

**Resolution authorizing a one-year collaboration agreement with the Franklin County Public Health Commissioner to administer contracts for health care services for low income or uninsured county residents (Community Partnerships)**

**WHEREAS**, approximately 134,000 of our Franklin County residents are uninsured, and the lack of health care contributes to lost productivity in our workplace and schools, contributes to ever escalating healthcare costs, and causes critical delays in receiving vital medical treatment for all Franklin County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, local community-based agencies providing services and medications that help ensure healthy and productive lives for individuals in need include Access HealthColumbus, the Physicians Free Clinic, Central Ohio Diabetes Association, Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio, and the Cancer Support Community Central Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners is prepared to engage Access HealthColumbus to provide direction and technical support to primary care practices to create medical homes for patients, Central Ohio Diabetes Association to help detect and manage diabetes by Franklin County residents who are uninsured, Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio to make donated prescriptions available, Columbus Medical Association Physicians Free Clinic to provide access to health care for the uninsured and underinsured, and Cancer Support Community Central Ohio to provide educational and support services to individuals living with cancer and those that care for them; and

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners may, pursuant to Revised Code 3709.283, give or receive financial or other assistance, cooperate with other agencies or organizations, either private or governmental, or otherwise participate in establishing and operating any health program conducted by a city or general health district; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners desires to support Franklin County Public Health in its efforts to make these services available to the uninsured residents of Franklin County; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BY THE FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD MEMBERS;

1. That the Franklin County Public Health Commissioner is authorized to enter into the attached contract with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to administer contracts with community partners for services and medications critical to the health needs of low income or uninsured Franklin County residents.
2. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption through December 31, 2011.