

Homeless Initiative Quarterly Report – As of April 15, 2016

Status of Strategies to Combat Homelessness

Strategies	Target Implementation Date	Status	Next Steps
Prevent Homelessness			
<p>A1 - Homeless Prevention Program for Families</p>	<p>June 15, 2016 -Phase 1 Fall 2016 - Phase 2</p>	<p>DPSS and LAHSA will implement A1 in two phases.</p> <p>Phase 1 will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of a pilot to refer, assess and provide 70 additional families with customized homeless prevention services through the HFSS Family Solution Centers. • Expansion of the following prevention services for all eligible CalWORKs families: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase Emergency Assistance to Prevent Eviction (EAPE) lifetime limit from \$2,000 to \$3,000 - Increase Rental Assistance limit from 4 to 8 months for WtW families participating in Family Stabilization <p>Phase 2 will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion of the Phase 1 pilot countywide. • Hiring additional staff at the HFSS Family Solution Centers countywide to serve more CalWORKs and (potentially) non-CalWORKs families. • Provision of legal services to prevent families from being evicted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convene a meeting with the collaborating agencies and community volunteers to solicit input on the Phase 2 implementation plan. • Finalize performance metrics. • Complete training for all impacted LAHSA and DPSS staff. • Roll-out Phase 1. • Finalize statement of work and contract amendment to support additional Phase 2 services and caseload increases.
A2 – Discharge Planning Guidelines	January 2017	Implementation planning is in the very early stages.	The initial work group meeting will be convened in May 2016.

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A3 – Housing Authority Family Reunification Program	Implemented (HACLA) December 2016 (HACoLA)	<p>A meeting with HACLA, the CEO, Probation and LASD was convened on 3/17/16. LASD made its first referral for the HACLA- administered program on 3/18/16. LASD began training its staff on the utilization of the program on 3/17/16 and Probation will begin staff training on 6/30/16. A survey is being developed so that Probation and LASD can gather information from potential program clients who are interested in the program.</p> <p>HACoLA is currently evaluating the feasibility of implementing a similar program.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of survey and analysis of responses by 6/30/16. • Initiate contacts by June 2016 with HACLA staff and service providers for this program to determine the capacity for the number of supervised persons who might be interested in participating in the program. • HACoLA's evaluation will be completed by 11/01/16. If HACoLA decides to begin a similar program, the target date for implementation is the end of December 2016.
A4 – Discharge From Foster Care & Juvenile Probation	January 2017	<p>Internal discussion between strategy leads to discuss strategy implementation has occurred. Primary focus for first phase of implementation is to increase housing capacity and housing/services options for non-minor dependents. Data on current capacity gathered and exploration on targeting Family Unification Program Vouchers is underway. Acknowledgement email to volunteer community stakeholders sent with meeting to include volunteers targeted for May 4, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review outcome of January 2016 Request for Statement of Qualifications solicitation to increase Transitional Housing placement plus Foster Care placement. • Explore targeting FUP vouchers for TAY. • Solicit input from Collaborating departments and community volunteers. • Determine performance metrics.

