

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

**F A C T   S H E E T**

**APPROVAL TO AMEND DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH LEGAL ENTITY AGREEMENTS WITH GATEWAYS HOSPITAL AND MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, SPECIAL SERVICE FOR GROUPS, AND TELECARE CORPORATION TO IMPLEMENT THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT – COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SUPPORTS PLAN FOR INSTITUTIONS FOR MENTAL DISEASES STEP-DOWN FACILITIES AND ENRICHED RESIDENTIAL SERVICES**

**(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)**

**REQUEST**

Approve and instruct the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute amendments with Gateways Hospital and Mental Health Center (Gateways), Special Service for Groups (SSG), and Telecare Corporation (Telecare) for the implementation of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD) Step-down Facilities and Enriched Residential Services for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2006-07 and 2007-08. Total costs for FY 2006-07 is \$854,375, consisting of \$742,500 in MHSA funding and \$111,875 in anticipated Federal Financial Participation (FFP) Medi-Cal revenue; total costs for FY 2007-08 is \$3,417,500, consisting of \$32,970,000 in MHSA funding and \$447,500 in anticipated FFP Medi-Cal revenue. The term of the amendments will be effective upon Board approval through June 30, 2008.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION**

Implementation of the IMD Step-down Facilities and Enriched Residential Services programs will serve adults in Service Areas (SAs) 2 through 8. Implementation of these programs will assist clients from acute inpatient and institutional settings to be safely maintained in the community with mental health services. These programs are designed to break the cycle of costly emergency and inpatient care and promote successful community reintegration.

**BACKGROUND**

On August 29, 2006, the Department of Mental Health (DMH) issued Request for Services (RFS) No. 5 (IMD Step-down Facilities) to 11 qualified bidders and RFS No. 6 (Enriched Residential Services) to 47 providers who qualified as Master Agreement contractors under DMH's MHSA Master Agreement list and who indicated an interest in providing IMD Step-Down and Alternative Crisis Services on their Statement of Qualifications (SOQ). DMH sent agencies who expressed interest in providing IMD Step-Down Facilities and Enriched Residential Services a notice of the release of the RFS along with a compact disc of the RFS, and invited them to attend a mandatory Proposers' Conference on September 13, 2006. Representatives from

seven (7) contract agencies attended the Proposers' Conference for RFS No. 5; representatives from 11 contract agencies attended the Proposers' Conference for RFS No. 6. DMH received three (3) proposals for RFS No. 5 and one (1) proposal for RFS No. 6 by the deadline of October 11, 2006.

Soon after DMH convened a review panel composed of representatives from the Department of Health Services, Department of Children and Family Services, a consumer, and a DMH District Chief to access and score the proposals. Simultaneously, review of the budget, proposed staffing, quality assurance processes, and reference contacts were conducted by DMH staff. For RFS No. 5, Gateways, SSG, and Telecare, and for RFS No. 6, Gateway's proposals met the requirements to implement the services of IMD Step-down Facilities and Enriched Residential services. The proposals were then reviewed by DMH's Executive Management Team, which finalized its recommendations.

Implementation of the programs will be as follows:

#### IMD Step-down Facilities

Gateways Intensive Adult Residential Program, located at 3441 Percy Street, Los Angeles 90023 in Service Area (SA) 4, provides intensive mental health services that will address the need for on-site intensive mental health and supportive services for individuals being discharged from County hospital inpatient units and IMDs to successfully transition to community settings.

Gateways Assisted Living Program will establish an off-site Medi-Cal certified outpatient clinic at an undetermined site for twenty-five (25) adults and older adults residing at Gateways Assisted Living Program, located at 3445 Percy Street, Los Angeles 90023 in SA 4. The program will provide housing, individual and group treatment, medication support, crisis intervention, targeted case management, employment/vocational opportunities, and peer support/advocacy services for individuals from acute inpatient or other intensive residential programs who are ready for discharge from higher levels of care to assisted living.

SSG, located at 605 W. Olympic Blvd., Suite 780, 90015 in SA 4, will provide Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) services to twenty-five (25) Asian Pacific Islander (API) adults discharged from IMDs, State hospitals, acute inpatient or intensive residential settings to a continuum of housing options, including enhanced community residential care facilities, transitional housing, and independent living in SAs 2 through 8.

Telecare, located at 12440 Firestone Boulevard, Suite 3020, Norwalk 90650, will provide ACT services, housing and supportive services for twenty-five (25) adults discharged from IMDs, State hospitals, acute inpatient units who will reside in community housing in SAs 4, 7, and 8. The program will utilize a Recovery-Centered Clinical System to support persons in recovery and collaborate with community partners to provide community reintegration activities, including employment and educational opportunities.

#### Enriched Residential Services

Gateways Intensive Adult Residential Program provides intensive mental health and housing services to address the need for on-site intensive mental health and supportive services for individuals being discharged from County hospital inpatient units and IMDs to successfully transition to community settings.

#### CONTRACTING PROCESS

Upon Board approval, DMH will execute amendments with Gateways, SSG, and Telecare to implement the IMD Step-down Facilities and Enriched Residential Services programs.

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