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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, April 8, 2013
4:47 P.M

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2 A P P E A R A N C E S :3 ROSE MARIE WALKER,
4 Chairwoman5 FRANCIS BECKER,
6 Vice Chairman

7 VINCENT MUSCARELLA

8 MICHAEL VENDITTO

9 JUDI BOSWORTH,
10 Ranking

11 DELIA DeRIGGI-WHITTON

12 ROBERT TROIANO

13 WILLIAM J. MULLER, III
14 Clerk of the Legislature

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LIST OF SPEAKERS

GREGORY MAY, Nassau County
 Director of Legislative Affairs.....5

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

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

6 CLERK MULLER: Legislator
7 Troiano?

8 LEGISLATOR TROIANO: Here.

9 CLERK MULLER: Legislator DeRiggi
10 Whitton?

11 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI WHITTON:
12 Here.

13 CLERK MULLER: Ranking Member
14 Legislator Bosworth?

15 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: Here.

16 CLERK MULLER: Legislator
17 Venditto?

18 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: Here.

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 eight items on the agenda today.

6 I'm going to call seven of those items

7 together since they all are ordinances

8 supplemental to the annual appropriation

9 ordinance in connection with the Department

10 of Health and that is Clerk Item 131-12,

11 132-13, 133-13, 134-13, 135-13, 136-13, and

12 137-13. Do I have a motion, please?

13 LEGISLATOR BECKER: So moved.

14 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

15 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Moved by

16 Legislator Becker, seconded by Legislator

17 Muscarella.

18 MR. MAY: And we have MaryEllen

19 Lorraine to answer any questions on these

20 items.

21 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Does anyone

22 have any questions on any one in particular?

23 Legislator Bosworth.

24 LEGISLATOR BOSWORTH: This is

25 just on 131-13 and it's just a point of

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2 interest. I know that the appropriation is
3 to reduce the prevalence of elevated blood
4 lead levels in children under six.

5 I was wondering if we've made any
6 progress of that, are you seeing any
7 different levels of lead in the blood of the
8 children that you're testing?

9 MS. LORRAINE: The levels pretty
10 much stay constant. They fluctuate a little
11 bit. I can give you a little bit of data.
12 Blood lead levels have to be checked at age
13 one and two, and physicians' offices do
14 about 38,000 lead tests a year. Out of that,
15 36,200 are under five. So we don't do
16 follow-up on that.

17 Out of the ones that we do
18 follow-up, we have, in the last year, we saw
19 164 reports where they were greater than 10
20 micrograms per deciliter, and the year
21 before we saw 167, so it's pretty
22 consistent.

23 The ones where they were between
24 five and nine micrograms per deciliter, we
25 saw close to 500, and the year before there

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2 were 600. So we're making progress but
3 there is always -- we are always finding new
4 items that contain led, cosmetics that are
5 brought over, ceramic, besides the led paint
6 that everyone thinks about when we do an
7 investigation, we look at the child's home
8 as well as where they spend their time,
9 whether it's daycare or the grandparent's
10 house, and, it's amazing, we are always
11 finding new and different products that
12 contain led.

13 LEGISLATOR FORD: Thanks so much.

14 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any other
15 questions? Are there any other questions on
16 any of those other clerk items?

17 Any public comment?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 All those in favor of Clerk Items
20 131-13, 132-13, 133-13, 134-13, 135-13,
21 136-13, 137-13 please indicate by saying
22 aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 Any opposed?

25 (No verbal response.)

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2 The motion carries unanimously,
3 passes unanimously.

4 There's one other clerk item
5 which is Clerk Item 155-13 which is a
6 resolution authorizing the County of Nassau
7 to renew an intermunicipal agreement to
8 cooperate with Suffolk County pursuant to
9 the New York State Constitution and the
10 General Municipal Law.

11 LEGISLATOR BECKER: So moved.

12 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: Second.

13 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Moved by
14 Legislator Becker, seconded by Legislator
15 Venditto.

16 MS. LORRAINE: This is Item
17 155-13, an intergovernment agreement with
18 Suffolk County. This is for our Ryan White
19 Care Act. The federal government looks at
20 Long Island as an eligible metropolitan area
21 so they classify us as one. So, because of
22 that, we have to enter into this agreement
23 with Suffolk County.

24 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions
25 from the legislators?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 Any public comment?

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 item passes unanimously.

11 There are no other items on the agenda

12 today. May I have a motion, please?

13 LEGISLATOR BECKER: So moved.

14 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

15 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: So moved by

16 Legislator Becker, seconded by Legislator

17 Muscarella to adjourn. The next committee

18 is Finance Committee.

19 (Whereupon, the Health & Social

20 Services Committee adjourned at 4:52 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 April, 2013.

FRANK GRAY