

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES- DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

## FACT SHEET

### **APPROVAL OF NEW OUT-OF-STATE CHILD PLACEMENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH DEVEREUX GLENHOLME, FOR FISCAL YEARS 2004-2005, 2005-2006, AND 2006-2007 (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)**

#### **REQUEST**

Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute a new Out-Of-State Child Placement Mental Health Services Agreement with Devereux Glenholme for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2004-2005, 2005-2006 and 2006-2007. There is no Maximum Contract Amount for this Agreement as services are provided and reimbursed on an as needed basis. The budgeted allocation for out-of-state contract providers is \$7.6 million for FY 2004-2005.

#### **CONTRACTOR**

Devereux Glenholme is licensed as a non-profit treatment center. The State of California Department of Education has certified the school components as a Non-Public School educational provider. The agency offers a continuum of treatment programs such as a program for mildly delayed young adolescents, to structured-secured treatment milieus for youths with serious psychological attention-deficit and behavioral-control impairments. The out-of-state address is as follows:

- Devereux Glenholme  
81 Sabbaday Lane  
Washington, Connecticut 06793-1318

The Agreement provides for additional mental health services to severely emotionally disturbed (SED) children, adolescents, and their families; and will allow access to this agency to similar children and adolescents, which require out-of-state placement. For mental health services provided to clients of the Department of Mental Health (DMH), Devereux Glenholme negotiated a daily rate of \$29.25.

#### **INTENT**

Board approval of this request will authorize DMH to enter an Out-of-State Child Placement Mental health Services Agreement with Devereux Glenholme to ensure additional mental health services to SED clients. Also establishing this agency as a new out-of-state placement resource will expand DMH's referral list for the placement of SED clients, who have failed in multiple local residential treatment programs and require access to out-of-state agencies.

## **JUSTIFICATION**

At one time, DMH contracted for services with Devereux Glenholme, but because of minimal use of mental health services over several years, the contract was not renewed. DMH received a request for child placement at this facility several months after the renewal process was completed. At present, the child's mental health services are being paid by a Service Purchase Order.

This new out-of-state Agreement with Devereux Glenholme will allow DMH to meet its responsibilities under Assembly Bill (AB) 3632, to provide mental health services to disabled pupils. The enactment of AB 2726 in 1996 shifted fiscal and programmatic responsibilities from local school districts to County mental health agencies.

These clients reside throughout the County of Los Angeles, and are placed in out-of-state education and mental health treatment facilities because they have either failed in multiple local residential treatment programs or have been refused admission by multiple programs in California.

## **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

DMH staff consulted with representatives of this agency to determine the appropriate daily rate for the mental health services components of this program. The daily rate is well below comparable California rates for similar services. The agency meets California requirements for a not-for-profit organizational structure, meets Medicaid certification standards in their respective states, and have educational programs certified and approved by the California Department of Education.

DMH will assign Clinical and Administrative staff to supervise and administer the Agreement, evaluate the program to ensure that quality services are being provided to clients and to ensure that the Agreement provisions and DMH policies are being followed.