

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

ROSE WALKER
CHAIRWOMAN

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

ROSE MARIE WALKER
Chairwoman

FRANCIS X. BECKER
Vice-Chairman

VINCENT MUSCARELLA (Not Present)

JOSEPH BELESI (Sitting in for Vincent Muscarella)

MICHAEL VENDITTO

JUDI BOSWORTH
Ranking

DELIA DeRIGGI-WHITTON

ROBERT TROIANO (Not Present)

JUDY JACOBS (Sitting in for Robert Troiano)

WILLIAM J. MULLER, III
Clerk of the Legislature

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

5 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Jacobs,
6 substituting for Legislator Troiano?

7 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Here.

8 CLERK MULLER: Legislator DeRiggi-
9 Whitton?

10 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: Here.

11 CLERK MULLER: Ranking Member Bosworth?

12 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Here.

13 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Venditto is
14 here.

15 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Kopel,
16 substituting for Legislator Muscarella?

17 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

18 CLERK MULLER: Vice Chairman Becker?

19 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Present.

20 CLERK MULLER: Chairwoman Walker?

21 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Here.

22 CLERK MULLER: We have a quorum.

23 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Thank you.

There are nine items on the agenda today. The first is Clerk Item 491-13, which is an ordinance supplemental to the annual appropriation ordinance in connection with the Department of Human Services, Office of Mental Health, Chemical Dependency, and Developmental Disability Services.

May I have a motion, please?

LEGISLATOR BECKER: So moved.

LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Motion by Legislator Becker, seconded by Legislator Venditto.

The item is before us.

Mr. May.

MR. MAY: We have Commissioner Lisa Murphy and Mr. Brian Hall from the Department of Human Services.

MR. HALL: Good afternoon. This is an appropriation for \$4,277,824. It's for our methadone clinic. Sixty percent, which is covered by the state, and the rest is covered by Medicaid reimbursement and patient receipts. It's to run the methadone clinic for 2014 at zero cost to the county.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Are there any questions by the legislators?

(No verbal response.)

I do have one slip that was put in. I'm sorry. Legislator Bosworth, I didn't see you raise your hand. I apologize.

LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Hi. Good afternoon. So I just -- this is a rather large amount and it's wonderful that we're going to have the funds for this. Could I just -- do you have any sense of which communities these funds will be expended in?

COMMISSIONER MURPHY: This is actually for the clinic that we run over at Nassau Community Medical Center. It takes care of approximately 600 patients a day, seven days a week, from throughout the county.

LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: So it's all for that one clinic?

COMMISSIONER MURPHY: Yes, it is.

LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Okay. That's very helpful. Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any other legislators?

(No verbal response.)

We have a slip put in by Terenna Williams.

MS. WILLIAMS: Hello. My name is Terena Williams. I guess I'm going to introduce myself and re-introduce my organization, which is Glory House Recovery. We help out homeless people who are, you know, mentally challenged, with substance abuse, mental illness, domestic violence, HIV, and transitioning from the prison system.

I'm here because we always get left out because our agency, you know, we are in the budget of -- our budget is usually under \$400,000 a year. We seriously would like you to consider our organization in funding because we need it seriously to maintain ourselves for next year.

We service every area of Nassau County. We may be located in Roosevelt and Hempstead but we service the areas that you guys cover. So we just wanted to say that.

Go ahead. Say your name.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm a newcomer to Glory House. This is my first time being a

2 homeless person. All I know is Glory House has
3 given me care, it never quits. She, Terena
4 Williams works 24/7 to help Glory House. She
5 only knows Glory House is first, as far as her
6 priorities.

7 MR. SMITH: My name is Daniel Smith.
8 I'm from Bellmore. I've been at Glory House for
9 like eight months. It's been very helpful in me
10 getting myself back together from substance
11 abuse. She's a great woman for what she works
12 for. Anybody can call her anytime, day or night,
13 and she's there for them.

14 Thank you.

15 ROCHELLE: My name is Rochelle. I'm
16 over by Glory House. I think it's a good place,
17 instead of being on the streets. Terena Williams
18 is a very sweet lady. And bless everybody.

19 MS. WILLIAMS: We really just need your
20 assistance. We can't keep our doors open on the
21 funding that we have. We are asking you to
22 consider us in the budget.

23 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Ms. Walker, if I
24 could just ask something.

25 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Legislator Becker,

2 and then Legislator Jacobs.

3 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Mr. Murphy, could I
4 ask you a question? Are you familiar with Glory
5 House?

6 COMMISSIONER MURPHY: This is actually
7 the first time that I have met these folks.

8 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Would you be so kind
9 as to take her information? Because I know Ms.
10 Williams and I know the work that they do. If
11 you could -- I know there are certain criteria
12 that people have to follow. If you would meet
13 with her some time --

14 COMMISSIONER MURPHY: I will give her my
15 information.

16 LEGISLATOR BECKER: And then have a
17 meeting with her and see if there is any way --
18 after meeting with her, if she could be involved
19 in our programs here.

20 Thank you, Ms. Murphy. Thank you for
21 being here, Ms. Williams. I appreciate it.

22 MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

23 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Legislator Jacobs.

24 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Yes. Ms. Williams,
25 hi. I may not be understanding this totally

2 correctly, and correct me if I'm going wrong.

3 This money is being given to the hospital to use
4 in their program to treat people in need. I am
5 wondering, have you ever spoken to the hospital
6 directly?

7 MS. WILLIAMS: Actually, I don't think
8 that I was supposed to do my public comment on
9 this, it's for health and human services. We
10 don't do methadone maintenance at our facility.
11 So I don't know where --

12 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: You actually deal
13 with people who are homeless.

