

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

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

**APPROVAL OF THE ONE-TIME FUNDS  
EXPANSION PLAN UNDER THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT  
COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SUPPORTS PLAN  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

**REQUEST**

1. Approve, in substantially similar form, the One-Time Funds Expansion Plan (Expansion Plan) under the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Community Services and Supports (CSS) Plan in the amount of \$17,773,000 for submission to the California Department of Mental Health (CDMH) and authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to make minor modifications to the plan in response to comments from CDMH.
2. Authorize the Director of Mental Health or his designee to accept the funds upon receipt from the State.
3. Authorize the Director of Mental Health or his designee to sign and execute any amendments necessary to the County's agreement with the State of California to include the funding.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION**

Board approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Mental Health to submit the proposed Expansion Plan to CDMH to receive the additional MHSA one-time CSS funds in the amount of \$17,773,000.

The proposed Expansion Plan would be used to expand Full Service Partnership Programs for Transition Aged Youth, Adults and Older Adults, to expand Wellness Centers and Client Run Centers, and fund outreach and engagement activities targeted specifically to serve the homeless population that was formerly served under the Integrated Services for Homeless Adults with Serious Mental Illness, commonly referred to as the AB 2034 program.

In approving the State's 2007-08 Fiscal Year Budget, the Governor "blue penciled" the AB 2034 program, which served individuals who are homeless and have a severe and persistent mental illness since 1999. This action eliminated funding for the program retroactively to July 1, 2007, at an estimated cost of \$17,174,000 to the County.

At the same time, CDMH indicated that it would likely release additional one-time MHSA CSS funding to counties in order to assist them in transitioning clients into other programs under the counties' MHSA CSS Plans. The Department, working with its contract providers, began identifying clients and the appropriate MHSA program to which they should be transferred. Based on this information, clients are being reclassified to the appropriate MHSA programs based on the needs of the client. The effective date of the client reclassification is July 1, 2007.

On October 18, 2007, CDMH notified the County that its one-time allocation was \$17,773,000. The amount included \$17,253,000 for one time expansion of the CSS Plan and \$520,000 specifically given to Los Angeles County to provide for state-wide data collection, analysis and technical support in the transition year to be able to track final outcomes on the former AB 2034 clients. The County provided this service under the former AB 2034 program through a contract with National Mental Health Association of Greater Los Angeles. Accordingly, the Expansion Plan includes \$520,000 for this purpose, as well as \$1,683,408 for two years of continued funding, at a reduced level, for programmatic staff of the former AB 2034 program, who are coordinating the activities necessary to transition clients and to assist in managing the expanded MHSA programs.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

In accordance with the State's guidelines for the funds, on February 8, 2008 DMH posted the proposed Expansion Plan for the required 30 days public comment period. Six comments were received during the public comment period. The required summary of these comments and responses thereto has been incorporated into the Expansion Plan as required.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

DMH provided AB 2034 services through 14 legal entity providers. Of these, all but one currently provides some MHSA services under their existing contract. Upon Board and State approval of the Expansion Plan, contract amendments will be executed under existing delegated authority to re-categorize, effective July 1, 2007, the clients and the funding source under which services are provided.

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