

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

**F A C T   S H E E T**

**APPROVE REVISED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT AGREEMENT  
NO. 07-77319-000 WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 AND 2007-08  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

**REQUEST**

1. Request Board adoption of a resolution approving the new State of California Department of Mental Health (State) Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Agreement, which will provide \$494,507,510 in funding for the term July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2008. The resolution also authorizes the Director of DMH to approve future amendments or modifications to the Agreement. This new Agreement No. 07-77319-000 supersedes the MHSA Agreement No. 05-75524-000 approved by your Board on June 19, 2007.
2. Authorize the Director of Mental Health or his designee to sign two copies of the MHSA Agreement No. 07-77319-000 and forward both originals to the State.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION**

The term of the new Agreement is July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2008 and this Agreement will function as the authorization instrument for disbursement of MHSA funds from the State to the County. The Agreement currently includes a total of \$494,507,510 as planning estimates for the various MHSA components, as follows:

- Community Program Planning for Fiscal Year 2004-05 (\$2,906,559);
- Community Services and Supports (CSS) for Fiscal Years 2005-06 to 2007-08 (\$307,360,811);
- MHSA Housing Program for Fiscal Year 2007-08 (\$115,571,200);
- Workforce Education and Training (WET) for Fiscal Year 2006-07 (\$34,667,140);  
and
- Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) for Fiscal Year 2007-08 (\$34,001,800).

To date, the State has approved DMH plans in the amount of \$314,054,106, for the following:

- Community Program Planning (\$2,906,559)
- CSS Services (\$301,622,900)
- WET Planning and Early Implementation (\$2,450,147)
- PEI Planning (\$7,074,500)

DMH is in the process of completing and submitting to the State the required documentation to use the yet to be approved CSS services funds on additional expenses related to the CSS service plans. Plans for the WET and PEI programs are currently in the initial stages of development. A plan for the Housing Program has been prepared and posted for public comment.

## **BACKGROUND**

The MHSA, adopted by the California electorate on November 2, 2004, creates a new and permanent revenue source, administered by the State, for the transformation and expanded delivery of mental health services provided by the State and county agencies.

The MHSA addresses a broad continuum of prevention, early intervention and service needs and the necessary infrastructure, technology, and training elements to effectively support the mental health services. Funding provided through MHSA will be used to transform the current mental health system from one that focuses primarily on clinical services into one in which DMH can partner with clients, their families, and their communities to enable mental health clients to attain their goals for recovery, and support the larger community in more effectively addressing mental health needs.

DMH initiated a fast-paced planning process in 2004 to develop the CSS Plan. The Department engaged in a process which included over 10,000 individuals including people who receive services, family members, community leaders, community service providers, staff from County Departments including DMH, and many others.

Using State guidelines that stipulated a range of services that could be funded with CSS money, stakeholders developed services with the intent of transforming the system. They recommended moving away from traditional approaches that tend to emphasize illness to a focused approach that promotes recovery, wellness, and continuing improvement among individuals with mental illnesses.

After obtaining your approval on October 11, 2005, DMH submitted the CSS Plan to the State. The State granted its final approval for the Los Angeles County Plan on February 14, 2006. On May 9, 2006, your Board authorized the Director of DMH to accept MHSA funding from the State to implement the CSS Plan, and on June 19, 2007, your Board approved MHSA Agreement No. 05-75524-000.

The new Agreement supersedes this previous agreement and makes the following changes:

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- The term of the Agreement is July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2008, whereas the current agreement has a term of February 14, 2006 through June 30, 2008.
- The new Agreement includes the Community Program Planning amount of \$2,906,559 for Fiscal Year 2004-05, which is not included in the current agreement. The acceptance of these funds was approved by your Board on April 19, 2005;
- The new Agreement includes a CSS System Improvement Amount of \$1,631,761 for Fiscal Year 2005-06, which is not included in the current agreement;
- The new Agreement clarifies that the funding of CSS related Information Technology funding in the amount of \$4,062,000 and one-time funding of \$6,798,045 is from Fiscal Year 2005-06 funding; and
- The new Agreement increases the funding for FY 2007-08 CSS services funding to \$126,876,060 from \$96,078,296 and adds in the planning estimates for WET, PEI and the Housing Program. In addition, the new Agreement indicates total Approved Plan Amounts of \$314,054,106, as compared to \$269,193,375 in the previous agreement.

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