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FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.  
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SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE FOR THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 15, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on January 15, 2013, to accept a forthcoming grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) for the anticipated term of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015, at an estimated amount of \$350,000, to fund the evaluation of the Department of Public Health's (DPH) multi-year pilot project addressing community resilience gaps in Los Angeles County, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office.

Under this authority, I will accept RWJF Grant I.D. Number 70503 in the amount of \$350,000 for the period of December 15, 2012 through December 31, 2015. The grant will support the evaluation of the Los Angeles County Community Disaster Resilience pilot project and its efforts to build community resilience to disasters and strengthen community capacity to respond to and recover from a range of emergencies. The objectives of the evaluation include: 1) documentation of how communities can integrate resilience-building activities into their preparedness activities; 2) determination of the extent to which neighborhoods that receive a resilience-based intervention can improve their engagement, partnership, and resilience-based attitudes in emergency planning; 3) exploration of how resilience-based principles of community partnership and neighbor-to-neighbor reliance are integrated into routine public health and other organizational practices; 4) assessment of changes in household-level community resilience attitudes and behavior through a community wide survey; and 5) measurement of organizational

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changes required within DPH to align broader departmental activities with a community resilience framework. The funding will provide support in the amount of \$139,553 for personnel, mileage, and indirect costs associated with this project; and in the amount of \$210,447 for contractual services. DPH plans to enter into an agreement with RAND Corporation to establish metrics to measure community awareness and engagement in community resilience related to disaster preparedness. We will provide detailed information in a subsequent notification to your Board.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the grant 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  
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