

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

NORMA GONSALVES,
PRESIDING OFFICER

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

ROSE WALKER
CHAIRWOMAN

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Mineola, New York

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

ROSE MARIE WALKER
Chairwoman

FRANCIS X. BECKER
Vice-Chairman

LAURA SCHAEFER

MICHAEL VENDITTO

DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON
Ranking

JUDITH JACBOS

KEVAN ABRAHAMS (Not Present)

SELIA A. BYNOE (Sitting in for Kevan Abrahams)

WILLIAM J. MULLER, III
Clerk of the Legislature

LIST OF SPEAKERS

MARY ELLEN LAURAIN. 6

2 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: I call the Health
3 and Social Services Committee to order.

4 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Bynoe,
5 substituting for Legislator Abrahams? She's
6 here.

7 Legislator Jacobs?

8 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Here.

9 CLERK MULLER: Ranking Member DeRiggi-
10 Whitton?

11 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: Here.

12 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Venditto?

13 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: Here.

14 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Schaefer?

15 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

16 CLERK MULLER: Vice Chairman Becker?

17 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Present.

18 CLERK MULLER: Chairwoman Walker?

19 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Here.

20 CLERK MULLER: We have a quorum.

21 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: There are five items
22 before us today for the health agenda, and they
23 are all with the Department of Health so I'm

2 going to put them all together.

3 Clerk Item 78-14 is an ordinance
4 supplemental to the annual appropriation
5 ordinance in connection with the Department of
6 Health.

7 Clerk Item 79-14 is an ordinance
8 supplemental to the annual appropriation
9 ordinance in connection with the Department of
10 Health.

11 Clerk Item 80-14 is an ordinance
12 supplemental to the annual appropriation
13 ordinance in connection with the Department of
14 Health.

15 Clerk Item 81-14 is an ordinance
16 supplemental to the annual appropriation
17 ordinance in connection with the Department of
18 Health.

19 And Clerk Item 86-14 is an ordinance
20 supplemental to the annual appropriation
21 ordinance in connection with the Department of
22 Health.

23 Can I have a motion, please?

24 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: So moved.

25 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: Second.

2 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Motion by Legislator
3 Schaefer, seconded by Legislator Venditto.

4 The item is before us. The items are
5 before us.

6 Ms. Mary Ellen Laurain is here to speak
7 on those items.

8 MS. LAURAIN: Good afternoon. Mary Ellen
9 Laurain, Department of Health.

10 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Excuse me just one
11 second. I'm so sorry. Rose, I just want to know
12 did Bill recognize Selia?

13 CLERK MULLER: I did.

14 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Okay. Thank you.
15 I'm sorry.

16 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: That's quite
17 alright.

18 MS. LAURAIN: Item 78-14 is a
19 supplemental appropriation in the amount of
20 \$15,238. This is for the sexually transmitted
21 disease intervention services grant. This is an
22 additional COLA award, which is 100 percent
23 funded through New York State Department of
24 Health. Total award after funding is \$205,238.
25 And the mission of the grant is to reduce the

spread of sexually transmitted diseases.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any of the legislators have any questions or comments on Item 78?

(No verbal response.)

Any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

Okay. Item 79.

MS. LAURAIN: Item 79-14 is a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$7,130 for the children with special healthcare needs. This is an additional COLA award from New York State Department of Health. Total of funding after the award is \$96,027. And this program provides information and referral to families of children up to the age of 21 who have a medical diagnosis with special healthcare needs.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions or comments from the legislators?

(No verbal response.)

Any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

Item 80-14.

2 MS. LAURAIN: Item 80-14 is a
3 supplemental appropriation in the amount of
4 \$18,784. This is for the rabies program. This
5 is New York State Department of Health funded and
6 is mandated under New York State Public Health
7 Law. The primary objective is to prevent the
8 spread of rabies in Nassau County.

9 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions or
10 comments from the legislators?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 Any public comment?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 Item 81-14.

15 MS. LAURAIN: Item 81-14 is a
16 supplemental appropriation in the amount of
17 \$6,015 for the sexually transmitted disease
18 intervention program. This is an additional COLA
19 award. Total funding after award, \$81,015.
20 Again, this is funded through New York State
21 Department of Health and is mandated under New
22 York State Public Health Law. And its goal is
23 designed to reduce the spread of sexually
24 transmitted diseases in the county.

25 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions or

comments from the legislators?

(No verbal response.)

Any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

Lastly, Item 86-14.

MS. LAURAIN: Item 86-14 is a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$42,907. This is for the tuberculosis prevention and control program. This is an additional COLA award through New York State Department of Health. Funding after award, \$566,507. This award is to prevent the spread of tuberculosis in Nassau County.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions or comments from the legislators?

(No verbal response.)

Any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

Seeing none. All those in favor of Clerk Items, 78, 79, 80, 81, and 86-14 please signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

2 The items pass and will move on to
3 Finance.

4 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Move that we
5 adjourn.

6 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Motion by Legislator
7 Becker.

8 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Second.

9 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Seconded by
10 Legislator Schaefer.

11 All those in favor?

12 (Aye.)

13 Thank you, Ms. Laurain.

14 We are adjourned.

15 (Whereupon, the Health and Social
16 Services Committee adjourned at 3:00 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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FRANK GRAY