

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**APPROVE USE OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT FUNDING FOR
INTERCOMMUNITY CHILD GUIDANCE CENTER TO PROVIDE A FULL SERVICE
PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2007-08 AND 2008-09
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)
(3 VOTES)**

REQUEST

Approve use of Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds to amend the existing Department of Mental Health (DMH) Legal Entity Agreement No. MH120233 with Intercommunity Child Guidance Center (ICGC). ICGC's Maximum Contract Amount (MCA) will be increased by \$92,675 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-08 and \$370,700 for FY 2008-09. The \$92,675 consists of \$27,799 MHSA Community Services and Supports (CSS) Plan funding, \$35,000 in Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Federal Financial Participation (FFP) Medi-Cal, and \$29,876 in EPSDT State General Funds (SGF). The MCA for FY 2007-08 will be \$4,446,747 and \$4,734,800 for FY 2008-09.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

Consistent with Board motion of March 15, 2005, Board approval is requested to use MHSA funding to grant ICGC funds to provide Full Service Partnership (FSP) program for children in Service Area (SA) 7.

Consistent with State guidelines and the specialized clinical and program requirements for FSP programs, the Department will allow funding to ICGC to be used to cover allowable one-time costs. ICGC may distribute such funding as allowable by the State, among several one-time non-Medi-Cal billable costs. The \$92,675 funding allocation for FY 2007-08 includes \$7,558 for one-time start up dollars for the contract provider to develop and implement the Children's FSP program. For FY 2008-09 the annual cost of the Children's FSP program is \$370,700 that includes \$7,558 for one-time start up dollars, which is fully funded by EPSDT-FFP Medi-Cal, EPSDT-SGF, and MHSA CSS Plan funds that is included in the Department's FY 2008-09 proposed budget.

Through the Request for Services No. 2 (RFS #2) competitive process Eastfield Ming Quong, Inc. (EMQ) was selected to provide FSP services for 22 children slots in SA 7. Subsequently, EMQ voluntarily relinquished the 22 children slots. Thus, ICGC, who is the next highest proposer as determined by the RFS #2 competitive process for the

provisions of FSP services to children and their families in SA 7 is now recommended to receive the funding.

CONTRACTOR

ICGC is a non-profit agency located at 10155 Colima Road, Whittier, CA 90603 whose mission is to provide comprehensive mental health and social services to children and their families. Developing healthy alternatives to abuse and violence, addressing emotional and behavioral challenges, results in healthy children, families and communities. ICGC has been proactive for nearly 50 years in Supervisorial District 4, SA 7, through its leadership and expertise in children mental health services, education of parents and increasing public awareness on child and family mental health issues.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

In June 2006, the Department released RFS #2 to solicit competitive bids for FSP programs to serve Children and transition-age youth (TAY) in SAs 1, 6, and 7. The results for RFS #2 included 604 Children and 340 TAY slots to 20 contract agencies, which were awarded through the Department's Legal Entity Agreement Renewal and Supersession actions approved by your Board on June 12, 2007. EMQ was among the original contract providers that were approved for funding, but eventually voluntarily relinquished their children slots. ICGC has experience both with the community in which it is located and with intensive programs for children and families.

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