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**Subject: Comments on Draft Report – Creation of a Health Agency**

Dear Dr. Christina Ghaly:

On behalf of the Economic Roundtable, we thank you for the opportunity to comment on LA County's proposed creation of a health agency. The Economic Roundtable is a nonprofit public policy research organization based in Los Angeles. The Economic Roundtable has developed the only tool for prioritizing the needs of homeless individuals, based upon cost data for the 10 percent of homeless patients with the highest public and hospital costs in Los Angeles County.

Below, we offer specific recommendations for strengthening your concepts to address **integrated 'whole person care' for both homeless and re-entry/justice involved populations.**

- **Utilize research data conducted by the Economic Roundtable in the development of the Crisis Triage Tool**, designed to identify homeless individuals in LA County's 10<sup>th</sup> highest decile of public and hospital costs with similar research conducted in Santa Clara County.
- **LA County should adopt and bring to scale the 10<sup>th</sup> Decile Project**, a Social Innovation Fund Initiative of the Corporation for National and Community Service. This project was awarded to CSH in a national initiative, and implemented by a team of safety net agencies led by the Economic Roundtable in Los Angeles County (one of four national sites). This five year demonstration project uses a triage tool developed by the Economic Roundtable to screen for high cost, high need homeless individuals, then wraparound, intensive service integration is provided by integrated mobile health teams operated by homeless



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service organizations toward the establishment of health homes, linked to supportive housing.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment and hope this information is useful to LA County in its efforts to adopt a promising model for care integration to address the comprehensive needs of the most vulnerable, costly and complex populations.

Sincerely,

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