



# Board of Supervisors Health and Mental Health Cluster Agenda Review Meeting

**DATE:** February 25, 2026

**TIME:** 11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Please note: Late Start Time**

**MEETING CHAIR:** Jazmine Garcia-Delgadillo, 1<sup>ST</sup> Supervisorial District

**CEO MEETING FACILITATOR:** Kieu-Anh King

**THIS MEETING IS HELD UNDER THE GUIDELINES OF BOARD POLICY 3.055**

To participate in the meeting in-person, the meeting location is:

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012  
Room 140

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THIS TELECONFERENCE WILL BE MUTED FOR ALL CALLERS. PLEASE DIAL \*6 TO UNMUTE YOUR PHONE WHEN IT IS YOUR TIME TO SPEAK.

## 11:30 AM: CS-1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)

Significant Exposure to Litigation

Department of Health Services

- I. Call to order
- II. **Information Item (Any Information Item is subject to discussion and/or presentation at the request of two or more Board offices):**
  - a. **DHS:** Delegate Authority to Amend Agreements to ensure Contractors' Compliance with Laws, Policies, and other Directives
  - b. **DHS:** Approval to Delegate Authority to Enter Into Agreements For Provision of Certain Services to County Patients
- III. Items Continued from a Previous Meeting of the Board of Supervisors or from the Previous Agenda Review Meeting
- IV. Items not on the posted agenda for matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation, or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Department subsequent to the posting of the agenda.
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Adjournment

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EMAIL A COMMENT ON AN ITEM ON THE HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER AGENDA, PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING EMAIL AND INCLUDE THE AGENDA NUMBER YOU ARE COMMENTING ON:

**HEALTH\_AND\_MENTAL\_HEALTH\_SERVICES@CEO.LACOUNTY.GOV**

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<b>BOARD MEETING DATE</b>	3/17/2026	
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<b>DEPARTMENT(S)</b>	Department of Health Services	
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Request for approval of delegated authority to to amend DHS administered agreements, including agreements for Dietary Services provided at DHS facilities, as necessary to ensure contractors' compliance with laws, policies and other directives.	
<b>PROGRAM</b>	Health Services	
<b>AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain why:	
<b>SB 1439 SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FORM REVIEW COMPLETED BY EXEC OFFICE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – Not Applicable  <b>If unsure whether a matter is subject to the Levine Act, email your packet to <a href="mailto:EOLevineAct@bos.lacounty.gov">EOLevineAct@bos.lacounty.gov</a> to avoid delays in scheduling your Board Letter.</b>	
<b>DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS</b>	Not Applicable	
<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	Total cost: \$1,129,612	Funding source: DHS Fiscal Year 2025–26 Final Budget
	TERMS (if applicable): N/A	
	Explanation: The total net increase to the maximum obligation for Dietary Services is \$1,129,612 for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.	
<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	Contracted staff comprise a big part of the DHS workforce supporting LA County's healthcare facilities who must also comply with applicable laws, policies and other directives, including Federal and State legislations, LA County ordinances and policies and Board mandates. Compliance with such directives may subject contractors to additional expenditures relating to the provision of contracted services. Approval of the recommended action will ensure contractors' compliance with all such directives, including applicable laws, policies, federal and state legislations, LA County ordinances and policies and Board mandates, while maintaining continuity of services without delays or interruptions.	
<b>BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)</b>	Recent examples of such directives include the Board's 2023 Motions regarding Equitable Access to Healthcare for Contracted Staff, mandating that all Proposition A ("Prop A") contracts for security, environmental, including janitorial, and food services for County hospitals managed by DHS require 100% employer-paid healthcare premiums for employees who work 30 hours or more per week at the minimum actuarial value of the Affordable Care Act individual gold plan coverage. Also, the California Senate Bill 525 (SB 525), passed into law in 2023, imposed higher a minimum wage rate to be payable by contractors to qualified employees for provision of services for LA County's health care facilities, effective January 1, 2025, with incremental increases thereafter.	

