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2 A P P E A R A N C E S :

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14 LEGISLATOR DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON

15 Ranking member

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17 LEGISLATOR ARNOLD DRUCKER

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19 LEGISLATOR JOSHUA LAFAZAN

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2 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Call the
3 Health and Social Services Committee to order
4 and I will ask the clerk to take the roll.

5 MR. PULITZER: Thank you madam
6 chairwoman. Health and Social Services
7 Committee roll call. Legislator Joshua
8 Lafazan.

9 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

10 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Arnold
11 Drucker.

12 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

13 MR. PULITZER: Ranking Member
14 Delia DeRiggi-Whitton.

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
16 Here.

17 MR. PULITZER: Legislator C.
18 William Gaylor the third.

19 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.

20 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Laura
21 Schaefer.

22 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

23 MR. PULITZER: Vice Chairman
24 James Kennedy.

25 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

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2 MR. PULITZER: Chairwoman Rose
3 Marie Walker.

4 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

5 MR. PULITZER: We have a quorum
6 ma'am.

7 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Thank you.
8 There are four items on the agenda. Clerk
9 items 318-20, 330-20, 331-20 and 340-20.

10 Clerk item 318-20 is an ordinance
11 supplemental to the annual appropriation
12 ordinance in connection with Social Services.

13 Items 330-20 and 331-20 are
14 ordinances supplemental to the annual
15 appropriations ordinance in connection with
16 the Department of Health.

17 And 340-20 is an ordinance
18 supplemental to the annual appropriation
19 ordinance in connection with Human Services.

20 May I have a motion please. By
21 Legislator Kennedy. Seconded by Legislator
22 Drucker. So the items are before us. And we
23 have for clerk item 318-20.

24 MR. ROACH: Brendan Roach, social
25 Services. 318-20 is our 100 percent funded

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2 physicians grant for 2021. It funds DSS
3 employees who are in Medicaid employment, HEAP
4 and the SNAP units. 100 percent reimbursed by
5 the federal and state governments.

6 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Do any of the
7 legislators have any questions? Legislator
8 Drucker.

9 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you
10 madam chairwoman. How are you? Does the
11 Department of Health interact with CPS and DSS
12 regarding suspected child abuse fatalities?

13 MR. ROACH: I believe they do.
14 I'd have to ask our CPS director. This grant
15 does not cover CPS.

16 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I
17 understand. Can you get back to us on that?

18 MR. ROACH: Sure.

19 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Any other
20 questions or comments from the legislature?
21 Any public comment? Hearing none, do we have
22 someone from the administration to speak on
23 items 330-20 and 331-20?

24 MS. LAURAIN: Good afternoon.
25 Mary Ellen Laurain, Department of Health.

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2 Item 330-20 is a supplemental appropriation in
3 the amount of \$70,000. It's for our child
4 fatality review team. This is 100 percent
5 funded through New York State Office of
6 Children and Family Services. This team
7 reviews all deaths of children who reside and
8 died in Nassau County where it was unexplained
9 or unexpected.

10 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Does that
11 answer your question Legislator Drucker?

12 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you
13 madam chair. I think that question was really
14 more pertaining to this item anyway. Yes,
15 that does answer. They do interact with each
16 other with respect to child abuse fatalities?
17 All the different departments?

18 MS. LAURAIN: Yes. There are
19 different departments on the team, yes. Is
20 that what you asked?

21 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Yes.

22 MS. LAURAIN: Yes.

23 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you.

24 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Thank you.

25 Are there any other questions from the

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2 legislators regarding item 330-20? We'll move
3 on to --

4 MS. LAURAIN: Item 331-20 is a
5 supplemental appropriation in the amount of
6 \$145,955. This is for the drinking water
7 enhancement program funded through the
8 New York Department of Health. This program
9 assures that the 46 water districts adhere to
10 part five of the New York State Sanitary Code
11 and the Nassau County public health
12 ordinance. The program collects and reviews
13 drinking water samples, inspects, enforces and
14 reviews engineering plans for the water
15 systems in Nassau County.

16 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Thank you. I
17 know that job alone keeps your health
18 department very, very busy.

19 MS. LAURAIN: It's a big
20 program.

21 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Are there any
22 other legislators that have any questions or
23 comments? Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton.

24 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
25 Thank you. Is this also going to cover the

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2 checking for the pea pods and 1,4-dioxine?

3 MS. LAURAIN: Yes. That was
4 implemented in all this by the state.

5 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Any other
6 legislators have any questions? Any public
7 comment? Thank you.

8 MS. LAURAIN: Thank you.

9 LEGISLATOR WALKER: And again,
10 thank you again for all you've done during
11 this crazy time of COVID that we're all in.

12 Clerk item 340-20. Anyone here
13 from the administration for that?

14 MR. HALL: Brian Hall from Human
15 Services. This supplemental is from New York
16 State Department of Mental Health. It's for
17 \$375,000. It's 100 percent reimbursable from
18 the state and it's to be used for the
19 children's side of mental health.

20 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Any questions
21 from any of the legislators? Any public
22 comment? Thank you. Hearing none, thank you
23 very much. All those in favor of passing
24 these four items signify by saying aye. Any
25 opposed? These item pass unanimously.

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2 There is no other business before
3 us. I just have to say it's nice to feel like
4 we're getting back to a little bit of normalcy
5 and many of our committees had a meeting
6 today. I thank you all for being here.

7 Have a motion to adjourn by
8 Legislator Kennedy. Seconded by Legislator
9 Drucker. All those in favor of adjourning
10 signify by saying aye. The committee is now
11 adjourned. Next committee is Finance.

12 (Committee was adjourned at 3:13
13 p.m.)

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I, FRANK GRAY, a Notary
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FRANK GRAY