



# Transition Team

## For the Office of Child Protection

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SUBJECT: **REPORT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FROM THE  
TRANSITION TEAM FOR THE OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION  
(JANUARY 6, 2015 BOARD AGENDA)**

On June 10, 2014, the Board created the Transition Team for the Office of Child Protection (Transition Team) following adoption of the recommendations in the final report of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Child Protection (BRCCP) and requested that the Transition Team report each month on the status of implementing the recommendations.

As you are aware, the Transition Team is working to monitor and support the implementation of the recommendations until the Office of Child Protection is established. Attached is a written review of progress since the Transition Team last addressed you.

We look forward to updating your Board on January 6, 2015 about the current status of the BRCCP recommendations and steps the Transition Team has taken.

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Attachment

c: Chief Executive Office  
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# **REPORT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FROM THE TRANSITION TEAM FOR THE OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION**

January 6, 2015 Board Agenda

Upon establishment by the Board of Supervisors (BOS), the Transition Team for the Office of Child Protection (Transition Team) met 12 times between July and December 2014 to monitor the implementation of the Blue Ribbon Commission for Child Protection's (BRCCP) recommendations. The Transition Team sought input from the following entities as to progress and challenges related to implementing the recommendations:

Chief Executive Office (via Transition Team member Antonia Jimenez); Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS); District Attorney (DA); Department of Public Health (DPH); First 5 LA; Department of Mental Health (DMH); Department of Health Services (DHS); Probation; Juvenile Court; and the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE).

The Transition Team sought to facilitate and encourage collaboration across Los Angeles County departments, agencies, and entities. DCFS Director, Phillip Browning's participation and contributions during the meetings facilitated the Transition Team's monitoring of recommendations that involve DCFS and strongly reinforced the goals of increased communication and partnership.

## **MEDICAL HUB:**

The Transition Team reviewed Dr. Astrid Heger's assessment of Los Angeles County's Medical Hubs.

The Transition Team reviewed the DHS plan to enhance the Hubs. DHS will ask your Board to authorize funding for additional positions using existing DHS revenue in order to expand access to the Hubs. DMH committed to co-locating mental health staff at all the Hubs by March 2015, with BOS approval for additional positions.

## **E-SCARS:**

The Transition Team provided formal advice to the BOS, recommending release of funds set aside for E-SCARS maintenance and enhancement. The BOS approved release of these funds.

The Chief Executive Office will transfer funding to the DA and DCFS operating budgets in the County-wide mid-year Budget Adjustment (BA), which is anticipated to be submitted for Board approval in January 2015.

## **JUVENILE COURT PSYCHIATRIC MEDICATION AUTHORIZATION:**

Automating the Juvenile Court's data storage/recovery system for psychiatric medication authorizations (PMAs) was reported to be delayed due to challenges with overall implementation of electronic medical records. Following Transition Team inquiries, communication and planning efforts toward this project resumed. Further details are expected to be available in late January 2015.

## **EDUCATION:**

The Transition Team met with representatives from the Juvenile Bench, Probation, DCFS, LACOE, the Gloria Molina Foster Youth Education Programs and Foster Youth Education Programs to discuss opportunities and challenges for the education-related coordination, collaboration, and communication recommended in the final BRCCP report.

LACOE expects data-sharing capacity by the end of March 2015 and will begin a graduated process of interface with districts that have capacity (39 of the 81 school districts in Los Angeles County).

## **CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION PLAN:**

The Transition Team has helped to facilitate the formation of a group to begin conceiving a Prevention Plan.