



ONEIDA COUNTY
800 Park Avenue ♦ Utica, New York 13501

Request for Action

Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
County Executive

Gerald J. Fiorini
Chairman, Board of Legislators

Date:	4/3/2025
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Originating Department: County Attorney

Request made by: Amanda Cortese-Kolasz, County Attorney

Request Type: Other

Regarding: Approval of Settlement in Joseph J. Bonanza, As Administrator of the Estate of Terra Lynn Bonanza v. County of Oneida, et al

Dear County Executive Picente:

The above referenced matter in in relation to the death of an individual who was house at the Oneida County for some time. on April 2, 2025, I participated in a mandatory mediation of this matter, along with Counsel for the County, Counsel for our insurance carrier, Counsel for all Co-Defendants, and Counsel for Plaintiff. During the mediation, a tentative agreement settling all claims in this matter was reached, subject to legislative approval by the County. The final settlement in this matter will include a general release of all claims against the County and all co-defendants in relation to this matter, in exchange for a total settlement payment of \$700,000.00. The total settlement is apportioned as follows: \$315,000.00 paid by Oneida County, \$315,000.00 paid by CBH Medical, P.C., and \$70,000.00 paid by Helio Health.

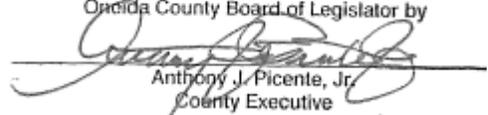
At the time this matter occurred, Oneida County had insurance policies that required a \$100,000.00 self-insured retention.by the County. As you may recall, our carrier, Tokio Marine, has already requested that we tender the remainder of the retention in this matter to them, and the same was approved by the Board. At this time, there is approximately \$70,000.00 remaining in that retention. The full balance of the retention will be applied toward the County's contribution toward settlement in this matter, and the remainder will be paid on our behalf by Tokio Marine. As such, no additional payment by the County is necessary to complete settlement of this matter, only approval by the Board of the settlement.

I respectfully request that you forward this matter to the Board for consideration at their April meeting. I am available to answer any questions either you or the Board may have regarding

this matter, or the finer details of the settlement.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

 <p>Amanda L. Cortese-Kolasz County Attorney</p> <hr/> <p>Reviewed and Approved for submittal to the Oneida County Board of Legislator by</p>  <p>Anthony J. Picente, Jr. County Executive</p>	
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