

Introduced by Presiding Officer, on request of the County Executive

**RESOLUTION NO. 314 -2010, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO APPLY FOR FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER STATUS AS A PUBLIC ENTITY WITH LOOK-A-LIKE STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 1260-2009, *Creating a Suffolk County Health Center Financial Review Committee* (the Committee), was approved by the County Executive on December 23, 2009 for the purpose of reviewing the current operations of the County health center network to determine if Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) status would be beneficial to the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee held meetings on January 19, 2010, January 26, 2010, and February 4, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee issued a report dated February, 2010 of findings and recommendations relating to FQHC status after holding the aforesaid meetings and having been presented with information and recommendations from John Snow Inc. (JSI) on FQHC and how it would affect the health centers; and

**WHEREAS**, JSI, is currently under retainer by the County to both review health center efficiencies and to develop an implementation plan for FQHC for the Suffolk County Department of Health Services' Health Centers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee's report recommended that the County apply for FQHC Look-A-Like funding as a public entity (or Section 330 FQHC status if available); and

**WHEREAS**, the recently enacted National Health Care Reform Act supports the expansion of Federally Qualified Health Care Centers and authorized \$11 billion over the next 5 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds will be available beginning in FFY 2011 and will place an emphasis on expansion of services and access points; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Health Services recommends that the County begin the process for obtaining FQHC or FQHC Look-A-Like status; and

**WHEREAS**, an important first step in this process is the formation of a co-applicant Board which through agreement with the County would oversee certain Health Center functions; and

**WHEREAS**, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) prescribes standards for the composition of the Board and the governance of the FQHC; and

**WHEREAS**, additional funding is necessary to implement the Committee's Recommendations; now, therefore be it

**1<sup>st</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that the County of Suffolk shall establish a 15 member Co-Applicant Board pursuant to HRSA standards which include the requirements that 51% of the Directors must be individuals who are or will be served by the center, and the remaining Directors shall be representatives of the general community who shall be selected for their expertise in the following: Community affairs, local government, finance and banking, legal affairs, trade union and other commercial and industrial concerns or social service agencies. HRSA also prohibits the appointment of employees of the public entity (Suffolk County) to the Board. The appointments to the Board will be made as follows;

- 1) Eight (8) Health Center Consumer appointments shall be made as follows:
  - a. Three appointments by the County Executive
  - b. Two appointments by the Presiding Officer
  - c. One appointment by the Minority Leader
  - d. Two appointments by the Commissioner of Health Services
  
- 2) Seven (7) Community member appointments shall be made as follows:
  - a. Three appointments by the County Executive
  - b. Two appointments by the Presiding Officer
  - c. One appointment by the Minority Leader
  - d. One appointment by the Commissioner of Health Services

and be it further

**2<sup>nd</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that the Officers of the County are hereby empowered, authorized and directed to take all actions as may be required to form a Co-Applicant Board and develop an agreement between the County and the Co-Applicant Board which shall set forth the responsibilities that each shall have relative to the governance and operations of the Health Centers. Such Agreement shall be subject to approval by the County Executive and the County Legislature; and be it further

**3<sup>rd</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that County shall secure legal services to assist with the incorporation of the Co-Applicant Board, prepare the agreement with the Board, and assist with all necessary legal requirements for the formation of an FQHC and such funding will be provided as follows;

From:

Department of Health Services  
 Division of Patient Care Services  
 Administration  
 001-HSV-4100-4980

<u>XORG</u>	<u>Object Name</u>	<u>2010 Adopted Budget</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease</u>	<u>2010 Modified Budget</u>
AJK1	Islip Health Center	\$12,157,642	(\$150,000)	\$12,007,642

To:

Department of Health Services  
 Division of Patient Care Programs  
 001-HSV-4101

<u>XORG</u>	<u>Object Name</u>	2010 <u>Current Budget</u>	Increase/ <u>Decrease</u>	2010 <u>Modified Budget</u>
4560	Fees For Services: Non-Employ.	\$6,559,435	+\$150,000	\$6,709,435

and be it further

**4<sup>th</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Lead Agency, hereby finds and determines that the adoption of this law is a Type II action pursuant to Title 6 NYCRR Section 617.5(c) (20) and (27) since it constitutes a local legislative decision in connection with routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment. As a Type II action, the Legislature has no further responsibilities under SEQRA.

DATED: April 27, 2010

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steve Levy  
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: May 7, 2010