

**BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET  
HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER**

<b>AGENDA REVIEW</b>	04/18/12
<b>BOARD MEETING</b>	05/1/12
<b>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT</b>	3
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	Department of Mental Health (DMH)
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Authorization to contract with and provide suicide prevention telephone counseling services to Didi Hirsch Psychiatric Service as its subcontractor
<b>PROGRAM</b>	DMH ACCESS Center suicide prevention telephone counseling services
<b>DEADLINES</b>	FYs 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14
<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	\$821,094, fully reimbursable by Didi Hirsch Psychiatric Service
<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	Authorization for DMH to serve as a subcontractor of Didi Hirsch Psychiatric Service under its prime contract with California Mental Health Services Authority, whereby DMH will provide suicide prevention telephone counseling services to callers. Didi Hirsch will reimburse DMH for all the personnel and associated costs so incurred.
<b>SUMMARY/ ISSUES</b>  (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; prior accomplishments; and for BLs involving contracts, also note changes to the contract term.)	DMH's subcontract with Didi Hirsch will enable DMH to enhance Los Angeles County local suicide prevention capacity and support California Mental Health Services Authority statewide Regional and Local Suicide Prevention Capacity Building strategic plan to save lives. DMH's ACCESS Center will expand its current capacity and provide after-hours warmline coverage by establishing a new dedicated, confidential ACCESS Warmline Operation between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. and participate in safeTALK, a widely used training that teaches participants ways to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and appropriate ways to connect them to first-aid resources.  Didi Hirsch will reimburse DMH all the costs incurred by ACCESS Center under this subcontract agreement.
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