Subsidize Housing			
B1 - Provide Subsidized Housing to Homeless Disabled Individuals Pursuing SSI	<p>June 2016 – Phase 1</p> <p>TBD – Phase 2 (contingent implementation Strategy C4)</p> <p>on of</p>	<p>DPSS and DHS will implement B1 in two phases. Phase 1 will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension (incrementally) of GR Housing Subsidies to all GR Offices for disabled homeless individuals applying for SSI. • Implementation of a DPSS/DHS pilot to identify, refer, and assess homeless GR participants pursuing SSI who need DHS Intensive Case Management Services in addition to a housing subsidy. • DPSS/DHS pilot staff working together to provide the most appropriate housing subsidy and services to maximize participants' chances of being approved for SSI. <p>Phase 2 is contingent upon implementation of Strategy C4, Countywide SSI Advocacy Program, and will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion of the Phase 1 pilot countywide; • Expansion of DHS Intensive Case Management Services to all GR Offices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft DHS/DPSS budget according to distribution of the various sources of B1 funding. • Share plan and solicit input from collaborating agencies and volunteer community stakeholders. • Finalize performance metrics. • Develop and complete training for Phase 1 impacted staff.
B2 - Expand Interim Assistance Reimbursement (IAR) to Additional County Departments and Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority	November 2016	<p>Ongoing discussion between Chief Executive Office, Social Security Administration and California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to confirm feasibility and process for expanding Interim Assistance Reimbursement (IAR) to the Department of Health Services and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority. Acknowledgement email to volunteer community stakeholders sent out, with meeting, to include volunteers targeted for May 2016.</p>	<p>Upon response from CDSS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with collaborating departments and volunteer Community Stakeholders will be scheduled to share CDSS guidelines for expanding IAR and obtain input. • Process for reimbursement of IAR will be developed. • MOU with CDSS will be amended to expand to additional departments, subject to concurrence from CDSS.
B3 - Partner with Cities to Expand Rapid Re-Housing	June 30, 2016	<p>DHS and LAHSA have developed an operational plan for cities to participate in this strategy.</p> <p>DHS will administer the AB 109 and SB 678 funding for single adults and LAHSA will administer the funding for families and transition age youth.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with cities interested in participating in this program will be held in mid-May to obtain their feedback and input before finalizing and implementing program. To date, 11 cities have indicated interest in participating in the program. • Implementation plan scheduled to be completed by May 30th.
B4 - Facilitate Utilization of Federal Housing Subsidies	May 2016	<p>HACoLA has developed programs and marketing materials, met with partners to plan implementation, conducted a landlord outreach event, and has scheduled three additional landlord outreach events within the next few months. Implementation of this Strategy is ready to begin in May pending receipt of funding.</p>	<p>HACoLA will continue to develop brand -specific marketing materials, forms, and policies related to implementation of the three programs under this Strategy, as well as improve implementation protocols based on lessons learned once programs are underway.</p>

B5 - Expand General Relief Housing Subsidies	July 2017 (contingent on the availability of funding identified for this project)	DPSS will implement this strategy when Mandatory Substance Use Disorder Recovery Program (MSUDRP) savings are realized, which is not expected until FY 2017-18.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to monitor for MSUDRP savings. Once sufficient MSUDRP savings is identified, project an implementation date for this strategy.
B6 - Family Reunification Housing Subsidy	January 2017	Initial meeting held with relevant County departments to discuss process of disseminating funds from various sources.	Planning meeting to be held in late April to develop implementation plan for this strategy that will include evaluation of Homeless Families Coming Home pilot, staff training plan, and community partners' feedback mechanism to improve program design and/or implementation.
B7 - Interim/Bridge Housing for Those Exiting Institutions	June 30, 2016	Meetings with all collaborative partners are being convened every two weeks. The group has discussed roles for the agencies in relation to the scope of the strategy and potential resources they can bring to make the strategy successful. Work groups for Strategies B7 and E8 have been combined.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue information gathering about current discharge practices and need for bridge housing beds. LAHSA will continue working with providers of Transitional Housing programs that have had HUD funding reallocated to identify those interested in converting their beds to Bridge Housing and contract with providers that express interest. Probation and LAHSA will explore vehicles for entering into an agreement with a provider(s) to serve the probation population.
B8 - Housing Choice Vouchers for Permanent Supportive Housing	June 30, 2016	Applicable policies related to this strategy have been incorporated into HACoLA's Annual Plan which was approved by the Board of Supervisors on 3/22/16. HACoLA has met with current partner Community Based Organizations to discuss referral process and possible improvements. HACoLA and LAHSA have agreed in principle on process to allocate 35% of turnover vouchers in FY 16-17 and 50% of turnover vouchers for 2017-18 and beyond for permanent supportive housing for the chronically homeless.	HACoLA will continue to engage LAHSA to further improve and streamline the referral process. HACoLA is also evaluating ways to increase the percentage of homeless applicants who are able to qualify for a housing choice voucher and then secure permanent housing.
Increase Income			
C1 - Enhance the CalWORKs Subsidized Employment Program for homeless families	November 2016	DPSS drafted an RFP in partnership with CSS, LAHSA and the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) to select service providers to subcontract with the SBWIB to provide CalWORKs subsidized employment and case management support to homeless families.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize Performance Metrics. Release of RFP targeted for May 30, 2016.

