



## **CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT**

**TO:** Honorable City Council

**Item No. \_\_\_\_\_**

**FROM:** City Administrator

**SUBJECT:** APPROVAL OF LETTER TO SUPPORT AB 210 RELATING TO  
HOMELESS MULTIDISCIPLINARY PERSONNEL TEAMS

**MEETING DATE:** March 7, 2017

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve a letter to support Assembly Bill 210 relating to homeless multidisciplinary teams (MDT's).

### **ANALYSIS:**

Homelessness has become a significant health and human services issue throughout California. Our state is home to over 20 percent of the nation's homeless population. In Los Angeles County alone, over 46,000 individuals are currently homeless. A homeless MDT is a team with representatives from a variety of disciplines (agencies) who are trained in the identification and treatment of homeless individuals and/or families.

In 2011, WIC § 18961.7 was enacted, authorizing counties to establish MDT's for the purpose of addressing child abuse and neglect. Since then, over 50 MDTs have been established in over 47 counties. MDT's ability to freely share confidential information has successfully provided a wide range of services to over 10,000 children who have experienced abuse and neglect.

Current State law does not expressly authorize the sharing of data on homeless youth, families, or single adults between county departments and homeless service providers. Thus, public agencies and other homeless service providers are constrained in the type of information that may be shared. For example, service need, service receipt, and duration of service(s) provided to a homeless client cannot be freely shared among county departments and homeless service providers who are often delivering services to the same homeless clients. This results in service duplication and/or fragmentation.

That is why AB 210 is needed. This measure would allow departments and agencies within a county to share confidential information through an established homeless MDT to reduce duplication and/or fragmentation of services. By facilitating communication and coordination among county agencies and service providers, this bill will improve

government efficiency and enhance continuity of care for homeless individuals and families.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Provide staff with further direction

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This activity may be carried out without additional impact on the current operating budget.

**RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This matter is applicable to the following Strategic Focus Area and Guiding Principle: Community Quality of Life – Guiding Principle 4: Support and evaluate community services, programs and events that promote healthy and quality lifestyles for our residents. Enhance public safety and social services through innovative programs that meet the needs of the residential and business communities.

Recommended by: Matthew C. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator

Approved As To Form: Eduardo Olivo, City Attorney

Respectfully Submitted: Matthew C. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator

**ATTACHMENT:**

1. Letter

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