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TO: Collin County Health Care Board of Trustees

FROM: Candy Blair, Manager, Health Care Services

DATE: April 3, 2017

RE: Acceptance of Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)
FY2018-FY2019 Infectious Disease Control Unit/Surveillance and
Epidemiology Activities (IDCU/SUR) funds

Attached for approval is the FY2018-FY2019 renewal contract for DSHS IDCU/SUR funds for the two year grant period 9/1/2017-8/31/2019 in the amount of \$342,445. The purpose of the IDCU/SUR funds is to support efforts by local health departments in addressing public health issues, specifically the surveillance and epidemiology activities associated with foodborne and waterborne illnesses such as Salmonellosis, E. coli, Campylobacteriosis, Cryptosporidiosis, and Cyclosporiasis.

Collin County Health Care Services (CCHCS) plans to primarily use the DSHS funds towards the salary and fringe benefits of two existing Epidemiologists. Other costs such as travel for training, educational materials/supplies, and other program costs are included in the budget. The Epidemiologists are responsible for the investigation, data entry, and electronic reporting to DSHS of foodborne and waterborne illnesses as required in the Texas Administrative Code § 97.3 for Collin County. By maintaining our epidemiology and surveillance capacity, CCHCS is striving to reduce the spread of foodborne and waterborne illnesses in our community.