


CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: I'd like to call the Health and Social Services Committee to order and ask the Clerk to call the roll.

CLERK PULITZER: Thank you, Madam. CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Seth Koslow?

LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Present.
CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Arnold
Drucker?
LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.
CLERK PULITZER: Ranking member Delia DeRiggi-Whitton.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Here.
CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Samantha Goetz?

LEGISLATOR GOETZ: Here.
CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Mazi Pilip.

LEGISLATOR PILIP: Here.
CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chairman John Giuffre, subbing in for Michael Giangregorio?

LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: Here.


CLERK PULITZER: Chairwoman Rose Marie Walker?

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Here.
CLERK PULITZER: We have a quorum.
CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Thank you.
There is one item on the agenda today, Clerk Item 69-24. Which is an ordinance supplemental to the annual appropriation ordinance in connection with the Health Department.

May I have a motion, please?
Motioned by Legislator Drucker, seconded by Legislator Giuffre.

Good afternoon.
MS. DESIMONE: Good afternoon, Ann DeSimone, Health Department.

Item 69-24 is two supplemental appropriations. The first is in the amount of $\$ 453,766$ for the Expanded Services Grant from New York State Department of Health. This program works to reduce the spread of sexually
transmitted diseases through surveillance, verification of treatment,

and contact investigations. The grant covers salary, fringe general expenses, and indirect costs, and the grant does not require matching funds.

The second appropriation is in the amount of $\$ 20,360$ for the rabies program from the New York State Department of Health as well. The program provides rabies prevention, post-exposure treatment, and education.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions or comments from the Legislature?
(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any public comments?

MS. MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday.

First of all, just to see any item on any of these committees is exciting because the majority of them have no items. So I'm just always curious as to what the committees are actually doing, because we waste a lot of paper to say there's nothing going on.


I'm always interested in making sure that we are providing services to residents across the board. With regard to the Rabies Program, just curious as to how that is being implemented. Particularly, we have a lot of stray animals that are running around in communities. So we've got, you know, raccoons, possums, things of that nature. And we also have a lot of loose pets. I don't know if they're personal pets, but we have a lot of cats, particularly feral cats, and they are compromised and getting involved with other animals. I just want to make sure that the actual promotion of this type of program, the information, is getting out to as many residents as possible who have, you know, who have animals and maybe have them out in their yards or whatever, and come in contact with some other wild animal that might be rabid.

That's about it. But again, I encourage the other committees, the

residents want to know what you're doing, because a lot of this blank paper, it's costing us money.

Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER KOPEL: Thank you, Ms. Mereday.

Ann, can $I$ just ask, about how many rabies cases do we deal with a year?

MS. DESIMONE: So we have we don't have any rabies right now in Nassau County; knock wood.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Thank God.

MS. DESIMONE: We do have hundreds of reports, in response to the question, hundreds of reports of animal bites, scratches. We respond to every single one of them if we have to pick up the animal, if we have to watch the animals, if somebody does get bitten by an animal, it could be a dog, cat, monkey, donkey -we've had, in other countries, people travel and they come home and report that they've gotten bitten or scratched by a monkey -- we follow up. We make sure that

the animal is still alive after ten days. And if we cannot verify that we can watch the animal for ten days, we recommend post-exposure prophylaxis. We do that for hundreds of people in the county every year.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Okay. Thank you very, very much.

MS. DESIMONE: You're welcome.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: I always try to reinforce with people that even sometimes they even in playing with an animal, like they get a bad scratch or whatever, how easily it gets infected and that they need to make sure they -- it's not an issue of rabies, but they need to make sure they get it checked out and do the proper thing. I know several people have ended up in the emergency room for days because of it or in the hospital for days on an IV or whatever. But thank you so much.

MS. DESIMONE: You're welcome.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: All in favor of


Clerk Item 69-24, signify by saying, "Aye".
(Whereupon, all members of the Health and Social Services Committee respond in favor with, "Aye".)

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any opposed?
(Whereupon, no verbal
response.
CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: This will go on to Finance.

Motion to adjourn by Legislator
Drucker and seconded by Legislator Pilip.
All in favor of adjourning, signify by saying, "Aye".
(Whereupon, all members of
the Health and Social Services
Committee respond in favor
with, "Aye".)
CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: We are adjourned and move on to Finance.
(Whereupon, above matter concludes, 2:34 P.M.)






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