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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

October 13, 2017

Erie County Legislature
95 Franklin Street
Buffalo, New York 14202

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

Dear Honorable Members:

The purpose of this resolution is to authorize the Erie County Department of Health to accept a \$30,000 performance incentive award.

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 Erie County Department of Health maintained high standards of communicable disease reporting across all measures during the performance period.

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, communicable disease and epidemiology programs.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mark C. Poloncarz", is written over a horizontal line.

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

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: October 13, 2017

SUMMARY

The Erie County Department of Health has been awarded \$30,000 for maintaining high standards of communicable disease reporting measures during the 2016 performance period.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Positive. Funded through a New York State Department of Health Performance Initiative award.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

To enable the Department to purchase medical supplies and pharmaceuticals for the STD clinic. The award will also allow for the purchase of office equipment for the Surveillance and Epidemiology program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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 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 maintained high composite scores across all measures.

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 ECDOH has maintained high standards of communicable disease reporting measures during the 2016 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**

	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
SAP		
405540	State Aid –Art VI/Public Hlth	<u>\$30,000</u>
	Total	<u>\$30,000</u>
	 <u>EXPENSES</u>	
505800	Medical & Health Supplies	\$15,000
561420	Office Furniture & Fixtures	<u>15,000</u>
	Total	<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, 9th Floor, Rath Building.