

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)**

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) Consulting Services Agreement with the California Mental Health Directors Association (CMHDA) to increase the Maximum Contract Amount (MCA) by \$52,326, from \$111,000 to \$163,326 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005-2006. The Amendment will be effective upon Board approval for FY 2005-2006. The increase is fully funded by \$34,326 of Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds and \$18,000 in funding that is included in DMH's FY 2005-2006 Adopted Budget.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

MHSA Implementation/Planning Assessment (\$34,326): This Amendment will allow CMHDA to establish a new staff position to provide consultation and technical assistance to the County of Los Angeles, as well as all other counties, on MHSA implementation issues.

Education Arts Therapy Programs (\$18,000): This Amendment will enable CMHDA to provide consultation and technical assistance on the continued implementation and expansion of educational arts therapy programs in the juvenile probation halls and camps to the underserved population of detained youth who have mental illness.

This recommended increase to the MCA is not within DMH's delegated authority.

BACKGROUND

MHSA Implementation/Planning Assessment: As a statewide organization, CMHDA is in the position to coordinate assistance for all California counties and provide more assistance to all counties on MHSA implementation issues. With guidance from the CMHDA Executive Committee and staff research, the CMHDA Governing Board approved a motion to support the establishment of a new CMHDA staff position for up to

three (3) years. With each county contributing a share to the overall expense of this staff position based on the percentage of the MHSA planning estimate that it is eligible to receive, this Amendment will allow DMH to contribute its share of \$34,326 to CMHDA.

Educational Arts Therapy Programs: Based on its proven expertise in implementing innovative mental health therapeutic programs, CMHDA is in a unique position to consult and provide technical advice on continuing and expanding the arts therapy program in the juvenile probation halls and camps of the County.

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