

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
AGREEMENT- LEGAL ENTITY WITH HERITAGE CLINIC AND THE COMMUNITY
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR SENIORS DBA GERO-NET
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)**

REQUEST:

Request to approve and instruct the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign and execute Amendment No. 5 to the Legal Entity Agreement with Heritage Clinic and the Community Assistance Program for Seniors dba Gero-Net, to enhance mental health services provided to the elderly population. The Amendment will be effective upon Board approval through June 30, 2004. The Amendment adds \$75,000 of one-time only Sales Tax Realignment funds and \$50,000 of one-time only Federal Financial Participation (FFP) Medi-Cal funds to the Maximum Contract Amount (MCA), making the revised MCA \$514,418 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2003-2004.

CONTRACTOR:

Heritage Clinic and the Community Assistance Program for Seniors dba Gero-Net, is located at 447 North El Molino Avenue, Pasadena, California 91101, in Mental Health Service Area 3, and provides in-home and outpatient mental health services to the elderly population.

INTENT:

Approval for the above action is requested to enhance the continuum of mental health services currently being provided by Gero-Net to the elderly population in the San Gabriel Valley Region.

JUSTIFICATION:

The additional allocation of funding to Gero-Net will allow the Department of Mental Health to meet the continuing increases in referrals and demands for services for the elderly population.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

The increases in demands for services, and the need for additional funding required for Gero-Net to maintain its viable level of services were presented to, and shared with the community, consumers, and providers at the local Service Area Advisory Committee during a planning session held this fiscal year. The Committee stakeholders also identified services to older adults as one of the top priorities.