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# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

November 5, 2013

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street – Fourth Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**RE: Authorization to Contract with University at Buffalo Pediatric Associates, Inc.**

Dear Honorable Members:

Please find enclosed a resolution seeking authorization to enter into a contract with the University at Buffalo Pediatric Associates, to allow the Erie County Department of Health to receive revenue from University at Buffalo Pediatric Associates for services rendered by Health Commissioner Gale Burstein, MD.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, please contact the Department of Health. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

Enclosure  
MCP/bs

cc: Gale Burstein, Commissioner of Health

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Health  
**Re:** Authorization to Contract with UB Pediatric Associates, Inc.  
**Date:** October 22, 2012

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### **SUMMARY**

The Department of Health is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with UB Pediatric Associates to receive revenue from services rendered by Health Commissioner Dr. Gale Burstein.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Erie County will receive \$8,163.60 per year for Dr. Burstein's work.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

In order to maintain her familiarity with adolescent medicine, and to have a direct sense of the health of our community, Dr. Burstein will be working two mornings per month at the school-based health center located at Bennett High School, with the County receiving payment from UB Pediatric Associates for that service.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

For most of her career Dr. Burstein has performed direct, clinical work in low income communities, in addition to her research or other duties. Previously, under Kaleida Health, Dr. Burstein worked in the school-based healthcare system. The Bennett high school-based clinic provides direct services to adolescents who may otherwise go long periods of time without receiving medical care, including immunizations.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

The County will not receive revenue from the provision of these services.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

The Department of Health will follow the appropriate steps through the Department of Law necessary to enter into the contract.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

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WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health employees Dr. Gale Burstein as Commissioner of Health; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Burstein is a practicing pediatrician, committed to being directly involved in the delivery of care in the community; and

WHEREAS, University at Buffalo Pediatric Associates provides adolescent healthcare services at Bennett High School in the city of Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, the University at Buffalo Pediatric Associates Practice Plan require the services of a physician qualified in Pediatrics, to provide clinical services to patients in the school-based health centers one held day every two weeks; and

WHEREAS, Erie County desires to enter into contract with University at Buffalo Pediatric Associates in order that Dr. Gale Burstein can provide services to the Practice Plan as a means of facilitating her continued medical service in the community; and

WHEREAS, the monthly payment from University at Buffalo Pediatric Associates for such services is \$680.30, and the revenue from such services will be recorded in the General Fund in the Department of Health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with University at Buffalo Pediatric Associates Inc. for the services of Dr. Gale Burstein; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the term of this contract shall commence on October 7, 2013 through October 30, 2014 with reimbursement to be deposited in the revenue accounts of the Department of Health; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Law, and to Dr. Gale R. Burstein, Commissioner of Health.