



ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

December 4, 2014

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street
Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Grant Award

Dear Honorable Members:

In June 2014, Governor Cuomo announced a three point plan to “bend the curve” and decrease new HIV infections. Providing access to Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) to high-risk persons to keep them HIV negative is one of the three strategies.

As the local leader in public health the Erie County Department of Health will facilitate a community plan for PrEP, and to increase the availability of quality PrEP services in Erie County. The purpose of this request is to authorize the acceptance of the grant money, and the creation of one Peer Navigator position to coordinate all PrEP activities.

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 requests.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Poloncarz
Erie County Executive

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cc: Dr. Gale R. Burstein

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Health Department
Re: Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Grant Award
Date: December 4, 2014

SUMMARY

The Erie County Department of Health is being awarded \$40,000 to provide access to Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) to high-risk persons to keep them HIV negative.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None; the initiative will be funded through a New York State Department of Health grant award. Current award is through the end of State Fiscal year 2014-2015. The State Department of Health has indicated that this grant will be renewed for another \$40,000 on April 1, 2015.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

To enable the Department to providing access to Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) to high-risk persons to keep them HIV negative

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Erie County Department of Health Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Clinic provides over 5,000 visits per year to people at risk for STD's and HIV. Persons at high risk for new HIV infections constitute a significant portion of those visits, including men who have sex with men (MSM) who engage in unprotected anal intercourse, individuals in a serodiscordant sexual relationship with a known HIV-infected partner, individuals engaging in transactional sex, such as sex for money or drugs or; injection drug users.

The ECDOH STD clinic's volume of high HIV risk clientele, 4th generation rapid HIV testing services, HIV and STD partner notification activities, and expanded partner services work, positions the ECDOH STD clinic as an ideal clinical setting to identify high HIV risk potential candidates for PrEP.

As the local leader in public health the Erie County Department of Health plans to facilitate a community plan for PrEP, and to increase the availability of quality PrEP services in Erie County.

To accomplish this goal the Department plans to organize two training sessions and seminars for area physicians to obtain community-wide buy in for PrEP and other HIV prevention services in Erie County. Since a substantial number of individuals at high risk of HIV access ECDOH STD clinic services, ECDOH will also implement a system to identify potential PrEP candidates. A full time, 100% grant funded ECDOH PrEP coordinator position will be created to provide PrEP counseling and referral to care.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The Department will not be able to meet the requirements of the grant award in providing Pre exposure Prophylaxis to stop the spread of HIV in Erie County.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Health Department will follow the appropriate steps necessary to fill the position.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

RE: Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Grant Award

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Clinic provides over 5,000 visits per year to people at risk for STD's and HIV; and

WHEREAS, persons at high risk for new HIV infections constitute a significant portion of those visits; and

WHEREAS, the ECDOH STD clinic's volume of high HIV risk clientele, 4th generation rapid HIV testing services, HIV and STD partner notification activities, and expanded partner services work, positions the ECDOH STD clinic as an ideal clinical setting to identify high HIV risk potential candidates for PrE; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health, as the local leader in public health plans to facilitate a community plan for PrEP, and to increase the availability of quality PrEP services in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish this goal the Department plans to organize two seminars for physicians to obtain community-wide buy in for PrEP and other HIV prevention services in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, since a substantial number of individuals at high risk of HIV access ECDOH STD clinic services, ECDOH will also implement a system to identify potential PrEP candidates; and

WHEREAS, a full time ECDOH PrEP coordinator position will be created to provide PrEP counseling and referral to care; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to create one full time position of Peer Navigator, JG 3; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the acceptance of the Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) award which creations one full-time position of Peer Navigator, JG 3, (position number) as indicated on B100 #8065 and is budgeted as follows:

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4/1/14 – 3/31/15

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
409000 State Aid	<u>\$40,000</u>
Total	<u>\$40,000</u>
 <u>EXPENSES</u>	
500000 Personnel Services	\$ 8,180
502000 Fringe Benefits	6,953
505000 Office Supplies	1,000
510200 Training & Education	2,500
516020 Professional Services	19,867
530000 Promotional Materials	<u>1,500</u>
Total	<u>\$40,000</u>

and be further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is authorized to make the necessary budgetary adjustments to facilitate this resolution; and be it further

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