

RESOLUTION NO. 411

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REGARDING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR THE EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Introduced: 11/9/09

By Social Services Committee, Messrs. Clenahan and Scavo:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the NYS Department of Health regarding supplemental funding for the Early Intervention Program under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 in the amount of \$112,721 for the period beginning October 1, 2009 and ending September 30, 2011, and

WHEREAS, Said supplemental grant provides funding for overtime payments for existing Early Intervention staff and hiring of temporary staff, equipment, hardware, software and supplies to support administration of the program, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with the NYS Department of Health regarding supplemental funding for the Early Intervention Program under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 in the amount of \$112,721 for the period beginning October 1, 2009 and ending September 30, 2011, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Resolution was amended by Mr. Nichols as follows::

Add after the first Resolved Clause:

RESOLVED, That the authorization herein given is contingent upon the proposed budget for the expenditure of the aforementioned grant funds including \$50,000 for the purposes of conducting an independent audit to review all procedures, policies, and programs related to the county's implementation of the Early Intervention Program including but not limited to: the county's process for identifying children who may be eligible for Early Intervention services; in-take, screening and the evaluation processes for Early Intervention services; identifying

barriers to services; conducting focus groups and interviews of various stakeholders; review quality assurance procedures, goals and indicators; review county outreach activities for at-risk populations and the general population; review timeliness of service delivery; evaluating provider capacity and referral policies; and reviewing satisfaction of families who have received services and families who may have been denied services, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the results of said audit and review shall be provided to the County Legislature and the Social Services Committee no later than September 1, 2010 unless authorized by the Legislature by resolution for additional time.

On roll call vote on the amendment the following voted in favor: Mr. Aylward, Ms. Benedict, Messrs. Beston, Bullock, Carman, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clenahan, Clouse, Commisso, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Cotrofeld, Dawson, Domalewicz, Ethier, Gordon, Higgins, Hoblock, Horstmyer, Houghtaling, Infante, Joyce, Mss. Lockart, Maffia-Tobler, Messrs. Mayo, McCoy, Mendick, Morse, Nichols, Rahm, Reilly, Scavo, Timmins, Tunny, Ward, and Zeilman – 35.

*Those opposed: Mr. Clay, Ms. McKnight, Mr. Steck and Ms. Willingham – 4.
Resolution as amended was adopted by unanimous vote. 11/9/09*