

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**APPROVAL OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA - DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT
OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

REQUEST

Request approval of the Cooperative Agreement between the County of Los Angeles - Department of Mental Health (DMH) and the State of California - Department of Rehabilitation (State DR) for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 for the provision of vocational services to the County's mentally ill clients by 11 contracted agencies and 17 directly-operated mental health clinics. This Agreement is funded by State DR in the amount of \$2,883,960, and County General Funds (CGF) in the amount of \$808,057, for a total funding of \$3,692,017. The term of the Cooperative Agreement is July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

Additionally, request approval of the following actions: 1) adopt the Resolution and instruct the Chair of the Board and the Executive Officer to sign two (2) Resolutions; 2) delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health or his designee to sign four (4) original copies of the Cooperative Agreement; and 3) delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare and execute amendments to 11 existing Legal Entity (LE) Agreements, as listed in the attachment.

BACKGROUND

DMH has participated in a Cooperative Agreement with State DR since 1991, providing vocational services for individuals disabled by severe and chronic persistent mental illness. This "umbrella" Agreement provides for both contracted and directly operated agencies to share the responsibility for funding, administration and oversight of the vocational programs at a total of 29 mental health program sites. The service sites include 11 contracted agencies and 17 directly operated mental health clinics. State DR contracts directly with the contracted agencies through Case Service Agreements. These Case Service Agreements enable these programs to provide employment services, including vocational assessment, work adjustment, personal and social adjustment services, thereby; enhancing the employment services delivery system.

INTENT

The renewal of this Cooperative Agreement will allow DMH to continue to maintain a partnership with State DR for the provision of employment services for individuals with chronic mental illness at 11 existing contracted agencies that have Case Service Agreements with State DR and at 17 directly-operated mental health clinics, as listed in the attachment. Without Board approval, programs assisting clients with finding and maintaining competitive employment would be eliminated or substantially reduced.

The current Cooperative Agreement with State DR will expire on June 30, 2005. Upon Board approval, the renewal of the Cooperative Agreement will be from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

JUSTIFICATION

During the past year, DMH has worked with State DR to strengthen the employment services offered to DMH clients. With this additional focus on career goals, strengths and abilities, clients are more prepared to meet State DR eligibility requirements for employment-related services. These services include funds for transportation, clothing and uniforms, job-related tools and equipment, training, and other services that enable clients to obtain and maintain employment.

For FY 2004-2005, a total of 2,000 State DR clients were served through this Agreement. For FY 2005-2006, a total of 2,000 unduplicated DMH/State DR clients will be served through this Cooperative Agreement. A total of 830 new referrals will be made to State DR; 600 individual plans for employment will be developed; and 300 cases will be successfully closed. It is also projected that 50% of the clients whose cases are closed following plan initiation will have attained an employment outcome.

The Cooperative Agreement requires DMH to contribute matching funds in order for State DR to access Federal vocational rehabilitation monies. The terms of the Cooperative Agreement state that DMH can meet its match requirement through either cash match and/or non-cash match of certified time. The certified time match allows DMH to use as a basis for drawing down Federal funds, the monetary value of administrative time that DMH employees devote to management of the project and a share of the time in which occupational therapists, employment specialists, and other rehabilitation staff provide vocational assessment and rehabilitative liaison services.

The total Cooperative Agreement match amount for DMH is \$808,057. The cash match requirement of \$629,083 allows State DR to draw down \$2,324,358 in Federal funds. A portion of these funds are derived by reducing CGF directly paid to the 11 contract

agencies which will receive supplemental funding from State DR. To complete the DMH share, DMH contributes \$178,974 in non-cash match, which allows State DR to draw down \$559,602 in additional Federal funds. Funds for DMH's cash match are from CGF sales tax realignment revenues currently in DMH's FY 2005-2006 Proposed Budget. The cost of vocational services provided to the County's mentally ill clients through the Cooperative Agreement for FY 2005-2006 is \$3,692,017, which is comprised of Federal funds provided to State DR in the amount of \$2,883,960, and the DMH match is \$808,057.

The Cooperative Agreement specifies the services to be provided and the funding amounts to be reimbursed for the services. The Agreement expressly provides that the County has no obligation to pay for expenditures beyond the contract amount.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

See attached listing of the 11 contracted agencies that provide vocational services to the County's mentally ill clients.

Federal and State law allows that DMH and State DR enter into the Cooperative Agreement to provide services as designated without requiring the use of a solicitation or bid process.

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Attachment

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
Contracts Development and Administration Division**

**FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 DR/DMH COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
PROVIDERS**

Contracted Agencies

Directly-Operated Clinics

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| Didi Hirsch Psychiatric Service | American Indian Counseling Center |
| Dubnoff Center for Child Development and Educational Therapy, Inc. | Antelope Valley MHC |
| Enrichment Through Employment (ETE) | Arcadia MHC |
| The Help Group Child and Family Center | Augustus F. Hawkins MHC |
| The Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic | Compton MHC |
| National Mental Health Association in Los Angeles County dba The Village Integrated Services | Edelman Westside MHC |
| Pacific Clinics | Hollywood MHC |
| Portals - Community Connections Mariposa Clubhouse | Long Beach MHC |
| Step Up On Second Street, Inc. | Palmdale MHC |
| San Fernando Valley Community MHC, Inc. | Rio Hondo MHC |
| Special Service For Groups (Asian Pacific Counseling and Treatment Center) | San Fernando MHC |
| | San Pedro MHC |
| | Santa Clarita MHC |
| | South Bay MHC |
| | West Central MHC |
| | West Valley MHC |