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November 18, 2011

Dr. Eduardo Olivarez M.D.
Chief Administrative Officer
Hidalgo County Health Department
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Dear Dr. Olivarez:

The Texas Association of Local Health Officials, (TALHO), provides many valuable services to local health departments. These services are made possible by various projects and the generous support of our members. TALHO's members span all budget sizes, geographic regions and public health activities in the state. As the State of Texas' State Association of County & Cities Health Officials (SACCHO), TALHO advocates for its members in the Texas Legislature and the US Congress to ensure that the best interests of Local Health Departments and Districts and the communities they represent are heard and understood. Benefits to local health departments and Districts include but are not limited to:

- A. Advocacy for public health issues, a united voice representing the collective interest of individuals who represent public health activities for over 85% of the Texas population is difficult for anyone to ignore. As evidenced by the one year successful passage of SB 969. TALHO through the leadership of its Board of Directors combined with excellent follow through by its Executive Director and cooperation of its membership have every reason to call 2011 a successful legislative year.
- B. TALHO provides a one-stop, solution to Public Health governmental relations needs wherever they may occur. As resources become scarce, the ability to push through the governmental wall and make the unified voice of Public Health heard becomes a greater challenge.
- C. With over 10 years of experience TALHO has found the key to effective advocacy is knowing about the process, the issue, goals, facts, strategy, allies, opposition and the people, who will make a difference in the success or failure of the campaign. The battle goes to the prepared, and the familiar adage of "knowledge is power" provides a significant advantage in this process.
- D. TALHO advocates best practices for members, promotes networking among members and across governmental and business sectors to increase awareness about the role of Local Health Departments and Districts in the overall health of the communities they serve.
- E. Assists in operational efficiencies from technology based consulting services (software selection to large wide area network projects).
- F. TALHO provides and manages connectivity solutions for its members
- G. Availability of \$600 per month T1 data connection for members, which can be used for primary internet access or other connection services.

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- H. Provides failover communications route for disaster recovery
- I. On-demand multimedia library where videoconferences and satellite broadcast events are archived and available for later viewing
- J. Public health surveillance includes the process of detecting diseases through a standardized information collection system that can insure data quality and get the information to the individuals who can act on it. TALHO surveillance system is structured to deal with routine health threats and epidemic diseases. This approach supports the government's key public health commitment to help LPH departments identify and address health inequalities.
- K. Using TALHO's surveillance system assists its members in addressing some of the CDC's 15 public health preparedness capabilities used as the basis for state and local public health preparedness. CDC recognizes a jurisdiction's right to choose the order of the capabilities it decides to pursue based upon their jurisdictional risk assessment, however due to the strong dependencies between certain capabilities CDC advises that jurisdictions ensure they first are able to demonstrate capabilities within the below listed domains:
 - Biosurveillance
 - Community resilience
 - Countermeasures and mitigation
 - Incident managementTALHO has developed a Volunteer Management System to address the "Incident management" domain.
- L. Videoconferencing is available to local health departments, providing an effective method of live communication across long distances

Many more services are available through your membership in TALHO. We are continually working with local health departments to add additional services by request. For more information about the services available from TALHO, contact the TALHO staff at 512-814-2546 or info@talho.org.

Through the difficult 2011 year TALHO has moved forward knowing that the bigger the challenge the greater the opportunity. We thank all our members who have confronted the challenges of the past year and opened up the opportunities we can look forward in 2012! In the meantime, if there are questions you may have or if the TALHO office can provide assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us. TALHO staff accepts the challenges so that our members may feel the exhilaration of success. Your feedback is extremely valuable to us and we look forward to your continued participation.

Sincerely,



Lee A. Lane
Executive Director

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INVOICE

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Date: 11/18/2011

Service Address
Hidalgo County Health
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DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
2012 Dues	\$1,500.00
TOTAL	\$1,500.00

Make checks payable to:
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If you have any questions concerning this invoice, contact Mary Hernandez
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TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR
AFFIDAVIT FOR MEMBERSHIP DUES

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HIDALGO

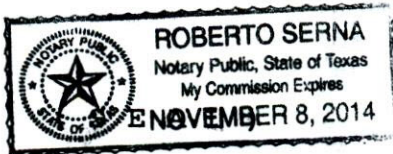
I, Eduardo Olivarez, do hereby state that my membership in the Texas Association of Local Health Officials on behalf of Hidalgo County and dues to be paid by Hidalgo County is necessary in the performance of my duties as an official/employee of Hidalgo County. I further state the following:

1. My participation in the association or organization is for the betterment of County Government and the benefit of me as a County official or employee;
2. The association or organization is not affiliated with a labor organization;
3. Neither the association or organization nor an employee of the association or organization directly or indirectly influences or attempts to influence the outcome of any legislation pending before the legislature, except for the providing of information for a member of the legislature or appearing before a legislative committee at the request of the committee or member of the legislature; and
4. Neither the association or organization directly or indirectly contributes any money, services, or other valuable thing to a political campaign or endorses a candidate or group of candidates for public office.

SIGNATURE: _____

TITLE: Chief Administrative Officer

Before me Roberto Serna, a Notary Public, appeared Eduardo Olivarez, and on his/hers oath deposed and stated that the facts as set forth in the above affidavit to be true and correct in every respect.



Roberto Serna
NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR
THE STATE OF TEXAS

AUTHORITY: LGC Sec. 113.064b

