

Dutchess

December 23, 2009

Diane Jablonski
Dutchess County Comptroller
22 Market St.
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Dear Mrs. Jablonski:

The Dutchess County Department of Health has received and reviewed the draft of your audit report regarding Federal and State revenues for selected divisions of the Department for the years 2006 through 2008.

**Dutchess
County
Department
of Health**

The report recommends that additional oversight be exercised by management to ensure maximization of grant funds.

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County Executive

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Commissioner

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I am pleased to report that the department has already increased its oversight of grant funding in 2009 through regular monitoring meetings between the Senior Accountant and the appropriate division heads. At these meetings all budgets are reviewed, including subcontractors' expenditures, to enable adjustments as needed and ensure timely and appropriate spend down. Effective in 2010, with the addition of the Director of Budget and Finance position to our administrative team, our oversight will include the management level recommended in your report.

Thank you for the continued courtesy of you and your staff while assisting us in maximizing our grant funded resources.



Sincerely,

Michael C. Caldwell, MD, MPH
Commissioner of Health

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