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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

October 3, 2016

The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
95 Franklin Street
Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: Authorization to Enter into Contract with LexisNexis Risk Solutions

Dear Honorable Members:

The Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) Expanded Partner Services (ExPS) staff plans to use Accurant, a widely accepted locate-and-research tool by LexisNexis Risk Solutions, to assist in locating out-of-care HIV-positive individuals and their partners.

The goal of locating these individuals is to re-engage them in the health care system so they may receive needed services thereby improving their health and decreasing the spread of HIV. The New York State Department of Health uses Accurant and has given the ECDOH funds to purchase this program.

The purpose of this resolution is to authorize entering into a contract for Accurant by LexisNexis Risk Solutions beginning on October 1, 2016.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Poloncarz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail.

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP:bqs
CC: Health Commissioner, Gale R. Burstein, MD

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Health Department
Re: Authorization to Enter into Contract with LexisNexis Risk Solutions
Date: October 3, 2016

SUMMARY

The purpose of this resolution is to authorize entering into a contract for Accurint, by LexisNexis Risk Solutions, as tool to find out-of-care HIV positive individuals and their partners.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This will be fully funded by the New York State Department of Health through the Expanded Partner Services Grant, (127EXPS1617), Professional Services, Contracts and Fees account 516020. Accurint comes with a \$180 monthly cost to maintain its license, for a \$2,160 yearly total.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

To locate and provide services to HIV-positive individuals and their partners in Erie County in order to improve their health and decrease the spread of HIV. Accurint software taps into dozens of government and commercial databases to identify contact information and addresses of target individuals, as well as information about their contacts and personnel network. This data allows ECDOH Disease Intervention Specialists to track down HIV patients who are not receiving treatment for their disease, as well as their partners. This enables the Erie County Department of Health to combat the spread of HIV in the community.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Accurint is the most widely used locate-and-research tool available to government. Accurint taps into over 10,000 publically available databases to find addresses, phone numbers, employer information and much more.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

We will be unable to accept the funding from the NYSDOH for locating individuals thereby increasing the potential spread of HIV.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Health Department will work with the Department of Law and the Division of Information and Support Services to implement the contract.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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WHEREAS, Accurant is the most widely accepted locate-and-research tool available to government. This tool will be used by the Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) Expanded Partner Services (ExPS) staff to assist in locating out of care HIV-positive individuals and their partners; and

WHEREAS, the goal of finding these individuals is to engage them in the health care system in order for them to receive needed care and to decrease the spread of HIV; and

WHEREAS, the fund necessary to cover the costs of this contract have been appropriated in the 2016 Adopted Budget; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to authorize the County Executive to enter into a contract for Accurant by LexisNexis Risk Solutions beginning October 1, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to enter into contract and amendments to that contract with Accurant by LexisNexis Risk Solutions; and be it further

RESOLVED, that funds necessary to cover the costs of this contract are available through the Expanded Partner Service Grant (127EXPS1617), Fund Center 281, Account# 516020 Professional Services Contracts and Fees; and be it 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, 9th Floor, Rath Building.