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ROSE MARIE WALKER  
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FRANCIS BECKER  
Vice Chairman

VINCENT MUSCARELLA

NORMA GONSALVES

JUDI BOSWORTH,  
Ranking

DELIA DeRIGGI-WHITTON

ROBERT TROIANO (Substituted by  
Judy Jacobs)

WILLIAM MULLER,  
Clerk of the Legislature

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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 call the  
5 roll.

6 CLERK MULLER: Legislator  
7 Troiano?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 CLERK MULLER: Legislator  
10 Delia-Riggi Whitton?

11 LEGISLATOR DELIA-RIGGI 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 12 items on the agenda today. The  
6 first item is an ordinance supplemental to  
7 the annual appropriation ordinance in  
8 connection with the Department of Social  
9 Service. It is Clerk Item 48-12.

10 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: I was remiss  
11 in saying that Legislator Jacobs would be  
12 substituting for Legislator Troiano.

13 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Thank you,  
14 Legislator Jacobs. May I have a motion,  
15 please?

16 LEGISLATOR BECKER: So moved.

17 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

18 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Moved by  
19 Legislator Becker, seconded by Legislator  
20 Muscarella. The item is before us. Any  
21 debate or discussion on the item? Anyone to  
22 speak from social services?

23 MR. BRODERICK: Good afternoon,  
24 legislators. The item before you is a  
25 request from the Department of Social

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2 Services to supplementally appropriate \$1.8  
3 million for 100 percent grant funded  
4 positions. This will fund salary and fringe  
5 benefit expense for those working in food  
6 stamps, HEAP, and different areas within the  
7 Medicaid units. Do you have any questions?

8 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions  
9 from the legislators for Mr. Broderick?

10 MS. DERIGGI-WHITTON: Can I ask a  
11 question? Does this have anything to do  
12 with anything regarding the workers that  
13 have been laid off in this?

14 MR. BRODERICK: Actually it does.  
15 In what capacity? Funding salary expense.

16 MS. DERIGGI-WHITTON: How much  
17 has to do with the workers that were laid  
18 off?

19 MR. BRODERICK: I'm not sure what  
20 you mean.

21 MS. DERIGGI-WHITTON: What  
22 percentage of this would you say --

23 MR. BRODERICK: This  
24 appropriation will fund I believe it's 30  
25 positions in those specific areas.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any other  
3 legislators have any questions?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 All those in favor signify by  
6 saying aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 Any opposed?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 The motion carries.

11 MR. BRODERICK: Thank you. I'm  
12 going to call the following items together,  
13 Clerk Item 50-12 -- Legislator Bosworth, I  
14 know we already voted on the item. I am so  
15 sorry. Clerk Item 50-12, Clerk Item 51-12,  
16 Clerk Item 52-12, Clerk Item 75-12, Clerk  
17 Item 76-12, Clerk Item 78-12, Clerk Item  
18 79-12, Clerk Item 80-12, Clerk Item 81-12,  
19 Clerk Item 82-12, and Clerk Item 83-12, and  
20 they are all ordinances supplemental to the  
21 annual appropriation ordinance in connection  
22 with the health department. Motion, please.

23 LEGISLATOR BECKER: So moved.

24 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Second.

25 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Moved by

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2 Legislator Becker, seconded by Legislator  
3 Gonsalves. The item is before us. Mary  
4 Ellen Lorraine.

5 MS. LORRAINE: Good evening, Mary  
6 Ellen Lorraine, Department of Health. Item  
7 50-12 is a supplemental appropriation in the  
8 amount of \$535,000 and this is for the  
9 Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Program  
10 and this is 100 percent funded through New  
11 York State Department of Health. This  
12 program provides comprehensive services to  
13 protect the public from tuberculosis.

14 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions  
15 from the legislators? Legislator Bosworth.

16 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: It's  
17 related to the item. I know that part of  
18 this would be for the Department of Health  
19 clinical lab, and it's my understanding that  
20 there have been major problems associated  
21 with that. Is it true that it's been shut  
22 down?

