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November 15, 2010

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
Director and Health Officer

SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AMENDMENTS TO FIVE BLACK INFANT HEALTH AGREEMENTS**

This is to notify you that I am exercising delegated authority approved by your Board on November 3, 2010, to execute amendments to five Black Infant Health (BIH) Program agreements to integrate California Department of Public Heath (CDPH) funds in the current Los Angeles County Children and Families First – Proposition 10 Commission (First 5 LA) grant funded agreements, effective upon execution by both parties for the term of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, with a provision for a 12 month extension, on a month-to-month basis through June 30, 2012, subject to the availability of funds.

Under this authority, the Director of Public Health will integrate CDPH funds into the First 5 LA funded service agreements with The Children's Collective, Inc, Agreement Number H-700539; Great Beginnings for Black Babies (H-700540); Mission City Community Network, Inc. (H-700341); Prototypes (H-700339); and Partners in Care Foundation (H-700340), for fiscal year 2010-11, increasing the total cumulative maximum obligation from $696,737 to $1,750,000.

CDPH funding allows DPH to continue to provide BIH Program services to eligible clients through comprehensive community-based efforts by assuring that at-risk pregnant and parenting women and their children (up to age one) have access to appropriate pediatric and preventive health care. Services provided by the BIH Program include: providing health education information about issues impacting mothers and infants; coordinating with providers to ensure timely access to health care services; conducting social support and empowerment classes; and collaborating with other entities to strategize to reduce African-American infant mortality.

County Counsel and the CEO have reviewed and approved this delegated authority action.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors