

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A SKID ROW COLLABORTIVE
SUBCONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH LAMP, INC. DBA LAMP COMMUNITY
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2005-2006 AND 2006-2007
AND
APPROVAL OF THE SUBCONTRACT AGREEMENT FORMAT
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)**

REQUEST

Approve and authorize the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to enter into a Skid Row Collaborative (Collaborative) Subcontract Agreement (Subcontract) with Collaborative partner, Lamp, Inc. (Lamp), effective upon Board approval through September 29, 2006, and receive total reimbursement in the amount of \$108,000 from Lamp for psychiatric services provided through DMH's Downtown Mental Health Center (MHC).

BACKGROUND

The Collaborative was formed in 2003 in response to a notice of funding availability (NOFA) entitled *the Collaborative Initiative to End Chronic Homelessness*, published by the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness and sponsored by four (4) federal agencies: Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and the Veteran's Administration (VA). The Collaborative was awarded funding for a project to provide chronically homeless individuals in the Skid Row area of Los Angeles with stable housing, mental health and substance abuse services, primary health care, and veterans' services to help the targeted population to make the successful transition from the streets and emergency shelters to permanent supportive housing, self-sufficiency, and a better quality of life.

Under the Collaborative Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Lamp is the applicant and lead agency for the mental health and substance abuse services component of the Collaborative and receives funding from SAMHSA for the three (3) year grant period of September 30, 2003 through September 29, 2006. Therefore, Lamp is the prime contractor of SAMHSA and DMH will be a subcontractor who will assist Lamp to provide psychiatric services to chronically homeless adults in the Skid Row area.

INTENT

Board's approval of the Subcontract with Lamp will enable DMH to provide psychiatric services under the Collaborative to chronic homeless individuals through Downtown MHC, utilizing an existing full-time psychiatrist, and allow DMH to be reimbursed by Lamp, in the amount of \$9,000 a month, for a total of 12 months until the entire \$108,000 has been exhausted. The Subcontract will contribute to the overall goal of the County and DMH to reduce chronic homelessness.

The total SAMHSA funding allocated for DMH is \$108,000 which was originally to be spent during year-two of the grant. The Collaborative is in the 11th month of year-two of its contract with the entire DMH allocation of \$108,000 unspent. The Collaborative will request the entire \$108,000 to be rolled over to the year-three budget period for reimbursing DMH psychiatric services under the Subcontract.

Should the rollover request not be approved by SAMHSA, DMH will continue to participate as an active member of the Collaborative and to provide psychiatric services through the Downtown MHC, without reimbursement under the Subcontract.

JUSTIFICATION

Lamp is the prime contractor and receives funding from SAMHSA for the mental health and substance abuse component of the Collaborative. Board approval of the Subcontract will enable DMH to participate as an active partner of the mental health and substance services component of the Collaborative providing psychiatric services to chronically homeless adults to reduce homelessness among the chronically homeless population in the Skid Row area of Los Angeles, and receive reimbursement for such services.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This subject does not apply.

MY:RK:AW:cc