



## COLLIN COUNTY

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

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

**DATE:** August 24, 2015

**RE:** New Contract—Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) FY2016-2017 Infectious Disease Control Unit/Surveillance and Epidemiology Ebola Activities (IDCU/SUREB) funds; previously referred to as Emerging and Acute Infectious Disease Branch (EAIDB) funding

Attached is the new FY2016 and FY 2017 contract for DSHS IDCU/SUREB funds for the two-year grant period 9/1/2015-8/31/2017 in the amount of \$137,331. No county match is required with this contract.

The purpose of the EAIDB funding is to support local health departments by enhancing their epidemiological capacity in infectious disease preparedness and response. The funding is intended to be used towards the salary and fringe benefits of a Full Time Epidemiologist.

There are over 80 diseases mandated by the laws of our state that must be reported to local health departments. Collin County is required to take action on these reports by performing disease investigations on individual cases as well as disease outbreaks. Due to the focus on the ability of health departments to respond to infectious diseases in recent months, the 84<sup>th</sup> Legislature has allocated funding so that local health departments can respond to the ever increasing public health needs of the community. By accepting and using IDCU/SUREB funding, Collin County Health Care Services (CCHCS) is fortifying our capacity to monitor and respond to infectious diseases in Collin County.