MONROE COUNTY

Human Services Committee

February 15, 2022 5:00 PM

AGENDA

A. ROLL CALL

B. SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

Be It Moved, that Article II, Section 545-6 of the Rules of the Monroe County Legislature, be, and hereby is suspended and modified by prohibiting public in-person access to the Committee Meeting in favor of video viewing or listening to, and recording and later transcription of such proceeding.

C. PUBLIC FORUM

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 25, 2022

E. NEW BUSINESS

22-0071

Amend Resolution 168 of 2021 to Include an Option to Renew the Contract with Trybe Ecotherapy, LLC for the Provision of a Mental Health Program as a Holistic Option for Veterans Struggling with Mental Illness for the Monroe County Department of Veteran Services - County Executive Adam J. Bello

22-0072

Acceptance of a Grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund - HHS Stimulus, Phase IV to Address the Financial Impact of COVID-19 at Monroe Community Hospital - County
Executive Adam J. Bello

22-0073
Authorize a Contract with Seeler Engineering, P.C. to Provide Professional Consultant Services for the Monroe County Department of Public Health - County Executive Adam J. Bello

22-0080
Acceptance of a Grant from the New York State Office of Mental Health for a Mental Health Block Grant System of Care Award - County Executive Adam J. Bello

22-0081
Amend Resolution 15 of 2021 to Accept Additional Funding from Health Research, Inc. and Extend the Time Period for the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity COVID-19 Enhanced Detection Program - County Executive Adam J. Bello

22-0082
Authorize Scheduling and Holding a Public Hearing, Approve the Submission of a Grant Application to, and Authorize the Acceptance of Grant Funding from, the New York State Office of Community Renewal for the Community Development Block Grant - CARE Act for the Preparing, Preventing, and Responding to the Coronavirus - As a Matter of Importance - County Executive Adam J. Bello

F. OTHER MATTERS

G. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Human Services Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.
Chairman Milne called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard B. Milne (Chair), Jackie Smith (Vice Chair), Paul Dondorfer, Steve Brew, Blake Keller, Michael Yudelson (RMM), Linda Hasman, Albert Blankley, Carolyn Delvecchio Hoffman

OTHER LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Sean M. Delehanty, Howard Maffucci, Frank X. Allkofer, Ricky Frazier, Sue Hughes-Smith, John B. Baynes, George J. Hebert, Robert J. Colby, Maria Vecchio, Yversha M. Roman, William Burgess, Rachel Barnhart, Mercedes Vazquez Simmons, Brian Marianetti

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Jeff McCann (Deputy County Executive), Robert Franklin (Chief Financial Officer), John Bringewatt (County Attorney), Laura Smith (Chief Deputy County Attorney), Don Crumb (Law), Alyssa Tallo (MCH Director), Robert Zerby (Chief Medical Investigator), Thalia Wright (DHS Commissioner), Steve Newcomb (Office for the Aging Director), Kathy Hiltunen (DHS)

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES: Be It Moved, that Article II, Section 545-6 of the Rules of the Monroe County Legislature, be, and hereby is suspended and modified by prohibiting public in-person access to the Committee Meeting in favor of video viewing or listening to, and recording and later transcription of such proceeding.

MOVED by Legislator Smith, SECONDED by Legislator Dondorfer. ADOPTED: 9-0

PUBLIC FORUM: There were no speakers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of November 23, 2021 were approved as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

22-0026 - Amend Resolution 250 of 2014, as Amended by Resolutions 308 of 2014, 212 of 2019, and 178 of 2020, to Accept Additional Funding from the New York State Department of Health and Extend the Time Period for the Healthy Neighborhoods Program – County Executive Adam J. Bello

MOVED by Legislator Smith, SECONDED by Legislator Dondorfer. ADOPTED: 9-0

22-0027 - Amend Resolution 15 of 2021 to Accept Additional Funding from Health Research, Inc. and Extend the Time Period for the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity COVID-19 Enhanced Detection Program – County Executive Adam J. Bello

MOVED by Legislator Dondorfer, SECONDED by Legislator Brew. ADOPTED: 9-0
Authorize a Contract with the University of Rochester for Support of the Forensic Pathology Fellowship Program at the Monroe County Office of the Medical Examiner – County Executive Adam J. Bello

MOVED by Legislator Brew, SECONDED by Legislator Keller.
ADOPTED: 9-0 (Legislator Hasman Declared Her Interest Prior to the Vote.)