	<p>On September 10, 2024, the Board delegated authority to the Directors of DHS and Public Health to execute amendments, among others, to extend the term of certain identified Prop A agreements and to increase the service rates payable under such agreements to ensure contractors' compliance with any current or future regulatory or legislative requirements and Board directives. Since DHS was previously granted delegated authority to extend expiring agreements for Dietary Services, these agreements were inadvertently omitted from the recommendations under the September 10, 2024 Board letter, which would have allowed the Dietary Services contractors to adjust their rates and fees payable under such agreements in order to pay their employees the higher hourly rates mandated by SB 525. Approval of this recommendation will allow DHS to amend these Dietary Services and other DHS administered agreements to adjust contractors' compensation to ensure full compliance with SB 525.</p>
<p><b>EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input type="checkbox"/> No  If Yes, please explain how:  Align policies, processes, practices to effectively address equity challenges throughout the County's workforce (personnel, contractors and vendors)</p>
<p><b>SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No  If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how:</p>
<p><b>DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS</b></p>	<p>Name, Title, Phone # &amp; Email:  Julio Alvarado, DHS Director of CAM, (213) 288-7819, <a href="mailto:jalvarado@dhs.lacounty.gov">jalvarado@dhs.lacounty.gov</a>  Victoria Mansourian, County Counsel, (213) 974-6681, <a href="mailto:vmansourian@counsel.lacounty.gov">vmansourian@counsel.lacounty.gov</a></p>

March 17, 2026

DRAFT

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO AMEND AGREEMENTS  
TO ENSURE CONTRACTORS' COMPLIANCE  
WITH LAWS, POLICIES AND OTHER DIRECTIVES  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Request approval of delegated authority to the Director of the Department of Health Services (DHS), or authorized designee, to amend DHS administered agreements, including agreements for Dietary Services provided at DHS facilities, as necessary to ensure contractors' compliance with laws, policies and other directives.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

Reaffirm prior or grant new, as applicable, delegations of authority to the Director of DHS (Director) to amend DHS administered agreements for Dietary and other services to: (i) add and/or modify provisions ensuring contractors' compliance with any new or amended laws, policies and other directives, including federal and state legislations, Los Angeles County (LA County) ordinances and policies and Board of Supervisors' (Board) mandates (cumulatively, directives) as of their effective date; and (ii) increase or otherwise adjust accordingly the rates and fees payable under the agreements and the maximum LA County obligation, if any, to ensure contractors' compliance with any such directives, with all amendments subject to prior review and approval by County Counsel and, for increase averages exceeding 10%, written notice to the Board and LA County's Chief Executive Office (CEO), provided that (a) contractors demonstrate the need for the increase by supporting cost analyses, and (b) DHS has sufficient budget allocation for the additional expenditures.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

**Background**

The healthcare facilities and the services provided by DHS contractors for such facilities are subject to various directives. Contractors and the contracted services provided for LA County may become subject to new or amended directives during the term of their agreements, which could have potential financial implications on the contractors.

Recent examples of such directives include the Board's 2023 Motions regarding Equitable Access to Healthcare for Contracted Staff, mandating that all Proposition A ("Prop A") contracts for security, environmental, including janitorial, and food services for County hospitals managed by DHS require 100% employer-paid healthcare premiums for employees

who work 30 hours or more per week at the minimum actuarial value of the Affordable Care Act individual gold plan coverage. Also, the California Senate Bill 525 (SB 525), passed into law in 2023, imposed higher a minimum wage rate to be payable by contractors to qualified employees for provision of services for LA County's health care facilities, effective January 1, 2025, with incremental increases thereafter.

