

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE AFFILIATION AGREEMENT
WITH THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS
ANGELES (UCLA), ON BEHALF OF THE DAVID GEFFEN SCHOOL OF
MEDICINE AT UCLA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND THE UCLA
NEUROPSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTE AND HOSPITAL
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)**

REQUEST

Approve and authorize the Director of the Department of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute an Amendment to the Affiliation Agreement with the Regents of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), for the provision of academic and medical teaching services at the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and Metropolitan State Hospital.

BACKGROUND

Since October 15, 1985, the UCLA School of Medicine has provided psychiatric teaching and training experiences for interns, residents, fellows, and staff at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center through a Psychiatric Services Agreement between the Department of Health Services (DHS) and the Regents of the University of California. These services consist of testing, evaluation, and therapy services for adults and children by clinical psychology interns and clinical psychology fellows as part of their training programs, supervised by Medical Center staff who also have UCLA Medical School faculty status; and teaching and training of psychiatry interns and residents in the areas of psychiatric emergency, crisis, and adult/child outpatient and inpatient services.

During Fiscal Year 1999-2000, the Department of Mental Health (DMH) participated with DHS and State DMH in reaching agreement to provide similar training experiences at Metropolitan State Hospital through the Psychiatric Services Agreement funded by DMH. This arrangement not only provides unique training opportunities, but also has been successful in elevating the quality of care for Los Angeles County residents at that facility.

As noted above, DMH, with the approval of the Board, entered into a formal Agreement with the Regents of the University of California, effective July 1, 2001. This Affiliation Agreement is designed as an “umbrella agreement” intended to engender a relationship between UCLA and DMH that is easily adaptable to the ever changing needs of the community. Currently, under this Agreement, UCLA

provides academic and medical teaching services and related training activities at mutually agreed upon DMH facilities and programs.

INTENT

The purpose of the requested action is to include the academic and medical teaching services provided by UCLA at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and Metropolitan State Hospital in the overarching Affiliation Agreement between UCLA and DMH, approved by the Board on July 1, 2001. Inclusion of these services in the Affiliation Agreement will eliminate the need for duplicative, separate Psychiatric Services Agreement between DHS and UCLA.

JUSTIFICATION

The Affiliation Agreement was established to provide framework for a relationship between DMH and UCLA that would accomplish their shared goals. These goals include the transferring of state-of-the-art, successful treatment strategies from academic settings to community mental health facilities and the promotion of training and interest within the academic community in the field of community psychiatry, psychology and related professions. The recommended actions will include the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and Metropolitan State Hospital in the facilities to be served through the Affiliation Agreement under Addendum A of the Agreement.

The clinical psychological testing, evaluation, and therapy services provided by clinical psychology interns and fellows as part of their training programs, and teaching and training of psychiatry interns, residents, and facility staff in the areas of psychiatric emergency, crisis, and adult/child outpatient and inpatient services will be continued through the Affiliation Agreement. The requested action will also bring the academic and medical teaching services for County psychiatry fellows and residents provided by UCLA at Metropolitan State Hospital under the purview of the Affiliation Agreement.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Because this Amendment to the Affiliation Agreement is a re-negotiation of an existing Agreement with DHS and the services are specific to the medical school in question, DMH did not advertise this Amendment on the Office of Small Business' Countywide Web Site.