Authorize a Contract with the University of Rochester for Continuing Development and Sustainment of the County’s Medical Countermeasure Program – County Executive Adam J. Bello

MOVED by Legislator Keller, SECONDED by Legislator Smith.
ADOPTED: 9-0 (Legislator Hasman Declared Her Interest Prior to the Vote.)

Authorize Intermunicipal Agreements with Orleans County, Genesee County and Various Other Counties for Services Provided by the Monroe County Department of Public Health’s Tuberculosis Control Program – County Executive Adam J. Bello

MOVED by Legislator Smith, SECONDED by Legislator Dondorfer.
ADOPTED: 9-0

Acceptance of Funding from the New York State Office for the Aging and Authorization to Contract with Lifespan of Greater Rochester, Inc. for the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act – County Executive Adam J. Bello

MOVED by Legislator Dondorfer, SECONDED by Legislator Brew.
ADOPTED: 9-0

Acceptance of a Grant from the American Rescue Plan Act through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to Support Providers Impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic at Monroe Community Hospital – County Executive Adam J. Bello

MOVED by Legislator Brew, SECONDED by Legislator Keller.
ADOPTED: 9-0

Amend Resolution 527 of 2021 to Amend and Increase the Contracts to Provide Nursing and Health Care Provider Services for the Monroe County Department of Public Health – County Executive Adam J. Bello

MOVED by Legislator Keller, SECONDED by Legislator Smith.
ADOPTED: 9-0

OTHER MATTERS:

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other matters, Chairman Milne adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

The next Human Services Committee meeting will be Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

David Grant
Clerk of the Legislature
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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Amend Resolution 168 of 2021 to Include an Option to Renew the Contract with Trybe Ecotherapy, LLC for the Provision of a Mental Health Program as a Holistic Option for Veterans Struggling with Mental Illness for the Monroe County Department of Veteran Services

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend Resolution 168 of 2021 to include an option to renew the agreement with Trybe Ecotherapy, LLC for the provision of mental health services for the Monroe County Department of Veteran Services for two (2) additional one-year terms in an amount not to exceed $125,000 per year.

This contract will support the Monroe County response to the unacceptably high overdose and suicide rates within the Veteran community by providing a holistic and alternative approach that is not otherwise offered to Veterans. The initial feedback from the first two cohorts has been remarkably positive. The quantitative analysis shows a positive rating of 70-77% based on participant questionnaires regarding changes in their mental and social wellbeing. The anecdotal feedback from participants has been close to 100% positive. Ten of 12 participants completed cohort 1. Six of 11 participants completed cohort 2. This aggregates to a completion rate of 70%. The participants who withdrew from cohort 2 did so for personal reasons and not due to dissatisfaction with the program. Given we have completed only two cohorts, we are currently not able to identify trends.

A request for proposals was issued with Trybe Ecotherapy, LLC the sole responder.

The specific legislative action required is to amend Resolution 168 of 2021 to include an option to renew the agreement with Trybe Ecotherapy, LLC, 185 Caroline Street, Rochester, New York 14620, for the provision of mental health services for the Monroe County Department of Veteran Services for two (2) additional one-year terms in an amount not to exceed $125,000 per year.
This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for this contract is included in the 2022 operating budget of the Veterans Service Agency Department, general fund 9001, funds center 7401010000, Veterans Service Agency and will be requested in future years budgets. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

The records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that neither Trybe Ecotherapy, LLC, nor any of its principal officers, owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes. The principal officers of the company are:

Lyndsay Cray, Chief Executive Officer
Meredith Rutherford, Chief Strategy Officer

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,

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Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive
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Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund – HHS Stimulus, Phase IV to Address the Financial Impact of COVID-19 at Monroe Community Hospital

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund – HHS Stimulus, Phase IV in a total amount not to exceed $190,311.33 to address the financial impact of COVID-19 at Monroe Community Hospital for the period of December 16, 2021 through December 31, 2022.

