

**MOTION BY SUPERVISORS MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND  
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**MARCH 3, 2015**

**Ensuring Quality Health and Mental Health Care Services in Los Angeles County  
Custody Facilities**

On January 13, 2015, the Board of Supervisors (Board) passed a motion approving in concept the creation of a health agency and directed the Interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in collaboration with County Counsel, the directors of the Department of Human Resources, Department of Health Services (DHS), Department of Mental Health (DMH), Department of Public Health (DPH), and the Agricultural Commission, to report back in 60 days on the benefits, drawbacks, proposed structure, and implementation steps and timeframe. The motion directed the CEO to establish a stakeholder process to solicit input on the issues to be addressed in the report. To provide external stakeholders with sufficient time to review and provide input on a draft version of the report, it is prudent to extend the deadline for submitting a final version of the report to the Board.

The motion was also amended to consider including the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's (LASD) Medical Services Bureau in the health agency.

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Currently, health care services for County inmates are provided by four separate County departments: DHS, DMH, DPH, and LASD. Due to concerns surrounding the quality of health care provided within the jails, the motion asked for consideration of including jail health services in the health agency and how such a move might be structured and accomplished in light of the federal consent decree negotiations and the County Commission on Jail Violence's recommendations. It is critical that the extended timeline for gathering stakeholder input on the draft health agency report not hold up progress on taking immediate action to improve the quality of health care provided to inmates in the County jails.

**WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

Direct the Interim Chief Executive Officer, in conjunction with County Counsel and the Directors of the Department of Human Resources, Health Services, Mental Health, Public Health, and the Sheriff's Department, to:

1. Extend the deadline for submission of the final report on the health agency, as outlined in the motion approved by the Board of Supervisors (Board) on January 13, 2015, to June 30, 2015, including a 45-day open comment period on a draft version of the report. The response to the Board on the movement of the Environmental Toxicology Lab, currently within the Agricultural Commission, to the Department of Public Health should still be governed by the original due date of March 13, 2015; and

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2. Report back to the Board in writing in 30 days summarizing the status of jail health services in Los Angeles County, including issues pertaining to physical health, mental health, and public health. The report should also outline a set of the proposed approaches and strategies to address these issues and improve the overall quality and delivery of the care provided.

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