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UPDATE REGARDING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (LASD) ON PROGRESS MADE IN DEVELOPING A PLAN FOR PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA) COMPLIANCE

On November 14, 2017, the Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission (COC), Office of Inspector General (OIG) and LASD to report back to the Board within 90 days relating to progress made in developing a plan for PREA compliance, including a grievance complaint procedure that effectively and safely allows for reporting of incidents.

Pursuant to this Board directive, the COC, OIG and the LASD met on December 6, 2017, to initiate dialogue on the status of LASD's development of a strategy plan for PREA compliance. Key personnel from COC, OIG and LASD attended the meeting and engaged in discussions on LASD challenges. On January 16, 2018 a meeting was organized with Karen Dalton, Assistant Division Director, Custody Services—Specialized Programs with the Sheriff's Department to discuss PREA which was to be followed by a tour of the Century Regional Detention Facility (CDRF); however, due to a scheduling conflict, the meeting was canceled and rescheduled for February 13, 2018. The subsequently scheduled meeting was held and a tour conducted. During the meeting the Sheriff's Department shared the steps it has initiated to move forward to achieve PREA compliance. Staffing and funding the PREA Compliance Unit continue to be an issue for the Sheriff's Department. The COC supports the Sheriff's Department's objective to have PREA compliance managers at all facilities to oversee compliance monitoring and to have funding allocated to support the PREA compliance unit.

The COC remains committed to working closely with the OIG and LASD to monitor and assist in the development of a PREA compliance plan. To that end, the COC has received some preliminary information from LASD, including several approved PREA policies, a number of unit orders, staffing model for a PREA Compliance Unit and budget proposal on staffing the PREA program. The COC has not yet received all of the policies from LASD because they are in the revision process and pending approval. It is clear the LASD takes this issue very seriously. However, because the COC has not been able to review all of the proposed policies of the LASD, the COC is unable to provide a comprehensive assessment regarding the status of the LASD's PREA implementation plans.

This memorandum is being submitted after consultation with the OIG and the LASD.

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