



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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March 24, 2015

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and any subsequent amendments, between the City of Long Beach and the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health for collaboration on the Violent Death Reporting System (VDRS). (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The VDRS is a unique surveillance system which links data sources, including death certificates, coroner data, and law enforcement data, to provide detailed circumstance data for violent deaths such as suicides, homicides, unintentional firearm deaths, and undetermined deaths. These data are necessary to inform the development of violence prevention and intervention efforts countywide, and supports the City's Violence Prevention Plan goals and objectives.

The purpose of the MOU is to establish the terms and conditions in which the activities and responsibilities between the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LAC DPH) and the City of Long Beach will be provided in regards to participation in the Violent Death Reporting System (VDRS). The agreement also describes data access, data entry procedures, and the responsibility for sharing the resulting data between City of Long Beach and LAC DPH.

Under the terms of the MOU, the City of Long Beach and LAC DPH will collaborate on data analysis and report writing. LAC DPH will have "view only" access to Long Beach data, and the City of Long Beach will retain the right to withhold information on particular cases. The term of the MOU will begin upon execution of this agreement and will expire five years after the date of execution of this agreement.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Vu on February 26, 2015 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on March 3, 2015.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on March 24, 2015, in order to execute the agreement and implement the terms of the MOU.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Health Department will use existing staff and resources to execute and implement the terms of this MOU. The City will not receive any reimbursement or compensation for MOU activities. Sufficient funds are currently appropriated in the Health Fund (SR 130) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE). There is no local job impact associated with this action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:



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CITY MANAGER