<p>C2 – Increase Employment for Homeless Adults by Supporting Social Enterprises</p>	<p>June 2016- Phase 1 September 2016 - Phase 2 November 2016- Phase 3</p>	<p>Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) added as a co-lead. Strategy will be implemented in 3 phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1 will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion of the Transitional Job Opportunity Preference Program (TJOP) to include Social Enterprise. • Development of a comprehensive inventory of services provided in LA County by Social Enterprise. • Collaboration with cities to adopt a similar Social Enterprise Ordinance. • Phase 2 will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancement to the countywide procurement process to award extra points during the contracting process to bidders who agree to subcontract with Social Enterprise. • Development of a Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) to support the creation of Alternate Staffing Organizations (ASOs). • Designating ASOs as preferred temp agency for County departments, contractors and sub-contractors. • Phase 3 will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of subsidies to the ASOs procured through the RFSQ. • Leveraging the DPSS Transitional Subsidized employment program to place program participants with ASOs operated by Social Enterprise. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordinance drafted, targeted to go to Board in June 2016. (Phase 1, bullet 1) • Meeting with collaborating agencies/stakeholders scheduled for May 9 to obtain input on draft ordinance and Social Enterprise Certification Program. (Phase 1, bullet 1) • Instructions/training for departmental contract staff on expansion of TJOP being developed. (Phase 1, Bullet 1) • Comprehensive inventory being finalized. (Phase 1, Bullet 2) • Ongoing collaboration with cities encouraging their implementation of this strategy. (Phase 1, Bullet 3) • Work with ISD to develop standard county language for awarding extra points during the contracting process to contractors who agree to subcontract with Social Enterprises. (Phase 2, Bullet 1) • Statement of Work being drafted for RFSQ to support ASOs operated by Social Enterprise. (Phase 2, bullet 2)
<p>C3 - Expand Targeted Recruitment and Hiring Process to Homeless/Recently Homeless People to Increase Access to County Jobs</p>	<p>June 2016</p>	<p>Internal planning underway to develop a plan and conduct expanded outreach to homeless service providers to inform them of the county's examination process and ensure systematic sharing of employment opportunities. Also, a master calendar of exams is under review to identify appropriate examinations for the target population.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with collaborating departments and volunteer community stakeholders will be scheduled. • Finalize performance metrics.

C4 - Establish a Countywide SSI Advocacy Program for People Experiencing Homelessness or At Risk of Homelessness	November 2016	Internal planning is underway with DHS and DPSS' solicitation for SSI Advocacy Services targeted for release by end of June 2016. Met with DHS Office of Diversion and Re-Entry and Sheriff to discuss incorporating C6, Targeted SSI Advocacy for Inmates, into solicitation. Exploring possibility of expanding Statement of Work to include Veterans Benefits Advocacy as described in Strategy C5, which may result in separate or consolidated contract(s) depending on the needs of the programs. Acknowledgement email to volunteer community stakeholders sent informing them that a joint C4/C6 planning meeting will be scheduled in the near future.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with collaborating departments and volunteer community stakeholders will be scheduled. • Finalize performance metrics. • Issue contract solicitation.
C5 - Establish a Countywide Veterans Benefits Advocacy Program for Veterans Experiencing Homelessness or At Risk of Homelessness.	January 2017	Internal discussion on scope of strategy C5 held with CEO. Exploring with DHS possibility of expanding Statement of Work for Strategy C4 to include Veterans Benefits Advocacy, which may result in separate or consolidated contract(s) depending on the needs of the program..	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with collaborating departments and volunteer Community Stakeholders will be scheduled. • Collaborate with DHS on procurement process. • Develop statement of work. • Finalize performance metrics.
C6 - Targeted SSI Advocacy for Inmates	November 2016	Internal discussion between strategy leads to develop preliminary plan to incorporate jails as program site within the larger SSI Advocacy program being established under Strategy C4. Acknowledgement email to volunteer community stakeholders sent informing them that a joint C6/C4 planning meeting will be scheduled in the near future.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with collaborating departments and volunteer community stakeholders will be scheduled. • Finalize performance metrics. • Issue contract solicitation.
Provide Case Management and Services			
D1 - Model Employment Retention Support Program.	November 2016	Initial plan to develop strategy discussed among strategy leads. Research on national best practices and inventory of existing employment retention programs, including services provided, are being compiled. Set of model employment retention services will be identified and existing programs will assess how model program can be incorporated. Options are being explored to track the effectiveness of the Model Employment Retention Support Program..	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with collaborating departments and volunteer community stakeholders scheduled for May 2016. • Finalize performance metrics.

