

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT-
LEGAL ENTITY WITH ASC TREATMENT GROUP DBA THE ANNE SIPPI CLINIC
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2004-2005 AND 2005-2006
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(3 VOTES)**

REQUEST

Authority for the Director of Mental Health to prepare, sign and execute an Amendment with Anne Sippi to fund a Medi-Cal certified clinic for 20 clients residing at the residential treatment site. Anne Sippi is an integral component of the Department of Mental Health 's (DMH) plan to reduce the Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES) demand at the four (4) County hospitals. Augmented residential resources, such as Anne Sippi, will support people in community living as an alternative to acute psychiatric inpatient and long-term institutional care.

The Amendment will increase the Maximum Contract Amount (MCA) by \$120,370, to \$711,183, for Fiscal Year (FY) 2004-2005 and by \$415,527, to \$824,837, for FY 2005-2006. The increase in MCA is fully funded by Sales Tax Realignment Funds and Non Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) - Federal Financial Participation (FFP) Medi-Cal revenue, which is included in the FY 2004-2005 Adopted Budget and will be requested in the FY 2005-06 budget process. The Amendment will be effective upon Board approval.

CONTRACTOR

The Anne Sippi facility, established in Los Angeles County in 1978 at 2457 Endicott Street, Los Angeles, CA 90032, provides a 37-bed residential mental health treatment program. The facility, which is licensed by Community Care Licensing as an Adult Residential Facility, serves mentally ill clients, including both Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) mental health conservatees and voluntary clients, who require intensive support to maintain stable community placement and to prepare for more independent community living. In addition to Los Angeles County, the program serves individuals from Kern, Contra Costa, San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Orange counties.

INTENT

To provide funding for a Medi-Cal certified clinic for 20 clients residing at the Anne Sippi residential treatment site. Program services at the clinic will include medication support, individual/group treatment, family groups and activities, crisis intervention, and case

management to ensure community linkage and support on discharge from the program. The proposed action can be accomplished by an Amendment to the existing Anne Sippi contract.

JUSTIFICATION

Anne Sippi is an integral component of the Department of Mental Health 's (DMH) plan to reduce the Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES) demand at the four (4) County hospitals. Augmented residential resources, such as Anne Sippi, will support people in community living as an alternative to acute psychiatric inpatient and long-term institutional care.

DMH has had a contract with Anne Sippi since 1998 to serve eight (8) clients at the rate of \$140 per day, funded by CGF. During June through August 2003, the number of persons placed at the facility was increased from 8 to 18, with the intent of partially supporting this increase by providing the mental health services component through a Medi-Cal certified clinic. DMH uses this facility to place clients from long-term care institutions who have been evaluated as ready for community living with intensive mental health support. Clients that receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) pay the SSI Adult Residential Care rate as a share of cost, which is reported as third-party revenue to the legal entity Agreement with DMH.

The proposed Medi-Cal certified clinic will be located at 10012 Norwalk Blvd., Suite 110, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670. Initially, the clinic will provide mental health services for 20 DMH clients who reside at the Endicott site. Program services will include medication support, individual/group treatment, family groups and activities, crisis intervention, and case management to ensure community linkage and support on discharge from the program. Staffing will consist of a multi-disciplinary team of mental health workers, with mental health services provided five (5) days per week at the clinic and available 24/7 at the residential site. Transportation will be provided to the clinic from the residential site during program hours.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The proposed action can be accomplished by Amendment to the existing Anne Sippi contract.