

RESOLUTION NO. 27

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REGARDING THE HIV REPORTING PROGRAM

Introduced: 2/13/06
By Health Committee:

WHEREAS, The New York State Public Health Law was amended in 1998 to require Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infections be reported by physicians and laboratories to the State Commissioner of Health and further require that the information be forwarded to the County Health Commissioner who then is obligated to contact the individual to offer and provide partner notification services, and

WHEREAS, As part of the program, the County's Commissioner of Health is required to: determine whether reported cases merit contact tracing to protect public health; inform contacts of essential information such as the nature of HIV infection, modes of transmission, risk reduction measures, and referral resources for health and human services; convey necessary information concerning exposed partners/contacts; consult with providers; confirm and/or conduct domestic violence screening; and maintain confidentiality of HIV related information, and

WHEREAS, The NYS Department of Health has awarded the County a grant to cover the costs of this initiative in the amount of \$130,184 for the period beginning October 1, 2005 and ending September 30, 2006, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with the NYS Department of Health to accept grant funding in the amount of \$130,184 for the period October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006 regarding the HIV Reporting Program, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote. 2/13/06