D2 - Expand Jail in Reach	<p>June 2016 – Phase 1</p> <p>July 2016 – Phase 2</p> <p>October 2016 – Phase 3</p>	<p>Strategy to be implemented in 3 phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1 includes adding County DHS and Integrated Jail Health Services staff and engaging community providers. Staff will work as in-reach teams (1 SW and 1 custody assistant per team). • Phase 2 will include expansion of the current DHS intensive case management master services agreement to include areas of focus on in-reach service providers and work to build an IT system and organization for the jail to create a streamlined approach to identify inmates for in-reach services. • Phase 3 calls for securing at least two community providers in the jail supporting reentry to housing and services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued discussions between LASD and DHS. • Convene workgroup including collaborating departments and community members. • Develop and implement solicitation process to secure contractors to conduct jail in-reach for inmates experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. • Obtain CEO approval for County staff positions required to support in-reach activities, and recruit and hire staff.
D3 - Supportive Services Standards for Subsidized Housing	October 2016	LAHSA has budgeted a new staff position for FY 2016-17 to drive research and improvements to the quality of homeless supportive services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hire Quality Standards Development Analyst. • Develop county-wide definition of Supportive Services. • Develop Quality Standards for Supportive Services.
D4-Regional Integrated Re-entry Networks – Homeless Focus	February 2017	DHS convened a series of meetings with a workgroup consisting of LASD, collaborative agencies and two representatives from community-based reentry organizations to explore the creation of an integrated reentry healthcare network serving Medi-Cal eligible individuals who are reentering the community from LA County jails. A document with the workgroup's recommendations pertaining to a re-entry healthcare network was developed and submitted to Health Agency and LA Care leadership on April 11, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule a meeting with Health Agency and LA Care leadership to determine next steps on implementation. • Convene a meeting of D4 partner agencies and community volunteers to inform them of the workgroup's implementation plan and to continue discussing best practices for serving individuals experiencing homelessness. • Develop implementation plan, including identifying initial participating clinic sites and determining whether a solicitation process to secure contracted services focused on homelessness will be included as part of this strategy.
D5 - Support for Homeless Case Managers	January 2017	The CEO and LAHSA have met to discuss the timeline of the strategy implementation, process of partner engagement, potential community-based partners, and desired outcomes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In May, LAHSA and CEO will co-convene a focus group meeting with various County Departments that provide different levels of homeless services (basic interface to intensive case management) to: (1) establish an understanding of current coordination amongst the County departments and community-based case managers, (2) and develop a self-assessment tool for all collaborating agencies. • LAHSA will identify and reach out to the Coordinated Entry System lead agencies to ensure community participation in the implementation meetings. • In June, LAHSA and CEO will co-convene all collaborating agencies to identify key areas where we can begin to improve coordination between the departments and service providers.

D6 - Criminal Record Clearing Project (CRCP)	October 2016	<p>The Public Defender's (PD) Office has worked internally to inform executive staff of the strategy and discuss a planning process.</p> <p>PD has also reached out to collaborating justice partners through the Office of Diversion.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work to leverage and coordinate the CRCP with other strategies that will serve a similar clientele (Strategies A2, D2, D4, and B7). • Develop a scope of work for a procurement process to secure a contractor to provide training and technical assistance to agencies that will utilize the CRCP. • Establish training program for outside non- county agencies. • Establish contacts with outside non-county agencies. • Establishing referral process to County Alternative Courts.
Create a Coordinated System			
E1 - Advocate with relevant federal and state agencies to streamline applicable administrative processes for SSI and veterans benefits	October 2016	<p>Working with collaborating departments to identify where advocacy is needed. Preliminary conversations on potential areas of advocacy discussed with US Interagency Council on Homelessness and conversation with SAMHSA SOAR Team is scheduled. Acknowledgement email to volunteer community stakeholders sent, with meeting to include volunteers targeted for May 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with collaborating departments and volunteer community stakeholders will be scheduled in May 2016. • Focus areas for advocacy to be identified.
E2 - Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System for Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services	July 2017	<p>From January 9 to April 15, 2016, the Department of Public Health—Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (DPH-SAPC) has been engaged in a range of activities to plan and prepare for the launch of the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS), a pilot of California's "Medi-Cal 2020" Section 1115 waiver. On February 11, DPH-SAPC submitted its County Implementation Plan to the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). DPH-SAPC received comments on its plan from DHCS on February 24 and from CMS on March 11. On April 6, DPH-SAPC submitted a revised plan to both the State and Federal agencies incorporating their feedback. In addition, DPH-SAPC has initiated a series of DMC-ODS workgroups to solicit stakeholder input for specific proposals for operationalizing the various components of the DMC-ODS.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPH-SAPC will complete the DMC-ODS implementation plan approval process with DHCS and CMS. • DPH-SAPC will submit for DHCS approval an attendant DMC-ODS fiscal plan to establish new provider payment rates. • The Board of Supervisors must execute a contract with DHCS to deliver DMC-ODS services. • CMS must approve the executed State-County contract pertaining to DMC-ODS services. • DPH-SAPC will develop new provider contract language to align with the requirements and operationalization of the DMC-ODS. • DPH-SAPC will continue to hold workgroups through August 2016, and beyond if necessary, to develop specific protocols, procedures, and requirements related to residential levels of care, withdrawal management levels of care, opioid treatment programs and medication-assisted treatment, case management, recovery support services, physician consultation, sober living/recovery residences, field-based services, and telehealth. • DPH-SAPC is exploring ways to enhance the provider network to serve eligible DMC-ODS populations, including field-based services for the homeless, and is working to ensure that providers are culturally competent and knowledgeable to serve the various high-risk populations.

