

RESOLUTION 42-11

Resolution to Authorize Purchase of Clinical Documentation Software for Polk County Health Department

WHEREAS, an electronic health record (EHR) is defined as an official health record for an individual that is shared among multiple facilities and agencies and includes contact information, documentation about visits to health care professionals, allergies, insurance information, family history, immunization status, information about any conditions or diseases, a list of medications, records of hospitalization and information about any surgeries or procedures performed; and

WHEREAS, digitized health information systems are expected to improve efficiency and quality of care and, ultimately, reduce costs; and

WHEREAS, over the past decade, healthcare providers have been transitioning from paper to electronic medical records with further regulation on EHR use outlined in the recent federal Affordable Care Act legislation with the ultimate goal of providing everyone an electronic health record by 2014; and

WHEREAS, the reproductive health and jail health services sections in the Health Department have not yet transitioned to electronic health records and the public health nursing section is using a software platform that is unwieldy for their type of practice; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the annual cost of nursing documentation could be reduced by 20% and the annual cost of clerical support for documentation could be reduced by 50% once staff are proficient in use of the electronic health record through the implementation of appropriate documentation software; and

WHEREAS, the Polk County Board of Health has recommended that the Polk County Board of Supervisors approve the purchase and installation of documentation software for the Public Health Department that will facilitate the transition to EHR in compliance with the Affordable Care Act; and

WHEREAS, the costs of the purchase of such documentation software is an allowable expenditure from grant program income that is restricted to the use in maternal child health related activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Polk County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Polk County Health Department to purchase the CHAMP Nightingale Notes software for the Public Health Section, in an amount not to exceed \$56,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that program generated income from the Reproductive Health program shall be expended for this purchase.

Funding Amount: Estimated Cost of \$55,847

Funding Source: Reproductive Health Grant (Fund: 224-54134)

Date Finance Committee Advised: July 13, 2011

Finance Committee Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Effective Date: Upon Passage

Date Submitted to Board of Health: July 12, 2011

Submitted by:

*Patricia Schmidt* \_\_\_\_\_

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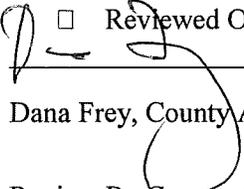
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Date Submitted to the Polk County Board:  
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August 16, 2011

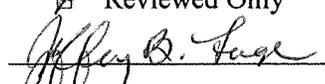
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Review By County Administrator:

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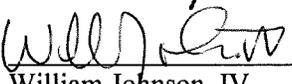
  
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Dana Frey, County Administrator

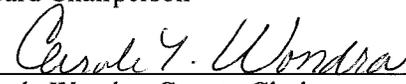
Review By Corporation Counsel:

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Jeffrey B. Fuge, Corporation Counsel

At its regular business meeting on August 16, 2011, the Polk County Board of Supervisors, adopted the above-entitled resolution, Resolution 42-11; Resolution To Authorize Purchase of Clinical Documentation Software for Polk County Health Department, by a simple majority vote of \_\_\_\_\_ in favor and \_\_\_\_\_ against. by unanimous voice vote

  
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William Johnson, IV  
County Board Chairperson

Attest:   
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Carole Wondra, County Clerk

