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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

23 July 17, 2012

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AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND IMPLEMENT FORTHCOMING NOTICES OF AWARD AND FUTURE AWARDS AND/OR AMENDMENTS FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION FOR THE EPIDEMIOLOGY AND LABORATORY CAPACITY FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES PROJECT FOR THE PERIOD OF AUGUST 1, 2012 THROUGH JULY 31, 2017

SUBJECT

Provide authorization to accept and implement forthcoming awards and/or amendments from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to support the Department of Public Health's Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases Project

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH), or his designee, to accept and implement up to three forthcoming Notices of Award (NA) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to continue to enhance current epidemiology and laboratory capacity (ELC) for DPH's Acute Communicable Disease Control (ACDC) Program and Public Health Laboratory (PHL) for the period of August 1, 2012 through July 31, 2013, at an estimated total amount of \$1,300,000, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO).
2. Delegate authority to the Director of DPH, or his designee, to accept future awards and/or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the NA referenced above that extend the term through June 30, 2017 at amounts determined by the CDC; reflect non-material and/or ministerial revisions to the award's terms and conditions; allow for the rollover of unspent funds and/or redirection of funds; additionally adjust the term through December 31, 2017; and/or provide an increase or decrease in funding up to 25 percent above or below each award term's annual base amount, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of Recommendation 1 will allow DPH to continue to accept Prevention and Public Health funds established under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) from the CDC to improve surveillance for, and response to, infectious diseases and other public health threats by: 1) strengthening epidemiologic capacity by designating an ELC epidemiologist for multi-disease surveillance; 2) enhancing laboratory capacity by designating a Public Health Microbiologist II to serve as the ELC Laboratorian for multi-disease response; 3) improving information systems by designating a Research Analyst III to implement the PHL's Electronic Laboratory Reporting (ELR) project and purchasing software and hardware to expand and upgrade the current ELR infrastructure; 4) developing and implementing disease prevention and control strategies; and 5) enhancing DPH collaboration among epidemiology, laboratory, and information systems components by working together to improve surveillance and conduct outbreak investigation and improve the ELR infrastructure to facilitate data exchange.

Approval of Recommendation 2 will allow DPH to accept future awards and/or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the forthcoming NAs that extend and/or adjust the term of the award; reflect non-material revisions to terms and conditions of the CDC NA; permit the rollover of unspent funds and/or redirection of funds; and/or provide for an increase or decrease in funding up to 25 percent above or below each grant term's annual base amount. This recommended action will enable DPH to accept awards and/or amendments that adjust the project period up to an additional six months to allow for additional time to complete services and utilize grant funding. This authority is being requested to enhance DPH's efforts to expeditiously maximize grant revenue, consistent with Board Policy 4.070: Full utilization of Grant funds.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

DPH will accept a forthcoming CDC ELC-ACA grant award in the estimated amount of \$1,300,000, for the period of August 1, 2012 through July 31, 2013.

Upon receipt of the award, DPH will request Appropriation Authority in the Supplemental Budget Request for fiscal year (FY) 2012-13. Funding for future FYs will be requested, as necessary.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Since 1995, ELC has been funded by the CDC to address emerging infectious disease threats in Los Angeles County. On August 23 and October 5, 2011, DPH notified your Board that it was exercising delegated authority to accept CDC NA 5U50C1000864-02 and CDC NA Number 5U50C1000864-02 REVISED, respectively, for the period of August 1, 2011 through July 31, 2012, to support continuation of the ELC ACA project, enhancement of laboratory testing and information systems,

and the pneumococcal/meningococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV/MCV).

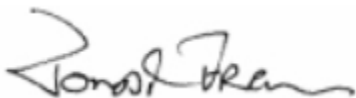
On January 26 and May 18, 2012, DPH notified your Board that it was exercising delegated authority to accept CDC NA Number 1U50CK000266-01 and CDC NA Number 1U50CK000266-01 REVISED, respectively, for the period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 to support the ELC for Infectious Diseases Project (ELCIDP). CDC has indicated that this award will expire on December 31, 2012.

On April 23, 2012, DPH received CDC Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Number CDC-CI10-101203PPHF12: ELC for Infectious Diseases – Building and Strengthening Epidemiology, Laboratory, and Health Information Systems Capacity in State and Local Health Departments. The purpose of the FOA is to extend the ELC ACA and PCV/MCV budget and project period for an additional 12 months and incorporate funding for ELCIDP activities. On June 11, 2012, DPH submitted an application in response to the FOA. DPH is expecting to receive up to three NAs on or before August 1, 2012, for an estimated total amount of \$1,300,000 for the term of August 1, 2012 through July 31, 2013.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will allow DPH to enhance its public health programs to improve health and restrain the rate of growth of health care costs through strengthening epidemiology, laboratory, and health information systems capacity in Los Angeles County.

Respectfully submitted,



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