<p>E3 - Create Partnerships for Effective Access and Utilization of ACA Services by Persons Experiencing Homelessness</p>	<p>January 2017 – largely dependent on Whole Person Care (WPC) Pilot award from the CA Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Item 1 – Identify and Share Information: Cross-Agency work is underway to share data across County agencies, e.g. through the Comprehensive Enterprise Data & Analytics Repository (CEDAR). The Health Agency has created a preliminary framework for data integration across the Agency. • Action Items 2 and 4 – Case Management for health care services and connecting the homeless to health care: Coordinated efforts are in place countywide to identify individual needs of homeless individuals and link them to services. Housing for Health & the STAR clinic are leading efforts to engage and case manage homeless individuals in Metro LA. The C3 program is a strong example of this effort. • Action Item 3 – Health Literacy Education: The Health Agency continues to enroll qualified homeless individuals in Medi-Cal and helps beneficiaries to navigate primary health care. The WPC pilot and Health Homes opportunities will enhance our ability to identify those with chronic health conditions that would benefit from linkages with primary health care to stabilize and improve their overall health and well-being. Additionally, the Health Agency formed a cross-agency social and behavioral determinants workgroup that will focus on behavioral/health care screening and navigation to resources. This will include an emphasis on measuring and developing systematic approaches to address issues around low health literacy, including targeting homeless individuals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider approaches to bringing more community-based partners into the data integration effort (Action item 1). This will be an emphasis in the WPC pilot. • Preparing for the submission of the WPC pilot application to DHCS. Action items 2 and 4 are largely tied to the WPC opportunity. • A meeting to initiate the process for Action item 3 is pending.
<p>E4 - First Responders training</p>	<p>June 30, 2016</p>	<p>A series of work group meetings have been convened to date. The Sheriff's Department (LASD) has secured commitments from several of the strategy's collaborative agencies. The Santa Monica Police Department training model has been discussed as a model to emulate and crucial learning areas have been identified. LASD has developed the framework for the training curriculum. LAHSA has committed to assisting with classroom instruction.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize curriculum. • Identify presenters. • Identify benchmark for number of personnel trained in first six months/one year training. • Schedule classes. • Develop an outreach and publicity campaign to engage non-County first responders. • Present the First Responders Training to the quarterly meeting of the LA County Chiefs of Police as well as other regional law enforcement meetings.