23 MS. LORRAINE: No. Our public  
24 health lab has not been shut down. Our  
25 clinical laboratory right now, the New York



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2 State Department of Health is processing our  
3 clinical labs, our environmental lab are  
4 continuing and are in full compliance with  
5 the state. Our lab is in full compliance  
6 with the New York State Department of  
7 Health.

8 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: But the  
9 clinical lab?

10 MS. LORRAINE: The specimens for  
11 the clinical labs right now are being  
12 processed through Wadsworth which is the  
13 state health department lab.

14 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: So is that  
15 something that we normally had done  
16 ourselves?

17 MS. LORRAINE: I'm not here to  
18 speak on the lab. I'm here to speak on this  
19 item. A lot of our clinical specimens  
20 including tuberculosis do go to the state.  
21 Some were done at that lab. Specifically  
22 related to the lab I'm not here to speak on  
23 that. I can only answer in regard to the TB  
24 program.

25 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: So you are

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2 here to speak about the TB programs, so the  
3 TB specimens are going up to Albany?

4 MS. LORRAINE: Right now our  
5 clinical specimens are being processed at  
6 our laboratory but they are being tested at  
7 the New York State lab at Wadsworth.

8 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Where is  
9 Wadsworth?

10 MS. LORRAINE: Up by Albany.  
11 Right now we are evaluating the process.

12 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Is that a  
13 delay -- this is for this program. Is that  
14 a delay in getting the test results back?

15 MS. LORRAINE: I don't believe  
16 there is a delay in getting our test results  
17 back. Many of our specimens in our clinical  
18 lab must be confirmed by the state anyhow.  
19 I don't have those items in front of me of  
20 which need to be further confirmed. West  
21 Nile Virus, that's done at the state lab.

22 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: I know that  
23 you are not here to speak about the lab, but  
24 this is about the TB thing. Are the TB  
25 things that were tested, is that something

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2 that we had done here in Nassau?

3 MS. LORRAINE: Yes.

4 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: So why is  
5 it being done up in Albany?

6 MS. LORRAINE: Right now we are  
7 evaluating our lab. We are looking to -- I  
8 really can't speak on the lab. I can only  
9 speak on the TB program. Right now those  
10 tests are being processed at the State  
11 Department of Health. I mean, I can  
12 certainly speak to Dr. Eisenstein and  
13 perhaps have him speak to the legislature on  
14 the lab, but I can't speak on the lab. I  
15 can tell you it is in full compliance with  
16 the New York State Department of Health.

17 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Legislator  
18 Walker, would it be possible at some point  
19 for us to hear -- to get that answer and  
20 perhaps to have somebody come back to us to  
21 speak to that issue?

22 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Sure. Ms.  
23 Lorraine, if you can check with Dr.  
24 Eisenstein and maybe he can speak before we  
25 vote on this as a whole. Thank you. I

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2 appreciate that.

3 MS. LORRAINE: I mean, this  
4 particular program is New York State  
5 Department of Health funded and it is  
6 mandated Tuberculosis. So I just wanted to  
7 make that clear. It is 100 percent grant  
8 funded.

9 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Do you want  
10 that pulled out to vote separate or we can  
11 vote as a block? We are just going to move  
12 it.

13 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Yes, I  
14 think we can move it forward.

15 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Legislator  
16 Jacobs.

17 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Just a very  
18 quick question. I may have missed something  
19 because we were talking over here and I  
20 apologize for that. I understand that this  
21 is New York State mandated, et cetera, but  
22 wasn't this always done at the Board of  
23 Health here at Mineola at our clinical lab  
24 here?

25 MS. LORRAINE: I don't know how

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2 long the lab has been doing these tests, all  
3 of our environmental tests, and that would  
4 be water testing, and I'm really going  
5 really out of the realm of what's on the  
6 calendar, our drinking water samples, when  
7 we start speciating for mosquitos, that's  
8 all done at our lab. Our water testing for  
9 beaches is done in our lab.

10 The clinical end of it is a  
11 little different. Right now we are only  
12 processing it and sending it to Albany, not  
13 testing at the lab. We are evaluating that  
14 portion of our laboratory function in our  
15 efforts to streamline our efficiencies, and  
16 that's really all I can say about the lab at  
17 this point.

18 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: I guess what  
19 is confusing, for how long have we been  
20 sending it upstate?

21 MS. LORRAINE: I can't tell you.  
22 There are certain diseases, certain  
23 communicable diseases where we are required  
24 to send it to the state for a confirmatory  
25 test. I don't have that list in front of me

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2 and I'm not prepared to speak to that right  
3 now. But I would be happy to ask Dr.  
4 Eisenstein, and I can call Legislator Walker  
5 tomorrow if you would like and we could  
6 discuss it further.

7 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: I'll tell you  
8 what's bothering some of us here. We've  
9 been told by New York State or by people  
10 that are familiar with it, that we are no  
11 longer testing clinical specimens here, down  
12 here. That it's all going upstate.

13 MS. LORRAINE: I can tell you we  
14 are processing and the clinical end is being  
15 tested at the state lab which is not  
16 uncommon for county health departments to  
17 do. We are probably one of the few county  
18 health departments, and I'm not going to  
19 speak for other counties, that have a lab.  
20 It's not uncommon.

21 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: I just  
22 thought we always had. That's what's  
23 confusing to me.

24 MS. LORRAINE: We do have a  
25 public health lab, it's in Hempstead on Main

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2 Street.

3 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Right. To  
4 the best of my understanding, we always did  
5 do the testing down here, but we will wait  
6 to hear from you.

7 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Actually  
8 one more question if I might. I know we're  
9 not here to talk about the lab, but does the  
10 lab have a director at this point?

11 MS. LORRAINE: I'm sorry, I  
12 cannot speak on the lab itself and the  
13 staffing at the lab. I'm not here for that.  
14 I would be happy to speak to Dr. Eisenstein  
15 tomorrow and we can get back to legislators.

16 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Mary Ellen,  
17 I'm not trying to give you a hard time but  
18 the answer to, is there a director of the  
19 lab doesn't seem to be a really difficult  
20 question.

21 MS. LORRAINE: I can't answer  
22 that.

23 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: We asked if  
24 Dr. Eisenstein can be here next time or get  
25 back to me and certainly we can share it

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2 with the legislators. I don't want to put  
3 Ms. Lorraine on the spot either and have her  
4 being questioned about something she really  
5 isn't able to speak about.

6 MS. LORRAINE: I can tell you  
7 the director of the lab was part of the --  
8 it's probably going to be in Newsday  
9 tomorrow, was part of the layoffs in  
10 December. But I can't tell you about all  
11 the staffing in the laboratory. I'm sorry,  
12 I'm not prepared to speak on that item.

13 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: I  
14 understand that, but I can't vote on funding  
15 for a lab if I can't get the basic answer to  
16 a question of "is there a director?"

17 MS. LORRAINE: This is not  
18 funding for the lab. This is New York State  
19 Department of Health funding for our  
20 Tuberculosis program which prevents the  
21 spread of Tuberculosis and protects the  
22 residents of Nassau County against  
23 Tuberculosis. This is a mandated program.

24 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Right. But  
25 isn't the lab getting the funding?

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2 MS. LORRAINE: No. This is the  
3 Department of Health getting the funding,  
4 not the lab. I can go into it further about  
5 the program. Our staff goes out to people  
6 who have Tuberculosis and they monitor and  
7 make sure they're taking their medication  
8 every day. We have staff who go into the  
9 homes and this is to make sure that they're  
10 compliant in taking their medication so that  
11 the public is not exposed to Tuberculosis.  
12 So we do have people that are not compliant  
13 in taking their medications.

14 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: So is that  
15 what this funding is for, to make sure  
16 people are taking their medications? What  
17 is this funding for?

18 MS. LORRAINE: They provide  
19 surveillance, case management, education to  
20 patients, a lot of this is actual direct  
21 patient -- they go into the homes and make  
22 sure they're taking their medication. They  
23 follow-up with doctors. They look at lab  
24 slips. A lot of the patients come from --  
25 it's mandated to be reported to the

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2 Department of Health, so a lot of people  
3 have been to their own doctor and they're  
4 reporting their Tuberculosis to us.

