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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

PETER SCHMITT,
Presiding Officer

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

ROSE MARIE WALKER,
Chairwoman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, March 5, 2012
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A P P E A R A N C E S :

ROSE MARIE WALKER
Chairwoman

FRANCIS BECKER
Vice Chairman

VINCENT MUSCARELLA

NORMA GONSALVES

JUDI BOSWORTH,
Ranking

DELIA DeRIGGI-WHITTON

ROBERT TROIANO

WILLIAM MULLER,
Clerk of the Legislature

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LIST OF SPEAKERS

MARYELLEN LORRAINE, Nassau County
Department of Health.....5

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

6 CLERK MULLER: Legislator
7 Troiano?

8 LEGISLATOR TROIANO: Here.

9 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Delia
10 DeRiggi Whitton?

11 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
12 Here.

13 CLERK MULLER: Ranking Member
14 Bosworth?

15 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Here.

16 CLERK MULLER: Legislator
17 Gonsalves?

18 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Present.

19 CLERK MULLER: Legislator
20 Muscarella?

21 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

22 CLERK MULLER: Vice Chairman
23 Becker?

24 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Present.

25 CLERK MULLER: Chairwoman Walker?

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2 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Here.

3 CLERK MULLER: We have a quorum.

4 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Thank you.

5 There are two items on the agenda today.
6 The first is Clerk Item 119-12 which is an
7 ordinance supplemental to the annual
8 appropriation ordinance in connection with
9 the Health Department. May I have a motion,
10 please?

11 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: So moved.

12 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

13 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Moved by
14 Legislator Gonsalves, seconded by Legislator
15 Muscarella. MaryEllen, I thank you for
16 being so patient and waiting here for a very
17 long time.

18 MS. LORRAINE: Thank you.

19 MaryEllen Lorraine, Department of Health.
20 Item 119-12 is a supplemental appropriation
21 in the amount of \$153,330. This is for the
22 drinking water enhancement program. It is
23 100 percent funded through New York State
24 Department of Health. The program assures
25 that the 46 water districts in Nassau County

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2 adhere and comply to part five of the New
3 York State Sanitary Code and the Nassau
4 County Public Health Ordinance.

5 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Legislator
6 Bosworth.

7 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: I guess
8 it's good evening. So this is testing
9 that's done in our environmental lab?

10 MS. LORRAINE: Yes, it is.

11 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: So we know
12 that the clinical lab has been closed?

13 MS. LORRAINE: Due to pending
14 litigation, I can't discuss the clinical
15 lab, but I can tell you that none of these
16 funds that are used from this appropriation
17 fund any of the staff in the environmental
18 lab.

19 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: I wasn't
20 asking you to comment about the clinical
21 lab, it was more a statement. So I guess
22 the question is, have there been the kind of
23 cuts at the environmental lab that we've
24 seen at the clinical lab?

25 MS. LORRAINE: The environmental

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2 lab is in full compliance with the New York
3 State Department of Health and is continuing
4 to operate under full compliance.

5 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Have there
6 been cuts to that lab as well?

7 MS. LORRAINE: I'm not aware of
8 any cuts to the environmental lab. I can't
9 discuss any more of the lab except for this
10 appropriation due to pending litigation. I
11 defer to the county attorney on any specific
12 laboratory questions.

13 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: But the
14 environmental lab is not --

15 MS. LORRAINE: The environmental
16 does test these water samples and is in full
17 compliance with New York State Department of
18 Health.

19 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Thank you.

20 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any other
21 debate or discussion?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 Any public comment?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 All those in favor signify by

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2 saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 Any opposed?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 The motion carries. Clerk Item
7 122-12 is an ordinance supplemental to the
8 annual appropriation in connection with the
9 Health Department.

10 MS. LORRAINE: Item 122-12 --

11 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Sorry. May I
12 have a motion?

13 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: So moved.

14 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

15 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Moved by
16 Legislator Gonsalves, seconded by Legislator
17 Muscarella. The item is before us.

18 MS. LORRAINE: Item 122-12 is a
19 supplemental appropriation in the amount of
20 \$300,000. It's for the Immunization Action
21 Program. This is 100 percent grant funded
22 through New York State Department of Health
23 and it provides services to protect the
24 public against vaccine preventable diseases.

25 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any

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2 questions, any comments?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 Any public comment?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 All those in favor?

7 (Aye.)

8 Any opposed?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 The motion carries unanimously.

11 There are no other items, may I have a

12 motion to adjourn?

13 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: So moved.

14 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Second.

15 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Moved by

16 Legislator Gonsalves, seconded by Legislator

17 Becker. All in favor?

18 (Aye.)

19 Next is Government Services.

20 (Whereupon, the Health and Social

21 Services Committee adjourned at 5:45 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 stated:

THAT I attended at the time and place above mentioned and took stenographic record of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter;

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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of March, 2012.

FRANK GRAY