

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW AFFILIATION AGREEMENTS FOR
STUDENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval to renew Affiliation Agreements for Student Professional Development Programs with educational institutions and Cedars Sinai Medical Center to provide students with specialized training working with dually diagnosed, severely, and persistently mentally ill and acutely ill populations.

REQUEST

Authorize the Director of the Department of Mental Health (DMH), or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute renewal of 15 Affiliation Agreements for Student Professional Development Programs (SPDP) with educational institutions and one Affiliation Agreement with Cedars Sinai Medical Center for Fiscal Years 2009-10 through 2011-12 with two one-year options to renew. The Affiliation Agreements do not have financial obligations or Maximum Contract Amounts (MCA).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

Board approval is requested to renew all Affiliation Agreements that will expire June 30, 2009. The SPDP provides specialized training and clinical experience to students in the fields of nursing; occupational therapy, psychiatric technician, psychology, public administration, social work, marriage and family therapy, vocational rehabilitation, and gerontology. Continuation of this training provides a mutual benefit to DMH and the university students whereby student interns receive DMH directly supervised training and clinical experience at County facilities, and DMH benefits by this additional workforce for the provision of services, and which also serves as a potential recruitment pool for DMH.

CONTRACTORS

Renewal of these 15 SPDP Agreements and one Affiliation Agreement with Cedars-Sinai Medical Center will provide students professional training in a specialized program of clinical experience in community mental health working with dually diagnosed,

severely, and persistently mentally ill and acutely ill populations through the Department of Mental Health's network of County mental health facilities.

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