

Introduced by Presiding Officer, on request of the County Executive

RESOLUTION NO. 862 -2012, ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING 100% FUNDING FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES (OCFS) FOR IMPROVING STAFF-TO-CLIENT RATIOS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES - CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES BUREAU

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) has designated Suffolk County as the recipient of 100% State funding in the amount of \$50,000 to improve the staff-to-client ratios in the Child Protective Services workforce; and

WHEREAS, this is part of a state wide special allocation to improve the staff-to-client ratios in all Social Services districts; and

WHEREAS, NYS OCFS authorized this special allocation for Social Services districts to use a variety of methods, including the use of overtime, to move closer to attaining the recommended CPS caseload size of 12 active investigations per month, consistent with the findings of the "New York State Child Welfare Workload Study Final Report" submitted to the NYS Legislature by OCFS in December 2006; and

WHEREAS, a statewide OCFS report of the "Percentage of Workers with More Than 15 CPS Investigations", showed that our CPS investigators are carrying 15.1 open investigations per worker, 26% more than the State recommended average. At the same time, half of the workers were carrying high and very high caseloads of up to 24 cases per worker; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Suffolk County Department of Social Services to use this allocation to reduce the Child Protective Services caseload of staff investigating reports of child abuse and maltreatment and reduce the percentage of overdue determinations by allocating overtime for existing Child Protective Services (CPS) workers; and

WHEREAS, this special allocation award is 100% State funded; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Suffolk County to accept these funds; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the County Comptroller and County Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized to accept the following funds:

<u>REVENUES:</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>
001-3610 STATE AID: Social Services Administration	\$50,000

and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that total funds in the amount of \$50,000 be and are hereby appropriated as follows:

<u>ORGANIZATIONS:</u>	\$50,000
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Social Services
Family and Children's Services
001-DSS-6010

1000-Personnel Services \$43,725
1120-Overtime Salaries \$43,725

Employee Benefits
Retirement
001-EMP-9010

8000-Employee Benefits \$2,794
8280-State Retirement \$2,794

Employee Benefits
Social Security
001-EMP-9030

8000-Employee Benefits \$3,345
8330-Social Security \$3,345

Employee Benefits
Unemployment Insurance
001-EMP-9055

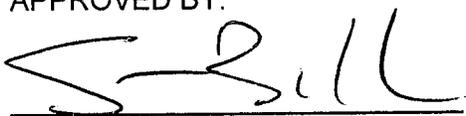
8000-Employee Benefits \$136
8350-Unemployment Insurance \$136

and be it further

3rd **RESOLVED**, that any unexpended funds be reappropriated in the 2013 Operating Budget, and will be fully expended by March 31, 2013 in conformance with the terms of the grant award.

DATED: **OCT 09 2012**

APPROVED BY:



County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: 10-12-2012

SUFFOLK COUNTY
County Legislature
RIVERHEAD, NY



This is to Certify That I, TIM LAUBE, Clerk of the County Legislature of the County of Suffolk, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in this office, and which was duly adopted by the County Legislature of said County on October 9, 2012 and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the County Legislature of the County of Suffolk.

Tim Laube

Clerk of the Legislature

Motion:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Calarco, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Hahn, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Spencer

Co-Sponsors:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Calarco, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Hahn, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Spencer

Second:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Calarco, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Hahn, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Spencer

LD	Legislator	Yes	No	Abs	NP	R
1	Edward P. ROMAINE	/				
2	Jay H. SCHNEIDERMAN	/				
3	Kate M. BROWNING	/				
4	Thomas MURATORE	/				
5	Kara HAHN	/				
6	Sarah S. ANKER	/				
7	Rob CALARCO	/				
9	Ricardo MONTANO	/				
10	Thomas CILMI	/				
11	Thomas F. BARRAGA	/				
12	John M. KENNEDY, JR.	/				
13	Lynne C. NOWICK	/				
15	DuWayne GREGORY	/				
16	Steven H. STERN	/				
17	Lou D'AMARO				/	
18	William SPENCER	/				
14	Wayne R. HORSLEY, D.P.O.	/				
8	William J. LINDSAY, P.O.	/				
	Totals	17	—		1	—

MOTION
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___ Table: _____
___ Send To Committee
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___ Lay On The Table
___ Discharge
___ Take Out of Order
___ Reconsider
___ Waive Rule _____
___ Override Veto
___ Close
___ Recess
APPROVED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAILED _____
No Motion _____ No Second _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADOPTED
___ NOT ADOPTED

Tim Laube

Tim Laube, Clerk of the Legislature

Roll Call _____ Voice Vote