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LIST OF SPEAKERS

MARY ELLEN LAURAIN. 5
PAUL BRODERICK. 15

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

5 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Troiano?

6 LEGISLATOR TROIANO: Here.

7 CLERK MULLER: Legislator DeRiggi-
8 Whitton?

9 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: Present.

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: Still here.

18 CLERK MULLER: Chairwoman Walker?

19 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Here.

20 CLERK MULLER: We have a quorum.

21 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Thank you, Mr.

22 Muller.

23 We have nine items on the agenda today.

24 The first is Clerk Item 544-12, an ordinance

25 supplemental to the annual appropriation

2 ordinance in connection with the Health
3 Department.

4 May I have a motion?

5 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: So moved.

6 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Second.

7 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Moved by Legislator
8 Gonsalves, seconded by Legislator Becker.

9 The item is before us.

10 We have Mary Ellen Laurain.

11 MS. LAURAIN: Good afternoon. Mary
12 Ellen Laurain, Department of Health.

13 Item 544 is a supplemental appropriation
14 in the amount of in the amount of \$42,559. This
15 a Medicaid reimbursement for prior years for the
16 early intervention administrative grant.

17 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions from
18 the legislators?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 Any public comment?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 All those in favor?

23 (Aye.)

24 Any opposed?

25 (No verbal response.)

2 Motion carries.

3 Item Number 545-12, an ordinance
4 supplemental to the annual appropriation
5 ordinance in connection with the Health
6 Department.

7 May I have a motion?

8 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: So moved.

9 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

10 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Moved by Legislator
11 Gonsalves, seconded by Legislator Muscarella.

12 The item is before us.

13 We have Mary Ellen Laurain.

14 MS. LAURAIN: Mary Ellen Laurain,
15 Department of Health.

16 Item 545-12 is a supplemental
17 appropriation in the amount of in the amount of
18 \$79,167. This is for the sexually transmitted
19 disease intervention grant. It's New York State
20 Department of Health funded. It is follow up for
21 those diagnosed with sexually transmitted
22 diseases, to confirm that they are treated.

23 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions from
24 the legislators?

25 (No verbal response.)

2 Any public comment?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 All those in favor?

5 (Aye.)

6 Any opposed?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 Motion carries.

9 Clerk Item 546-12 is an ordinance
10 supplemental to the annual appropriation
11 ordinance in connection with the Health
12 Department.

13 May I have a motion, please?

14 LEGISLATOR BECKER: So moved.

15 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Second.

16 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Moved by Legislator
17 Becker, seconded by Legislator Gonsalves.

18 The item is before us.

19 Mary Ellen Laurain.

20 MS. LAURAIN: Mary Ellen Laurain,
21 Department of Health.

22 Item 546-12 is a supplemental
23 appropriation in the amount of in the amount of
24 \$7,776. This a FEMA grant. It is a one-day
25 reimbursement for August 25, 2011, and that was a

2 one-day planning in response to Hurricane Irene.

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

5 (No verbal response.)

6 Any public comment?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 All those in favor?

9 (Aye.)

10 Any opposed?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 Motion carries.

13 Clerk Item 547-12 is an ordinance
14 supplemental to the annual appropriation
15 ordinance in connection with the Health
16 Department.

17 May I have a motion?

18 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: So moved.

19 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Second.

20 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Moved by Legislator
21 Gonsalves, seconded by Legislator Becker.

22 The item is before us.

23 MS. LAURAIN: Mary Ellen Laurain,
24 Department of Health.

25 Item 547-12 is a supplemental

2 appropriation for \$97,422. It is for the pre-
3 natal, peri-natal services network. This is New
4 York State Department of Health funded. It is 40
5 agencies whose goal is to improve birth outcomes
6 in Nassau County.

7 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions or
8 comments from the legislators?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 Any public comment?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 All those in favor?

13 (Aye.)

14 Any opposed?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 Motion carries.

17 Clerk Item 548-12 is an ordinance
18 supplemental to the annual appropriation
19 ordinance in connection with the Department of
20 Health.

21 May I have a motion?

22 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: So moved.

23 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Second.

24 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Moved by Legislator
25 Gonsalves, seconded by Legislator Becker.

2 The item is before us.

3 MS. LAURAIN: Mary Ellen Laurain,
4 Department of Health.

5 Item 548-12 is a supplemental
6 appropriation in the amount of in the amount of
7 \$103,156. This for the community help worker
8 program. It is New York State Department of
9 Health funded. It is a program that provides
10 case management for women who are pregnant and
11 at-risk. It's in the Village of Hempstead and
12 the community of Roosevelt.

13 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions or
14 comments from the legislators?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 Any public comment?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 All those in favor?

19 (Aye.)

20 Any opposed?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 Motion carries.

23 Clerk Item Number -- we're going to move
24 on today and stay with the Health Department.

25 Clerk Item 551-12 is an ordinance supplemental to

2 the annual appropriation ordinance in connection
3 with the Department of Health.

4 MS. LAURAIN: Mary Ellen Laurain,
5 Department of Health.

6 Item 551-12 is a supplemental
7 appropriation in the amount of in the amount of
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9 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Could I have a
10 motion, please?