5 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Can I say one  
6 thing? You know how I feel about you. I  
7 think you're terrific. I don't want to put  
8 you on any kind of spot, but I just want you  
9 to understand why we're having some problems  
10 with this.

11 There were layoffs that took  
12 place. We considered them serious layoffs  
13 because we did our own research and we know  
14 that some of these layoffs occurred to be  
15 both -- some of whom monies were already  
16 received from federal state sources and  
17 there was no expense.

18 Number two, I would hate to think  
19 that we have, literally, if one of those  
20 layoffs may have been somebody responsible  
21 for the clinical lab. So you don't have to  
22 answer that, but we have to do our research.  
23 I'm very concerned about this. Sometimes  
24 when things are done too quickly, errors  
25 occur.

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2                   LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Can  
3 I ask just a question? So we need the funds  
4 to do the testing, is that what this is  
5 asking?

6                   MS. LORRAINE: No. This program  
7 -- we do some testing if there is an  
8 outbreak or an exposure. Most of -- and I  
9 don't have the exact number, but most of the  
10 doctors are mandated -- health care  
11 providers are mandated to report  
12 Tuberculosis to the Department of Health.  
13 The Department of Health gets the lab slip.  
14 They do an investigation. They contact the  
15 patient, the doctor, and we assure that the  
16 patient is compliant and taking their  
17 medication and they follow-up with the  
18 doctor to protect the public from  
19 Tuberculosis.

20                   This appropriation is not for our  
21 lab. This is a grant funded program. It's  
22 mandated through the state. It is not for  
23 our public health laboratory. It's for the  
24 Department of Health.

25                   LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Just

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2 so I understand, this funding is being  
3 provided but not for testing?

4 MS. LORRAINE: There may be some  
5 testing involved but I can tell you the  
6 majority of reports come from health care  
7 providers who are reporting somebody who has  
8 confirmed Tuberculosis. Similar to tests  
9 that we get for Hepatitis A comes from a  
10 health care provider. We then conduct an  
11 investigation. We make sure that the person  
12 is being treated to protect the public from  
13 a communicable disease.

14 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Is  
15 there testing --

16 MS. LORRAINE: Yes. There is  
17 some testing being done but we are no longer  
18 doing it. We're not really doing the  
19 testing. All our clinical testing is being  
20 performed by New York State Department of  
21 Health which they have been doing for a long  
22 time. We were doing it, but all of it right  
23 now, the clinical end is being done by the  
24 State Department of Health laboratory at  
25 Wadsworth.

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2                   LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: How  
3 long is that approximately that we haven't  
4 been doing any of that testing?

5                   LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: You know,  
6 this goes back to the -- you are asking for  
7 funds, there's revenue, there's an  
8 expenditure. So the question is, who is  
9 overseeing the surveillance, case  
10 management, the education, the control, the  
11 investigation, the intervention, the direct  
12 observation therapy, if you can't answer the  
13 simple question of if there is it actually a  
14 director.

15                   MS. LORRAINE: The Tuberculosis  
16 program certainly has a director. We have a  
17 whole unit in there and Dr. Eisenstein's  
18 department head, who oversees that unit, who  
19 reports directly to Dr. Eisenstein.

20                   LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Just to  
21 correct the record, you are not requesting  
22 funds? We are getting funds?

23                   MS. LORRAINE: No. We are  
24 getting these funds from the New York State  
25 Department of Health which is a mandated

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2 program. If we were not to get these funds  
3 from the state, the county would have to pay  
4 that money because we are mandated to do  
5 this. It's part of our essential core  
6 public health program.

7 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Can I  
8 just clarify something? The money is not  
9 about detection, it about basically outreach  
10 and service, and --

11 MS. LORRAINE: I would say the  
12 majority of it are lab slips that are  
13 reported to the Department of Health. Say  
14 you go to the doctor and you test positive  
15 for Tuberculosis, that doctor is mandated to  
16 report that lab result to us and then we  
17 conduct an investigation, see who may be in  
18 contact, whether its an active Tuberculosis.  
19 There's a whole investigation. We do  
20 sometimes have to test something called  
21 sputum where they test it. That's not a  
22 large part of the program though. But all  
23 of that is still being done by the New York  
24 State Department of Health.

