

Resolution authorizing an amendment to the collaboration agreement with Nationwide Children's Hospital in support of efforts to reduce infant mortality in Franklin County (Community Partnerships)

WHEREAS, Nationwide Children's Hospital provides important and necessary medical care to infants and children who suffer from complications associated with premature births and participates in research, clinical, and community outreach initiatives to reduce premature births; and

WHEREAS, infant mortality is a decisive indicator of a community's health status because it reflects in part the general health of women in the community, access to medical services (or lack thereof) for young women, and care provided to infants; and

WHEREAS, Nationwide Children's Hospital launched the Ohio Better Birth Outcomes Initiative in 2009, and thereby committed the hospital and its resources to aggressively confronting the issue of premature births and their related chronic health problems; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners approved Resolution #749-10 on October 5, 2010, entering into a \$7,000,000 multi-year agreement with Nationwide Children's Hospital in support of this vital work to reduce infant mortality; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners and Nationwide Children's Hospital have agreed to a revised payment schedule which requires an amendment to the collaboration agreement approved by Resolution #749-10; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes to continue to support this vital work and does so pursuant to Section 307.85 of the Ohio Revised Code; now, therefore;

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

That the attached amendment to the collaboration agreement with Nationwide Children's Hospital regarding the revised payment schedule is hereby approved.

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