

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**APPROVAL TO AMEND EXISTING CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-09
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval to amend a Consultant Services Agreement with California Mental Health Directors Association to provide consultation and technical assistance for ongoing and new Mental Health Services Act programs.

REQUEST

Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute Amendment No. 4 to the existing Department of Mental Health (DMH) Consultant Services Agreement No. MH050011 with California Mental Health Directors Association (CMHDA) to increase the Total Compensation Amount (TCA) by \$52,235, from \$160,700 to \$212,935, for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09, funded by Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding, and with the option to extend funding to FY 2009-10 if funds are available for the provision of consultation and technical assistance for ongoing and new MHSA programs. The Amendment will be effective upon Board approval through June 30, 2009.

Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute future amendments to this Agreement and establish as a new TCA the aggregate of the original Agreement and all amendments through and including this Amendment, provided that: 1) the County's total payments to the Contractor under this Agreement for the applicable FY do not exceed an increase of 20 percent from the applicable Board-approved TCA; 2) any such increase will be used to provide additional services or to reflect program and/or policy changes; 3) the Board of Supervisors has appropriated sufficient funds for all changes; 4) approval of County Counsel and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or their designees, is obtained prior to any such Amendment; 5) the parties may, by written Amendment, mutually agree to reduce programs or services, without reference to the 20 percent limitation; and 6) the Director of Mental Health provides written notification to your Board within 30 days after the execution of any Amendment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

The recommended actions will provide the Department consultation and technical assistance needed to continue implementing new and ongoing MHSA programs. As a statewide organization, CMHDA collaborates with state agencies, including the State Department of Mental Health, on issues of importance to California's county mental health agencies. The CMHDA will coordinate assistance for all California counties by identifying consultants with relevant expertise, and by providing public policy development, issue identification and analysis, government relations, and advocacy. The estimated cost of \$52,235 represents the County of Los Angeles' share of CMHDA's statewide efforts. Board approval is necessary to amend the Agreement with CMHDA, as the recommended increase of \$52,235 exceeds DMH's delegated authority.

CONTRACTOR

Currently, DMH has a Consultant Services Agreement with CMHDA through June 30, 2010 for the provision of consultation and technical assistance on educational arts therapy programs in the juvenile halls and camps. Upon Board approval, CMHDA will also provide consultation and technical assistance for ongoing and new MHSA programs. DMH has contracted with CMHDA, a non-profit private agency, to provide consultant services in the field of specialized mental health organizational and systems planning, development, and implementation, since May 9, 2000.

The \$52,235 increase for FY 2008-09 is fully funded with MHSA funds that are included in DMH's FY 2008-09 Adopted Budget. CMHDA's revised TCA will total \$212,935 for FY 2008-09. There is no increase in net County cost.

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