

DECEMBER 9, 2014

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS

Strengthening the County’s Health Services Infrastructure for Children in Foster Care

With new members on the Board of Supervisors (Board), it is imperative that the Blue Ribbon Commission recommendations receive the priority they deserve, particularly those related to improving the health and well-being of children in the care of the County of Los Angeles (County).

On June 10, 2014, the Board adopted a motion to implement the Blue Ribbon Commission’s recommendations including a review of the County’s medical hubs and public health nurse programs. The motion called for a plan to be implemented immediately to address the weaknesses of each medical hub and meet the needs of each geographic area.

In response, the Department of Health Services (DHS) launched an assessment of the strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities at the County’s six medical hubs based on criteria including adequate space, staff and linkages to mental health services. The Board should also have an opportunity to provide feedback and direction.

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I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the Director of the Department of Health Services, in consultation with the Child Protection Transition Team, to report back as a discussion item during the Board of Supervisor's meeting of December 9, 2014 with actionable items related to the staffing, access and space needs for each of Los Angeles County's medical hubs including an analysis of funding needs, redeployment of resources, and revenue offsets necessary for implementation. The report back should also include an implementation timeline.

I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the Interim Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Child Protection Transition Team, to report back as part of the January Transition Team update to the Board of Supervisors with actionable items related to the public health nurse program.

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