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JUDI BOSWORTH
Ranking

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WILLIAM J. MULLER III, Clerk

LIST OF SPEAKERS

ANNA SOUSA.	5
PAUL BRODERICK.	8

2 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: I would like to call
3 the Health and Social Services Committee to
4 order, and I'll ask the clerk to take the roll.

5 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Troiano?

6 LEGISLATOR TROIANO: Here.

7 CLERK MULLER: Legislator DeRiggi-
8 Whitton?

9 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: Here.

10 CLERK MULLER: Ranking Member Bosworth?

11 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Here.

12 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Gonsalves?

13 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Present.

14 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Muscarella?

15 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

16 CLERK MULLER: Vice Chairman Becker?

17 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Present.

18 CLERK MULLER: Chairwoman Walker?

19 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Here.

20 CLERK MULLER: We have a quorum.

21 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: There are three
22 items on the addendum agenda.

23 May I have a motion to suspend the rules?

24 LEGISLATOR BECKER: So moved.

25 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Second.

2 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Moved by Legislator
3 Gonsalves.

4 All in favor?

5 (Aye.)

6 First is Clerk Item 474-12, which is an
7 ordinance supplemental to the annual
8 appropriation ordinance in connection with the
9 Health Department.

10 May I have a motion?

11 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: So moved.

12 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

13 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Moved by Legislator
14 Gonsalves, seconded by Legislator Muscarella.

15 The item is before us.

16 Is anyone here to speak on the motion?

17 MS. SOUSA: Hi. I'm Anna Sousa, Deputy
18 Commissioner for Administration. I'm here for
19 Mary Ellen Laurain, who is on vacation.

20 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Do you want to tell
21 us just a little bit about it?

22 MS. SOUSA: Sure. For the item, 474,
23 it's actually for \$360. Due to a transposition
24 error in the prior supplemental appropriation, we
25 had requested a lower amount than what we were

2 awarded. So this is to true-up to the full
3 amount of the award, and it goes towards salaries
4 and fringes.

5 With regards to the grant, this is for
6 disease intervention services. We have staff
7 members that, upon getting receipt of reports
8 noting confirmed cases in syphilis, Chlamydia, as
9 well as gonorrhea, they then perform case
10 management services, follow-up with partners, and
11 in some cases do referrals for testing.

12 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Okay. Thank you.

13 Any questions from the legislators?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 Any public comment?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 All those in favor?

18 (Aye.)

19 Any opposed?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 Motion carries unanimously.

22 Clerk Item 475-12 is an ordinance
23 supplemental to the annual appropriation
24 ordinance in connection with the Health
25 Department.

2 Motion, please?

3 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: So moved.

4 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Second.

5 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: By Legislator
6 Gonsalves, seconded by Legislator Becker.

7 The item is before us.

8 MS. SOUSA: This is for a grant
9 extension for the same grant that I spoke to you
10 on the prior item. It will take us through --
11 from, I would say, May 1 through July 31. It's
12 an extension because there was a request for
13 application that we applied for. We received the
14 award but we are awaiting the final award letter.
15 The state is tying us over until August 1 with
16 \$35,051. Again, it's going to cover salaries,
17 fringe, mileage for two staff members and, again
18 to perform case management type services.

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

21 (No verbal response.)

22 Any public comment?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 All those in favor?

25 (Aye.)

2 Any opposed?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 Motion passes unanimously.

5 The final item is Clerk Item 476-12,
6 which is an ordinance supplemental to the annual
7 appropriation ordinance in connection with the
8 Department of Social Services.

9 May I have a motion, please?

10 LEGISLATOR BECKER: So moved.

11 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Second.

12 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Motion by Legislator
13 Becker, seconded by Legislator Gonsalves.

14 The item is before us.

15 Mr. Broderick, since you've been waiting
16 all afternoon and part of the evening for us.

17 MR. BRODERICK: Good afternoon, good
18 evening. Paul Broderick, Deputy Commissioner,
19 Department of Social Services.

20 From the New York State Department of
21 Education.

22 The purpose of the program is to provide
23 a summer food service program for low income
24 children, 18 and under. We have 40 participating
25 agencies who are estimated to serve approximately

2 70,000 meals to 2,800 children in Nassau County.

3 Do you have any questions?

4 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Legislator Bosworth.

5 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Thank you. Are
6 these meals provided in schools? Where are they
7 provided?

