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October 13, 2015

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Cynthia A. Harding, M.P.H.
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SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT A NOTICE OF GRANT AWARD FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, OFFICE OF REFUGEE HEALTH FOR THE REFUGEE HEALTH PROMOTION PROJECT**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on July 28, 2015, to accept and execute grants and awards from federal, State, and other public and private agencies in amounts not to exceed $500,000 per grant award per budget period or annual term, that are in furtherance of the Department of Public Health's (DPH) mission, subject to: review and approval as to form by County Counsel; review by the Chief Executive Office (CEO) Risk Management as needed; and two weeks advance written notification to your Board and the CEO in those instances where an Anticipated Grant Award memo is not feasible or the grants and awards require matching County funds, to include significant contractual provisions required by the grantor that depart from standard Board-approved language, including insurance and indemnification.

Under this authority, on October 22, 2015, I will move forward with accepting a Refugee Health Promotion Project (RHPP) award, Number 15-19-90841-00, issued by the California Department of Public Health, Office of Refugee Health on August 7, 2015, in the amount of $75,000, for the period of August 15, 2015 through August 14, 2016. These funds will allow DPH to enhance current Refugee Health Assessment Program referral efforts to assist refugees diagnosed with significant (high risk) medical or mental health conditions to initiate the continuum of care required to resolve their conditions or to bring those conditions under control. This will be accomplished by: 1) ensuring clients are referred to emergency room (ER), primary care, or specialty providers; 2) confirming admission to the ER or that they have an appointment scheduled with a primary care or specialty provider; 3) confirming that they have kept their first appointment to ensure continuum of care; 4) coordinating efforts with other local public health programs, resettlement agencies and other community stakeholders to troubleshoot any obstacles that may restrict clients' access to providers, including transportation and interpreting issues; and 5) maintaining a log to document referral efforts and results, and for reporting purposes.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the RHPP award, Number 15-19-90841-00 as to use and advised that I inform your Board that the general terms and conditions that are incorporated into the RHPP award include provisions requiring the County to indemnify the State against all claims and losses related to this award and to waive all claims and recourse against the State related to this award. These are standard requirements from the State and cannot be waived or modified. I have been advised by CEO Risk Management and County Counsel of the risks associated with this provision. However, I believe these risks are acceptable in light of the need for the services and the resulting benefit to public health.

County Counsel has 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: Interim Chief Executive Officer
Interim County Counsel
Acting Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors