

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

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

**APPROVAL TO AMEND AN EXISTING DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
LEGAL ENTITY AGREEMENT WITH PROTOTYPES FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006  
AND  
APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)**

**REQUEST**

1. Approve and instruct the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute Amendment No. 5, to an existing Department of Mental Health (DMH) Legal Entity (LE) Agreement No. DMH-02352 with PROTOTYPES for the provision of mental health services. Through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), between the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and DMH, PROTOTYPES will identify children and their families who need mental health assessment and treatment who reside in Pomona. Through an Intrafund Transfer from DCFS, this amendment will increase PROTOTYPES' Maximum Contract Amount (MCA) by \$173,000, from \$3,258,520 to \$3,431,520. This Amendment will be effective upon execution through June 30, 2006.
2. Approve the Request for Appropriation Adjustment in the amount of \$173,000 for FY 2005-2006. The appropriation increase will provide spending authority for the PROTOTYPES Assessment Program fully funded by an Intrafund Transfer from DCFS.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION**

Board action is requested to approve recommended increase of \$173,000 to PROTOTYPES' MCA, which exceeds DMH's delegated authority.

The recommended actions will enable DMH, through, PROTOTYPES, to conduct comprehensive mental health assessment of families who are part of the DCFS Points of Engagement Program in Pomona. The Pomona DCFS Regional Office and PROTOTYPES began to collaborate on the assessment program in October of 2005. Since the program was initiated, 10 families were assessed. All 10 cases were linked to appropriate services within the community. The program demonstrated its ability to reduce unnecessary foster placement by providing

mental health services and linking the family to adjunctive community resources. Due to the program's success, DCFS has agreed to provide DMH with funding for the continuation of the program through the remainder of FY 2005-2006.

A MOU was entered into by DMH and DCFS on February 21, 2006 to provide services and funding for the PROTOTYPES Assessment Program. The appropriation adjustment in the amount of \$173,000 is fully funded by Intrafund Transfer from DCFS, which will provide spending authority for the PROTOTYPES Assessment Program for FY 2005-2006. POTOTYPES' MCA will be increased by \$173,000 for the revised MCA of \$3,431,520 for FY 2005-2006.

### **CONTRACTOR**

PROTOTYPES' corporate office is located at 1721 Griffin Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90031, in Service Planning Area 3, and Supervisorial District 2. The services will be provided through their Pomona site, which is located at 831 East Arrow Highway, Pomona, California 91767, in Service Planning Area 3, and Supervisorial District 1.

PROTOTYPES is a nonprofit organization established in 1986 to promote health and psychosocial well-being on an individual, family, and organization level, through health, mental health, and substance abuse services. PROTOTYPES has been a DMH contract agency since October 1, 2002 and is in good standing with DMH. PROTOTYPES is the only mental health provider in Service Area 3 that is currently working collaboratively with DCFS as a member of the Points of Engagement Program. PROTOTYPES is familiar with the program and has established a strong working relationship with DCFS and other members of the collaborative.

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