On September 10, 2024, the Board delegated authority to the Directors of DHS and Public Health to execute amendments, among others, to extend the term of certain identified Prop A agreements and to increase the service rates payable under such agreements to ensure contractors' compliance with any current or future regulatory or legislative requirements and Board directives. Since DHS was previously granted delegated authority to extend expiring agreements for Dietary Services, these agreements were inadvertently omitted from the recommendations under the September 10, 2024 Board letter, which would have allowed the Dietary Services contractors to adjust their rates and fees payable under such agreements in order to pay their employees the higher hourly rates mandated by SB 525. Approval of this recommendation will allow DHS to amend these Dietary Services and other DHS administered agreements to adjust contractors' compensation to ensure full compliance with SB 525.

#### Justification

Contracted staff comprise a big part of the DHS workforce supporting LA County's healthcare facilities who must also comply with applicable laws, policies and other directives, including Federal and State legislations, LA County ordinances and policies and Board mandates. Compliance with such directives may subject contractors to additional expenditures relating to the provision of contracted services. Approval of the recommended action will ensure contractors' compliance with all such directives, including applicable laws, policies, federal and state legislations, LA County ordinances and policies and Board mandates, while maintaining continuity of services without delays or interruptions.

#### Recommendations

Approval of the recommendation will allow DHS to amend its agreements to require contractors to comply with any new or amended directives, including laws, policies, LA County ordinances and policies and Board mandates, as of their effective date, and will ensure that contractors are able to comply with any such required directives while maintaining the necessary levels of services and meeting other contractual requirements.

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended action supports "North Star 3.F Flexible and Efficient Infrastructure" of LA County's Strategic Plan.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The total net increase to the maximum obligation for Dietary Services is \$1,129,612 for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

Funding is included in the DHS Fiscal Year (FY) 2025–26 Final Budget, and continued funding will be requested in future fiscal years as necessary. There is no net County cost impact associated with the recommended actions.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

DHS has delegated authority to amend most of its agreements to add, delete and modify terms and conditions as required by law, LA County policy, the Board or the CEO (also, directives). DHS administered agreements also require contractors to comply with all applicable laws. The recommended action shall provide DHS with delegated authority to amend all agreements to ensure contractors' compliance with any directives, including laws, policies, LA County ordinances and policies and Board mandates.

All agreement amendments in the recommendation above shall be subject to County Counsel's review and approval prior to execution.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

DHS administered agreements are executed pursuant to delegated authority from the Board or by the Board, as applicable. The aforementioned agreement amendments will be executed in accordance with the terms and conditions prescribed in the amended agreements.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the recommended action will allow for the continued and uninterrupted provision of services at LA County's healthcare facilities.

Christina R. Ghaly, M.D.  
Director

CRG:hs

c: Chief Executive Office  
County Counsel  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

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<b>DEPARTMENT(S)</b>	Health Services (DHS)	
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>APPROVAL TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS FOR PROVISION OF CERTAIN SERVICES TO COUNTY PATIENTS</b>	
<b>PROGRAM</b>		
<b>AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
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<b>DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS</b>		
<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	Total cost: \$1,000,000/fiscal year	Funding source: Existing County resources.
	TERMS (if applicable): One (1) year, with option to extend the term for up to two (2) additional one-year periods.	
	Explanation:	
<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	Approval of the recommendations will ensure that DHS can secure services for County patients when DHS does not provide them directly, thereby maintaining continuity of care and supporting patient health outcomes.	
<b>BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)</b>	DHS periodically finds that it needs assistance from outside health care providers to provide certain services for DHS patients. In most instances, DHS is able to refer its patients to such outside providers without cost to the County. Occasionally, however, outside providers require financial payment from the County to provide care to such patients, due to circumstances including, but not limited to, lack of reimbursement or coverage.	
<b>EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how:	
<b>SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how:	
<b>DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS</b>	Name, Title, Phone # & Email: Arun Patel, Medical Director I, (213) 288-8283, APatel3@dhs.lacounty.gov Julio Alvarado, Director – Contracts Administration and Monitoring, (213) 288-7819, jalvarado@dhs.lacounty.gov	

