



County of Lackawanna

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18503

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Ordinance: 21-0217

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Ordinance #272

Second Reading

Establishing the Lackawanna County Department of Health and Human Services

First Reading: August 5, 2021

Second Reading: August 18, 2021

AN **ORDINANCE** of the County of Lackawanna, Pennsylvania Establishing the Lackawanna County Department of Health and Human Services.

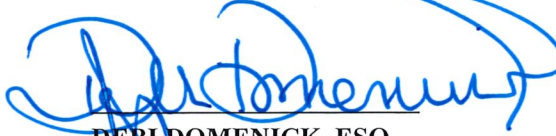
BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, and it is hereby resolved and enacted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lackawanna Pennsylvania as follows:

SECTION 1: The establishment of a single county Lackawanna County Department of Health pursuant to Local Health Administration Law (16 P.S. §12001, et seq.) under the umbrella of the Lackawanna County Department of Health and Human Services. The Lackawanna Department of Health will be responsible for foundational programs, Communicable Disease Control, Prevention and Health Promotion, Environmental Health, and Access to Clinical Preventative Services. The purpose of the Department of Health is to preserve, promote and protect the health, safety and well-being of the people and the environment in the county. The integration with Human Services will leverage resources and partnerships to allow the county to provide physical health as a component of overall health and well-being.

SECTION 2: This ordinance shall take effect upon enactment.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Lackawanna County
held on August 18, 2021.

COUNTY OF LACKAWANNA



DEBI DOMENICK, ESQ.

JERRY NOTARIANNI

CHRIS CHERMAK

ATTEST:



BRIAN JEFFERS
CHIEF OF STAFF

Approved as to form and legality:



FRANK J. RUGGIERO
COUNTY SOLICITOR



March 31, 2021

The Honorable Jerry Notarianni
The Honorable Debi Domenick, Esq.
The Honorable Chris Chermak
County Commissioner
Lackawanna County Government Center
123 Wyoming Avenue, 6th Floor
Scranton, PA 18503

Re: Certificate of Approval
Lackawanna County

Dear Commissioners Notarianni, Domenick, and Chermak:

Thank you for your letter requesting that a Certificate of Approval be issued to the Lackawanna County Commissioners for the proposed Lackawanna County Department of Health and Human Services. Experience has shown that county government, which understands the needs of local residents, is best able to offer local public health services suited to provide comprehensive local public health services.

Please accept this letter as the Certificate of Approval to continue to move forward in planning for the creation of a county health department. 16 P.S. §12005(a). The Pennsylvania Department of Health will continue to extend any technical assistance that you may need with your planning activities.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ray Barishansky, Deputy Secretary of Health preparedness and Community Protection at 717-783-8804 or Doug Koszalka, Director of Community Health Systems at 717-787-4366.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alison V. Beam". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'A'.

Alison V. Beam
Acting Secretary of Health

cc: Ray Barishansky (rbarishans@pa.gov)
Doug Koszalka (dkoszalka@pa.gov)



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March 9, 2021

Alison Beam, Acting Secretary of Health
Pennsylvania Department of Health
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8th Floor West
625 Forster Street
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Dear Acting Secretary Beam:

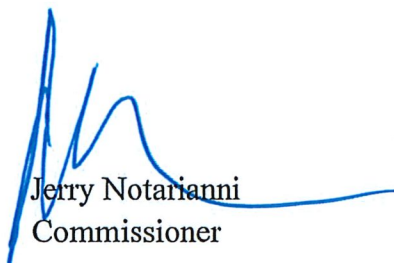
The Board of Commissioners of Lackawanna County respectfully request a Certificate of Approval to proceed with the establishment of a County Department of Health pursuant to 16 P.S. §12001, *et seq.*, commonly cited as Act 315.

Lackawanna County desires to establish a single county Lackawanna County Department of Health (LDOH) under the umbrella of the Lackawanna County Department of Health and Human Services. The Lackawanna Department of Health will be responsible for foundational programs; Communicable Disease Control, Prevention and Health Promotion, Environmental Health and Access to Clinical Preventative Services consistent with Act 315 and associated legislation. However, the integration with Human Services will marshal resources and partnership opportunities from its categorical departments, i.e., Area Agency on Aging, Behavioral Health/Intellectual Disabilities/Early Intervention, Drug and Alcohol Programs, Housing, and Office of Youth and Family Services.

This will also allow the county to assess physical health as a component of overall health and well-being including behavioral health and other Social Determinants of Health with the goal of promoting health, well-being, and safety as well as increasing health equity among our most vulnerable populations. The included assessment of Lackawanna County health status and needs as well as a preliminary plan, outline our critical arguments in support of establishing a county department of health. Should you approve this request we would like to further refine and develop this plan with technical assistance from the Pennsylvania Department of Health as well as further engaging members of the community.

If there are any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully,



Jerry Notarianni
Commissioner



Debi Domenick, Esq.
Commissioner



Chris Chermak
Commissioner