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**TO:** Each Supervisor

**FROM:** Sheryl L. Spiller, Director

**SUBJECT: MOTION BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EXPRESS LANE ENROLLMENT PROJECT (ITEM NO. 2, JUNE 4, 2014)**

This is to provide you with our monthly status report on the Department of Public Social Services' (DPSS) progress in implementing the Express Lane Medi-Cal (ELMC) Project to provide Medi-Cal coverage to CalFresh participants. Below is a summary of our outreach efforts and data on the number of enrollments.

On June 4, 2014, on a motion by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, the Board instructed the Director of DPSS to fully implement the Express Lane streamlined eligibility process described in the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) All County Welfare Directors Letter and the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services Guidance. DPSS was instructed to report back to the Board in writing within 60 days and monthly thereafter.

## OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

In prior reports, we have reported DHCS' data on the number of CalFresh participants enrolled in ELMC in Los Angeles County. However, due to a DHCS programming delay, the March 2015 report on ELMC enrollments is not yet available. DHCS' data on the number of participants enrolled in ELMC will be provided in our next monthly report.

DPSS continues to offer eligible participants the opportunity to opt-in during every point of contact, particularly during their CalFresh recertification interviews. During March 2015, we outreached to 2,386 CalFresh households that do not already have Medi-Cal to encourage enrollment into ELMC. As a result, 1,408 or 59% of CalFresh participants opted to enroll in ELMC. Of those who declined, the main stated reasons included: other healthcare coverage; only want CalFresh benefits; will apply for ELMC later; and, not interested. As reported in our last update, to supplement two prior

later; and, not interested. As reported in our last update, to supplement two prior mailings sent by the State, in May 2015 we will send a special mailer to CalFresh households who are eligible to ELMC, and, once again offer them the opportunity to enroll in ELMC.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (562) 908-8383, or your staff may contact Jose R. Perez, Assistant Director, at (562) 908-8633, or via email at joseperez@dpss.lacounty.gov.

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