

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**APPROVAL OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA - DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT
OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR FISCAL YEARS 2006-2007, 2007-2008, AND 2008-2009**

**(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

REQUEST

Request approval of the Cooperative Agreement between the County of Los Angeles - Department of Mental Health (DMH) and the State of California - Department of Rehabilitation (State DOR) for Fiscal Years 2006-2007, 2007-2008, and 2008-2009 for the provision of vocational services to the County's mentally ill clients by 10 contracted agencies and 17 directly-operated adult mental health clinics. For this Agreement, DMH contributes an annual total of \$838,877 of both cash, County General Fund (CGF), included in DMH's FY 2006-2007 Proposed Budget, and non-cash matching funds which leverage \$2,974,460 of Federal funds for an annual total program cost of \$3,813,337 for each fiscal year. The term of the Cooperative Agreement is July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009.

Additionally, request approval of the following actions: 1) adopt the Resolution and instruct the Mayor of the Board and the Executive Officer to sign two (2) Resolutions; 2) delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health or his designee to sign four (4) original copies of the Cooperative Agreement; and 3) delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare and execute amendments to 10 existing Legal Entity (LE) Agreements, as listed in the attachment.

BACKGROUND

DMH has participated in a Cooperative Agreement with State DOR since 1991, providing vocational services for individuals disabled by severe and chronic persistent mental illness. This "umbrella" Agreement provides for both contracted and directly operated agencies to share the responsibility for funding, administration and oversight of the vocational programs at a total of 27 mental health program sites. The service sites include 10 contracted agencies and 17 directly operated mental health clinics. State DOR contracts directly with the contracted agencies through Case Service Agreements. These Case Service Agreements enable these programs to provide employment services, including vocational assessment, work adjustment, personal and social adjustment services, thereby; enhancing the employment services delivery system.

INTENT

The current Cooperative Agreement with State DOR will expire on June 30, 2006. Upon Board approval, the renewal of the Cooperative Agreement will be effective from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009. Board approval of this contract renewal for three (3) fiscal years requires a Board Resolution, which will allow DMH to continue to maintain a partnership with State DOR for the uninterrupted provision of vocational rehabilitation services for individuals with chronic mental illness at 10 existing contracted agencies that have Case Service Agreements with State DOR and at 17 directly-operated mental health clinics as listed in Attachment. Additionally, the renewal of this Cooperative Agreement allows County to receive additional revenue which benefits residents of Los Angeles County. Without Board approval, programs assisting clients with finding and maintaining competitive employment through the Cooperative Agreement would be eliminated or substantially reduced.

JUSTIFICATION

During the past year, DMH has worked with State DOR to strengthen the employment services offered to DMH clients. With this additional focus on career goals, strengths and abilities, clients are more prepared to meet State DOR eligibility requirements for employment-related services. These services include funds for transportation, clothing and uniforms, job-related tools and equipment, training, and other services that enable clients to obtain and maintain employment.

Since 1991, DMH has participated in a Cooperative Agreement with State DOR to provide vocational services for individuals disabled by chronic mental illness. During FY 2005-2006, over 2,025 clients were served through the Cooperative Agreement Program according to State DOR. Upon Board approval, the term of this Cooperative Agreement will be effective for three (3) fiscal years from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009. This "umbrella" Agreement provides for both agencies to share the responsibility for funding, administration, and oversight of the vocational programs at a total of 27 mental health program sites. These service sites are operated by 10 contracted agencies and 17 directly-operated mental health clinics. State DOR contracts directly with these 10 contracted agencies through Case Service Agreements. These Case Service Agreements enable these programs to provide employment services, including vocational assessment, work adjustment, and personal and social adjustment services, thereby, enhancing the employment services delivery system.

To fulfill the terms of the State DOR Cooperative Agreement, DMH reduces the amount of CGF from the Master Contract Amounts (MCAs) of these 10 LE contractors and submits these funds to State DOR, which uses such funds and the related Federal

match to fund the Case Service Agreements between these LE contractors and State DOR.

For three (3) fiscal years from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009, a total of 2,200 unduplicated DMH/State DOR clients will be served each year through this Cooperative Agreement. A total of 850 new referrals per year will be made to State DOR; 700 individual plans for employment per year will be developed; and 300 cases per year will be successfully closed. It is also projected that 42 percent of the clients whose cases are closed following plan initiation will have attained an employment outcome.

The Cooperative Agreement specifies the services to be provided and the funding amounts to be reimbursed for the services. The Cooperative Agreement expressly provides that the County has no obligation to pay for expenditures beyond the contract amount.

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The key terms and conditions of the Cooperative Agreement have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel. In addition, the CAO reviewed and approved the proposed actions.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

See attached listing of the 10 contracted agencies that provide vocational services to the County's mentally ill clients.

Federal and State law allows that DMH and State DOR enter into the Cooperative Agreement to provide services as designated without requiring the use of a solicitation or bid process. Agencies interested in entering the Cooperative Agreement have been invited by State DOR to submit proposals for consideration.

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Attachment

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
Contracts Development and Administration Division**

**FISCAL YEARS 2006-2007, 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 DOR/DMH
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
PROVIDERS AND SITES**

Contracted Agencies**Directly-Operated Clinics**

Didi Hirsch Psychiatric Service	American Indian Counseling Center
Dubnoff Center for Child Development and Educational Therapy, Inc.	Antelope Valley MHC
The Help Group Child and Family Center	Arcadia MHC
The Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic	Augustus F. Hawkins MHC
National Mental Health Association in Los Angeles County dba The Village Integrated Services	Compton MHC
Pacific Clinics	Edelman Westside MHC
Portals – Community Connections – Mariposa Clubhouse	Hollywood MHC
Step Up On Second Street, Inc.	Long Beach MHC
San Fernando Valley Community MHC, Inc.	Northeast MHC
Special Service For Groups (Asian Pacific Counseling and Treatment Center)	Palmdale MHC
	Rio Hondo MHC
	San Fernando MHC
	San Pedro MHC
	Santa Clarita MHC
	South Bay MHC
	West Central MHC
	West Valley MHC