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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
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SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT AN AMENDMENT TO A NOTICE OF AWARD FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE

This is to inform you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on September 8, 2009, to accept amendments to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Notice of Award (NA) 1H75TP000350-01, that allow for the internal redirection of funds, subject to review and approval by County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office (CEO), and notification to your Board.

Under this authority, I will accept CDC NA Number 1H75TP000350-01 REVISED (Amendment 14) for the period of July 31, 2009 through July 30, 2011. This amendment authorizes the redirection of \$2,032,749 within Public Health Emergency Response (PHER) Grant Focus Areas: 1) H1N1 Mass Vaccination Planning, 2) Surveillance and Response, and 3) H1N1 Mass Vaccination Implementation as follows:

H1N1 Mass Vaccination Planning:

A total of \$189,900 in funds will be redirected from various line items within the Contractual and Other budget categories to:

Contractual: A total of \$189,900 in funds will be used to develop, implement, and support a comprehensive culturally and linguistically appropriate media campaign that encourages vaccination, particularly among persons 24 years of age and younger and their caretakers or other immunocompromised people.

Surveillance and Response:

A total of \$247,918 in funds will be redirected from the Other, Contractual, and Indirect budget categories to:

Supplies: A total of \$16,000 in funds will be used to replace refrigerators and a freezer used to store patient specimens and archive influenza specimens and to procure program supplies that will be used for pandemic preparedness meetings and enhanced security of the laboratory server room.

Travel: A total of \$21,168 in funds will be used for public health laboratory staff to attend three conferences to foster professional development: the 2011 Association of Public Health Laboratories Annual Meeting, the 2011 American Society for Microbiology General Meeting on Best Practices, and the 30th Annual American Society Meeting for Virology.

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Other: A total of \$210,750 in funds will be used to: purchase a wireless temperature monitoring system to reduce operating costs and enhance efficiency; purchase books to improve staff competency and training in the fields of virology and molecular diagnostics used for respiratory viruses; secure uninterrupted power supply battery maintenance; purchase subscriptions to multi-media training courses to test staff competency including annual laboratory training; and upgrade existing servers to improve the reliability of the laboratory information system and performance.

H1N1 Mass Vaccination Implementation:

A total of \$1,594,931 in funds will be redirected from various line items within the Personnel, Supplies, Contractual, and Other budget categories to:

Personnel: A total of \$35,265 in funds will be used to manage grant compliance, develop and monitor vendor contracts, and lead collaborations between the Health Education Administration and the Emergency Preparedness and Response Program to assure completion of PHER grant strategic goals and objectives.

Supplies: A total of \$195,000 in funds will be used for communication and information management supplies needed to support and coordinate the emergency response for Environmental Health operations.

Contractual: A total of \$983,098 in funds will be used to: enhance the Los Angeles County Emergency Operations Center enabling the County's emergency management personnel to obtain real time incident information and effectively communicate with all County departments (\$940,000); evaluate a pilot project being conducted to improve the pandemic preparedness of children and their families enrolled in subsidized child care in Los Angeles County (\$38,000); and improve the Department of Public Health's ability to communicate in a pandemic with school districts and associated personnel across Los Angeles County (\$5,098).

Other: A total of \$375,062 in funds will be used to: enhance security at the Immunization Program worksite; obtain a needle-free injection system for vaccine distribution; obtain maintenance support needed to effectively manage the receipt, staging, storage, distribution, and recovery of the Strategic National Stockpile during a public health emergency; and acquire server licenses for the pharmacy inventory and labeling system.

Indirect Cost: A total of \$6,506 in funds will be used for indirect costs.

This action does not affect the current total grant award of \$39,984,244.

County Counsel and the CEO have reviewed and approved NA 1H75TP000350-01 REVISED (Amendment 14) as to use and 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
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