



COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

December 10, 2013

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

RE: Family Planning Services Funding from NYS Department of Health

Honorable Members:

The attached resolution authorizes the Erie County Department of Health to enter into contract with the New York State Department of Health to utilize state funding in the amount of \$2,418,864 to provide family planning services.

The State funding along with additional fees will be used to establish a two year grant which will expand family planning services in Erie County to at-risk adolescents and other medically indigent women and men in areas where infant mortality, poor health outcomes, unintended adolescent pregnancy and birth rates are high.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner Gale Burstein at the Health Department. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark C. Poloncarz".

Mark C. Poloncarz
Erie County Executive

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Enclosure

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Health Department
Re: Family Planning Services Funding from NYS Department of Health
Date: December 5, 2013

SUMMARY

The attached resolution authorizes the Erie County Department of Health to enter into contract with the New York State Department of Health to utilize state funding in the amount of \$2,418,864, reached through a settlement over funds which could have been returned to the State. The funds will be utilized to provide family planning services across Erie County to medically indigent clients.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Positive. Erie County will be able to utilize \$2,418,864 secured in a 2008 settlement with the NYS Department of Health. A two year grant will be established which will utilize an additional \$298,050 for a total two year grant program of \$2,716,869.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The County desires to implement the Family Planning collaborative plan as approved by the New York State Department of Health for the provision of family planning services to at-risk adolescents and other medically indigent women and men in areas where infant mortality, poor health outcomes, unintended adolescent pregnancy and birth rates are high. These services are desperately needed, and can have a direct impact on poverty rates, economic mobility, and morbidity.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In November 2008 a settlement was reached between Erie County and the New York State Department of Health over a billing dispute related to Erie County's Family Planning program. This settlement allowed Erie County to keep \$2.4 million in NYS reimbursements which would have otherwise been paid back to New York State. The caveat was that this funding must be used to expand family planning services in high need ZIP codes in Erie County.

This resolution seeks to realize the use of these funds, through a program approved by the New York State Department of Health and the New York State Attorney General. Funds shall go to expand key services through an expansion of both Erie County's direct family planning services, and partnerships with area organizations. Such services include IUD

implantation, HPV vaccination, and expanded outreach activities to women in high-need areas. This program will be focused exclusively on *prevention* and *education*.

The Erie County Department of Health will directly and through sub-contracts with the Community Health Center of Buffalo, Planned Parenthood of Western New York, and the Northwest Community Health Center, establish multiple sites, for the provision of family planning services to at-risk adolescents and other medically indigent women and men in areas where infant mortality, poor health outcomes, unintended adolescent pregnancy and birth rates are high.

Specific services will include the provision of contraception, including IUDs, pap smears and other screenings, and education. Between Erie County and our partners (including both Federally Qualified Health Centers) the program will cover a large geographic area. Services sites will include 300 Niagara St, 608 William St, and 34 Benwood Ave.

The Erie County clinic, to be operated at 608 Williams Street, will require the use of additional staff. The following positions will need to be created to provide the family planning services necessary under the State funds: One Full-Time position of Head Nurse, JG X; one Full-Time position of Supervising Chief Account Clerk, JG 9; two Regular Part-Time (RPT) positions of Registered Nurse, JG VIII; one Regular Part-Time (RPT) position of Sr. Nurse Practitioner, JG XVI; and two Regular Part-Time (RPT) positions of Medical Office Assistant, JG IV. The positions will be fully funded through the grant and would be effective 4/1/2014.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

We will be unable to use the \$2,418,864 from a settlement with the New York State Department of Health to expand Family Planning Services in Erie County. The County will be required to return the money to New York State and the family planning services will not be provided.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Health Department will follow the appropriate steps necessary to implement the provisions of the grant award and will fill the positions and begin providing services.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

RE: Family Planning Services Funded by NYS Department of Health

WHEREAS, Erie County entered into a settlement agreement with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) to allow the Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) to spend \$2,418,864 owed to NYSDOH to expand Family Planning Services in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health has received approval from the New York State Department of Health to implement the Erie County Family Planning Collaborative plan in the amount of \$2,418,864 for the provision of family planning services; and

WHEREAS, the collaborative will establish multiple sites, operated by multiple partners for the provision of comprehensive family planning services to at-risk adolescents and other medically indigent women and men in areas where infant mortality, poor health outcomes, unintended adolescent pregnancy and birth rates are high; and

WHEREAS, in addition, in order to meet the needs of the program and fulfill the collaborative work plan, Erie County will establish a clinic at 608 William Street by adding additional staff, and also provide funding to the Community Health Center of Buffalo, Planning Parenthood of Western New York, and Northwest Community Health Center for the aforementioned comprehensive Family Planning services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into contract and appropriate the settlement award from the New York State Department of Health to be budgeted as follows:

**Fund 281- Health Department Grant Fund
Family Planning Services
1/1/2014-12/31/2015**

Revenue		Increase
416070	Private Pay	\$ 868
416540	Insurance	86,785
416900	Medicaid	210,352
466100	Other Revenue – Grant Program	<u>2,418,864</u>
	Total Revenue	\$2,716,869
Expense		Increase
500000	Full Time – Salaries	\$ 192,953

500020	Regular PT – Wages	292,888
502000	Fringe Benefits	325,513
505000	Office Supplies	4,000
506200	Medical Supplies	84,551
506200	Maintenance & Repair Supplies	8,400
510000	Local Mileage	600
510200	Training & Education	500
516020	Community Health Center of Buffalo	525,000
516020	Planned Parenthood of Western New York	524,998
516020	Northwest Community Health Center	559,940
516020	Prof Service Contract & Fees	127,329
561410	Lab & Technical Equipment	39,270
561420	Office Equipment	5,750
912700	ID Health Services	11,155
980000	ID DISS Services	<u>14,022</u>
	Total Expenses	\$2,716,869

and be it further

RESOLVED, that one Full-Time position of Head Nurse, JG X, (B100 #7492), one Full-Time Supervising Chief Account Clerk, JGIX (B100 #7493), two Regular Part-Time positions of Registered Nurse, JG VIII, (B100 #7494), one Regular Part-Time position of Sr. Nurse Practitioner, JG XVI, (B100 #7495), and two Regular Part-Time positions of Medical Office Assistant, JG IV, (B100 #7496) are hereby created; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into subcontracts with the Community Health Center of Buffalo, Planned Parenthood of Western New York, and the Northwest Community Health Center for the provision of comprehensive Family Planning services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Law and to Dr. Gale R. Burstein, Commissioner, in the Erie County Department of Health, 9th Floor, Rath Building.