REQUEST

1. Approve and instruct the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute Amendment No. 5 to the existing Department of Mental Health (DMH) Consultant Services Agreement with the California Institute of Mental Health (CIMH) (Agreement No. DMH-01407) to increase the Total Compensation Amount (TCA) by $148,500, from $430,000 to $578,500, for Fiscal Year (FY) 2004-2005. The Amendment will be effective upon Board approval for FY 2004-2005 only. The Amendment increase, fully funded by one-time only Sales Tax Realignment revenue in the Trust Account, will be used for training and consultation to older adult mental health providers and interns to develop professional skills in the areas of assessment and treatment.

2. Approve and instruct the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute Amendment No. 4 to the existing DMH Consultant Services Agreement with the National Mental Health Association of Greater Los Angeles (NMHAGLA) (Agreement No. DMH-01408) to increase the TCA by $5,000, from $597,790 to $602,790, for FY 2004-2005. The Amendment will be effective upon Board approval for FY 2004-2005 only. The Amendment increase, fully funded by one-time only Sales Tax Realignment revenue in the Trust Account, will be used for an older adults training conference to address countywide hoarding concerns.

3. Approve and instruct the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute Amendment No. 8 to the existing DMH Legal Entity (LE) Agreement with NMHAGLA (Agreement No. DMH-01652) to increase the Maximum Contract Amount (MCA) by $10,000, from $10,934,352 to
$10,944,352, for FY 2004-2005. The Amendment will be effective upon Board approval for FY 2004-2005 only. The Amendment increase, fully funded by one-time only Sales Tax Realignment revenue in the Trust Account, will be used to provide wraparound services for the life support needs of older adult mental health clients.

4. Approve and instruct the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute a new Consultant Services Agreement with Pacific Clinics, Inc. for the provision of older adults training and educational programs. The term of this new Agreement will be effective upon Board approval for FY 2004-2005 only. The TCA in the amount of $36,500 will be funded by one-time only Sales Tax Realignment revenue in the Trust Account.

5. Approve the Request for Appropriation Adjustment in the amount of $200,000, fully funded by one-time only Sales Tax Realignment revenue in the Trust Account, for the provision of services to older adult mental health clients residing in the County.

6. Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute future Amendments to these Agreements and establish as a new TCA or MCA the aggregate of each original Agreement and all amendments through and including these amendments and new Agreement.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

The purpose of the requested actions is necessitated by the Request for Appropriation Adjustment to fund older adults mental health services by one-time only Sales Tax Realignment revenue in the Trust Account. The proposed actions are in accordance with the DMH Stakeholders’ Recommendations provided to the Board on October 19, 2004. In September 2004, upon determining the availability of additional one-time monies in the Sales Tax Realignment Trust Account, DMH reconvened its Stakeholders’ group to make recommendations for the allocation and expenditure of these funds in FY 2004-2005. The requested actions are part of the approved plan for DMH to provide necessary older adults training and to augment services to meet the increasing demands for services due to the rapid growth of the older adult population. The elements of this plan included the fast expanding mental health needs of older adults (age 60 and older) and future needs of transitional adults (ages 55 through 59).
CONTRACTORS

The allocation of $200,000 will be used by the following existing contractors to enhance older adults mental health training and support services:

1) California Institute of Mental Health (CIMH)
   2030 J Street
   Sacramento, CA  95814

   CIHM (Agreement No. DMH-01407) is a statewide organization with a mission to promote excellence in mental health services through training, technical assistance, research, and policy development. CIMH has worked closely with statewide and county entities, such as the California Mental Health Directors’ Association’s (CMHDA) Older Adults System of Care Committee (OASOC) and Los Angeles County and Southern California OASOCs to provide consultation and training to older adult mental health staff. The term of this Agreement expires on June 30, 2006.

2) National Mental Health Association of Greater Los Angeles (NMHGLA)
   320 Pine Avenue
   Long Beach, CA  90802

   NMHAGLA (Agreement Nos. DMH-01408 and DMH-01652) has extensive experience in the training of providers, consumers, families, and the community-at-large with an outcome focus. The agency is renown for its commitment and specialized services to the severely and persistently mentally ill, homeless, and incarcerated populations, as well as consumer-run programs. Its previous experience in working with DMH to provide older wraparound service to older adult clients has proven to be cost-effective. The terms of these Consultant Services and LE Agreements expire on June 30, 2006 and June 30, 2007, respectively.

3) Pacific Clinics, Inc.
   800 S. Santa Anita Avenue
   Arcadia, CA  91006

   Pacific Clinics, a longstanding mental health agency in Los Angeles County, provides behavioral healthcare services to children, adolescents, adults, and older adults at multiple sites throughout Los Angeles County. The Older Adults Division of Pacific Clinics has worked collaboratively with DMH in many older adults projects, including the Los Angeles County OASOC, the Los Angeles
County Long-Term Care Coordinating Council (LTCC) Mental Health Workgroup. Over the years, its training institute has conducted many workshops with an older adult focus. The term of this new Agreement will be effective upon Board approval through June 30, 2005.

FISCAL SUMMARY

There is no increase in net County cost. The total cost for FY 2004-2005 is $200,000, fully funded by one-time only Sales Tax Realignment revenue in the Trust Account. All funds will be expended during FY 2004-2005.

For FY 2004-2005, the Request for Appropriation Adjustment in the amount of $200,000 will provide DMH with increased spending authority required for implementation of the Stakeholders’ plan for the enhancement of older adults mental health services as previously specified.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Upon Board approval, DMH will allocate $200,000 to three existing DMH contractors—CIMH, NMHAGLA, and Pacific Clinics—to meet older adults mental health training and service needs in accordance with recommendations made by the Stakeholders’ process and as discussed at the countywide OASOC. The training and service needs have also been established by the countywide OASOC’s comprehensive planning workgroup through ongoing meetings.

These agencies were selected based on their established expertise and experience in the provision of consultation, training, and services pertaining to older adults mental health issues.

These actions will not be listed on the County’s Bid Webpage, as they do not involve a Proposition A Request For Proposal. Additionally, these actions are part of the approved Stakeholders’ plan for DMH to provide necessary training and augment services to older adults.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

Board approval of these proposed allocations will enhance the expansion of knowledge, development of skills, and increased level of supportive services regarding older adults mental health needs. Time is of the essence for the utilization of these funds since they have to be expended in this fiscal year and cannot be carried over into FY 2005-2006.

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