

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**APPROVAL TO RENEW HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS/ACQUIRED
IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (HIV/AIDS) MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PLAN
AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

REQUEST

1. Approve and accept the California Department of Mental Health (State) Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS) Mental Health Services Agreement Number 07-77008-000 with the County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health (DMH), for the continuous provision of mental health services to seriously and persistently mentally ill persons living with, or at risk for, HIV/AIDS for the Agreement period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010. The amount for each Fiscal Year (FY) is \$376,000 and the total Agreement Amount is \$1,128,000.
2. Authorize the Director of Mental Health or his designee to sign two (2) copies of the Agreement No.07-77008-000 and forward both originals to the State.
3. Approve and instruct the Chairman of your Board to sign and execute an original Resolution (Attachment II), specifying that your Board has approved the Agreement No.07-77008-000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

This Board letter will allow the subject program to continue upon the same terms and conditions as previously set forth by the State and approved by your Board on December 14, 2004 and will allow for the continuous delivery of HIV/AIDS mental health services and enable DMH to achieve its goals of identifying mentally ill persons living with, or at risk for HIV/AIDS, linking these consumers to HIV-sensitive mental health services, and providing educational and informational updates regarding the changing status of HIV/AIDS in Los Angeles County to clinicians, administrative, and support staff.

BACKGROUND

Based on epidemiological information provided by DMH, there is a high correlation between HIV infection and mental health status. Additionally, DMH has determined that clients who are seriously and persistently mentally ill are more likely to engage in high-risk behaviors; this is particularly true in geographic areas where seroprevalence data show high incidence of HIV/AIDS. Mental health clients often lack adequate

information and early intervention services and require more sensitive screening than is provided through annual or intake clinic health assessments. This combination of factors may cause many of our mental health clients to delay testing.

The long-term objective of HIV/AIDS mental health services within DMH has been to integrate HIV-related services into DMH's existing array of directly-operated clinics and contracted agencies. The services provided as a result of this Agreement serve as a model for HIV-related mental health care at community clinics across Los Angeles County.

For the next three (3) fiscal years, this Agreement will assure services are available across a larger geographic area and to a greater number of at-risk consumers.

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