11 LEGISLATOR BECKER: So moved.

12 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Second.

13 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Seconded by
14 Legislator Gonsalves. By Legislator Becker and
15 Legislator Gonsalves.

16 MS. LAURAIN: Mary Ellen Laurain,
17 Department of Health.

18 Item 551-12 is a supplemental
19 appropriation in the amount of in the amount of
20 \$171,771. This is FEMA and New York State
21 Department of Health disaster reimbursement for
22 Hurricane Irene. It covered the period of August
23 26, 2011 to September 5, 2011. It was our
24 response to ensure that essential public health
25 services continued during that time.

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

4 (No verbal response.)

5 Any public comment?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 All those in favor?

8 (Aye.)

9 Any opposed?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 Motion carries.

12 Mary Ellen, if you'll stay for this last
13 one for the Health Department.

14 Clerk Item 574-12 is an ordinance
15 supplemental to the annual appropriation
16 ordinance in connection with the Office of the
17 Health Department.

18 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: So moved.

19 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Second.

20 Motion by Legislator Gonsalves, seconded
21 by Legislator Becker.

22 MS. LAURAIN: Mary Ellen Laurain,
23 Department of Health.

24 Item 574-12 is a supplemental
25 appropriation for \$3,062,756 for the WIC Program.

2 This a federally funded supplemental nutrition
3 and education program that provides vouchers and
4 formula for women, infants, and children.

5 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any comments or
6 questions by the legislators? Legislator
7 Bosworth.

8 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Just a question.
9 I remember, I think it was last year, there was
10 some issue with the breast feeding component of
11 this, in terms of it I believe being awarded to
12 Nassau University Hospital. I was wondering if
13 you have any information about how successful
14 that program is and how it's going.

15 MS. LAURAIN: Yes. There is a component
16 of it. It's a contract with Nassau University
17 Medical Center to provide breast feeding support.
18 It's a peer education program, and it is going
19 very well.

20 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Glad to hear it.

21 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any other questions
22 or comments?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 Any public comment?

25 (No verbal response.)

2 All those in favor?

3 (Aye.)

4 Any opposed?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 Motion carries.

7 Mary Ellen, just before you step away, I
8 just want to thank you. I know this has been a
9 very, very bad year, dealing with our mosquito
10 issues. And I know many of the legislators have
11 had phone calls and many of us have reached out
12 to you. And I just want to thank you for all
13 your hard work and dedication and that of the
14 entire department.

15 MS. LAURAIN: Thank you. I will pass it
16 along.

17 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Maybe that the
18 weather's getting a little cooler, we'll hope for
19 the best.

20 MS. LAURAIN: We're happy to answer the
21 questions.

22 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Thank you.

23 We'll jump back to 549-12, which is an
24 ordinance supplemental to the annual
25 appropriation ordinance in connection with the

2 Department of Social Services.

3 May I have a motion, please?

4 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: So moved.

5 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Second.

6 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Motion by Legislator
7 Gonsalves, seconded by Legislator Becker.

8 Mr. Broderick.

9 MR. BRODERICK: Legislators, good
10 afternoon. Paul Broderick, Deputy Commissioner,
11 Department of Social Services.

12 Item 549-12 before you is a request by
13 the Department of Social Services to
14 supplementally appropriate \$50,000 from New York
15 State Office of Children and Family Services,
16 which is targeted to reduce the workload of Child
17 Protective Services staff.

18 Do you have any questions?

19 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions or
20 comments by 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 carries.

5 Mr. Broderick, you'll be up for 573,
6 which is an ordinance supplemental to the annual
7 appropriation ordinance in connection with the
8 Department of Social Services.

9 Motion, please?

10 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: So moved.

11 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Second.

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

14 Mr. Broderick.

15 MR. BRODERICK: Again, Paul Broderick,
16 Deputy Commissioner, Department of Social
17 Services.

18 Item 573 before you is a supplemental
19 appropriation for \$159,161. We're looking for
20 this funding to go into the grant fund which will
21 be used to hire additional workers targeted for
22 our Medicaid unit.

23 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions or
24 comments from the legislators? Legislator
25 Bosworth.

2 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: So these employees
3 are new hires?

4 MR. BRODERICK: They would be either new
5 or if previously laid off they would be brought
6 back per Civil Service rules and regulations,
7 yes.

8 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: And how were they
9 paid for in the past?

10 MR. BRODERICK: Most probably in the
11 general fund.

12 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Thank you.

13 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: And now these would
14 be covered by the grant.

15 MR. BRODERICK: That is correct.

16 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any other questions
17 or comments?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 Any public comment?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 All those in favor?

22 (Aye.)

23 Any opposed?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 Motion carries.

2 Thank you, Mr. Broderick.

3 MR. BRODERICK: Thank you.

4 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: There being no other
5 items before us today, may I have a motion to
6 adjourn?

7 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: So moved.

8 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Second.

9 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: So moved by
10 Legislator Gonsalves, seconded by Legislator
11 Becker.

12 All in favor?

13 (Aye.)

14 We are adjourned.

15 (Whereupon, the Health and Social
16 Services Committee adjourned at 3:31 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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