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# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

November 20, 2015

Erie County Legislature  
95 Franklin Street  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**RE: Department of Health - Acceptance of a Performance Incentive Initiative Award.**

Dear Honorable Members:

In September of 2015, the Erie County Department of Health was awarded \$30,000 in performance incentive dollars.

The performance incentive initiative sets criteria by which County Health Departments can receive awards for improving the communicable disease reporting into the State CDESS and ECLRS systems. The goal of the project is to improve communicable disease reporting to better protect the health and safety of NYS residents through earlier detection of cases and prompt initiation of control measures to prevent further spread.

The performance incentive awards must be used to support costs associated with Article 6 eligible services, particularly on costs associated with improvements in the STD and communicable disease programs. The purpose of this request is to authorize the acceptance of the \$30,000 award.

Should your Honorable Body have any questions, please contact Commissioner of Health, Gale Burstein. Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

  
Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive  
Dpty County Exec.

MCP:lmg

CC: Health Commissioner, Gale R. Burstein, MD

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Health Department  
**Re:** Acceptance of a Performance Incentive Initiative Award.  
**Date:** November 20, 2015

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### **SUMMARY**

The Erie County Department of Health is being awarded \$30,000 for achieving a total performance initiative composite score across all measures of 99.30

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Positive. This is an award through a New York State Department of Health.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

To enable the department to purchase additional medical supplies and pharmaceuticals for the Sexually Transmitted Disease clinic.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

In September of 2015, the Erie County Department of Health was awarded \$30,000 in performance incentive dollars.

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The New York State Department of Health measured adequacy of gonorrhea treatment, the completeness of syphilis serology records and the reporting of the timeliness and completeness of communicable disease reports and investigations over a six month period. The Erie County Department of Health produced a total composite score across all measures of 99.30 during the performance period.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

The Department will not be able to accept the Performance Incentive Initiative Award.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

The Health Department will follow the appropriate steps necessary to implement the provisions of the award.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

RE: Acceptance of a Performance Incentive Initiative Award.

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health Disease Surveillance and Epidemiology program receives notice of all laboratory confirmed communicable diseases; and

WHEREAS, Erie County Department of Health Disease Surveillance and Epidemiology program is responsible for entering the communicable disease reports in CDESS and ECLRS; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health created the Performance Incentive Initiative to improve communicable disease reporting to better protect the health and safety of NYS residents through earlier detection of cases and prompt initiation of control measures to prevent further spread; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health measured adequacy of gonorrhea treatment, the completeness of syphilis serology records and the reporting of the timeliness and completeness of communicable disease reports and investigations over a six month period; and

WHEREAS, The Erie County Department of Health produced a total composite score across all measures of 99.30 during the performance period; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Department of Health wishes to award the Erie County Department of Health a Performance Incentive of \$30,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the acceptance of the Performance Incentive Award of \$30,000 that is budgeted as follows:

**Health Division  
Fund Center 12700  
2015**

	<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>	<b><u>BUDGET</u></b>
409000	State Aid	<u>\$30,000</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<u>\$30,000</u>
	 <b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>	
505800	Medical & Health Supplies	<u>\$30,000</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<u>\$30,000</u>

and be 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 in the Erie County Health Department, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Rath Building.