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2     A P P E A R A N C E S:

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4     LEGISLATOR ROSE MARIE WALKER

5                     Chair

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7     LEGISLATOR MAZI MELESA PILIP

8                     Vice Chair

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10    LEGISLATOR LAURA SCHAEFER

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12    LEGISLATOR C. WILLIAM GAYLOR

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14    LEGISLATOR DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON

15                     Ranking member

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17    LEGISLATOR ARNOLD DRUCKER

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19    LEGISLATOR JOSHUA LAFAZAN

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2 LEGISLATOR WALKER: I'd like to  
3 call the Health and Social Services Committee  
4 to order and ask the clerk to please take the  
5 roll.

6 MR. PULITZER: Thank you madam.  
7 Health and Social Service roll call.  
8 Legislator Joshua Lafazan.

9 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

10 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Arnold  
11 Drucker.

12 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

13 MR. PULITZER: Ranking Member  
14 Delia DeRiggi-Whitton.

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:  
16 Here.

17 MR. PULITZER: Legislator C.  
18 William Gaylor III.

19 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.

20 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Laura  
21 Schaefer.

22 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

23 MR. PULITZER: Vice-chairwoman  
24 Mazi Melesa Pilip.

25 LEGISLATOR PILIP: Here.

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2 MR. PULITZER: Chairwoman Rose  
3 Marie Walker.

4 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

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

7 LEGISLATOR WALKER: There are  
8 four items on the agenda today. Clerk item  
9 15-22, 17-22, 18-22 and 19-22 and they are all  
10 ordinances supplemental to the annual  
11 appropriation ordinance in connection with the  
12 Health Department. And we have with us -- a  
13 motion please. By Legislator Gaylor.  
14 Seconded by Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton.

15 MS. DISIMONE: Ann DiSimone,  
16 Health Department. Item 15-22 is a  
17 supplemental appropriation in the amount of  
18 \$251,400 for the Childhood Lead Poisoning  
19 Prevention grant. This grant is funded  
20 through New York State Department of Health.  
21 The program provides comprehensive services to  
22 reduce the prevalence of blood lead levels in  
23 children.

24 It will also provide case  
25 management services and environmental

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2 inspections to all children identified as  
3 having elevated blood levels.

4 New York State law requires lead  
5 testing at age one and age two. And the  
6 current New York State level of elevated blood  
7 lead level is five micrograms per deciliter.

8 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Any questions  
9 from the legislators? Any public comment on  
10 that? We'll go to clerk item 17-22.

11 Item 17-22 is a supplemental  
12 appropriation in the amount of \$490,000 for  
13 the Sexually Transmitted Disease Intervention  
14 Services grant. This grant is funded through  
15 New York State Department of Health. Staff in  
16 this grant confirms the diagnosis and  
17 treatment of the infections with the health  
18 care provider. Patient is interviewed,  
19 counseled, education is provided and party  
20 notification is served. Testing is also  
21 provided.

22 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Any questions  
23 or comments from the legislators? Any public  
24 comment? Clerk item 18-22.

25 MS. DISIMONE: Item 18-22 is a

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2   supplemental appropriation in the amount of  
3   \$70,000 for the Child Fatality Review team.  
4   This is a 100 percent grant funded through the  
5   New York State Office of Children and Family  
6   Services. The Child Fatality Review Team  
7   reviews all deaths of children who reside and  
8   died in Nassau County and whose death is  
9   unexplained or unexpected.

10                   The review is done to better  
11   understand the causes of childhood deaths in  
12   the county and to make recommendations based  
13   on the findings to reduce future preventable  
14   child fatalities.

15                   LEGISLATOR WALKER: Any questions  
16   or comments? Any from the public? I would  
17   just have to say I hope that's a number that's  
18   very, very low here in Nassau County.

19                   MS. DISIMONE: It's more than you  
20   would like to hear. I can get the exact  
21   numbers for you.

22                   LEGISLATOR WALKER: Thank you.  
23   And lastly, clerk item 19-22.

24                   MS. DISIMONE: Item 19-22 is a  
25   supplemental appropriation in the amount of

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2     \$145,955 for the Drinking Water Enhancement  
3     Program. This is also a New York State  
4     Department of Health grant-funded program to  
5     protect and enhance the public water supply in  
6     Nassau County and to ensure the safety of all  
7     drinking water.

8                   This program ensures that the 46  
9     water districts in Nassau County adhere and  
10    comply with part five of the New York State  
11    sanitary code and the Nassau County public  
12    health ordinance.

13                  LEGISLATOR WALKER:     Any questions  
14    or comments from the legislators? Any public  
15    comment? I know that's an issue in my  
16    district which is Hicksville and Bethpage. We  
17    have a lot of issues with our water, and I  
18    know the health department works wonderfully  
19    with our water departments. Thank you for  
20    that.

21                  If there are no other questions for  
22    Ann, Ann I just want to tell you thank you so  
23    much. I know it's not easy to fill Mary  
24    Ellen's shoes but you did a great job today.  
25    We're happy to have you here. Whatever we can

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2 help you with we're available.

3 MS. DISIMONE: My heart rate can  
4 go down to under 120 now.

5 LEGISLATOR WALKER: You did a  
6 great job. So, all those in favor of clerk  
7 items 15-22, 17-22, 18-22, 19-22 signify by  
8 saying aye. Any opposed? Any abstain? No.  
9 So those will move on to Finance.

10 There's no other business before  
11 this committee. Legislator Schaefer moves to  
12 close the meeting and seconded by Legislator  
13 Drucker. All in favor signify by saying aye.  
14 So, we are adjourned. We will move on to  
15 Finance.

16 (Committee adjourned at 3:22 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 tenth day of  
February 2022.

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FRANK GRAY