

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

**F A C T S H E E T**

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH'S  
TWO LEGAL ENTITY AGREEMENTS AND ONE SPECIALIZED AGREEMENT FOR  
FISCAL YEARS 2004-2005 AND 2005-2006  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)**

**REQUEST**

Request Board approval for the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute amendments to increase the Department of Mental Health's (DMH) Maximum Contract Amounts (MCA) with Gateways Hospital and Mental Health Center (Gateways), Kedren Community Health Center, Inc. (Kedren), and Aurora Charter Oak LLC (Aurora) (see Attachment I), to provide 12 additional acute psychiatric inpatient beds for uninsured children and adolescents for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2004-2005 (pro-rated for three (3) months) and 2005-2006.

**BACKGROUND**

Related to the recent Katie A. Settlement Agreement that requires the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to ensure timely assessment and appropriate treatment for children and adolescents under the care of DCFS, there is an increase in the numbers of uninsured children and adolescents that are presented for evaluation in the County Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES). In many instances these children remain in the PES due to lack of sufficient acute psychiatric inpatient services for uninsured children and adolescents.

The requested action will allow for the provision of 12 additional acute psychiatric inpatient beds for uninsured children and adolescents at Gateways, Kedren, and Aurora to relieve the overcrowding of the County hospital PES. This will increase the current inpatient capacity of 10 beds to 22 in an effort to meet the demand.

**INTENT**

Approval of the requested action will increase FY 04-05 MCAs by \$633,722 and FY 05-06 MCAs by \$2,500,000 for Gateways, Kedren, and Aurora as described in Attachment I, in order to address the need for additional inpatient bed capacity for uninsured children and adolescents.

There is no impact on net County cost. For FY 2004-2005, the three (3) month pro-rated cost of additional beds totaling \$633,722 is funded with existing appropriation included in the FY 2004-2005 budget, and for FY 2005-2006, the annual cost of \$2,500,000 is included in the Budget Request for FY 2005-2006.

## **JUSTIFICATION**

DMH and the Department of Health Services have been developing plans to address the increasing numbers of uninsured children and adolescents that are presented for evaluation at the four (4) County PES in order to provide relief for the County hospital PES crisis. Both departments identified strategic areas of the County where there is a critical need for beds for uninsured children and adolescents and inpatient facilities located either in or most adjacent to the areas of need that were willing to contract for additional beds. The purchase of additional inpatient beds for uninsured children and/or adolescents at Gateways, Kedren, and Aurora will reduce the numbers of children waiting in the PES and ensure safe transitions and linkages to community mental health services after discharge.

## **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

DMH will execute LE Agreement contract amendments with Gateways and Kedren, and a Specialized Agreement contract Amendment with Aurora to increase MCAs for FYs 2004-2005 and 2005-2006.

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Attachment

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
FISCAL YEARS 2004-2005 AND 2005-2006

Sup District	FY 2004-2005 Child Inpatient Bed Increase					MCA Information				
	Contractor	Current Bed Allocation	Bed Increase	Revised Bed Allocation	Additional Funding FY 04-05 (pro-rated for 3 months)	Last Board Adopted MCA	Latest MCA (after EPSDT amendment)	Revised MCA with this Board Letter	% Increase from last Board Adopted MCA	
5	Aurora Charter Oak, LLC	0	3	3	154,560	1,145,788	1,145,788	1,300,348	13%	
1	Gateways Hospital and MHC	8	7	15	389,620	9,683,960	9,683,960	10,073,580	4%	
6	Kedren Community Health Center, Inc.	2	2	4	89,542	18,392,510	18,848,777	18,938,319	3%	
	Total	10	12	22	633,722					

Sup District	FY 2005-2006 Child Inpatient Bed Increase					MCA Information				
	Contractor	Current Bed Allocation	Bed Increase	Revised Bed Allocation	Additional Funding FY 05-06	Last Board Adopted MCA	Latest MCA	Revised MCA with this Board Letter	% Increase from last Board Adopted MCA	
5	Aurora Charter Oak, LLC	0	3	3	598,978	1,145,788	1,145,788	1,744,766	52%	
1	Gateways Hospital and MHC	8	7	15	1,545,775	9,268,639	9,424,639	10,970,414	18%	
6	Kedren Community Health Center, Inc.	2	2	4	355,247	18,392,510	18,603,420	18,968,667	3%	
	Total	10	12	22	2,500,000					