR. BRODERICK: Good afternoon.
21 Paul Broderick, Deputy Commissioner,
22 Department of Social Services. The item
23 before you is a supplemental appropriation
24 for \$17,565,456 from state and federal funds
25 to basically fund the salary and fringe

1 Health/Social Services 11-7-16
2 benefit component for 160 employees in food
3 stamp program, home energy assistance, HEAP
4 program, and for Medicaid. Do you have any
5 questions?

6 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions
7 from the legislators?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 Any public comment?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 Then 534.

12 MR. BRODERICK: The item before
13 you a supplemental appropriation for \$45,000
14 from New York State Division of Criminal
15 Justice. These monies are targeted for
16 Domestic Violence Task Force which provides
17 awareness and community involvement to
18 combat the domestic violence in Nassau
19 County, working in collaboration with
20 various stakeholders as well as the County
21 Executive's Domestic Violence Task Force.
22 Questions?

23 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: I don't
24 usually sit on this committee, but how does,
25 in both these items, the funding from

1 Health/Social Services 11-7-16

2 federal and state governments, how does it
3 compare to previous years?

4 MR. BRODERICK: It's pretty
5 consistent on the appropriation for the \$17
6 million, it's pretty consistent. It's
7 predicated on staffing levels in those
8 programs.

9 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: So nothing
10 has been cut, everything the same?

11 MR. BRODERICK: No, not at all.

12 For the second, for the domestic
13 violence, the money has been pretty
14 consistent from New York State. It only
15 started about three years ago but it's been
16 relatively consistent.

17 They are supporting us because,
18 there was a couple of years back that the
19 County Executive recognized there was an
20 issue in Nassau County where domestic
21 violence wasn't really being acknowledged or
22 it really -- you had a number of
23 stakeholders in the community who said,
24 let's get a forum together to say, hey,
25 what's going on here? Everyone is sort of

1 Health/Social Services 11-7-16
2 isolated and silo'd. That was the forum to
3 bring people together and make them aware of
4 the resource, not only stakeholders in the
5 community, but just to bring them together
6 and make people aware of what services are
7 available for residents in Nassau County.
8 So it's been beneficial.

9 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Thank you.

10 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any other
11 questions from the legislators?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 Any public comment?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 Seeing none, all those in favor
16 of Clerk Items 530 and 534-16 signify by
17 saying aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 Any opposed?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 They also will move on to
22 Finance. Thank you, Mr. Broderick. There
23 being no other business, a motion to
24 adjourn.

25 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: So moved.

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2 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Second.

3 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Motion by
4 Legislator Kennedy, seconded by Legislator
5 Gaylor. All those in favor signify by
6 saying aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 Any opposed?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 Health and Social Services is
11 adjourned.

12 (Whereupon, the Health and Social
13 Services Committee adjourned at 6:04 P.M.)

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I, FRANK GRAY, a Shorthand Reporter and
Notary Public in and for the State of New
York, do hereby stated:

THAT I attended at the time and place
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
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FRANK GRAY