

# Driving Transformative Change: Milestones and Momentum

Early last year, the Board of Supervisors established four ambitious priorities to transform service delivery and improve the lives and well-being of some of the County's most vulnerable residents.

In keeping with the County's commitment to transparency, information about each initiative has been posted online at [priorities.lacounty.gov](http://priorities.lacounty.gov), along with an expansive online report tracking the origins and progress of each. Here are some of the highlights.



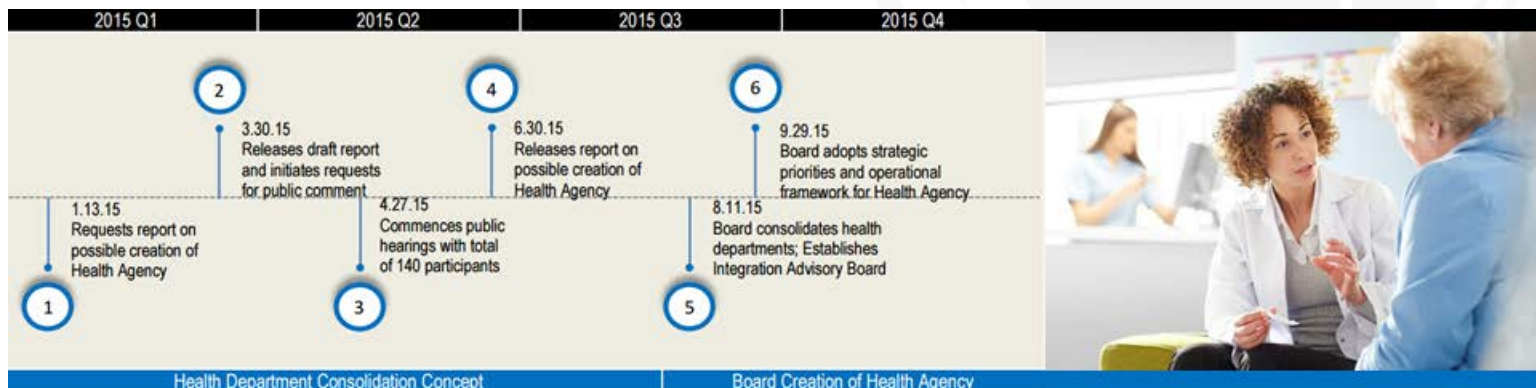
# Transformative Change: Homeless Initiative

- Developed the most comprehensive, coordinated effort ever undertaken by the County to combat homelessness with 47 high-impact strategies and initial commitment of more than \$100 million
- Implementation underway for initial phase strategies including: more “rapid rehousing” for individuals and families; incentives for landlords to accept federal housing subsidies; and expanded operating hours at most LAHSA-operated emergency shelters
- Conducted extensive exploration of potential ongoing revenue options
- Undertaken broad public outreach, including community summits, webinars, a Countywide Mayor’s Summit, and a petition drive urging statewide declaration of a homeless emergency



# Transformative Change: Health Agency Integration

- Unified L.A. County's three health-related departments into a single health agency providing coordinated services that promote healthy people living in healthy communities
- Increased use of mental health urgent care services, leading to less overcrowding in psychiatric emergency rooms
- Timely response by all 3 departments to communities affected by Exide
- Co-location of mental health staff at three medical hubs serving children and transitional age youth
- More than 1,600 e-consultations for mental health clients since January



# Transformative Change: Diversion and Reentry

- Created Office of Diversion and Reentry for offenders who need mental health treatment, not incarceration. More than 150 eligible persons have been successfully moved out of jail and into community-based restoration programs and placements
- At least 200 units and support service slots available for justice-involved homeless individuals with serious mental health needs
- Preparing to open the County's first sobering center in the Skid Row area in collaboration with Housing for Health
- Partnered with other County and non-County agencies to lead the work around Proposition 47



# Transformative Change: Child Protection

- Launched from the ground up the Office of Child Protection, fulfilling a key recommendation of the Board-appointed Blue Ribbon Commission
- Nearing finalization of a 5-year strategic plan in collaboration with 16 County departments and multiple stakeholders. High-level hiring in critical areas has been completed
- Working with County and community partners to develop a Countywide prevention plan that expands and links existing community networks and supports earlier access to vital services
- Reviewing last 5 years of DCFS death and critical incident reports to inform recommendations for systemic improvements

