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REPORT BACK ON STRENGTHENING OVERSIGHT OF SCHOOL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES (ITEM NO. 2, AGENDA OF JUNE 8, 2021)

On June 8, 2021, through Directives Numbers 4 and 5 in the *Strengthening Oversight of School Law Enforcement Services* Board of Supervisors' (Board) motion, the Board directed the Chief Executive Officer and Director of Office of Diversion and Re-entry (ODR), in coordination with County departments and external stakeholders, to report back with a plan to collect and publish data relevant to strengthening oversight of school law enforcement services. As described in the Board motion, the goal of increasing data collection around the school resource deputy program is to promote transparency, ensure students are receiving the services they need, and to better understand the program's impact on health, educational, and justice outcomes.

To achieve the objectives laid out in the Board motion, we followed a two-tiered process. First, the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) evaluated the availability of data elements named in the Board motion by conducting a search of available data and conversations with data owners (agencies that are accountable for who have access to information assets). This led to the data categorizations and proposed plan for data collection and publication outlined in this memo. Second, after memo submission, ODR/Youth Diversion and Development and OCIO will convene a range of County and community stakeholders —those named in the Board motion and others central to this work, including Office of the Inspector General and the Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative— to obtain stakeholder input and validate the data collection and publication plan outlined here.

Per OCIO's analysis, the data requested in the Board motion can be categorized into the following sets:

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Category A: Data that has been collected under the Racial and Identity Profiling Act and is readily available. Category A data is currently available for Calendar Year (CY) 2019. OCIO is already in possession of this data. We anticipate CY 2020 data to be available in the coming months. Category A data includes the following data points:

- The Racial and Identity Profiling Act of 2015 data;
- School site crime incidents reported to, or observed by, the Los Angeles Sheriff Department (LASD);
- Number of times LASD was called to a school site and included for each incident:

   (a) the type of call;
   (b) related offense (e.g., trespassing, disruption, battery, possession of a weapon);
   and (c) resolution of call;
- Number of times LASD issued a citation to a student:
- Number of times LASD handcuffed, restrained, or summoned students on campus;
- Number of arrests of students made by LASD;
- The number of referrals by LASD of students from school sites to school administrator, school counselor, or other support staff; and
- Breakdown of above mentioned data by school site, offense, and student subgroup, including perceived age, race, ethnicity, gender, English fluency, and disability.

<u>Category B: Data that may and/or may not yet have been collected</u>. This category includes data owned by LASD, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), Probation Department, and the District Attorney (DA). Category B data includes the following data points, with data owners indicated within parentheses:

- Randomly selected redacted/anonymous iStar and incident reports detailing incident(s) for which staff referred to law enforcement (LAUSD);
- Number of times any arrested student was offered or placed in diversion (LASD/DA/Probation);
- Number of inquiries into the Los Angeles County Regional Identification System by LASD personnel who are stationed at schools (LASD);
- Number of times LASD officers contacted students off the school site for matters pertaining to school-related incidents (LASD);
- Number of complaints and grievances against LASD officers (LASD);
- Copies of LASD logs pertaining to activities on school campuses (LASD); and
- Any other information LASD or other law enforcement believes is relevant (LASD).

<u>Category C: Data that has not been collected</u>. Category C data includes the following data point:

Qualitative or quantitative information provided by LASD, other law enforcement agencies, parents, teachers, school board members, community leaders, and community-based organizations that demonstrate a positive or negative impact to the juvenile.

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Considering the urgent need to address the issue, while also recognizing the amount of data that needs to be collected, OCIO proposes that the data collection and publication plan follow a phased approach to enable earlier publication of readily available data while we concurrently pursue efforts to collect and analyze data that is not as readily available. Throughout the phases, ODR and OCIO will convene with the County, school district, and community stakeholders to obtain stakeholder and community input. These convenings will inform our data collection and publication approach and help contextualize collected data. ODR and OCIO will report back to the Board periodically with findings from the convenings and any substantive updates on data elements and the proposed timeline.

The phased approach for data collection and publishing is outlined below.

## Phase 1 (Timeline: November 2021 – January 2022)

- OCIO will obtain, analyze, and publish Category A data (currently available for CY 2019), with publication of the first set of data in early 2022. OCIO and ODR will also initiate conversation with LASD on the possibility to obtain more timely data.
- OCIO will continue conversation with data owners for Category B data, explore how data can be shared, initiate Public Records Act requests for certain data points, and start drawing up Data Sharing Agreements, if needed.
- OCIO and ODR will explore options to engage an independent entity for Category C data collection with community input from stakeholder convenings.

### Phase 2 (Timeline: February 2022 – May 2022)

- OCIO will publish the second installment of Category A data (2020 data).
- OCIO and ODR will initiate data sharing and analysis for Category B data.
- OCIO and ODR will pursue next steps to engage an independent entity to collect Category C data based on the options explored in Phase 1.

### Phase 3 (Timeline: June 2022 – September 2022)

- OCIO will publish updated Category A data (2021 data, if already available).
- OCIO will publish Category B data.
- Independent entity will collect Category C data and provide data to the Inspector General or the Executive Director of the Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative for their review and analysis.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (213) 253-5627 or ploo@cio.lacounty.gov or Irene Vidyanti, Program Specialist IV, at (213) 263-5608 or ividyanti@cio.lacounty.gov.

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