

Resolution authorizing a one-year contract with Columbus Medical Association Physicians Free Clinic to provide health services and prescription drugs to the uninsured/underinsured County residents (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, Resolution #431-11 authorizes a one-year collaborative agreement with the Franklin County Public Health Commissioner for the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to administer contracts for health care services for low income residents; and

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

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

That the purchase order, individually described on the accompanying Purchase Order Proof List, and the attached contract with Columbus Medical Association Physicians Free Clinic, for the period of January 1, 2011 to December

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31, 2011, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000, are hereby approved.

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cc: Auditor

Columbus Medical Association Physicians Free Clinic