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Three of the County’s major hospitals: Harbor-UCLA, LAC+USC, and Olive View-UCLA, all have major residency programs that attract qualified physicians. While Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center (Rancho) is a highly renowned rehabilitative center, it has faced challenges in this area because it lacks a residency program that would help them retain full-time County physicians and rely less on contracted physicians. Many of the ambulatory facilities in the SPA 6 region of the County, including Martin Luther King, Jr. Outpatient Center (MLK), has encountered similar challenges in physician retention. That is why, on May 9, 2017, the Board directed the Department of Health Services to determine the feasibility of implementing a residency program at Rancho and at other County medical facilities.

In response, the Los Angeles County (County) Health Agency will establish Psychiatry and Family Medicine residency programs in partnership with Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science (Drew). Drew is an accredited Graduate Medical Education Sponsoring Institution and will establish residency programs for family and psychiatry medicine at Rancho and ambulatory care facilities in SPA 6.

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The Family Medicine residency is scheduled to begin in June 2018 with 8 residents and is expected to enroll a total of 24 residents by 2020. The Psychiatry residency will also begin in June 2018 with 4 residents and is expected to enroll 16 total residents by 2021.

It is anticipated that a high proportion of these physicians will subsequently seek employment with the County, ideally at Rancho and at ambulatory facilities in the SPA 6 region.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Director of the Health Agency or his designee to:

1. Negotiate and execute a readiness agreement by and between the County and Drew in order to provide Drew with needed start-up and/or planning funds, effective September 5, 2017 through June 30, 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$800,000, subject to review and approval by County Counsel and with notice to the Board of Supervisors and Chief Executive Officer, to establish a Psychiatry Residency program as well as a Family Medicine Residency Program. The Psychiatry Residency Program will focus on ambulatory services in the SPA 6 region of the County, while the Family Medicine residency inpatient program will be primarily based at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center while outpatient rotations will be at the MLK Outpatient Center; and
2. Report back to the Board of Supervisors quarterly thereafter until the Health Agency returns to the Board with a recommendation for approval of a Medical School Affiliation Agreement with Drew.

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