25 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Can

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2 I just ask for one more clarification? When  
3 you say they're not testing for a long time,  
4 would that be like more than a month?

5 MS. LORRAINE: I'm sorry?

6 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: To  
7 give me a frame of reference, how long is a  
8 long time when you said we haven't been  
9 testing for a long time?

10 MS. LORRAINE: I'm sorry. The  
11 question was asked earlier about how long  
12 we've been -- I don't have how long we've  
13 been testing as far as the laboratory is  
14 concerned, the laboratory is involved. I  
15 really wasn't here to speak on our  
16 laboratory because this is not what is  
17 really before us.

18 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: I would  
19 like to move to table until we get some of  
20 these answers.

21 MS. LORRAINE: This is not about  
22 our lab though.

23 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Do we have a  
24 second?

25 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I'll

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2 second.

3 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: All those in  
4 favor of tabling?

5 (Aye.)

6 Any opposed?

7 (Nay.)

8 Would you like this put  
9 separately on a vote? Okay. Then we'll  
10 take a vote on this item. Item 50-12, an  
11 ordinance supplemental to the annual  
12 appropriation ordinance in connection with  
13 the health department. All those in favor  
14 signify by saying aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 All opposed?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 Any abstain?

19 (Abstain.)

20 Okay. Three abstentions and four  
21 in favor. The motion moves forward.

22 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: May I ask  
23 that we do the same with Item 76-12?

24 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Sure. We'll  
25 just continue to go down. Item Number



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2 51-12, Ms. Lorraine?

3 MS. LORRAINE: Item 51-12 is a  
4 supplemental appropriation in the amount of  
5 \$16,546. This is for the community health  
6 worker program. This is an additional COLA  
7 award. The total award after the funding is  
8 \$221,857. This program provides case  
9 management and advocacy for pregnant women.

10 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions  
11 from the legislators?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 Any public comment?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 Then we'll call the next and  
16 we'll put these together. Item 52-12.

17 MS. LORRAINE: Item 52-12 is a  
18 supplemental appropriation in the amount of  
19 \$15,627 for the prenatal perinatal services  
20 network. This is a COLA award. The total  
21 funding after the award is \$210,471. This  
22 is 100 percent funded through New York State  
23 Department of Health. It is a network of  
24 over 40 agencies whose goal is to reduce --  
25 to improve birth outcomes and reduce infant

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2 mortality.

3 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions  
4 from the legislators?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 Any public comment?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 Item 75-12.

9 MS. LORRAINE: Item 75-12 is a  
10 supplemental appropriation in the amount of  
11 \$11,244. This is for the Sexually  
12 Transmitted Disease Intervention Program.  
13 This is an additional COLA award. It's 100  
14 percent funded through New York State  
15 Department of Health. It's for the  
16 evaluation and processing of sexual  
17 transmitted diseases to assure that people  
18 are receiving their treatment.

19 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions  
20 from the legislators?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 Any public comment?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 We'll hold off on 76-12. 78-12.

25 MS. LORRAINE: Item 78-12 is a

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2 supplemental appropriation in the amount of  
3 \$248,372. This is for the women, infant and  
4 children program. This is an additional  
5 COLA award. The total funding after the  
6 award is \$3.6 million. The WIC grant is  
7 federally funded, supplemental nutrition  
8 program.

9 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions  
10 from the legislators?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 Any public comment?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 Item 79-12.

15 MS. LORRAINE: Item 79-12 is a  
16 supplemental appropriation in the amount of  
17 \$1,311. This is for the rabies program.  
18 The total funding after the award is  
19 \$17,656. It's New York State Department of  
20 Health grant funded and the objective is to  
21 protect residents against rabies.

22 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions  
23 from the legislators?

24 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: May I ask  
25 if we can have that separate as well?

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2 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Okay. Any  
3 questions?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 Any comments on that or you just  
6 want to vote separately?

7 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Can  
8 I just ask now, if there's testing for  
9 rabies, is that done in the same way, is  
10 everything sent up?