8 MR. BRODERICK: Not-for-profit agencies
9 that had signed up.

10 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: So if the agencies
11 are no longer funded and go out of existence,
12 what happens to these children and where do they
13 -- is it still applicable?

14 MR. BRODERICK: I'm not really sure.
15 Can you rephrase the question? I can't project.

16 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: You're saying it's
17 the agencies. We just had a whole thing saying
18 the agencies aren't going to be funded. And if
19 they're not funded and no longer in existence,
20 where --

21 MR. BRODERICK: Right now I do know that
22 we have 40 agencies who are participating. I
23 guess to answer your question, I know that
24 several of them, I guess, are possibly affected
25 by reductions. What happens then? I can't say.

2 I really don't know. Are they going to not be
3 funded? I don't know. Do you know? I can't
4 answer your question. I can tell you that
5 several of the 40, several of them face potential
6 cuts. What happens in the future, I can't say
7 what they're going to do or not do.

8 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: What was being
9 represented to us -- I would imagine you would
10 have more knowledge of that -- is that because of
11 the cuts to agencies, many were saying that they
12 would be closing their doors and would no longer
13 exist. So if they no longer exist and we're
14 getting this money to feed them, what happens to
15 that?

16 MR. BRODERICK: I don't know. We weren't
17 faced with this problem before. I'm not sure.
18 When will these agencies cease to exist?

19 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: My understanding
20 is a letter went to them saying that their
21 funding is going to be discontinued as of July 6.

22 MR. BRODERICK: I'm sorry. I'm really
23 not qualified to answer that because that's not -
24 - that's not occurring through the Department of
25 Social Services. We're just working -- we're

2 just administering this program. Any funding
3 cuts aren't coming through Department of Social
4 Services.

5 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Okay. So let me
6 phrase the question this way.

7 If, in fact, could you look into what
8 would happen, which agencies will no longer be
9 existing, and if they would be agencies that
10 would have been providing, you know, the food and
11 what will happen.

12 MR. BRODERICK: I'm not sure. But we
13 could look into whether funds can get reallocated
14 from one program to the next.

15 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Maybe I'm -- I don't
16 want to jump in.

17 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Please. By all
18 means.

19 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Say, you know, I run
20 a program. I'm going to use Hicksville Boys and
21 Girls Club for example because it's in
22 Hicksville. Say they received food. Say they
23 received food. Now say they were now -- say they
24 were cut, their programs were cut and they were
25 no longer in existence. I think what Legislator

2 Bosworth was asking is then how might those
3 children get the food that they were supposed to
4 get through your program? You really can't
5 answer that now. I guess we're going to have to
6 find out those particulars as we move down the
7 line. Obviously, the kids won't all be together.

8 MR. BRODERICK: Realistically, the
9 program over here, this is the summer lunch
10 program. There are 40 or 41 agencies that are
11 participating. If something goes away, I'm not
12 sure when their funding would go away, if they're
13 going to close their doors, when they're closing
14 the doors. It's something -- you're not giving
15 me enough information. That's beyond my
16 knowledge of the whole situation, which is
17 managing this side, the summer lunch program.

18 Would one agency try to contact another
19 one to say can you accommodate these kids? I
20 don't know. The agencies would have to do that.
21 We're not at that level. The community-based
22 organizations are doing the day-to-day
23 operations.

24 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Okay. Thank you.

25 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Legislator Bosworth,

2 I will keep on it too.

3 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Since the bonding
4 is supposed to not be part of funding and that
5 relationship was made, I think I'm entitled to
6 ask a question about an appropriation.

7 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: I agree with you,
8 Legislator Bosworth.

9 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: And I know that
10 you do and I appreciate that, Legislator Walker.

11 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any other questions?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 Any public comment?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 All those in favor?

16 (Aye.)

17 Any opposed?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 The motion carries unanimously.

20 MR. BRODERICK: Thank you.

21 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Thank you, Mr.
22 Broderick.

23 There are no other items on the agenda.

24 Do I have a motion to adjourn?

25 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: So moved.

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2 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Second.

3 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Motion by Legislator
4 Gonsalves, seconded by Legislator Becker.

5 (Whereupon, the Health and Social
6 Services Committee adjourned at 5:44 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 state:

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THAT the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate transcript of the same and the whole thereof, according to the best of my ability and belief.

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FRANK GRAY