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Approval of \$36,879 in grant funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration - Ang

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announced on December 9, 2014 the awarding of over \$36.3 million in grants to 1,113 Community Health Centers in every US State, the District of Columbia and seven US territories. These grants were given to recognize quality improvement achievements. Funds are to be invested in ongoing quality improvement activities.

The Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center (LCHD/CHC) was recognized as a Clinical Quality Improver. This designation indicates that LCHD/CHC demonstrated at least a 10 percent improvement in one or more clinical quality measures between 2012 and 2013. Specific clinical quality measures that achieved this level of improvement included childhood immunizations, diabetes control, blood pressure control, coronary artery disease and lipid-lowering therapy, mental health counseling, adult body mass index (screening and follow -up) and pediatric body mass index (assessment and counseling).

As a result of this performance, LCHD/CHC received a total of \$36,879 dollars. These funds were added to the organization's section 330 grant and were included in the December 5, 2014 Notice of Award. No revenue is projected from these funds so the total amount to be allocated is \$36,879. The grant period for this award is the 2015 fiscal year (December 1, 2014-November 30, 2015). Funds will be used to purchase 15 individual licenses for the I2I patient registry software at \$2,000 per license. The remaining \$6,879 will be used to pay maintenance fees for the I2I track licenses.

The provision of high quality services including quality improvement efforts is central to LCHD/CHC's operations and to its maintenance of both HRSA funding and Joint Commission Accreditation. One of the four value statements included in LCHD/CHC's Strategic Plan is "Outstanding Professional Competence." The definition of this value specific includes the use of continuous improvement principles to ensure that patients receive high-quality services.

To approve the grant funding of \$36,879 from the Health Resources and Services Administration. Funds will be used to pay for individual licenses and maintenance fees for the I2I patient registry software.