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Promoting Health Information Exchange in Los Angeles County Through the Los Angeles Network for Enhanced Services (LANES)

On April 27, 2010, the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved a motion (Supervisor Ridley-Thomas) directing the Department of Health Services to join a Los Angeles health information exchange collaborative. Since then, Los Angeles County (County) has been supporting a regional health information exchange initiative known as the Los Angeles Network for Enhanced Services (LANES). The LA Care Health plan has also provided considerable support for this effort.

LANES is now an independent 501c3 non-profit entity charged with developing an electronic platform facilitating health information exchange among local health care providers, with a particular emphasis on safety-net providers, and has contracted with a vendor that has developed the platform for data information exchange. As envisioned, LANES would enable the seamless electronic exchange of patient medical records among public and private health care providers within the County.

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Hospitals, clinics, and other medical service providers in the County have been able to join the platform since the spring of 2017. In order to do so, however, these entities must pay a subscription fee and develop an interface between their electronic health record systems and the LANES platform. This interface must meet all regulatory requirements for the safe exchange of protected health information. Several health care providers within the County have expressed an interest in joining the LANES network, however to date only County facilities have successfully joined LANES. In order to realize the full benefit, the County must successfully execute commitments from partnering health care providers.

While the potential value of facilitating health information exchange within the County's safety-net holds tremendous promise, it also presents important business, regulatory, and operational challenges. The County remains committed to the LANES initiative but there should be clear targets for the program, measurements, and an evaluation of progress made toward facilitating the exchange of patient medical history.

WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

- 1) Instruct the Director of the Department of Health Services (DHS) to set as a target the successful enrollment of at least three health care provider organizations, in addition to the existing Los Angeles County (County) facilities, in the Los Angeles Network for Enhanced Services (LANES), and report back, in writing, on its progress by April 1, 2018;
and

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- 2) Instruct the Director of DHS and the Chief Executive Officer to report back to the Board, in writing, no later than April 1, 2018 with recommendations for how utilization of the LANES platform among County providers will be measured, as well as utilization targets for providers.

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