	Amanda Barnett, Deputy County Counsel, (213) 878-4343, ABarnett@counsel.lacounty.gov
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**Date:** March 17, 2026

**DRAFT**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS FOR  
PROVISION OF CERTAIN SERVICES TO COUNTY PATIENTS  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(THREE VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Request approval to delegate authority to the Director of Health Services, or authorized designee, to enter into agreements with outside health care providers for care not offered by the Department of Health Services (DHS), and related services to ensure continuity of care, to County-referred patients under specified conditions.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Delegate authority to the Director of Health Services (Director), or her authorized designee, to negotiate and execute agreements with qualified outside health care providers, including but not limited to clinics, physicians or physician practice groups, pharmacies, or other licensed health care facilities. Under such agreements, County of Los Angeles (LA County) will pay for care not offered by the Department of Health Services (DHS), and related services to ensure continuity of care, which will be provided to LA County referred patients, with modifications to, or waivers of, LA County's contracting requirements for insurance, standard indemnification and other standard County contract terms not mandated by County ordinance, on a case-by-case basis, and effective upon execution following the Board's adoption of this letter, for a term of up to one (1) year, with the option to extend the term for up to two (2) additional one-year periods, at the discretion of the Director or designee, subject to the following conditions: (a) payments are only made for patients who have previously been treated at a DHS facility and are, at the time of referral, under the care of a DHS

physician; (b) the patient is seeking services which DHS does not offer, and other related services to ensure continuity of care; (c) DHS shall not influence treatment decisions of the outside health care provider; (d) the total annual payment across all such agreements shall not exceed \$1 million in aggregate for each fiscal year; and (e) each agreement has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel.

2. Delegate authority to the Director, or her authorized designee, to negotiate and execute amendments to such agreements to: (a) extend the term for up to two (2) additional one-year periods; (b) add, delete, and/or change non-substantive terms and conditions in the agreements; (c) add or delete facilities and approve necessary changes to scope of services, and; (d) delegate certain administrative responsibilities to other County departments upon the departments' mutual agreement as determined to be in the best interest of LA County; subject to prior review and approval by County Counsel.
3. Delegate authority to the Director, or her authorized designee, to make a finding pursuant to LA County Code Section 2.121.420 that contracting for physician services, as described herein, can be performed more feasibly by an independent contractor.

## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

The Department of Health Services (DHS) periodically finds that it needs assistance from outside health care providers to provide certain services for DHS patients. In most instances, DHS is able to refer its patients to such outside providers without cost to LA County. Occasionally, however, outside providers require financial payment from LA County to provide care to such patients, due to circumstances including, but not limited to, lack of reimbursement or coverage.

It is in LA County's best interest to make such payments under these circumstances to assure patient access to such care, as well as services related to continuity of care. Delegating authority to the Director will allow DHS to act quickly and efficiently when these situations arise, ensuring continuity of care for County patients.

## **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

The recommended actions support Strategy II.2, "Support the Wellness of Our Communities" and III.3, "Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility and Accountability" of LA County's Strategic Plan.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The cost of relevant services is expected to be no more than \$1 million annually, which will be covered by County's existing resources. Continued funding will be requested in future years as necessary. There is no new impact to net County cost for the recommended actions.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

With approval by County Counsel and as determined on a case-by-case basis, the agreements may include modifications to, or waivers of, LA County's contracting requirements for insurance, standard indemnification and other standard County contract terms not mandated by County ordinance, with adherence to all applicable laws, including anti-kickback and anti-supplementation requirements. The agreements may be terminated for convenience by LA County upon thirty (30) days prior written notice.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Not applicable.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the recommendations will ensure that DHS can secure services for County patients when DHS does not provide them directly, thereby maintaining continuity of care and supporting patient health outcomes.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina R. Ghaly, M.D.  
Director

CRG: JCA

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County Counsel  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors