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August 29, 2016

TO: Each Supervisor 
FROM: Cynthia A. Harding, M.P.H.
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SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO A DATA USE AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THE REFUGEE HEALTH ELECTRONIC INFORMATION SYSTEM

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on December 8, 2015, to execute future Data Use Agreements (DUAs) with various governmental entities, universities, and public and private institutions, excluding for-profit entities, which may include provisions for indemnification, effective upon date of execution through the end of the applicable project period, subject to review and approval by Public Health Information Systems (PHIS), Chief Executive Office (CEO) Risk Management, as needed, and County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the CEO.

Under this authority, I will execute a DUA with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), effective upon date of execution for a total of three (3) years, to allow DPH to use the Refugee Health Electronic Information System (RHEIS).

CDPH, Office of Refugee Health (ORH) funds local health jurisdictions (LHJ) to provide post-arrival health assessments to all new refugees coming to California. LHJs are required to enter health results into RHEIS. The RHEIS is a secure web-based application that ORH has implemented for surveillance of communicable diseases, monitoring of chronic and mental health conditions, and to evaluate performance of LHJ. Execution of this DUA will allow the Department of Public Health, the LHJ for Los Angeles County, access to RHEIS. RHEIS provides real-time data reports identifying trends in the demographics and health status of newly arrived refugees, performs quality assurance activities, tracks tuberculosis screening and treatment for latent tuberculosis infection, and evaluates overall program performance. There is no cost associated with this DUA.

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The DUA includes provisions requiring the County to indemnify CDPH against all claims and losses related to this DUA. These are standard requirements from CDPH and cannot be waived or modified. CEO Risk Management has reviewed and determined the indemnification language is acceptable.

Public Health Information Systems and County Counsel have reviewed and approved the DUA 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
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors