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Analyzing Needs of Countywide Homeless Family System

According to the 2017 Point-in-Time Homeless Count, on any given night in Los Angeles County (County), there were 57,794 people sleeping in emergency shelters, transitional housing programs, in vehicles, in makeshift dwellings and on the streets. Of this total nightly population, 8,529 people were estimated to be members of families, which included children under the age of 18.

In 2011, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), in coordination with the County and Los Angeles City (City), embarked on planning efforts to create a community-based coordinated system for homeless families. At the time, the planning efforts also had the goal of finding resources to continue funding rapid rehousing, a federal model piloted through one-time Federal Stimulus funds from 2009-2012. Rapid rehousing is an approach that shortens a family’s homeless episode by quickly helping families find affordable housing in their own communities, while providing temporary rental assistance and support services to ensure that the family is able to stay housed

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once the rental assistance and support services end. After obtaining input and guidance from the Board of Supervisors (Board), LAHSA released a Request for Proposals in 2012 with joint funding from the County and City to fund community-based Family Solutions Centers to provide coordinated housing and services to homeless families.

In 2014, this coordinated Countywide model was expanded even further and three-year competitive funding grants were made available to community-based providers in each of the eight Service Planning Areas in the region. In 2015, the Board approved funds to expand resources for families at imminent risk of homelessness. In early 2017, LAHSA issued a new round of three-year competitive funding grants for the coordinated system for homeless and at-risk families, and the community-based awardees received augmented funds from Measure H.

Since July 2017, there has been a tremendous influx of homeless families seeking shelter throughout the County. While LAHSA had anticipated serving 1,300 families during Fiscal Year 2017-18, just in the first two months, community-based providers have already served 1,700 families throughout the County. As the community-based providers are still ramping up and hiring to expand services, it is critical that available data is utilized to analyze the needs of the family system so that effective services to homeless families and children can continue in an expedient and efficient manner.

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I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the Chief Executive Officer, in coordination with the Director of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority and the family system nonprofit agencies, to report back in writing in 30 days on the following data elements by Service Planning Area and Countywide:

- 1) Shelter, Crisis Housing and Bridge Housing (including motels and hotels) including:
 - a. Contracted capacity
 - b. Actual enrollment
 - c. Final expenditure compared to budget allocation
 - d. Average time families spend in shelter or hotels before they are successfully placed in housing
 - e. Estimated additional funding needed to meet demand in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 and potential sources of funding
- 2) Permanent Housing (Rapid Rehousing and other resources) including:
 - a. Contracted capacity
 - b. Actual enrollment
 - c. Final expenditure compared to budget allocation
 - d. Average amount of rental assistance needed to serve each family
 - e. Estimated additional funding needed to meet demand in FY 2017-18 and potential sources of funding

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- 3) Case Management (support services) including:
 - a. Current Case Management ratio
 - b. Recommended Case Management ratio
 - c. Estimated additional funding needed to meet demand in FY 2017-18 and potential sources of funding

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