

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO STATE CONTRACT
WITH
THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA-DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-09
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Accept and approve Amendment to the State Contract for Kirsten Deichert, Legislative and Public Information Officer, to continue services at the State Department of Mental Health from October 21, 2008, through June 30, 2009. The cost of the extension is \$90,474 and will be fully reimbursed by the State.

REQUEST

1. Accept and approve Amendment No.1 from the State of California Department of Mental Health (State) to Contract No. 06-76191-000, with the County of Los Angeles - Department of Mental Health (DMH), for continuation of services provided by Ms. Deichert. This Amendment will be effective upon Board approval through June 30, 2009. The cost of the contract is \$90,474 and will be fully reimbursed by the State.
2. Instruct the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to sign two copies of the Amendment and forward them to the State

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

The requested actions will extend the term of the contract to enable Ms. Deichert to continue assisting the State in responding to the increased external communications related to the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) (Proposition 63).

This action is necessary to extend the October 20, 2008, expiration of the County contract with the State regarding Ms. Deichert's work with the State. Due to the delays in passing the FY 2008-09 State Budget, as well as the July 31, 2008, Executive Order (S 09-08) suspending certain contracts including the contract that covers Ms. Deichert's position, the State will not be able to hire Ms. Deichert as an employee by October 20, 2008 as stated in the current agreement.

Given that the County is the largest and most diverse county in California, representation by Ms. Deichert helps to ensure that the County's unique needs are

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better understood and represented at the State level. DMH is requesting this action to ensure that Ms. Deichert will continue to use her expertise to assist with the State as well as the County.

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