E5 - Decriminalization Policy	June 30, 2016	<p>A meeting with Sheriff's Department personnel was conducted to discuss the decriminalization policy. A draft "decriminalization" policy has been developed. A training bulletin draft was also developed that goes into more depth for the first responder on the street. The draft policy and training bulletin is currently being reviewed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of process and policy to be conducted by LASD executive staff. • Discussion of proposed policy with the Diversion Permanent Steering Committee. • Present the policy to the quarterly meeting of the LA County Chiefs of Police as well as other regional law enforcement meetings.
E6 - Countywide Outreach System	June 30, 2016 to commence phased implementation	<p>A framework has been developed for coordinated outreach which includes: 1) integrated outreach teams throughout the County with staff from DMH, DHS, DPH-SAPC, and LAHSA, which will coordinate with local regional teams via the Coordinated Entry System; (2) a countywide hotline for outreach requests; and 3) Regional Outreach Coordinators in each Service Planning Area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal discussions within the three Health Agency departments regarding the feasibility and needs for staffing the integrated outreach teams. • Further discussion about the scope of work and related costs for the hotline. • Continued discussions on a potential procurement process to add community-based coordination staff (if deemed necessary). • A budget for the available \$3 million will be developed in May 2016.
E7 - Strengthen the Coordinated Entry System	October 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Item 1 - Strengthen the network of housing locators in SPAs: On March 3rd, LAHSA conducted a community meeting to obtain feedback on the forthcoming LAHSA Coordinated Entry System (CES) RFP and how the CES can be strengthened, as the RFP is intended to enhance coordination and increase housing navigation capacity. • Action Item 2 - Common Core Curriculum Training: In March and April, LAHSA met with the Technical Assistance Collaborative, a group of non-profit providers who meet on a monthly basis, to discuss training needs of the front line workers participating in the CES. • Action Item 3 - Improvements to the CES/HMIS: LAHSA has been conducting a monthly CES Operations team meeting which includes representation from the SPA leads for CES, County and Los Angeles City, the Public Housing Authorities, Technical Assistance agencies, and United Way/Funders Collaborative to develop recommendations on the forthcoming HMIS RFP and policies and changes to strengthen the CES. 	<p>By Aug. 1, LAHSA will submit a detailed assessment and a recommended plan to: (1) Strengthen the CES systems for adults, families and youth; (2) train the CES staff; and (3) enhance the HMIS system to address both current and future needs. Interim activities will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 12: Convene a strategy committee meeting with the County departments and community agencies to provide an overview of the current CES systems and future RFPs. Will also engage the Committee to develop an assessment of the current coordinated entry systems and identify areas that can be strengthened. • May 19: Release a RFP for CES funding that will strengthen the coordinated entry systems within each SPA, including the network of housing locators. Programs will be implemented on Oct. 1. • May 19: Release a RFP for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS); the vendor will be selected in Sept./Oct. 2016. • Develop a core curriculum for the CES direct service staff and protocols for external stakeholders. Training will begin by Oct. 1.

E8 - Enhance the Emergency Shelter System	June 30, 2016	LAHSA convened the first planning meeting with the collaborating departments and agencies to establish a mutual understanding and goals of the strategy. Additionally, the LAHSA program team is working with transitional housing providers (representing 2,000 beds) whose funding was reallocated under the most recent HUD Super NOFA in order to gauge interest and capacity to convert their programs to meet the goals of the shelter strategies. To date five programs with 130 to 170 beds have expressed interest in this model. LAHSA is also creating a survey to conduct with current emergency shelter providers to understand their capacity to convert to 24/7 crisis housing.	In order to assess current shelter services and capacity, LAHSA will collect information from the County departments and LAHSA-funded shelter providers about the details of the shelter programs, including fee for shelter service, case management offerings, and entrance requirements. LAHSA will meet with collaborating County departments and the City of Los Angeles to discuss low-threshold common criteria among shelters, appropriate bed payment rate, scope of work for the augmented shelters, and shelter sites that can potentially be augmented by June 30 th .
E9 - Discharge Data Tracking System	March 2017	No meetings have been planned to date. Coordination with the City of LA needs to be part of the implantation plan because the City of LA has a very similar strategy.	Meeting to be set in June with a smaller committee to discuss the implementation of this strategy.
E10 - Regional Coordination of Los Angeles County Housing Authorities	July 2016	<p>In addition to existing interagency agreements with the City of Los Angeles and Pasadena, HACoLA, has executed agreements with the Housing Authorities of Inglewood and Baldwin Park. HACoLA has also reached an agreement in principle, pending execution of official interagency agreements, with the Housing Authorities of South Gate, Burbank, Long Beach, Norwalk, and Redondo Beach.</p> <p>Interagency agreements establish reciprocity between housing authorities regarding the use of housing vouchers, which enhances the ability of voucher holders to secure housing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey of neighboring Housing Authorities to gauge interest in participating in quarterly regional Housing Authority roundtable meetings to identify common issues related to homelessness and to develop more integrated housing policies. • HACoLA will continue to engage Housing Authorities to enter into interagency agreements.
E11 - County Specialist Support Team	January 2017	Work on this strategy will commence in May 2016. On April 8, 2016, a planning meeting with LAHSA took place to discuss potential community-based providers who will participate in the implementation planning meetings and their roles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In May, CEO will convene internal planning meetings with County departments to explore key issues including: the structure of the County Specialist Support Team, scope of work, appropriate classifications from each participating department, identification of Supervisor/Manager of the Team, potential physical locations, etc. LAHSA will provide a list of recommended community-based organizations to be involved in the implementation planning meetings. • In July, CEO will involve community organizations in the planning meetings.

