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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, January 9, 2017
2:47 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 Chairman

7 LAURA SCHAEFER

8 JAMES KENNEDY

9 DELIA DeRIGGI-WHITTON,
10 Ranking

11 SIELA A. BYNOE

12 ARNOLD DRUCKER

13 MICHAEL PULITZER,
14 Clerk of the Legislature

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LIST OF SPEAKERS

PAUL BRODERICK..... 5

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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: Legislator
7 Arnold Drucker?

8 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

9 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Siela
10 Bynoe?

11 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

12 CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member
13 Delia DeRiggi-Whitton?

14 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
15 Here.

16 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator James
17 Kennedy?

18 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

19 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Laura
20 Schaefer?

21 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

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

24 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.

25 CLERK PULITZER: Chairwoman Rose

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2 Marie Walker?

3 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Here.

4 CLERK PULITZER: We have a
5 quorum, ma'am.

6 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Thank you.
7 There is only one item on the addendum
8 agenda today. I'm going to ask for a motion
9 to suspend the rules.

10 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: So moved.

11 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Second.

12 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Motion by
13 Legislator Gaylor, seconded by Legislator
14 Kennedy. All those in favor?

15 (Aye.)

16 There is one item on the addendum
17 agenda, it's Clerk Item 9-17. It is an
18 ordinance supplemental to the annual
19 appropriation ordinance in connection with
20 the Department of Social Services.

21 We have Mr. Paul Broderick here.
22 Happy New Year to you.

23 MR. BRODERICK: Yes, a healthy
24 and peaceful New Year. Paul Broderick.

25 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: My fault. We

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2 did not have a motion for the item.

3 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: So moved.

4 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Second.

5 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Motion by
6 Legislator Kennedy, seconded by Legislator
7 Schaefer. All those in favor of the motion
8 moving forward say aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 Never mind. I'm a little rusty.
11 It's the new year.

12 MR. BRODERICK: Good afternoon.
13 Paul Broderick, Deputy Commissioner,
14 Department of Social Services. The item
15 before is a supplemental appropriation for
16 \$109,200 from New York State.

17 The monies from this grant are
18 essentially pass-through monies that will go
19 to the Safe Center which is one of about 65
20 community-based agencies that the department
21 collaborates with to support safe harbor
22 initiatives, which is human trafficking
23 essentially.

24 The monies at the Safe Center
25 will use it for is for subject matter

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2 experts that will interview people who come
3 in that are identified as victims. They
4 will work with police department and the
5 District Attorney to assist these
6 individuals when they come in. Do you have
7 any questions?

8 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Do we have
9 any questions for Mr. Broderick? Do we have
10 a large number who come in with this
11 particular issue?

12 MR. BRODERICK: It's not a large
13 number but I believe as more people are
14 becoming aware, the whole idea, and it
15 started with the youth population, the idea
16 is that you don't want to make an individual
17 a victim twice.

18 If they were committing, say
19 crimes, but they were trafficked to, that's
20 what started them, so they're getting
21 victimized twice, to get penalized for some
22 of the actions.

23 There hasn't been a significant
24 number. I believe last time it was 25
25 individuals, if my memory serves, maybe that

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2 was last year or the year before that were
3 identified.

4 But as this comes, and it's
5 becoming -- people are becoming aware of it,
6 like police departments, and through
7 community awareness to say that somebody who
8 is maybe underage and is arrested as
9 prostitute, that might not be the base
10 thing, they might be human trafficking.
11 Things like gangs and other public safety, I
12 guess, crimes.

13 LEGISLATOR WALKER: And possibly
14 they were forced into this negative behavior
15 because of this human trafficking?

16 MR. BRODERICK: Without a date.
17 And that's the awareness part. So the
18 numbers do increase. It's always called
19 into question what is this individual over
20 here, are they a victim perpetuated, or what
21 have you, so it's getting more awareness in
22 the community. That's been assisting the
23 Safe Center, like remediating the problem.

24 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Excellent.
25 Thank you. Any other questions or comments?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 Any public comment?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 Seeing none, all those in favor

6 of Clerk Item 9-17 signify by saying aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 Any opposed?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 The motion carries and will go on

11 to the Finance Committee. Thank you very

12 much.

13 MR. BRODERICK: Thank you,

14 legislators. That is the only item we had,

15 a motion to adjourn. May I have a motion,

16 please?

17 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: So moved.

18 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Second.

19 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: By Legislator

20 Schaefer, seconded by Legislator Gaylor.

21 (Whereupon, the Health and Social

22 Services Committee adjourned at 2:53 p.m.)

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I, FRANK GRAY, a Shorthand Reporter and
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand this 24th day of January, 2017.

FRANK GRAY