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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

Wednesday, September 13, 2017  
2:48 P.M.

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2     A P P E A R A N C E S :3     ROSE MARIE WALKER,  
4         Chairwoman

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6     VINCENT MUSCARELLA,  
7         Vice Chairman

8     LAURA SCHAEFER

9     JAMES KENNEDY

10    DELIA DeRIGGI-WHITTON,  
11         Ranking

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13    SIELA A. BYNOE

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15    ARNOLD DRUCKER

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17    MICHAEL PULITZER,  
18         Clerk of the Legislature

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LIST OF SPEAKERS

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BRIAN HALL . . . . . 9

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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 PULITZER: Thank you.  
7 Health and Social Service Committee.  
8 Legislator Arnold Drucker?

9 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

10 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Siela  
11 Bynoe?

12 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

13 CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member  
14 Delia DeRiggi-Whitton?

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:  
16 Here.

17 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator James  
18 Kennedy?

19 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

20 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Laura  
21 Schaefer?

22 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

23 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator  
24 Vincent Muscarella?

25 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

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2 CLERK PULITZER: Chairwoman Rose  
3 Marie Walker?

4 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Here.

5 CLERK PULITZER: We have a  
6 quorum, ma'am.

7 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Thank you.  
8 There are four items on the agenda today.

9 I will first call Clerk Item  
10 324-17 and Clerk Item 341-17 which are both  
11 ordinances supplemental to the annual  
12 appropriation ordinance in connection with  
13 the Health Department.

14 May I have a motion, please?

15 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: So moved.

16 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Second.

17 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Motion by  
18 Legislator Schaefer, seconded by Legislator  
19 Kennedy.

20 MS. LAURAIN: Good afternoon.  
21 MaryEllen Laurain, Department of Health.

22 Item 324-17 is a supplemental  
23 appropriation in the amount of \$24,510.  
24 This is for the Adolescent Youth Prevention  
25 Act. It is New York State Department of

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2 Health funding. It is a COLA award and the  
3 grant is to conduct certification checks on  
4 tobacco retailers and vendors in Nassau  
5 County to ensure compliance with New York  
6 State law.

7 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Are there any  
8 questions on that? Legislator  
9 DeRiggi-Whitton.

10 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:  
11 Thank you. I would be remiss by not  
12 mentioning, especially because today is the  
13 anniversary of her passing, but I would love  
14 to see this administration, this  
15 Legislature, pass the Smoking 21.

16 People ask me about it all the  
17 time and I really never have a good answer  
18 as to why it's not called. But we're really  
19 lagging behind the counties around us.

20 I can't think of a better tribute  
21 to Judy then to at least having that  
22 discussed. So if there is any way the  
23 Health Committee, especially you, Rose, as  
24 the chairwoman, could bring that up, we  
25 would love to have at least a hearing on it.

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2 So thank you.

3 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Just that you  
4 know this is the state law that enforces  
5 Tobacco 18, and the funding for that, and it  
6 is our hope that eventually the state will  
7 enforce that Tobacco 21 where the funding  
8 would come from to make sure the stings  
9 could take place and so on and so forth.

10 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Yes.  
11 I appreciate that and I think this is a step  
12 in the right direction but all the other  
13 counties have moved it up mainly from the  
14 research showing how addicting it is at this  
15 age that the kids' brains, they're just more  
16 vulnerable to be being addicted to tobacco.  
17 Honestly that's up to 25, but we are not  
18 asking for that. I think 21 to be in line  
19 with the other counties would really make  
20 sense. Thank you.

21 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any other  
22 legislators have any other questions?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 Any public comment?

25 (No verbal response.)

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2 Next is Clerk Item 341-17.

3 MS. LAURAIN: Item 341-17 is a  
4 supplemental appropriation in the amount of  
5 \$4,113. This is for the children with  
6 special health care needs. This is an  
7 additional COLA award. It's funded through  
8 New York State Department of Health and it  
9 is to provide information referral to  
10 families of children under the age of 21 who  
11 have special medicine diagnoses.

12 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any comments  
13 or questions from the legislators?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 Any public comment?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 All those in favor of Clerk Item  
18 324-17 and 341-17 signify by saying aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 Any opposed?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 Any abstain?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 They will move on to Finance.

25 Thank you, MaryEllen, and thank you all your



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2 help with our beach closures and everything  
3 else that you kept us on top of.

4 Next is Clerk Item 340-17 and  
5 342-17 are both ordinances supplemental to  
6 the annual appropriation ordinance in  
7 connection with the Department of Human  
8 Services. May I have a motion, please?

9 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: So moved.

10 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

11 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Motion by  
12 Legislator Schaefer, seconded by Legislator  
13 Muscarella.

14 MR. HALL: Brian Hall, Human  
15 Services. Item 340-17 is our annual grant  
16 appropriation to run our methadone clinic  
17 for 2018. It's 100 percent grant funded  
18 from New York State Oasis.

19 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions  
20 from the legislators?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 Any public comment?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 Item 342-17.

25 MR. HALL: Item 342-17 is also

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2 grant funds from New York State Oasis.

3 These funds are used for all our contracts  
4 with our outside agencies running chemical  
5 dependency clinics and counseling centers.

6 It's for 2018 and, again, is 100  
7 percent funded.

8 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions  
9 from the legislators?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 Any public comment?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 All those in favor of Clerk Item  
14 340 and 342-17 signify by saying aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 Any opposed?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 Any abstain?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 They will also move on to  
21 finance. May I have a motion to adjourn?

22 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: So moved.

23 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Second.

24 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Motion by  
25 Legislator Schaefer, seconded by Legislator

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2 Kennedy.

3 All those in favor of adjourning,  
4 signify by saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 Any opposed?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 We stand adjourned. The next  
9 committee is Finance.

10 (Whereupon, the Health and Social  
11 Services Committee adjourned at 2:54 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 27th day of September, 2017.

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FRANK GRAY