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December 4, 2018

The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Medical Care Subscription to a Database for up to date Community and Healthcare Standards

Honorable Members:

Attached, please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum from the Erie County Sheriff's Division of Correctional Health (DoCH) seeking authorization to enter into an agreement for a medical database subscription as well as a waiver from Section 19.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code.

The subscriptions will be utilized by medical professionals within the DoCH for inmate health care and will achieve standardization within the region's health care community.

Representatives of the Sheriff's Office will be available to answer any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy B. Howard", is written over a faint circular stamp.

TIMOTHY B. HOWARD
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Attachments

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ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Erie County Sheriff's Division of Correctional Health
Re: Medical Care Subscription to a Database for up to date Community and Healthcare Standards
Date: December 4, 2018

Summary of Recommended Action

The attached resolution requests authorization for the County Executive and the Erie County Sheriff's Division of Correctional Health (DoCH) to enter into a three-year agreement with Wolters Kluwer for ten (10) medical database subscriptions to "*Up To Date*." The resolution also seeks authorization to waive Section 19.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code to secure these services.

Fiscal Implications of Proposal

\$12,380.00; funds have been approved in the 2018 Budget, and the same are included the DoCH 2019 Proposed Budget.

Reasons for Recommendation

The DoCH seeks to provide quality health care by utilizing the latest medical information and practices available. The *Up To Date* medical database utilizes tests cases, medical journals, subject matter experts to provide up to date information for patient care. Since the DoCH provides care for approximately 20,000 individual per year and treats both acute and chronic health conditions; the medical staff needs the most current information for diagnosis and treatment for a multitude of health conditions.

Up To Date has become the premier medical database and application for medical research into acute and chronic health conditions. This application and reference tool for the medical profession has become the community and industry standard and is utilized by area hospitals. In addition to providing care standards and current medical research to subscribers, *Up To Date* subscribers earn CME credits necessary for medical and nursing licenses.

The DoCH has been working with the Division of Purchasing since January to identify multiple vendors that provide the same service and medical information, but none matched the criteria set by the DoCH. And since Wolters and Kluwer does not issue "Sole Source Letters," the DoCH and the Division of Purchasing are seek a waiver of Section 19.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code.

Consequence of Negative Action

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The Erie County Sheriff's DoCH would lack access to important and the most current medical information to treat acute and chronic health conditions. Furthermore, the DoCH would fall behind area medical care providers who utilize *Up To Date* subscriptions.

Steps Following Approval of Measure

Certified copies of the approved resolution are sent to the County Executive, the County Attorney, the Division of Purchasing, the Erie County Comptroller's Office, and the Chief of Administration of the Sheriff's Office for implementation.

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**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S
DIVISION OF CORRECTIONAL HEALTH**

Re: Medical Care Subscription to a Database for up to date Community and Healthcare Standards

WHEREAS, as of January 2017, the Division of Correctional Health (DoCH) is under the authority of the Erie County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office and the DoCH has identified needs within the division to assist in providing inmate health; and

WHEREAS, the medical professionals with the DoCH examine and treat approximately 20,000 inmates per year; and

WHEREAS, the medical staff needs to treat both acute and chronic diseases and medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, it is vital for proper inmate health care that the medical professionals are up to date and have access to the most current health care information; and

WHEREAS, the leading company to offer a subscription to a medical database which utilizes tests cases, medical journals, subject matter experts to provide up to date information for patient care is Wolters Kluwer's *Up To Date* application; and

WHEREAS, *Up To Date* is application and reference tool for the medical profession has become the community and industry standard and is utilized by area hospitals; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing care standards and current medical research to subscribers, *Up To Date* subscribers earn CME credits necessary for medical and nursing licenses; and

WHEREAS, the DoCH has been working with the Division of Purchasing since to identify multiple vendors that provide the same service and medical information, but none matched the criteria set by the DoCH; and

WHEREAS, since Wolters and Kluwer does not issue "Sole Source Letters," the DoCH and the Division of Purchasing are seek a waiver of Section 19.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive and the Erie County Sheriff's Division of Correctional Health to enter into an

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agreement with Wolters Kluwer for ten (10), three-year subscriptions to *Up To Date* for a total of \$12,380.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby waives the procedures, as impractical, provided for in Section 19.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code for the purposes of securing the services of Wolters Kluwer to be retained to provide subscription services associated with *Up To Date*; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Comptroller's Office is hereby authorized to release the designated funds and make payments as necessary; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of the approved resolution are sent to the County Executive, the County Attorney, the Division of Purchasing, the Erie County Comptroller's Office, and the Chief of Administration of the Sheriff Office for implementation.