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Improved Communication and Homelessness Data Sharing with Cities

Combatting the crisis of homelessness in Los Angeles County is a task that cannot be tackled by one entity alone. Just as every individual’s experience of homelessness is unique, the set of solutions created to address the issue, as well as the stakeholders involved in implementing those solutions, must be appropriately comprehensive.

The County is currently collecting and allocating an unprecedented amount of resources through Measure H to combat the homelessness crisis. The distribution of these resources has met some challenges in the contracting process. Communication and data sharing with cities and Councils of Governments (COGs) have also fallen short of expectations of the Board. To most effectively implement the CEO’s Homeless Initiative’s (CEO-HI) approved strategies to combat homelessness, it is integral that LA County and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) enhance their efforts to engage cities and COGs and support their unique solutions to achieve our collective goals to address this important issue.

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WE, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS direct CEO-HI to take the following actions:

1. Work with LAHSA to report back in 45 days with recommendations to streamline contracting processes with local cities and Continuums of Care (CoCs) for more efficient delivery of homeless services; and,
2. Working in concert with LAHSA and other relevant County Departments with lead responsibilities for administering Measure H-funded strategies, establish regular listening sessions and communication mechanisms to have a meaningful exchange of information, including city-level data on Measure-H funded services (such as prevention, rapid rehousing, outreach, enhanced services for Transition Age Youth) to cities, CoCs and COGs and update the Board in 30 days and quarterly thereafter.

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