

RESOLUTION NO. 1260 -2009, CREATING A SUFFOLK COUNTY HEALTH CENTER FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Suffolk County has operated a network of community health centers dating back to the late 1960's; and

WHEREAS, these health centers were designed to be the public safety net for the medically under-served areas and were located in close proximity to those areas; and

WHEREAS, the County has been funding the deficit in these operations; and

WHEREAS, the deficit has grown from \$22.5 million in 2005 to a current projected 2010 deficit of over \$37.46 million, representing a sixty-six percent (66%) increase in net general fund subsidy in five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, the major source of this growing deficit is due to changes in the distribution of New York State Bad Debt and Charity funding. These changes have resulted in a cumulative loss of over \$8.3 million since the 2005 funding level; and

WHEREAS, interpretation of recent guideline documentation from New York State Department of Health may result in a reduction of approximately \$4 million dollars in Article 6 State Aid in addition to the 2% reduction currently being made to Article 6 claims; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health Services has retained the consulting services of John Snow, Inc. via the competitive procurement process for the purpose of identifying efficiencies at the Health Centers; and to provide analysis and recommendations to determine if a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) is prudent for Suffolk County; and

WHEREAS, the Federal government has been providing incentives to local community health centers to seek FQHC status; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous benefits to becoming a FQHC or FQHC look alike, many of which are increased Federal dollars flowing into the County to pay for charity and under-served comprehensive care services; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Health Center mission and model for all practical purposes duplicates those services offered in a FQHC without the benefit of Federal funding; now, therefore be it

1st **RESOLVED**, that the Suffolk County Health Center Financial Review Committee is hereby created for the purpose of reviewing the current operations of the Health Center network and determining if seeking FQHC status would be beneficial to Suffolk County; and be it further

2nd **RESOLVED**, that the Suffolk County Health Center Financial Review Committee shall consist of the following 10 members:

- 1) Chief Deputy County Executive or his designee
- 2) Budget Director or his designee

- 3) Commissioner of Health or her designee
- 4) Presiding Officer of the Suffolk County Legislature or his designee
- 5) Minority Leader of the Suffolk County Legislature or his designee
- 6) A member of the Office of Budget Review
- 7) The Director of Minority Health or his designee
- 8) A Community Member from the Riverhead, Southampton, East Hampton catchment areas to be selected by the Commissioner of Health Services
- 9) A Community Member from the Coram, Patchogue, Shirley catchment areas to be selected by the Commissioner of Health Services
- 10) A Community Member from the Brentwood, Wyandanch, Amityville catchment areas to be selected by the Commissioner of Health Services

and be it further

3rd **RESOLVED**, that the Suffolk County Health Center Financial Review Committee shall conduct such informal or formal hearings and meetings at any place(s) within the County of Suffolk for the purpose of obtaining the necessary information and/or data to formulate their recommendation; and be it further

4th **RESOLVED**, that the Commissioner of Health Services shall serve as committee chair and be responsible for scheduling meetings, and assembling and distributing the final report; and be it further

5th **RESOLVED**, that the clerical services and technical assistance for the Suffolk County Health Center Financial Review Committee will be provided by the Department of Health Services; and be it further

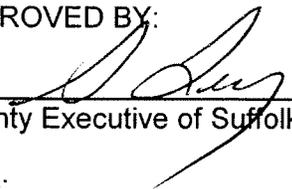
6th **RESOLVED**, that the Suffolk County Health Center Financial Review Committee shall submit a written report detailing their recommendations to the Legislature and County Executive, no later than 60 days after the effective date of this resolution; and be it further

7th **RESOLVED**, that if the Suffolk County Health Center Financial Review Committee so determines it may direct the Department of Health Services to focus the services of John Snow, Inc., the Health Center Consultant, on reviewing the FQHC conversion option; as well as, other financially viable operational options to the extent that the department has allocated \$50,000 for such purpose; and be it further

8th **RESOLVED**, that any member of the Suffolk County Health Center Financial Review Committee may designate an appropriate representative to serve on behalf of the designated committee member.

DATED: December 15, 2009

APPROVED BY:



 County Executive of Suffolk County

Date:

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SUFFOLK COUNTY
County Legislature
RIVERHEAD, NY



This is to Certify That I, TIM LAUBE, Clerk of the County Legislature of the County of Suffolk, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in this office, and which was duly adopted by the County Legislature of said County on December 15, 2009 and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the County Legislature of the County of Suffolk.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim Laube".

Clerk of the Legislature

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December 15, 2009

Motion:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Beedenbender, Losquadro
 Eddington, Montano, Alden, Lindsay, Viloria-Fisher, Barraga,
 Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

Co-Sponsors:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Beedenbender, Losquadro
 Eddington, Montano, Alden, Lindsay, Viloria-Fisher, Barraga,
 Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

Second:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Beedenbender, Losquadro
 Eddington, Montano, Alden, Lindsay, Viloria-Fisher, Barraga,
 Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

LD	Legislator	Yes	No	Abs	NP	R
1	Edward P. ROMAINE					
2	Jay H. SCHNEIDERMAN					
3	Kate M. BROWNING					
4	Brian BEEDENBENDER					
6	Daniel P. LOSQUADRO					
7	Jack EDDINGTON					
9	Ricardo MONTANO			/		
10	Cameron ALDEN					
11	Thomas F. BARRAGA					
12	John M. KENNEDY, JR.					
13	Lynne C. NOWICK					
14	Wayne R. HORSLEY					
15	DuWayne GREGORY					
16	Steven H. STERN					
17	Lou D'AMARO					
18	Jon COOPER					
5	Vivian VILORIA-FISHER, D.P.O.					
8	William J. LINDSAY, P.O.					
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NOT ADOPTED _____

Tim Laube
 Tim Laube, Clerk of the Legislature

Roll Call _____ Voice Vote