



COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

January 30, 2014

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

**RE: Disease Intervention Grant
1/1/14 – 12/31/14**

Honorable Members:

The Erie County Health Department has received an increased grant award in the amount of \$77,873 to respond to disease morbidity in Erie County and to strengthen the infrastructure for Public Health investigation and disease control.

The purpose of this resolution is to authorize the acceptance of the revised grant award which includes the creation of one full-time position of Supervising Disease Intervention Specialist, JG 10.

Should your honorable body require further information, I encourage you to contact the Health Department. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Poloncarz
Erie County Executive

By

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Richard Tobe".

Richard Tobe
Deputy County Executive

MCP/mc
Enclosure

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Health Department
Re: Disease Intervention Grant 1/1/14 – 12/31/14
Date: January 30, 2014

SUMMARY

The Erie County Health Department has received an increased grant award in the amount of \$77,873 to respond to disease morbidity in Erie County and to strengthen the infrastructure for Public Health investigation and disease control. Sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) result in considerable economic and health consequences. They are the most commonly reported communicable infections in New York State. In 2012, reportable STDs accounted for over 69,000 cases in Erie County. *Chlamydia* ranked first among all reportable communicable diseases with over 5,000 cases and gonorrhea ranked fourth with over 1,782 cases. The combined strategies of surveillance, case management, and partner notification of STDs, specifically syphilis, *Chlamydia* and gonorrhea are integral to the control and interruption of disease transmission. Decreasing trends in reported STD morbidity corroborate that these traditional approaches to STD prevention and control have been effective in New York State. Conversely, research shows that scaling back of STD control efforts leads to a dramatic increase in morbidity.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Positive. Fully funded by the New York State Department of Health through the use of Federal funding.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Erie County Health Department will accept the funding from the New York State Department of Health which will result in the ability of the Department of Health to coordinate and manage Disease Intervention Activities in Erie County.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The assigning of cases and the supervision of the Erie County Health Department Disease Intervention Specialist staff has been provided by a New York State Department of Health employee. Erie County is the only county in New York with this arrangement of not directly supervising its own Disease Intervention Specialists. This results in the inability to supervise and discipline our staff effectively. To correct this unsatisfactory supervisory arrangement, the New York State Department of Health, Bureau of STD Prevention and Epidemiology is amending its Disease Intervention Contract (C028066) with Erie County Department of Health. This amended award provides the funding for one full-time position of Supervising Disease Intervention Specialist, JG 10, Step 1 whose responsibilities include the oversight of all activities of the STD/HIV Control

Program. The Supervisor will manage HIV Reporting and PNAP program activities. Provide direct supervision of all DIS staff. Assure that all PHR activities are in compliance with NYS regulations. Assist with Productivity Reports for all PHRs

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The Erie County Health Department will be unable to accept the funding from the New York State Department of Health which will result in the inability of the Department of Health to coordinate and manage Disease Intervention Activities in Erie County.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Erie County Health Department will take appropriate steps necessary to accept the grant award.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

RE: Disease Intervention Grant 1/1/14 – 12/31/14

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health received an increased grant award in the amount of \$77,873 to respond to disease morbidity in Erie County and to strengthen the infrastructure for Public Health investigation and disease control; and

WHEREAS, in order to fulfill the requirements of the program it will be necessary to create one full-time position of Supervising Disease Intervention Specialist, JG 10, Step 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to accept the grant award from the New York State Department of Health to be budgeted as follows:

**Disease Intervention Grant
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1/1/14 – 12/31/14**

Account	Current Budget	Additional Funding	Revised Total
Revenue			
414000 Federal Aid	\$113,865	\$77,873	\$191,738
479000 County Share Contribution	<u>4,542</u>		<u>4,542</u>
	\$118,407	\$77,873	\$196,280
Expense			
500000 Full Time Staff	\$69,200	\$40,300	\$109,501
502000 Fringe Benefits	49,207	27,003	76,209
505000 Office Supplies		500	500
510000 Local Travel		1,200	1,200
510100 Out of Area Travel		2,775	2,775
510200 Training & Education		500	500
530000 Other Expenses		3,000	3,000
912700 ID – Health Services		1,995	1,995
980000 DISS		<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>
	\$118,407	\$77,873	\$196,280

and be it further

RESOLVED, that one full-time position of Supervising Disease Intervention Specialist, JG 10, is hereby created as indicated on B100 #7671; 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.