COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

FACT SHEET

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO EXISTING DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR MENTAL HEALTH FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005 (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)

REQUEST

Approve and instruct the Director of Mental or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute an Amendment to Contract No. DMH-01407, with California Institute for Mental Health (CIMH). The Amendment will allow CIMH to develop and implement a training program related to children ages 0-5 as part of the Infant Preschool Family Mental Health Initiative, complete a statewide report on the Children's System of Care (CSOC), coordinate the biennial Parent Provider Partnership sponsored by the Department of Mental Health (DMH), and provide specialized training and consultation to DMH for the purpose of public mental health planning. The revised Maximum Contract Amount will be $410,000 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2004-2005.

CONTRACTOR

CIMH was selected to provide the technical assistance necessary for the development and implementation of a training curriculum for the infant/preschool population ages 0-5, based on their established reputation in the area of training, and their ability to access consultants/collaborators with expertise relevant to young children. In addition, CIMH was selected to complete a requested statewide report based on their expertise in data collection and analysis, as well as their previous involvement in the collection of relevant information throughout the State. Since a significant portion of the work completed by CIMH involves staging conference events with specific focus on the mental health service delivery system, CIMH will coordinate and implement the 4th Biennial Parent Provider Partnership Conference. CIMH has access to an extensive network of trainers, as well as their own conference planning staff.

INTENT

With the technical assistance of CIMH the Department's CSOC staff will be expanding efforts on behalf of Children ages 0-5 and their families by developing and implementing a comprehensive training program focusing on children who are attending First 5 LA School Readiness Centers.

The goals of this project are to enhance the knowledge base and skill sets of staff at these Centers to increase their capacity to serve the mental health needs of the children.

CIMH will review and evaluate CSOC's program data previously collected from all 58 counties, and compare the data to a prior research study conducted by the University of San Francisco. CIMH will use consultants from within California and across the nation to participate in the extensive analysis that will be required, as well as in the report formulation. Once the evaluation is complete and the report is produced, it will be generously distributed throughout the state.

By accessing CIMH's expertise on conference planning and implementation in the mental health arena, DMH will leverage expert trainers and ensure the success of a conference designed to bring mental health providers and community partners together.

JUSTIFICATION

DMH has allocated an additional $35,000 for consultation services to enhance the ongoing stakeholder process that was initiated during FY 2003-2004. Second, during the second half of FY 2003-2004, SDMH allocated $50,000 from their larger State First 5 Commission allocation to support an Infant Preschool Family Mental Health Program that was initiated approximately five (5) years ago. The State First 5 Commission has mandated that the focus be on children ages 0-5 that are attending School Readiness Centers, another First 5 Program. Third, late in FY 2003-2004, SDMH allocated a one-time augmentation of $50,000 in CSOC funds to CIMH for the purpose of developing and publishing a statewide report on the CSOC initiative in California. Finally, DMH has allocated $55,000 as part of the training budget for the purpose of the Parent Provider Partnership conference. DMH will use the services of CIMH to implement this conference. The allocations totaling $190,000 are to be expended by June 30, 2005.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This subject does not apply.