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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

NORMA GONSALVES,
Presiding Officer

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

ROSE MARIE WALKER,
Chairwoman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, September 9, 2013
4:16 P.M

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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

MICHAEL VENDITTO

JUDI BOSWORTH, (Substituted by
Ranking Judy Jacobs)

DELIA DeRIGGI-WHITTON

ROBERT TROIANO

WILLIAM J. MULLER, III
Clerk of the Legislature

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LIST OF SPEAKERS

MARYELLEN LORRAINE, Nassau County
Department of Health.....6

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2 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Before we
3 start, I just want to recognize a young
4 lady, Lisa Daniels, for the legislature. I
5 haven't frightened her away yet. So please
6 try a little harder. Anyway,
7 congratulations for sitting through the day.

8 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: At this time
9 I'll call the Health and Social Services
10 Committee to order. I would ask the clerk
11 to please take the roll.

12 CLERK MULLER: Legislator
13 Troiano?

14 LEGISLATOR TROIANO: Here.

15 CLERK MULLER: Legislator DeRiggi
16 Whitton?

17 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI WHITTON: Here.

18 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Jacobs
19 substituting for Legislator Bosworth?

20 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Here.

21 CLERK MULLER: Legislator
22 Venditto?

23 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: Here.

24 CLERK MULLER: Legislator
25 Muscarella?

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2 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

3 CLERK MULLER: Vice Chairman

4 Becker?

5 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Present.

6 CLERK MULLER: Chairwoman Walker?

7 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Here.

8 CLERK MULLER: We have a quorum.

9 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Thank you,
10 Mr. Muller. We have three items on the
11 agenda today. If it's agreeable with the
12 other side of the table I would ask we call
13 them all together.

14 The first is Clerk Item 360-13,
15 an ordinance supplemental to the annual
16 appropriation ordinance in connection with
17 the Health Department;

18 Clerk Item 368-13, an ordinance
19 supplemental to the annual appropriation
20 ordinance in connection with the Health
21 Department;

22 And Clerk Item 387-13, an
23 ordinance supplemental to the annual
24 appropriation ordinance in connection with
25 the Health Department. Do I have a motion,

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2 please?

3 LEGISLATOR BECKER: So moved.

4 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: Second.

5 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Moved by
6 Legislator Becker, seconded by Legislator
7 Venditto. The item is before us.

8 MR. MAY: We have Ms. MaryEllen
9 Lorraine on all three items.

10 MS. LORRAINE: Good afternoon.
11 MaryEllen Lorraine, Department of Health.
12 Item 360-13 is a supplemental appropriation
13 in the amount of \$3,062,756. This is for
14 the WIC program. This program is federally
15 funded and it is a supplemental nutrition
16 program for pregnant, breastfeeding, and
17 children under five.

18 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions
19 from the legislators?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 Any public comment?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 Item 368.

24 MS. LORRAINE: Item 368-13 is a
25 supplemental appropriation in the amount of

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2 \$88,897 for the children with special
3 healthcare needs. This is funded through
4 New York State Department of Health and
5 provides information and referral to
6 children with special needs.

7 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions
8 from the legislators?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 Any public comment?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 Item 387.

13 MS. LORRAINE: Item 387-13 is a
14 supplemental appropriation in the amount of
15 \$54,172. This is for Child, Family and
16 Safety Grant. This is 100 percent funded
17 through New York State Department of Health.

18 The goal of this program is to
19 review unintended, unexpected deaths of
20 children to come up with a plan of
21 prevention. I believe we're one of the only
22 health departments in the state who is
23 funded for this.

24 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Could you
25 just tell me, do we have numbers of how many

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2 children are expected deaths in children?

3 MS. LORRAINE: The cases, I can
4 tell you how many we reviewed. Last year we
5 reviewed 12. The program, it's done under
6 very strict law and many agencies who are
7 involved in the investigation of the death
8 come together such as police, DA, health to
9 review hospitals to see what could have
10 happened or to prevent further, so I don't
11 have the numbers because of the way they
12 come in and the way they're released.
13 Sometimes we're waiting for the police or DA
14 to release.

15 I can certainly look into how
16 many under 18, not all of them are reviewed
17 for this program, but I can certainly get
18 you numbers.

19 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: I would
20 appreciate that. And just to compare,
21 hopefully, certainly, those numbers are
22 declining I would hope.

23 MS. LORRAINE: We reviewed less
24 last year than the year before but that
25 doesn't necessarily mean there were less.

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2 It depends on how the cases are released to
3 the department to begin an investigation.

4 But they have come up with some
5 nice educational programs. One was for
6 infant choking and a student had developed,
7 through Nassau community, developed a nice
8 public service campaign for choking. So
9 they have come up with some recommendations.

10 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: And ways to
11 educate the public.

12 MS. LORRAINE: Yes. Also, the
13 Back to Sleep Campaign For Children was
14 another program.

15 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any other
16 comment or questions from the legislators?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 Any public comment?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 All those in favor of Items
21 360-13, 368-13 and 387-13 signify by saying
22 aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 Any opposed?

25 (No verbal response.)

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2 The motion passes, 7 to 0.

3 MaryEllen, before you leave I
4 just want to thank you for, certainly you
5 have had a very busy summer with beach
6 closings, beach openings, and you have been
7 very very informative to all of us and also
8 with our mosquito issues which, I think were
9 a little bit better this summer than last
10 summer, although that's kept you very, very
11 busy too. I just wanted to take a moment to
12 thank you.

13 MS. LORRAINE: Thank you. You
14 won't get any more press releases until
15 Memorial Day next year.

16 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Motion to
17 adjourn.

18 LEGISLATOR BECKER: So moved.

19 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Second.

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

23 (Whereupon, the Health and Social
24 Services Committee adjourned at 4:21 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 24th day of September, 2013.

Frank Gray

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