

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

FACT SHEET

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO
THE CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2004-2005 AND 2005-2006
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)**

REQUEST

Approve and instruct the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute an Amendment to the existing Consultant Services Agreement with Mental Health Association in Los Angeles County (MHALA). The Amendment increases the Maximum Contract Amounts (MCA) for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2004-2005 by \$212,790 to \$597,790, and FY 2005-2006 by \$100,000 to \$485,000.

CONTRACTOR

MHALA is a nonprofit, multi-service agency whose mission is to advocate for and to provide mental health services to adults, families, and transitional age youth. MHALA currently has a DMH Legal Entity Agreement for comprehensive mental health services for severely and persistently mentally ill individuals. MHALA has served severely and persistently mentally ill individuals since 1990 and has received national and worldwide recognition and numerous awards.

Legislation requires counties participating in the AB 2034 Program to collect and evaluate outcomes data on a monthly basis. On June 10, 2003, your Board approved a Consultant Services Agreement with MHALA to continue the collection and evaluation of outcomes data generated by participating AB 2034 providers, using the Caminar Case Management Software Program (Caminar) and the provision of Immersion Training.

Board approval is requested to amend the Agreement with MHALA, as the resulting increase to their MCA is not within DMH's delegated authority.

INTENT

Board approval will enable DMH to continue meeting the State Department of Mental Health's (SDMH) requirements in collecting and evaluating outcomes data generated by service providers participating in the AB 2034 Program, and in training AB 2034 providers about the integrated services delivery model.

JUSTIFICATION

The additional AB 2034 funding will be utilized to fund increased staffing costs related to collecting and evaluating AB 2034 outcomes data, and to provide Immersion Training to both management and direct service staff involved in the AB 2034 Program. The Amendment of \$212,790 will be fully funded by AB 2034 funding, which is included in DMH's FY 2004-2005 Final Adopted Budget. Funding for FY 2005-2006 will be requested during DMH's annual budget process.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This subject does not apply.