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**TO:** Collin County Health Care Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Candy Blair, Administrator, Health Care Services

**DATE:** March 18, 2015

**RE:** Department of State Health Services (DSHS)  
Emerging and Acute Infectious Disease Grant Application—FY2015/2016

On national, state, and local levels, the importance of disease investigation and surveillance has come to the forefront of public health awareness. Last year, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) extended contracts to health departments to support foodborne illness investigations on a local level. At that time, Collin County was awarded funding which was used for the salary, fringe benefits, and travel of an Epidemiologist as well as other program costs. The attached application is our submission to DSHS requesting funding for the upcoming fiscal year (9/1/2015 through 8/31/2016) so that we may sustain our county's epidemiological capacity for responding to outbreaks and public health emergencies. The attached application outlines our proposed salary, supplies, travel, and other expenses which will be paid through this grant and I respectfully request the approval of the application so we may submit to DSHS for contract approval.