# COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

December 10, 2013

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street – 4th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

**RE: Health Department Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program**

Dear Honorable Members:

The Erie County Department of Health currently operates a Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. The purpose of the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program is to reduce the prevalence of elevated blood lead levels in children under six years of age through the implementation of a comprehensive program of primary and secondary prevention, which includes public and professional outreach and education and medical and environmental case management and follow-up.

This resolution authorizes the Erie County Health Department to make personnel adjustments that will enhance the program's ability to perform required case management and follow-up.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If your Honorable Body requires any further information, kindly contact the Department of Health or our office and we will be happy to accommodate your request.

Sincerely,

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Erie County Executive

MCP/lmg
Enclosure
cc: Gale R. Burstein, MD, MPH, FAAP

# MEMORANDUM

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
**From:** Department of Health
**Re:** Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
**Date:** October 31, 2013

## SUMMARY

To authorize the deletion of one full-time position of Assistant Supervising Public Health Nurse, JG XI position number 51007068, and the creation of one (1) Registered Nurse part time and three (3) part-time positions of Licensed Practical Nurse JG VI.

## FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The county will potentially save $53,076 by not going over budget. Funds are available in the NYSDOH funded grant for the part time registered nurse and three (3) part-time positions of Licensed Practical Nurse. Cost center 1273038.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The purpose of the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program is to reduce the prevalence of elevated blood lead levels in children under six years of age through the implementation of a comprehensive program of primary and secondary prevention, which includes public and professional outreach and education, and medical and environmental case management and follow-up. This program is mandated by the State of New York.

Recently, the CDC has lowered the 'reference level' for lead poisoning from 10 to 5ug/dL. Environmental Health has been in discussion with the NYS Department of Health regarding potential changes in our lead programs and what will be required to address these changes. The caseload, currently at between 700-800 active cases per year with approximately 300 new each year, will potentially *triple*.

At the same time that the work load is projected to increase by a significant margin, at current staff levels, the Child Lead grant is projected to go over budget by an amount as much as $53,076 during the 2012-2013 cycle. (10/1/12 – 9/30/13) This is due in large part to the significant increase in the fringe rate, which is projected at 66.84% for the Child Lead grant for 2013.

## CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The Erie County Department of Health will not be able to provide adequate case management and follow-up.

## STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Erie County Department of Health will take appropriate steps to implement the grant activities.

# A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
# HEALTH DEPARTMENT

**RE: Environmental Health-Lead Prevention Program**

WHEREAS, The Erie County Department of Health currently operates a Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, and

WHEREAS, the CDC has recently lowered its recommended action blood lead level from 10 to 5 ug/dL which increases the number of children requiring case management and the case management requirements for lower blood lead elevations, and

WHEREAS, This grant has funds for and authorizes a personnel adjustment that deletes one full-time position of Assistant Supervising Public Health Nurse, JG XI, position number 51007068, and creates one part-time Registered Nurse JG VIII and three (3) part-time positions of Licensed Practical Nurse JG VI,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that one currently vacant full-time position of Assistant Supervising Public Health Nurse, JG XI, position number 51007068, is hereby deleted and one part time position of Registered Nurse JGVIII and three (3) part-time positions of Licensed Practical Nurse JG VI are hereby created, (B-100 7182 and 7183), and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to adjust the Health Department Childhood Lead Grant, 127CHILDLEAD1314, as follows:

| Grant Fund | | Current Budget | Increase/ (Decrease) | Revised Budget |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Revenue | | | | |
| 409000 | State Aid Revenues | 345,859 | (7,701) | 338,158 |
| 414000 | Federal Aid | 240,342 | (5,351) | 234,991 |
| | Total Revenue | 586,201 | (13,052) | 573,149 |
| Expense | | | | |
| 500000 | Full Time - Salaries | 301,975 | (68,296) | 233,679 |
| 500010 | Part Time Wages | | 44,714 | 44,714 |
| 500020 | Regular PT - Wages | 39,012 | (153) | 38,859 |
| 501000 | Overtime | 5,000 | 1,000 | 6,000 |
| 502000 | Fringe Benefits | 228,461 | (32,894) | 195,567 |
| 505000 | Office Supplies | 500 | 250 | 750 |
| 510100 | Out of Area Travel | 6,953 | 47 | 7,000 |
| 510200 | Training and Education | | 500 | 500 |
| 510000 | Local Mileage Reimbursement | | 1,000 | 1,000 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| 516020 Pro Ser Cnt And Fees | 3,800 | (1,100) | 2,700 |
| 516030 Maintenance Contracts | 500 | 5,600 | 6,100 |
| 912790 ID Billing Health | | 35,780 | 35,780 |
| 980000 ID Billing DISS | | 500 | 500 |
| Total Expense | 586,201 | (13,052) | 573,149 |

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Health, the Department of Personnel, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management and the Department of Law.