

RESOLUTION NO. 228

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND AN AGREEMENT REGARDING PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE TO BIOTERRORISM AND AMENDING THE 2007 HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Introduced: 5/14/07

By Audit and Finance Committee, Messrs. Aidala, Aylward, Beston, Burke, Clay, Collins, Commisso, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Cotrofeld, Dawson, Domalewicz, Ethier, Feeney, Gordon, Horstmyer, Houghtaling, Infante, Joyce, Ms. Maffia-Tobler, Messrs. Mayo, McCoy, Ms. McKnight, Messrs. Monjeau, Morse, Nichols, Reilly, Riddick, Shafer, Steck, Ward, Mss. Wiley and Willingham:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of Health has been notified by Health Research Inc. of the New York State Department of Health of the renewal of grant funding to continue development of plans to respond to bioterrorism threats and naturally emerging communicable diseases, and

WHEREAS, The Department of Health has been awarded a Public Health Preparedness and Response to Bioterrorism grant in the amount of \$444,565, of which \$185,348 must be incorporated in the 2007 budget, to provide enhanced services in the areas of planning and assessment, surveillance, information and communication technology, risk communication, and education and training of staff, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Health Research, Inc. for the aforementioned purposes, to contract with municipalities for services related to training, exercises and development of municipal plans to distribute antibiotics and to amend the Health Department Budget, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Health Research, Inc. to accept funding in the amount of \$444,565 for the period beginning August 31, 2006 and ending August 30, 2007 regarding Public Health Preparedness and Response to Bioterrorism, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is authorized to enter into agreements or subcontracts with municipalities as part of the national Cities Readiness Initiative to further develop plans for rapid administration of preventive medications to residents of major metropolitan areas in response to public health emergencies, and, be it further

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the 2007 Department of Health Budget is amended as follows:

Increase Revenue Account A4433 Health Alert Grant by \$185,348

Decrease Appropriation Account A4010.1 by \$35,413 by deleting and decreasing Line Item A4010 1 2600 001 Senior Public Health Planner by \$35,413 for the remainder of this fiscal year with an annual salary of \$61,384

Increase Appropriation Account A4010.1 by \$88,425 by creating and increasing the following line items:

Create and Increase Line Item A4010 1 1261 001 Director of Public Health Planning and Education by \$40,606 for the remainder of this fiscal year with an annual salary of \$70,384

Create and Increase Line Item A4010 1 2161 001 Public Health Planner by \$28,846 for the remainder of this fiscal year with an annual salary of \$50,000

Create and Increase Line Item A4010 1 6404 002 Secretary II by \$18,973 for the remainder of this fiscal year with an annual salary of \$32,887

Increase Appropriation Account A4010.4 by \$113,643 by increasing A4010 4 4046 000 Fees For Services by \$113,643

Increase Appropriation Account A4010.8 by \$18,693 by increasing the following line items:

Increase Line Item A4010 8 9010 000 State Retirement by \$5,301

Increase Line Item A4010 8 9030 000 Social Security by \$4,056

Increase Line Item A4010 8 9060 000 Hospital and Medical Insurance by \$9,337

and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said application and agreement as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote. 5/14/07