11 MS. LORRAINE: The rabies testing  
12 is primarily -- are decaps which have always  
13 been shipped to New York State Department of  
14 Health. We have staff that are trained and  
15 do the decaps on the raccoons, particularly,  
16 and they prepare them here in our lab and we  
17 ship them to the New York State Department  
18 of Health. We have done it that way since  
19 the inception of the program.

20 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Item Number  
21 80-12.

22 MS. LORRAINE: Item 80-12 is a  
23 supplemental appropriation in the amount of  
24 \$24,060 for the Immunization Action Plan.  
25 This is an additional COLA award bring the

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2 total funding to \$324,060. It's New York  
3 State Department of Health funding. The  
4 services are to protect the public from  
5 vaccine preventable diseases.

6 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions  
7 from the legislators?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 Any public comment?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 Item 81-12.

12 MS. LORRAINE: Item 81-12 is a  
13 supplemental appropriation in the amount of  
14 \$21,908. This is for the childhood lead  
15 poisoning prevention program. This is also  
16 an additional COLA award bring the total  
17 funding to \$235,532. This is funded through  
18 New York State Department of Health and  
19 provides comprehensive services to reduce  
20 lead blood levels in children.

21 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Legislator  
22 Bosworth.

23 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: So is this  
24 something where the testing is also going up  
25 to Albany?

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2 MS. LORRAINE: No. This is part  
3 of our environmental testing and this is  
4 done at the laboratory here.

5 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Thank you.

6 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any public  
7 comment?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 Item 82-12.

10 MS. LORRAINE: Item 82-12 is a  
11 supplemental appropriation in the amount of  
12 \$7,130 for the children with special  
13 healthcare needs. This is New York State  
14 Department of Health funding and is an  
15 additional COLA award. The total funding is  
16 \$96,027. This provides information and  
17 referral for families of children up to age  
18 21 who have a medical diagnosis and have  
19 special healthcare needs.

20 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions  
21 from the legislators?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 Any public comment?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 Item 83-12.

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2 MS. LORRAINE: Item 83-12 is a  
3 supplemental appropriation in the amount of  
4 \$27,750. This is for the Adolescent Tobacco  
5 Use Prevention Act. This is also an  
6 additional COLA award bringing the total  
7 funding to \$185,782. The purpose of this  
8 grant is to conduct certification checks on  
9 tobacco retailers to make sure that they're  
10 not selling tobacco products to minors.

11 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions  
12 from the legislators?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 Any public comment?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 We'll take a vote on Items 51-12,  
17 52-12, 75-12, 78-12, 80-12, 81-12, 82-12,  
18 and 83-12.

19 LEGISLATOR BECKER: So moved.

20 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

21 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Moved by  
22 Legislator Becker, seconded by Legislator  
23 Muscarella. All those in favor?

24 (Aye.)

25 Any opposed?

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2 Motion carries unanimously. We  
3 will go back to clerk-item 76-12. All those  
4 in favor of 76-12, any public comment?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 All in favor?

7 (Aye.)

8 Any opposed?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 Abstain?

11 (Abstain.)

12 So four three, the motion moves  
13 forward. Three abstain. Lastly Clerk Item  
14 79-12. All those in favor?

15 (Aye.)

16 Any opposed?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 Abstention?

19 (Abstention.)

20 So that moves forward four three.  
21 That is all our items. There is no more  
22 agenda items today.

23 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Legislator  
24 Walker, just on the record, we would like it  
25 to be understood that the reason we don't



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2 want to vote no on this, we are abstaining  
3 pending knowledge on this before we vote  
4 again.

5 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Thank you,  
6 Legislator Jacobs. Motion to adjourn.

7 LEGISLATOR BECKER: So moved.

8 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

9 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Moved by  
10 Legislator Becker, seconded by Legislator  
11 Muscarella. All those in favor, signify by  
12 saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 Any opposed?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 The Government Services Committee  
17 will meet next.

18 (Whereupon, the Health and Social  
19 Services Committee adjourned at 6:10 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 stated:

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FRANK GRAY