E12 - Enhanced Data Sharing and Tracking	June 2017, with partial implementation on a flow basis before then	<p>Very brief conversations between LAHSA and the CEO have been initiated on enhanced data sharing and tracking. A meeting with County Counsel occurred in early April to discuss making LAHSA a full-member of the Enterprise Linkages Project (ELP) and to obtain more frequent data submissions from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), as well as bi-directional data sharing with LAHSA from ELP (Action item 3). A data use agreement between LAHSA and the CEO is under review with County Counsel.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action item 1: Collect various departmental intake forms (DHS; DMH; DPSS; Probation; Sheriff; DPH; DCFS) to determine how broadly departments define homelessness or at-risk of homelessness. Craft a common set of categories for the core health and human service and criminal justice departments which interact directly with homeless populations, as well as those that indirectly deal with homeless populations (i.e. parks and rec; libraries, etc.) for discussion and potential adoption at the July 2016 Homeless Initiative (HI) Implementation Planning Meeting. • Action item 2: Identify departments with homeless data elements, as well as those with no data elements for identifying homeless clients. Convene workgroup meeting with departmental leads that have homeless data markers to discuss costs for monthly data collection, if possible prior to the July 2016 HI Implementation Planning Meeting. For those departments with no homeless data flag, discuss proposed plan for capturing homeless data elements and convene workgroup meeting with departments prior to the October HI Implementation Planning Meeting for broader discussion at the October meeting. • Action item 3: Plan to make LAHSA a partner in the ELP is under review with County Counsel. • Action item 4: Further exploration of LAHSA's CES consent agreement will help inform the development of the most flexible consent agreement. Target consent agreement to be finalized for the July 2016 HI Implementation Planning Meeting for broader discussion with the departments. • Action item 5: LAHSA to review findings from 2016 Homeless Count and begin to draft potential countywide targets to reduce homelessness for chronic, TAY, single-adult, and family populations.
E13 - Coordination of Funding for Supportive Housing	June 2017	<p>CDC and LAHSA have developed draft timeline to develop and implement plan to coordinate funding for supportive housing.</p>	<p>Convene kickoff meeting with Health Services, Mental Health, HACLA, HACoLA and LA City Housing and Community Investment Department. In the coming months this committee will review existing policies and processes for capital operating subsidies and service funding to look for areas of opportunity for alignment, determine the feasibility of a coordinated funding application and award process and engage the stakeholders who volunteered to participate in this process.</p>

<p>E14 - Enhanced Services for Transition Age Youth</p>	<p>August 2016-Phase 1 December 2016-Phase 2 January 2017-Phase 3</p>	<p>Internal discussion between strategy leads has occurred. strategy will be implemented in 3 phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1- Increase and maximize collaboration between County departments/CBO's and release RFP to include expansion of Youth CES, housing navigation, and drop-in centers. • Phase 2- Award contracts to expand Youth CES. • Phase 3- Implement a Youth Housing Stability Assessment Pilot. <p>Acknowledgement email to volunteer community stakeholders sent out, with doodle poll to identify feasible meeting date.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with collaborating departments and volunteer community stakeholders will be scheduled. • Finalize performance metrics. • Release RFP to include expansion of Youth CES, housing navigation and drop-in centers. • Identify/develop appropriate screening tool for Youth Housing Stability Assessment Pilot.
<p>E15 - Homeless Voter Registration and Access to Vital Records</p>	<p>June 30, 2016</p>	<p>Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) had several implementation planning meetings to develop action steps and the associated timeline. A document that aims to educate County Departments, community-based organizations and homeless individuals on voting rights and how to register to vote is under development. RR/CC also participated in the <i>Mayors' Regional Summit to Combat Homelessness</i> where information on outreach partnerships and sample resources were provided to the 56 cities who participated in the Summit. RR/CC assessed the current process of homeless clients obtaining vital records, and concluded that a process change is unnecessary at this time. There is an opportunity to make the current process more client-friendly by educating county departments, community-based organizations and homeless individuals on the process.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In May, RR/CC will develop and distribute the following draft documents to the partnering County departments and community agencies for feedback on following outreach documents: (1) Voting rights and process of voter registration; and (2) Process of obtaining vital records. • In June, RR/CC will begin to assess if there is a need to place additional polling place(s) within a reasonable proximity of homeless shelters and services.

