

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH LEGAL ENTITY AGREEMENT WITH
WESTSIDE CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING, INC.
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 Department of Mental Health (DMH) Legal Entity Agreement with Westside Center for Independent Living, Inc. (WCIL) for the provision of Peer Advocacy Training in Fiscal Years (FYs) 2004-2005 and 2005-2006. This Amendment will increase the Maximum Contract Amount (MCA) for WCIL for FYs 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 by \$50,000 from \$92,599 to \$142,599.

CONTRACTOR:

WCIL, Inc. is a non-profit community organization located at 12901 Venice Boulevard, Los Angeles, in Supervisorial District 2, Mental Health Service Area 5. This corporation advocates, educates, and provides primarily peer-conducted services to its consumers and the community.

During the Department's Budget Stakeholder process a critical need for client-run peer advocacy supportive services was identified. In order to address this need, DMH intends to augment the services provided by WCIL to provide training for clients, who are in recovery from a mental illness, to provide peer advocacy services.

INTENT:

This Amendment will provide training for clients who are in recovery from a mental illness to provide peer advocacy services. Once trained, these individuals will be eligible for employment with DMH or one of its contractors to provide peer advocacy services.

JUSTIFICATION:

Board approval will provide WCIL with additional resources to further enhance services, particularly in the area of Peer Advocacy Training that will prepare individuals for employment. In addition, it will enable DMH to continue to augment current levels of program entitlement services in critically needed areas throughout Los Angeles County.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

This subject does not apply.