

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

APPROVAL OF A NEW FISCAL INTERMEDIARY/CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR ACADEMIC TRAINING AND STUDENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM WITH PHILLIPS GRADUATE INSTITUTE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)

REQUEST

Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute a new Fiscal Intermediary/Consultant Services Agreement for Academic Training and Student Professional Development Programs with Phillips Graduate Institute (PGI) to provide training and supervision to Marriage and Family Therapy Interns (MFT) and establish a fiscal intermediary for academic training, between the County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health (DMH) and PGI for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005–2006. For FY 2005-2006 the Total Compensation Amount (TCA) is \$953,000. It is the intent of DMH to fund this Agreement with \$900,000 of Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds and \$53,000 of Sales Tax Realignment funds, budgeted for training, for FY 2005-2006 only. DMH will utilize \$900,000 of existing appropriation included in the FY 2005-2006 Adopted Budget until the MHSA funding becomes available. This Agreement will be effective upon the date of execution through June 30, 2006.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

The purpose of the requested actions is to engage the services of PGI as a fiscal intermediary to ensure payment of stipends to an estimated 100 students who come from accredited schools throughout Southern California. PGI will be established as a fiscal intermediary for a stipend program designed to attract bilingual and bicultural MFT students from throughout all of Los Angeles County and potentially all supervisorial districts.

In addition, PGI through its Latino Family Training and Treatment Program will provide training, supervision, and case management services to MFT interns and trainees to enhance their skills and professional education in preparation for employment in DMH.

The graduate schools that comprise the MFT Consortium solicit students interested in participating in DMH's Student Professional Development Program. The list of interested students is provided to DMH's Program Staff, who in turn submit the list to the Human Resources Bureau (HRB). HRB does the pre-employment processing which entails screening students for criminal background, language assessment, US citizenship/permanent resident, and their interest in working in mental health settings. The graduate schools that comprise the MFT Consortium solicit students interested in

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Those that are found to be eligible for employment with DMH or its contracted agencies are requested to sign an Agreement committing to apply for employment with DMH within Los Angeles County for a minimal period of one (1) calendar year of continuous and satisfactory employment.

CONTRACTOR

Phillips Graduate Institute is located at 5445 Balboa Boulevard, Encino, CA 91316, in Supervisorial District 3, and has served as a lead school of the MFT Consortium since 1994, which is comprised of graduate schools in Southern California preparing marriage and family therapy students.

PGI has special expertise and experience in the provision of academic training, and of a student professional development program for MFT consortium training. Given the short-term nature of this Agreement, and the inadequacy of lead time to utilize a competitive contracting process, PGI has also agreed to serve as a fiscal intermediary for this stipend program. Therefore, on January 25, 2006, DMH notified the Board of its intent to enter into sole source contract negotiations with PGI.