

FACT SHEET

- Request:** Joint Board Letter with Department of Mental Health to approve the Medical Hub concept; amend an existing DMH legal entity agreement with VIP Community Mental Health Center; and approve requests for Appropriation Adjustments for both DCFS and DMH.
- Cost:** The amendment will increase the Maximum Contract Amount (MCA) to \$5,297,822 for FY 2004-05 and to \$5,858,822 for FYs 2005-06 and 2006-07. The \$2,533,000 increase for FY 2004-05 will be financed using \$910,000 of Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Federal Financial Participation (FFP) Medi-Cal revenue, \$819,000 of EPSDT State General Funds (SGF), \$713,000 of Intrafund Transfer (IFT) from DCFS, and \$91,000 of EPSDT County General Funds (CGF) Growth Match. The \$3,094,000 increase for FYs 2005-06 and 2006-05 will be financed using \$455,000 of EPSDT-FFP Medi-Cal revenue, \$409,500 of EPSDT-SGF, \$45,500 of EPSDT-CGF Growth Match and \$349,000 in IFT from DCFS. DCFS will transfer \$713,000 from the MacLaren Children's Center(MCC) Provisional Financing Uses (PFU) Fund to cover the IFT to DMH in FY 2004-05.
- At this time, it is anticipated that the forensic health services will be funded using existing DHS funding streams; however, DHS indicated there may be a need to utilize MCC NCC to fund potential revenue shortfalls associated with providing these services to Medi-Cal ineligible children.
- Term:** The term of the agreement is effective the date of execution through the end of FY 2006-2007.
- Target Population:** The target population is all children currently in, or at risk of entering, the foster care system. This will ensure that the class of plaintiffs in Katie A. and the broader child population identified in recent critical incident reviews to ensure that their needs are identified early and are expertly addressed.
- Contractor Location:** VIP Community Mental Health Center is located at 1721 Griffin Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90031, in Service Planning Area 4 and Supervisorial District 1.
- Services Provided:** This Agreement will provide for expanded forensic medical and mental health assessments for at-risk foster care children on a 24/7 a week basis.
- Summary:** Children that come to the attention of the foster care system are often at an increased risk of medical and mental health illness. Access to forensic medical and mental health expertise and assessment capabilities 24 hours a day, 7 days (24/7) a week, is needed to ensure the safety of children at risk of entering or already in the County's foster care system and to shorten the timelines to permanency.
- Issues:** None.