RESOLUTION 2018-05

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF DATA GOVERNANCE STANDARDS IN TANDEM WITH BOULDER COUNTY AND TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH BOULDER COUNTY TO SHARE DATA COVERED UNDER SAID DATA GOVERNANCE STANDARDS TO BETTER COORDINATE THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH, HOUSING, EDUCATION, AND OTHER SERVICES TO BOULDER COUNTY RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, Boulder County and Boulder County Public Health provide a variety of health, housing, education, and community-based services to residents of Boulder County; and

WHEREAS, in the course of providing such services, Boulder County programs may need to collect client data and confidential information, including personally identifiable information (PII) and protected health information (PHI). Such information may be protected by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), Health Information Technology of Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH), and other local, state, and federal privacy laws; and

WHEREAS, the sharing of protected data is critical for the provision of quality care to clients in Boulder County who are eligible to receive a broad spectrum of services offered by both Boulder County and Boulder County Public Health. Further, the ability to share protected data between said agencies will enable both entities to better inform their clients about services and/or programs for which they may be eligible; and

WHEREAS, consistent data governance standards between Boulder County and Boulder County Public Health will greatly ease the ability of the respective agencies’ ability to understand what data may be shared, under what conditions the data may be shared, and what measures must be taken to protect the privacy of said client data; and

WHEREAS, Boulder County Public Health is a separate legal entity, governed by a board of health in accordance with C.R.S. §25-1-501 et seq., aka the Colorado Public Health Act of 2008, and is an integral part of Boulder County; its employees are bound by many of the same requirements and policies of Boulder County; and

WHEREAS, the sharing of protected data would best be accomplished by having Boulder County and Boulder County Public Health enter into an intergovernmental agreement, pursuant to C.R.S. §29-1-201 et seq., which gives authority for governments to cooperate with one another to provide functions and/or services. The sharing of protected data to enable collaboration and cooperation in delivering critical health, housing, education, and other services to Boulder County residents is a legitimate reason for entering into an intergovernmental agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOULDER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH OF BOULDER COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH, BOULDER, COLORADO:

Section 1. Boulder County Public Health will collaborate with Boulder County to implement data governance standards that will be consistent across all Boulder County programs.

Section 2. Boulder County Public Health is hereby authorized to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Boulder County for the sharing of protected data in order to coordinate health, housing, education, and other essential services to better inform and provide Boulder County residents with access to all available resources and program services provided by Boulder County and Boulder County Public Health for which they may be eligible.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

ADOPTED, this 10th day of September, 2018.

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