These funds are provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The grant award is based on expenses and decreased revenues for providers historically operating on slimmer financial margins and typically caring for vulnerable populations. The grant award agreement calls for Monroe Community Hospital, in connection with receiving the grant funds, to agree that it will only use the payment for health care related expenses or lost revenues that are attributable to coronavirus, and that it will not use the payment for expenses or losses that have been reimbursed from other sources or that other sources are obligated to reimburse.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a grant in a total amount not to exceed $190,311.33 from, and to authorize a contract and any amendments thereto with, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund – HHS Stimulus, Phase IV to address the financial impact of COVID-19 at Monroe Community Hospital for the period of December 16, 2021 through December 31, 2022.
2. Amend the 2022 operating budget of Monroe Community Hospital by appropriating the sum of $190,311.33 into hospital fund 9012, funds center 6201010000, MCH Administration.

3. Authorize the County Executive to appropriate any subsequent years of the grant award in accordance with the grant terms, to reappropriate any unencumbered balances during the grant period according to the grantor requirements, and to make any necessary funding modifications within grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments.

4. Should funding of this program be modified or terminated for any reason, the County Executive is hereby authorized to terminate or modify the program and, where applicable, to terminate or abolish some or all positions funded under such program. Any termination or abolishment of positions shall be in accordance with New York State Civil Service Law and, when applicable, the terms of any labor agreement affecting such positions.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

This grant is 100% funded by the CARES Act. No net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,

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Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

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Subject: Authorize a Contract with Seeler Engineering, P.C. to Provide Professional Consultant Services for the Monroe County Department of Public Health

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize a contract with Seeler Engineering, P.C. in an amount not to exceed $54,600 to provide professional consultant services for the Monroe County Department of Public Health for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, with the option to renew for two (2) additional one-year terms in an amount not to exceed $54,600 per year.

This vendor will provide plan engineering review and approval services including, but not limited to, plan design review and approval; calculations; pump sizing review; review and issuance of completed works and technical consultation work for the Monroe County Department of Public Health.

A Request for Proposals was issued for this contract and Seeler Engineering, P.C. was selected as the most qualified to provide this service.

The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with Seeler Engineering, P.C., 401 Penbrooke Drive, Penfield, New York 14526, to provide professional consultant services for the Monroe County Department of Public Health in an amount not to exceed $54,600 for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, with the option to renew for two (2) additional one-year terms in an amount not to exceed $54,600 per year.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(25) ("official acts of a ministerial nature involving no exercise of discretion, including building permits and historic preservation permits where issuance is predicated solely on the applicant's compliance or noncompliance with the relevant local building or preservation code(s)") and (26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.
Funding for this contract is included in the 2022 operating budget of the Department of Public Health, general fund 9001, funds center 580602000, Engineering, and will be included in future years’ budgets. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

The records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that neither Seeler Engineering, P.C., nor its principal officer, Tim A. Seeler, P.E., President, owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,

Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

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Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from the New York State Office of Mental Health for a Mental Health Block Grant System of Care Award

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the New York State Office of Mental Health in the amount of $25,000 for a mental health block grant system of care award to expand the Systems of Care approach with other cross-systems partners to support children, youth, and young adults, and their families for the period of September 15, 2021, through December 31, 2022.

These resources are intended to support children, youth, and young adults with serious emotional disturbance ("SED"), in alignment with the design and intent of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplement Appropriations Act. The Mental Health Block Grant is designed to provide comprehensive community mental health services, including "strengthening a coordinated system of care to yield greater support for crisis and school-based services that promote access to care for children with SED. This is the first year the County has received this grant.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a $25,000 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Office of Mental Health for a mental health block grant system of care award to expand the Systems of Care approach with other cross-systems partners to support children, youth, and young adults, and their families for the period of September 15, 2021, through December 31, 2022.

2. Amend the 2022 operating budget of the Department of Human Services, Office of Mental Health by appropriating the sum of $25,000 into general fund 9001, funds center 5702010000, Community Mental Health Services.

3. Authorize the County Executive to appropriate any subsequent years of the grant award in accordance with the grant terms, to reappropriate any unencumbered balances during the grant period according to the grantor requirements, and to make any necessary funding modifications within the grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments.
4. Should funding of this program be modified or terminated for any reason, the County Executive is hereby authorized to terminate or modify the program and, where applicable, to terminate or abolish some or all positions funded under such program. Any termination or abolishment of positions shall be in accordance with New York State Civil Service Law and, when applicable, the terms of any labor agreement affecting such positions.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

This grant is 100% funded by New York State Office of Mental Health. No net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Amend Resolution 15 of 2021 to Accept Additional Funding from Health Research, Inc. and Extend the Time Period for the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity COVID-19 Enhanced Detection Program

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend Resolution 15 of 2021 to accept additional funding from Health Research, Inc. in the amount of $3,543,213 and to extend the time period for nine (9) months, through March 31, 2023 for the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity COVID-19 Enhanced Detection Program.

