

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**

**FACT SHEET**

**APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES –  
SUPERSESSION LEGAL ENTITY AGREEMENT WITH HOMES FOR LIFE  
FOUNDATION DBA CEDAR STREET HOMES  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)**

**REQUEST**

Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute an amendment, to the Supersession Legal Entity Agreement with Homes For Life Foundation (HFLF) dba Cedar Street Homes (Cedar Street) to fund treatment services, provided through a Medi-Cal certified clinic, and operational costs for 38 clients who will reside at the Cedar Street residential site.

**BACKGROUND**

Cedar Street is a collaborative effort among the Department of Mental Health (DMH), the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Los Angeles County Community Development Commission (CDC), and HFLF. The program is designed to provide a model comprehensive transitional housing and supportive service program with intensive mental health services for persons at long-term care institutions who have been evaluated as ready for community living.

The proposed Cedar Street facility, located at 11401 Bloomfield Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650, will provide a 38 bed residential mental health treatment program. The facility will be licensed by Community Care Licensing as an Adult Residential Facility serving mentally ill clients, including both Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) conservatees and voluntary clients, who require intensive support to maintain stable community placement and to prepare for more independent community living.

**INTENT**

Cedar Street will be an integral component of DMH's plan to reduce demand on Psychiatric Emergency Services at the four (4) County hospitals. Augmented residential resources such as Cedar Street will support people in community living as an alternative to emergency, acute psychiatric inpatient, and long-term institutional care.

### **JUSTIFICATION**

The purpose of the requested action is to enable Cedar Street to provide supportive housing services, including an on-site Medi-Cal certified clinic, on the grounds of Metropolitan State Hospital, for DMH clients. The requested action will provide augmented community placement for 38 clients who are discharge ready from Institutions of Mental Disease. Sales Tax Realignment funds redirected from the FY 2005-2006 State Hospital budget and projected FFP revenue for Medi-Cal reimbursable outpatient services will fund treatment and operational costs for the program.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

This subject does not apply.