

## **DRAFT NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION**

### **Re: Economic Roundtable Proposal to Collaborate with RES in Support of Countywide Homeless Prevention Efforts**

This memo is written in support of the attached proposal, which requests execution of a Data Use Agreement (DUA) between the County and the Economic Roundtable (ERT) for the purpose of collaboration on data-driven efforts to prevent homelessness. Execution of such an agreement will require authorization from the eight County agencies currently sharing data with my unit on a routine basis, as well as the approval of their County Counsels, LAHSA and the Office of the Homeless Initiative. It should be noted, however, that the proposal is endorsed by at least two Board Offices (District 2 and District 3), including the Public Social Services Commissioners for these two Districts (Booker Pearson and Jim Adler, respectively).

The collaborative relationship the proposal contemplates would add considerable value to the County's strategic approach to the homeless crisis and, given RES's growing workload and limited staffing capacities, offer some much needed infusion of capability and manpower. If the proposal is approved by all necessary parties, the delegated authority the Board granted RES on January 30, 2017 would be used to execute a fully-vetted, non-financial agreement with ERT. My office would assume responsibility for management and oversight of the projects performed in connection with the DUA.

#### **The CEO's Predictive Analytics Solicitation**

ERT's proposal is an outgrowth of the competitive solicitation for predictive analytics expertise we initiated in June of this year to bolster work the unit conducts for the Homeless Initiative. In particular, predictive methods could potentially enhance the work involved in prioritizing high-acuity, high-cost homeless persons and place more emphasis within the County's efforts to combat homelessness on prevention.

While a number of entities opted to participate in the component of the analytics solicitation focused on single adults, none except ERT expressed interest in submitting a proof-of-concept for the component of the solicitation dealing with family and child homelessness. Due to the comparative complexities involved in predicting family and child homelessness, ERT asked and received permission to submit a proposal that differs somewhat from the submission specifications given in the solicitation. The attached version of the proposal is a distillation from a larger descriptive document and offers a more streamlined approach to predicting homelessness, one that is less time consuming and can be executed effectively in spite of RES's lack of access to key State-level medical records and systematic juvenile Probation data.

#### **Consistency with Recently-established Data Sharing Criteria**

The ERT proposal is consistent with conditions established by the CEO earlier this year to serve as parameters for RES in using its delegated authority to enter into data sharing and research/analytics-related agreements with non-County entities. Under these conditions, the proposed agreements and data sharing arrangements must meet the following criteria whether the agreements are financial or non-financial:

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- ✓ *Direct alignment with active Board priorities;*
- ✓ *Fulfillment of a genuine County need and inclusive of work the RES cannot perform itself;*
- ✓ *Equality of opportunity through Competitive selection;*

Consistency with the fourth and final condition - *approval and authorization from the Board, the CEO and all directly-involved County stakeholders*, must still be confirmed.

- Board and CEO approval will be sought through transmission of the agreement with a Board memo, followed by a two-week review period prior to execution, as required under the terms of RES's delegated authority.
- Authorization from County stakeholders will be established through the formal Enterprise Linkages Project (ELP) project approval process, which requires submission of the agreement to the relevant departments, LAHSA, and their County Counsels for review.

The first step however, is to transmit the proposal to your office so as to determine whether you concur with RES's favorable view of the work and collaborative relationship the proposal offers, in which case RES will work with ERT to prepare an agreement for review. Please contact me at any time if you have questions or comments ([mstevens@ceo.lacounty.gov](mailto:mstevens@ceo.lacounty.gov) 213.974.5613).