

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

FACT SHEET

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO TWO EXISTING
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH LEGAL ENTITY AGREEMENTS WITH
FLORENCE CRITTENTON SERVICES OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC. AND
ST. FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER – CHILDREN’S COUNSELING CENTER TO
ALLOW FOR PAYMENT OF TITLE XIX MEDICAL SERVICES
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)**

REQUEST:

Approve and instruct the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute Amendments to the existing Legal Entity Agreements with Florence Crittenton Services of Orange County, Inc. dba Crittenton Services and St. Francis Medical Center – Children’s Counseling Center (St. Francis Medical Center). For Fiscal Year (FY) 2003-2004, these Amendments will increase the Maximum Contract Amount (MCA) for Crittenton Services by \$500,000 from \$1,750,000 to \$2,250,000 and increase the MCA for St. Francis Medical Center by \$200,000 from \$955,330 to \$1,155,330.

BACKGROUND:

As a result of Department of Mental Health’s (DMH) analysis of the FY 2003-2004 Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) resources, in order to operate the EPSDT program more efficiently, DMH has determined that it will need to redirect existing EPSDT resources from DMH contractors underutilizing their current fiscal year allocation to contractors in need of additional resources because of over-utilization.

While most of these technical adjustment amendments are within previously delegated authority, Board approval is requested to amend the Agreements with these two agencies, as the resulting increase to their MCA because of the redirection of EPSDT resources is not within DMH’s delegated authority.

INTENT:

These amendments will enable DMH to better align the actual demand for EPSDT services with the contractors’ capacity to provide those services and be reimbursed timely for those services.

JUSTIFICATION:

DMH has a contract with Crittenton Services to provide enhanced mental health services to the severely emotionally disturbed children and adolescents from Los Angeles County residing in their RCL12 group homes, and who were placed there because of overcrowding in the RCL 12 group homes in Los Angeles County.

St. Francis Medical Center - Children's Counseling Center has an existing mental health services contract with DMH and has been providing mental health services to SED children and their families located primarily in Supervisorial Districts 2 and 4.

The services of both these agencies have considerably expanded in keeping with DMH's guiding principles for EPSDT expansion and the increased funding will help these agencies to maintain their mental health services.

As a result of an analysis of the EPSDT allocations of the contractors for FY 2003-2004, DMH will need to redirect existing EPSDT resources from DMH contractors underutilizing their current fiscal year allocation to others in need of additional resources. The resulting technical adjustments to the County General Fund and EPSDT-State General Funds sources will also align the EPSDT baseline Medi-Cal local match and EPSDT growth match with DMH's FY 2003-2004 Adopted Budget.

While most of these technical adjustment amendments are within previously delegated authority, Board approval is requested to amend only the Agreements with Crittenton Services and St. Francis Medical Center, as the resulting increase to the MCA because of the redirection of EPSDT resources is not within DMH's delegated authority.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

This subject does not apply.