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

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19 LEGISLATOR JOSHUA LAFAZAN

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2 LEGISLATOR WALKER: I would ask
3 the clerk to please call the roll.

4 MR. PULITZER: Thank you madam
5 chairwoman. Health and Social Services roll
6 call. Legislator Joshua Lafazan. Legislator
7 Lafazan? Legislator Arnold Drucker.

8 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

9 MR. PULITZER: Ranking member
10 Delia DeRiggi-Whitton.

11 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
12 Here.

13 MR. PULITZER: Legislator C.
14 William Gaylor the third.

15 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.

16 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Laura
17 Schaefer.

18 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

19 MR. PULITZER: Vice Chairman
20 James Kennedy.

21 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

22 MR. PULITZER: Chairwoman Rose
23 Marie Walker.

24 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

25 MR. PULITZER: We have a quorum

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2 ma'am.

3 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Sorry. This
4 is Josh Lafazan. I am here.

5 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Thank you.
6 There are seven items on the original agenda
7 that we will be calling first. I'm going to
8 call the first three items, first four items
9 together that deal with human services.

10 Clerk item 358-20 is an ordinance
11 supplemental to the annual appropriation
12 ordinance in connection with the Department of
13 Human Services.

14 Item E-359-20 is an ordinance
15 supplemental to the annual appropriation
16 ordinance in connection with the Department of
17 Human Services.

18 360-20 is an ordinance supplemental
19 to the annual appropriation ordinance in
20 connection with the Department of Human
21 Services.

22 And 361-20, an ordinance
23 supplemental to the annual appropriation
24 ordinance in connection with the Department of
25 Human Services.

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2 May I have a motion please. By
3 Legislator Kennedy. Seconded by Legislator
4 DeRiggi-Whitton. Do we have anyone speaking
5 on these items?

6 MS. HORST: Katy Horst from the
7 administration. Brian Hall are you on?

8 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Brian we
9 really can't understand you.

10 MR. PERSICH: Andy Persich,
11 Office of Management and Budget. I will
12 substitute the best I can for Mr. Hall.

13 The first item is a supplemental
14 appropriation for the Department of Mental
15 Health in the amount of \$3.9 million. This is
16 an annual recurring grant that we get. A
17 supplemental that we get annually.

18 LEGISLATOR WALKER: This grant is
19 for?

20 MR. PERSICH: For mental health
21 services.

22 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Are there any
23 questions from the legislators? Any public
24 comment? 359-20.

25 MR. PERSICH: This is another

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2 supplemental appropriation in the amount of
3 \$13.5 million. Again, for the Office of
4 Mental Health for the year January 2021
5 through December 2021. It's for mental health
6 services from the New York State Department of
7 Mental Health.

8 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Any questions
9 from the legislators? Any public comment?
10 Item 360-20.

11 MR. PERSICH: This item is a
12 supplemental appropriation for the Office of
13 Chemical Dependency in the amount of \$23.2
14 million. It's for addiction support services
15 and it's for the year starting January 1, 2021
16 through December 31, 2021.

17 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Any questions
18 from the legislators? Any public comment?
19 Clerk item 361-20.

20 MR. PERSICH: Clerk item 361-20
21 appropriates a supplemental appropriation of
22 approximately \$5.1 million. It's for the
23 methadone maintenance treatment. And the
24 period starts January 1st through December
25 31st. These are all recurring grants that we

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2 get annually. We're doing them preemptive for
3 2021 so that's why I think Brian put them on
4 the calendar so we can start spending the
5 money in January.

6 LEGISLATOR WALKER: We're all set
7 to go with it?

8 MR. PERSICH: Yes.

9 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Any questions
10 by the legislators? Any public comment?
11 Hearing none, and Andy thank you for stepping
12 in.

13 MR. PERSICH: My pleasure.

14 LEGISLATOR WALKER: We will vote
15 on items 358-20, 359-20, 360-20 and 361-20.
16 All in favor signify by saying aye. Any
17 opposed? Any abstain? They will move on to
18 Finance.

19 Our next three items are with the
20 Department of Health. Clerk item 364-20 is an
21 ordinance supplemental to the annual
22 appropriation ordinance in connection with the
23 Department of Health.

24 365-20 an ordinance supplemental to
25 the annual appropriation ordinance in

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2 connection with the Department of Health.

3 And 374-20 an ordinance
4 supplemental to the annual appropriation
5 ordinance in connection with the Department of
6 Health.

7 Motion please by Legislator
8 Schaefer. Second by Legislator Drucker.

9 MS. LAURAIN: Mary Ellen Laurain
10 from the Department of Health. Item 364-20 is
11 a supplemental appropriation. It's in the
12 amount of \$198,425. This is for our childhood
13 lead poisoning prevention grant. This is
14 fully funded through the New York State
15 Department of Health and its mission is to
16 reduce the prevalence of blood lead levels in
17 children.

