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Establishing a Gender-Based Violence Work Group

Gender-based violence (GBV) continues to be a global crisis. U.S. Aid and the U.S. State Department define GBV as “an umbrella term for any harmful threat or act directed at an individual or group based on actual or perceived biological sex, gender identity and/or expression, sexual orientation, and/or lack of adherence to varying socially constructed norms around masculinity and femininity. It is rooted in structural gender inequalities, patriarchy, and power imbalances. GBV is typically characterized by the use or threat of physical, psychological, sexual, economic, legal, political, social, and other forms of control and/or abuse.” Prevention is key to eliminating GBV.

On December 5, 2023, the Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted a motion, [Prioritizing Gender-Based Violence Prevention in Los Angeles County](#) (Horvath), calling for the creation of a Gender-Based Violence Prevention Policy Deputies Meeting (Deputies Meeting) to focus County policy development, coordination, and implementation of GBV prevention models and programming. To ensure the success of the Deputies Meeting, research must be done on various prevention models to focus efforts and help define GBV for the County as well as the County’s role in prevention.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Chief Executive Office as lead, along with the Department of Public Health Office of Violence Prevention as a supporting department, and in consultation with the Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council, the Los Angeles County Office of Women's Health, the soon-to-be-formed Sexual Assault Council and LGBTQ+ Commission, nonprofit, legal, and academic experts, to take the following actions to support the success of the GBV Deputies Meeting:

1. Develop a proposed workplan that includes, at a minimum, a timeline and implementation roadmap for the elements below, and present the workplan at a GBV Deputies Meeting within 45 days:
 - a. Development of a Countywide definition of gender-based violence;
 - b. A comprehensive inventory of County GBV resources, programs, services, and data and where those resources are housed in the County;
 - c. Gaps that currently exist in the County's GBV service model, community outreach, and programming; and
 - d. Prevention models and best practices implementable in the County to fill identified gaps and achieve defined outcomes.
2. Attend one additional GBV Deputies Meeting to provide a progress report on implementation of the workplan.
3. Consistent with the final workplan and as informed by feedback from the GBV Deputies, prepare a draft report and present the draft report for consideration and feedback at a GBV Deputies Meeting within 120 days.
4. Finalize and submit the final written report to the Board of Supervisors on or before June 1, 2024, as informed by feedback received at the GBV Deputies Meeting.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Modify the schedule of the GBV Deputies Meetings to include only three meetings between January 1, 2024, and June 30, 2024, to consider and receive the presentations described above, instead of the twice-monthly meetings required by the Board's December 5, 2023, motion that established the GBV Deputies Meetings.
2. Direct the CEO to include in its final written report described above a recommendation on GBV Deputy Meeting frequency and structure to help support and institutionalize the GBV work in the County.
3. Direct the CEO to report in writing as part of the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Final Changes Budget Phase on any funding recommendations for any necessary budget and staffing support to continue the GBV work, as informed by the CEO's final report described above.

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