

MOTION BY MAYOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

FEBRUARY 24, 2015

RELATED TO AGENDA ITEM #25 - HEALTH FACILITIES INSPECTION FUNDING

The State is mandated by Federal law to conduct licensing, certification, surveys and investigations of health care facilities. For all counties other than Los Angeles, the State conducts these activities. The State contracts with the County's Department of Public Health to provide these services for 2,525 health facilities in Los Angeles County. This represents approximately 33 percent of all the facilities in the State, yet the County is allocated only 15 percent of the State's operational funding for these services. The existing level of funding is not in line with the workload in Los Angeles County.

On September 2, 2014, the Board of Supervisors directed the Executive Office of the Board to send a five-signature letter to the Governor of California urging him to identify funding to address the shortfall for Los Angeles County. In response, the Governor's FY 2015-16 Proposed Budget provides \$9.5 million in additional funding for the forthcoming contract. However, the proposed funding increase is not sufficient to ensure that the County can meet its contractual obligations with the State and protect vulnerable residents receiving institutional health care services.

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The County's contract with the State for these health facility inspection services expires on June 30, 2015. In order to address the shortfall of funding and finalize a new contract before the expiration date, the Department of Public Health needs to continue pursuing negotiations with the State to ensure that the services are commensurate with funding.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Interim Chief Executive Officer of the Board to send a five-signature letter to the Governor of California, with copies to the County's Legislative Delegation, urging him to immediately identify additional funding in the FY 2015-16 Proposed Budget to address the shortfall in funding for Los Angeles County, in order to improve the Department of Public Health's ability to effectively carry out health care facility inspection responsibilities through the County's contract with the State, and protect the health and safety of County residents;
2. Direct the Interim Chief Executive Officer to work with the County's Legislative Advocates, as appropriate, to take any necessary action to support efforts to increase such funding; and
3. Direct the Interim Director of Public Health to continue pursuing contract negotiations with the State consistent with the Board's position to increase funding that is aligned with the services required by the State. A status report should be provided after the State hearings on this matter in March.

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