By Resolution 15 of 2021, Your Honorable Body authorized the acceptance of a grant from Health Research, Inc. for the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity COVID-19 Enhanced Detection Program. The purpose of this grant is to assist local health departments with emergency funding for enhanced detection, surveillance, and prevention of COVID-19. Program objectives include increasing capacity for local health departments in detecting, surveilling, and preventing COVID-19 through increased contractual personnel support in our COVID-19 response in areas such as case investigation, contact tracing, mobile laboratory services, wraparound care, and call center/phone triage database services. This additional funding will be used to continue additional contractual staffing needs to support the COVID-19 response and vaccination effort. The additional funding will bring the grant total to $4,667,038.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Amend Resolution 15 of 2021 to accept an additional $3,543,213 from, and to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, Health Research, Inc. for the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity COVID-19 Enhanced Detection Program, bringing the total program award to $4,667,038; and to extend the time period for nine (9) months, through March 31, 2023.
2. Amend the 2022 operating budget of the Department of Public Health by appropriating the sum of $3,543,213 into general fund 9300, funds center 5801090000, Public Health Preparedness.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

This grant is 100% funded by Health Research, Inc. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,

Adam J. Bello
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Subject: Authorize Scheduling and Holding a Public Hearing, Approve the Submission of a Grant Application to, and Authorize the Acceptance of Grant Funding from, the New York State Office of Community Renewal for the Community Development Block Grant – CARES Act for the Preparing, Preventing, and Responding to the Coronavirus

Honorables Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body approve Monroe County’s application for Housing and Community Development in Monroe County and grant submission to the New York State Office of Community Renewal (“NYS OCR”) for the Community Development Block Grant CARES Act program (“CDBG-CV”) through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”).

Approval of this submission by NYS OCR will provide the County with funding in the amount of $4,645,000 for the period of March 8, 2022 to May 12, 2023. This is the first year the County will receive this funding from NYS OCR.

The CDBG-CV program has been designed to carry out economic development and housing activities. Pursuant to HUD regulations, these programs must principally benefit low to moderate-income persons throughout Monroe County.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Schedule and hold a public hearing to approve the submission of a grant application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal (“NYS OCR”) and to provide such additional information as may be required by NYS OCR for the Community Development Block Grant – CARES Act (“CDBG-CV”) funding.

2. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to submit the grant application to the NYS OCR in the amount of $4,645,000 or such other amount as determined by NYS OCR, subject to NYS OCR approval of the submission.

3. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept the grant funds and appropriate the sum of $4,645,000 for grant funds, or such other amount as determined by NYS OCR, contingent on NYS OCR approval.

4. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute all contracts, including inter-municipal agreements, and any amendments thereto, that are necessary to carry out the administration of the CDBG-CV.
5. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute all agreements, debt instruments, and other documents for each loan, grant, revolving project or activity which may be approved under NYS OCR, Section 108 Loan Guarantee Assistance program, pursuant to Section 168.00 of the Local Finance Law, and to accept, receive and reappropriate funds which are borrowed from NYS OCR, HUD, or any other party, and lend the same to qualified borrowers.

6. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to approve the use of contingency funds or funds reprogrammed from current or prior years pursuant to NYS OCR.

7. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept, receive and appropriate or reappropriate any funds which accrue to the Community Development Office in the form of program income for use in connection with programs offered or funded by the Community Development Office, which administers the grants. All such income shall be utilized in accordance with NYS OCR and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations governing the use of program income.

8. Authorize the County Executive to appropriate any subsequent years of the grant award in accordance with the grant terms, to reappropriate any unencumbered balances during the grant period according to the grantor requirements, and to make any necessary funding modifications within the grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments.

9. Should funding of this program be modified or terminated for any reason, the County Executive is hereby authorized to terminate or modify such program and, where applicable, to terminate or abolish some or all positions funded under such program. Any termination or abolishment of positions shall be in accordance with New York State Civil Service Law, and when applicable, the terms of any labor agreement affecting such positions.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

This grant is funded by the NYS OCR. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,

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Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

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