18 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Any questions
19 from the legislature on that item? Go ahead.

20 MS. LAURAIN: Item 365-20 is a
21 supplemental appropriation. It's in the
22 amount of \$5.6 million. This is for the Ryan
23 White program. This is 100 percent grant
24 funded through the United States Department of
25 Health and Human Services. The funds provide

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2 comprehensive health and human services to
3 people living with HIV AIDS in Nassau and
4 Suffolk County. Nassau County through an
5 intergovernment agreement with Suffolk is the
6 grantee and the United Way provides the
7 administration of the grant.

8 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Item 374-20.

9 MS. LAURAIN: Item 375-20 is a
10 supplemental appropriation. It's in the
11 amount of \$490,000. It's for our sexually
12 transmitted disease intervention services
13 grant. This is fully funded through the
14 New York State Department of Health and its
15 mission is to confirm and treat sexual
16 transmitted disease infections.

17 LEGISLATOR WALKER: That was item
18 374-20, correct?

19 MS. LAURAIN: Correct.

20 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Any questions
21 for Ms. Laurain from the legislators? Any
22 public comment? Hearing none, all those in
23 favor of items 364, 365 and 374-20 signify by
24 saying aye. Any nays? Any abstentions? They
25 will move on to Finance.

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2 We have one other item on the
3 agenda, and I need a motion to suspend the
4 rules by Legislator Schaefer and seconded by
5 Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton. All in favor of
6 suspending the rules signify by saying aye.

7 This is clerk item 408-20. This is
8 a resolution directing the Nassau County
9 Department of Health to comply with the New
10 York State Department of Health interim
11 guidance on mandatory COVID-19 testing in
12 public and nonpublic schools located in areas
13 designated as yellow zones under the New York
14 State Cluster Action Initiative as issued on
15 October 9, 2020 and updated on November 12,
16 2020.

17 Can I have a motion please? By
18 Legislator Schaefer. Seconded by Legislator
19 DeRiggi-Whitton.

20 As you know, several areas in
21 Nassau County have been designated as yellow
22 zones already. In those yellow zones one way
23 for the schools to remain open is to have 20
24 percent of the students and staff tested
25 regarding COVID. We need to have -- the

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2 schools have the option of hiring someone on
3 the outside -- I guess they have three options
4 that are state mandated. This would be one of
5 them.

6 Many, many of our school districts
7 have reached out to legislators saying we need
8 to be able to have this from Nassau County to
9 follow the state guidelines and be able to
10 move forward and to have our schools remain
11 open.

12 What we are going to do today is
13 move this forward and then we have some
14 questions that need to be answered and in our
15 full legislature we will bring this back. So,
16 today it's basically moving forward with this
17 and again have some of these questions
18 addressed and they will come before the full
19 leg next week.

20 All those in favor of moving this
21 forward? Does anybody have any questions or
22 comments from the legislators? Any public
23 comment? All those in favor signify by saying
24 aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? No. So
25 this will again move forward to the Rules

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2 Committee.

3 We do have to go back. There was
4 one more item -- I apologize -- on the regular
5 agenda. It was item 379-20 which was a
6 resolution to authorize a transfer of
7 appropriations made within the budget for the
8 year 2020.

9 May I have a motion please. By
10 Legislator Kennedy. Seconded by Legislator
11 Lafazan. Is there anyone that can speak on
12 that?

13 MR. MCMANUS: Bob McManus from
14 the budget office. Item 379-20 is a budget
15 transfer in the amount of \$200,000 to enable
16 the district -- excuse me -- from aa salaries
17 to dd general expenses which will enable the
18 district attorney's office to cover higher
19 than anticipated witness protection expenses,
20 information technology and miscellaneous
21 supply expenses due to the COVID pandemic from
22 our approved 2020 budget.

23 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Does anyone
24 have any questions? Any legislators with any
25 questions? Any public comment? Hearing none,

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2 all those in favor of item 379-20 signify by
3 saying aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions?
4 This too will move on to Finance. And thank
5 you and I apologize. I missed that before.

6 MR. MCMANUS: No problem. Thank
7 you.

8 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Thank you.
9 There is no other business before this
10 committee. May I have a motion to adjourn.
11 By Legislator Kennedy. Seconded by Legislator
12 DeRiggi-Whitton. All in favor signify by
13 saying aye.

14 (Committee adjourned at 3:42 p.m.)

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I, FRANK GRAY, a Notary
Public in and for the State of New
York, do hereby certify:

THAT the foregoing is a true and
accurate transcript of my stenographic
notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand this 12th day of
December 2020.

FRANK GRAY