

Resolution authorizing a contract with Columbus Medical Association Physicians Free Clinic to provide uninsured/underinsured County residents access to health services and prescription drugs (Community Partnerships) (\$250,000)

WHEREAS, approximately 134,000 of our Franklin County residents are uninsured, who, because of their lack of access to routine healthcare, often develop acute medical conditions requiring a need for expensive urgent or emergency care; and

WHEREAS, the Physicians Free Clinic is the largest health care provider and coordinator of voluntary services for the uninsured and underinsured in Franklin County with over 1,000 primary/specialty care doctors and 12 hospitals participating; and

WHEREAS, through its Voluntary Care Network program, the Physicians Free Clinic connects low-income, uninsured residents with medical homes, improves access to specialty care, provides for access to affordable prescription drugs and other needed services, and thereby helps keep medical conditions more manageable and lowers the cost of care; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Health, pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code section 3701-36-04, may operate programs to protect people from disease and injury; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Health, pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code section 3701-36-08, may operate programs to address the need for personal health services and reduce specific gaps in access to critical health services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 307.15, the Franklin County Board of Health may authorize the County to exercise any power and perform any function on behalf of the Franklin County Board of Health; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Health, pursuant to Resolution 10-014, adopted February 9, 2010, authorized the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to enter into contract with the Physicians Free Clinic to provide access to health care; and

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WHEREAS, the Franklin County Commissioners, in recognition of the benefits to the citizens of Franklin County, desire to participate in this planning and assist in establishing and operating programs to assure the health and well-being of citizens of Franklin County Ohio pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3709.283; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

That the attached purchase order, individually described on the accompanying Purchase Order Proof List, and the attached collaboration agreement between Columbus Medical Association Physicians Free Clinic and the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for the period of June 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 are hereby approved.

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cc: Auditor

Columbus Medical Association Physicians Free Clinic