

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW TWO EXISTING SERVICE AGREEMENTS FOR
DROP-IN CENTERS FOR TRANSITION AGE YOUTH SERVICES FOR
FISCAL YEARS 2009-10, 2010-11, AND 2011-12
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval to renew two service agreements for Drop-In Centers for Transition Age Youth throughout Los Angeles County.

REQUEST

Approve and instruct the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute two service agreement renewals with Pacific Clinics and Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center to provide Drop-In Centers for Transition Age Youth (TAY). The term of these Agreements will be effective July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2012. The total annual contract cost of \$500,000 will be funded by Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Community Services and Supports (CSS) Plan funds.

Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute future amendments to the Agreement provided that: 1) the County's total payments to each contractor under the Agreements for each Fiscal Year (FY) shall not exceed an increase of 20 percent from the applicable Board-approved Total Contract Amount; 2) any such increase shall be used to provide additional services or to reflect program changes; 3) the Board of Supervisors has appropriated sufficient funds for all changes; 4) approval of County Counsel and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or designees, is obtained prior to any such Amendment; 5) the parties may, by written amendment, mutually agree to reduce services or programs without reference to the 20 percent limitation; and 6) the Director of Mental Health notifies the Board of Supervisors of Agreement changes in writing within 30 days after the execution of each amendment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

Board approval of the proposed actions will allow contractors to continue providing temporary safety and basic supports (e.g., showers, meals, clothing, referrals, and vouchers), as well as outreach and engagement to difficult to reach Seriously Emotionally Disturbed and Severe and Persistently Mentally Ill TAY who would otherwise remain underserved. In addition, approval will allow contractors to provide uninterrupted linkage of TAY to a range of resources that promote stability and self-sufficiency to TAY throughout Los Angeles County.

BACKGROUND

On March 11, 2008, the Board approved service agreements to expand mental health access through Drop-In Centers for TAY, with Pacific Clinics and the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center, to implement the MHSA CSS Drop-In Centers Plan for TAY, ages 16-25.

The two Drop-In Centers for TAY providers have existing Agreements with DMH which will expire on June 30, 2009, and are being renewed because of the ongoing need for Drop-In Center services.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On February 16, 2007, DMH issued RFS No. 12 to 38 qualified bidders on the MHSA Master Agreement list. On February 27, 2007, representatives from 26 agencies attended the Mandatory Proposers' Conference. On April 9, 2007, four agencies submitted proposals. In June 2007, the proposals were reviewed by a panel composed of five individuals who were ethnically diverse, with familiarity and/or expertise in the local mental health system. The three high scoring agencies were Pacific Clinics, Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center, and Step Up on Second Street, Inc. (Step Up). On March 11, 2008, the Board approved three service agreements for Pacific Clinics and Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center for FYs 2007-08 and 2008-09 and Step Up was provided with one-time funds for FY 2007-08 to allow the agency to embark on fundraising activities to continue expanded services.

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