MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Director of Mental Health

At its meeting held May 9, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

The Director of Mental Health's recommendation to approve the following actions to allow the Department to accept and receive Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds from State Department of Mental Health (SDMH) and to enable the Department to begin actual implementation of the delivery of mental health services described in its MHSA Community Services Support (CSS) Plan which will be delivered by directly operated and contracted providers, to allow the Department to begin the transformation of its current mental health system from one that focuses primarily on clinical services into one in which the Department can partner with clients, their families, and communities:

1. Authorize the Director to implement the MHSA CSS Plan with MHSA funds received from SDMH in the amounts of $73,196,067 for Fiscal Year 2005-06 and $90,690,728 for Fiscal Year 2006-07 with both to be allocated in the proposed MHSA spending plan for Fiscal Years 2005-06 and 2006-07;

2. Appropriation adjustment for Fiscal Year 2005-06 in the amount of $24,768,000, to provide the necessary spending authority not included in the Department's Fiscal Year 2005-06 adopted budget;

3. Appropriation adjustment for Fiscal Year 2005-06 in amount of $271,251,000, to adjust the designation for the MHSA Proposition 63 balance by $174,110,000, transfer $21,251,000 from the Designation to Operating Financing Uses, recognize the deferred revenue in amount of $2,694,000 as revenue, and fund the MHSA CSS Plan in amount of $73,196,000;

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4. Authorize the Director to accept future MHSA CSS Plan funding awards from SDMH as anticipated based on additional funding approvals within the Department's MHSA CSS Plan;

5. Authorize the Director to fill 260 ordinance positions/ 258.5 Full-Time Equivalent in excess of what is provided for in the Department's staffing ordinance, pending allocation by the Department of Human Resources;

6. Authorize the establishment of Capital Project No. 69545 to install a modular building for the Psychiatric Urgent Care Center facility at the Olive View-UCLA Medical Center;

7. Authorize the Director of Internal Services to issue purchase orders to persons and/or vendors to provide training for MHSA, which will include non-County personnel such as consumers, family members, advocates, providers, community members, volunteers, student interns, and other caregivers;

8. Authorize the Director to execute a sole source consultant agreement with Pacific Clinics to administer the new Countywide MHSA Family Crisis Services/Respite Care Program, effective upon execution by all parties, with two one-year renewal options exercisable by the Director through Fiscal Year 2007-08, at a total cost of $78,511 for Fiscal Year 2005-06 and $471,068 each for Fiscal Years 2006-07 and 2007-08;

9. Authorize the Director to execute amendment to agreement with California State University, Long Beach Foundation for Academic Training and Student Professional Development Programs to add $800,000 for Fiscal Year 2005-06 only, to increase its current fiscal intermediary services for academic training to disburse stipends to 75 additional students under the Department's Student Professional Development Programs, at a total compensation amount of $1,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2005-06; and

10. Authorize the Director to prepare and execute amendments to Legal Entity Agreements and establish as new Maximum Contract Amounts (MCAs) the aggregate of the original agreement and all amendments provided that the County's total payments to the contractor under the agreement for each fiscal year shall not exceed an increase of 20% from the applicable MCA, and any such increase shall be used to provide additional services or to reflect program and/or policy changes.

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Molina:

"The Department of Mental Health is bringing forward a plan to spend the combined $160 million for Fiscal Year 2005-06 and Fiscal Year 2006-07. We need to approve and move forward with the conceptual framework of the Community Services Support (CSS) Plan which is designed to create a culturally competent mental health system, which promotes recovery and wellness for adults and older adults with severe mental illness and resiliency for children and youth with serious emotional disorders and their families. However, before authorizing full spending of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds we need to view the CSS Plan in context of the Department's proposed mitigation plan for Fiscal Year 2006-07. I therefore recommend that the Board take the following actions:

1. Approve the Director of Mental Health's attached recommendation Nos. 1, 2, 3, 6 and 9 relating to accepting the Mental Health Services Act money from the State and the continuation on the psychiatric decompression plan; and

2. Continue the Director of Mental Health's recommendation Nos. 4, 5, 7, 8 and 10 to May 23, 2006, pending the Department's proposed Mitigation Plan for Fiscal Year 2006-07, and the inclusion of additional information on the hiring plan for 260 additional positions requested under Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding and the 86 positions requested in the proposed budget."

Dr. Marvin J. Southard, Director of Mental Health, addressed the Board.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Board adopted Supervisor Molina's aforementioned recommendations.

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Attachment

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