14 MS. WILLIAMS: Who have substance abuse,
15 mental illness, domestic violence, HIV, and from
16 the prison systems.

17 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: We're looking at the
18 explanation of this item, I could see why you
19 would choose to get up under this item.

20 MS. WILLIAMS: Right. That's not us.

21 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: The only reason I'm
22 asking you is perhaps when you speak to Ms.
23 Murphy, it is possible maybe via the hospital
24 some funds could be made available. If this
25 money is being given to the hospital directly --

2 believe me, I'm talking off the top of my head
3 and am not sure about any of this. But maybe
4 your money could be given through the hospital.
5 I don't know. It's just a thought I have. But I
6 would definitely pursue that a little bit.

7 MS. MURPHY: Okay. Thank you.

8 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: I wish you good
9 luck.

10 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Terena, I just want
11 to thank you too. Even if you came up under the
12 wrong item, you now know Ms. Murphy and Ms.
13 Murphy and you can get together and see what we
14 could do to help you.

15 MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

16 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Thank you.

17 Are there any other questions or any
18 other public comment?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 All in favor?

21 (Aye.)

22 Any opposed?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 Motion carries unanimously.

25 Item 492-13 is an ordinance supplemental

to the annual appropriation ordinance in connection with the Department of Human Services.

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Item 502-13 is also an ordinance supplemental to the annual appropriation ordinance in connection with the Department of Human Services, Office of Mental Health, Chemical Dependency, and Developmental Disability Services.

Item 503-13 is an ordinance supplemental to the annual appropriation ordinance in connection with the Department of Human Services, as is 505-13, an ordinance supplemental to the annual appropriation ordinance in connection with the Department of Human Services.

2 Could I have a motion, please?

3 LEGISLATOR BECKER: So moved.

4 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Second.

5 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Moved by Legislator
6 Becker, seconded by Legislator Kopel.

7 Ms. Lisa Murphy.

8 COMMISISONER MURPHY: Hello.

9 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: I know we gave you a
10 lot there.

11 COMMISSIONER MURPHY: Yes. Item 492-13
12 is a supplemental appropriation for \$10,294,000.
13 That is for adult service, mental health
14 services. It's 100 percent. It's funded by the
15 Office of Mental Health, State Office of Mental
16 Health.

17 Item Number 500-13 is a supplemental
18 appropriation in the amount of \$714,435. That is
19 100 percent funded by -- it's a federal program
20 funded by SAMSHA, and that is to provide services
21 for mental health, for families and children.
22 It's the No Wrong Door policy.

23 Item Number 501-13 is a supplement in the
24 amount of \$2,574,071. It is 100 percent funded
25 also by the Office of Mental Health, the New York

2 State Office of Mental Health. It is to provide
3 child mental health services.

4 Item Number 502-13 is a supplement in the
5 amount of \$24,621,257. It is 100 percent. It is
6 funded by OASIS. It is to fund our chemical
7 dependency programs.

8 Item Number 503-13 is a supplement in the
9 amount of \$80,077. We are the subcontract on
10 this. It is 100 percent funded. We are the pass
11 through from North Shore LIJ that was the
12 recipient of this grant. It is from the Centers
13 for Disease Control. It is to do research on the
14 mental health effects of Hurricane Sandy.

15 Item Number 505-13 is also 100 percent.
16 It is federal funded in the amount of \$64,000,
17 and that is for a systems integration grant for
18 the Office of the Aging. That's for technical
19 assistance.

20 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Okay. Are there any
21 questions on all except 503, because Legislator
22 Jacobs has to recuse herself on 503? Any
23 questions from the legislators on 492, 500, 501,
24 502, or 505?

25 (No verbal response.)

No questions from the legislators. Any questions from the public?

(No verbal response.)

All in favor of all of those items?

(Aye.)

Any nays?

(No verbal response.)

They pass unanimously.

Then Item Number 503, any questions from the legislators on 503?

(No verbal response.)

Any questions from the public?

(No verbal response.)

All those in favor?

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

Passes unanimously.

We have two more items on the agenda, and I will call the two of them together.

Item Number 498-13, which is an ordinance supplemental to the annual appropriation ordinance in connection with the Health Department.

2 Item Number 499-13, an ordinance
3 supplemental to the annual appropriation
4 ordinance in connection with the Health
5 Department.

6 Motion, please?

7 LEGISLATOR BECKER: So moved.

8 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Second.

9 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Motion by Legislator
10 Becker, seconded by Legislator Kopel.

11 We have Mary Ellen Laurain here to speak
12 to us.

13 MS. LAURAIN: Good afternoon. Item 498-
14 13 is a supplemental appropriation in the amount
15 of \$49,000. This is for the sexually transmitted
16 disease intervention systems grant. This is a
17 one-time funding from New York State Department
18 of Health to support our already existing
19 sexually transmitted disease program.

20 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions on
21 498? That's 498, correct?

22 MS. LAURAIN: Yes.

23 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: And the other is
24 499.

25 MS. LAURAIN: Yes.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Do you want to do that too and then we'll do them together.

MS. LAURAIN: 499-13 is a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$206,311. This is for the community health worker program. This is funded through New York State Department of Health and it provides services to pregnant women and their families in the Village of Hempstead and the community of Roosevelt.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Are there any questions or comments from the legislators on Item 499 or 500?

(No verbal response.)

Any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

All those in favor?

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

Motion carries unanimously.

There are no other items on the agenda.

LEGISLATOR BECKER: Move that we adjourn.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Seconded.

2 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Moved by Legislator
3 Becker, seconded by Legislator Kopel.

4 All in favor?

5 (Aye.)

6 Okay. We are adjourned.

7 (Whereupon, the Health and Social
8 Services Committee adjourned at 4:34 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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FRANK GRAY