E16 - Affordable Care Act Opportunities	January 2017 – largely dependent on Whole Person Care (WPC) Pilot award from the CA Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)	<p>The county continues to enroll and expand access to services for individuals who qualify for MediCal. In addition to coverage expansion, the ACA has led to benefit expansion, which has increased services available to homeless individuals. Implementation of the Drug Medical Waiver (see Strategy E2) is a key example.</p> <p>These changes lay the foundation for the WPC and Health Homes opportunities. If approved/funded, these initiatives will allow the Health Agency to build critical infrastructure to fill current care gaps (e.g. recuperative care, sobering centers), strengthen integrated care delivery, and improve collaboration across Agency, county and community partners, as well as support intensive care management activities for the sickest and most vulnerable LA County residents. To date, the Health Agency has convened numerous internal, multi-stakeholder meetings to begin planning the WPC initiative, and is in the early stages of this process.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key next steps in WPC include increasing multi-stakeholder engagement (e.g. Health Agency, health plan and community partners) to design the WPC concept and submit an application for the WPC pilot. The State anticipates notifying awardees in the fall of 2016. • The Health Agency hopes to use WPC in the coming year to lay a strong foundation for the Health Homes initiative in 2018. For the time being, the Health Agency is awaiting greater clarity on the structure of the Health Homes program.
E17 - Regional Homelessness Advisory Council and Implementation Coordination	September 30, 2016	Initial meetings have taken place to develop a structure for the Regional Advisory Council that will be inclusive of diverse stakeholders and partners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning meetings in April and May to formalize and operationalize the Regional Advisory Council. The first meeting of the Regional Advisory Council is targeted for September 2016. • Performance metrics will be developed with the Executive Committee of the Regional Advisory Council. • The Joint City and County Implementation group will report regularly to the Regional Advisory Council.
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F1 - Promote Regional SB 2 Compliance	February 2017	Regional Planning (DRP) internally developed a preliminary scope of work for the strategy, mapped out a timeline to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP), and identified a stakeholder contact list via the Homeless Initiative team.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize and issue RFP. • Reach out to State Department of Housing and Community Development. • Reach out to stakeholder groups. • Inventory and analyze existing emergency shelters and transitional housing in the unincorporated areas.
F2 - Linkage Fee Nexus Study	February 2017	DRP convened two stakeholder meetings to discuss and garner input on multiple affordable housing strategies, including the establishment of a linkage fee. DRP worked internally to develop a preliminary scope of work and a timeline for issuing an RFP.	DRP will finalize and issue RFP and reconvene stakeholders to continue discussion on affordable housing development strategies.

F3 - Support for Inclusionary Zoning for Affordable Rental Units	Implemented	On March 23, 2016, the CEO submitted a Sacramento Update advising the Board that the County's Sacramento advocates would support AB 2502, which amends Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act to allow for inclusionary housing requirements for new rental housing, per the Board's approval of this strategy.	CEO will continue to monitor progress of AB2502 and any other bill that supports inclusionary zoning for affordable rental housing.
F4 - Development of Second Dwelling Units Pilot Program	February 2017	<p>DRP conducted research on second dwelling unit programs, met with Arts Commission to address design issues, and met with various stakeholders to garner input. DRP held a kickoff meeting with relevant County departments to brainstorm ideas on the pilot project and establish next steps.</p> <p>CDC will administer the Second Unit Pilot Program in cooperation with DRP, and is in the process of securing a transfer of the funding for this pilot program.</p>	<p>DRP will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up with cities/counties with existing comprehensive second dwelling unit programs. • Review composition of workgroup to strengthen participation. • Identify and reach out to community stakeholders. • Reconvene workgroup to develop framework of pilot program. <p>CDC will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on creating second unit designs through competitions by its architectural consultants. • Work with DRP to identify ordinance modifications that will be needed for yard setbacks, parking, and lot coverage requirements. • With DRP's participation reach out to individuals listed on the Community Volunteer List for concepts and ideas to achieve the goals of this strategy. • Explore the feasibility of second units in the identified target areas.
F5 - Incentive Zoning/Value Capture Strategies	February 2017	DRP convened stakeholder group meetings to discuss and garner input on incentive zoning and value capture, and other affordable housing strategies per Board's motion of 12/8/15. DRP worked internally to develop a preliminary scope of work for the strategy and to map out a timeline to issue an RFP. DRP also identified a stakeholder contact list via the Homeless Initiative team.	Finalize and issue RFP, and reconvene stakeholder groups to continue discussions.
F6 - Use of Public Land for Homeless Housing	October 2016	A list of CDC-owned properties was provided to CEO Real Estate. A preliminary list of all County-owned property potentially suitable for affordable housing is currently being compiled and vetted by the CEO and will be provided to the Homeless Initiative this summer.	The CDC is currently working on a CDC/Housing Authority Property Disposition Policy for the Board's consideration. The CEO is working on development of governing structure options, identification of funds for pre-development, and drafting of public land development policies.