

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT
WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FOR STATE LOAN
REPAYMENT PROGRAM
FOR
FISCAL YEARS 2004-2005 AND 2005-2006
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)**

REQUEST

Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health or his designee to sign and execute the attached Employment Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Mental Health (DMH) and the State of California's Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) to allow DMH to pay the United States (U.S.) Department of Education (DOE) a total of \$8,135.56 in two (2) installments, payable in Fiscal Years 2004-2005 and 2005-2006.

BACKGROUND

OSHPD administers the State Loan Repayment Program under a grant from the Federal Government. The purpose of this grant is to repay outstanding government educational loans for those professionals who commit to working for two (2) years in a designated Health Professional Shortage Area at a certified eligible site. The loan repayment program consists of an award from the State and a match amount from the involved certified eligible site.

INTENT

The Antelope Valley Mental Health Center is a certified eligible site, and the payment is for a LCSW who is currently working there and who has been approved for the State Loan Repayment Program.

Payment will be made to the actual lender of the educational loan, the U.S. DOE. The total amount of \$8,136.56 will be paid in two (2) installments, each in the amount of \$4,068.28 in April, 2005 and April, 2006. For FY 2004-2005, the Agreement will be funded with Sales Tax Realignment revenue included in DMH's FY 2004-2005 Adopted Budget. For FY 2005-2006, funding will be requested during the annual budget process.

JUSTIFICATION

The Antelope Valley Mental Health Center, a certified eligible site, is located in Lancaster, California, and is a federally designated medically underserved area, which has consistently experienced recruitment problems. The recommended actions will establish a two-year commitment by a licensed clinical social worker to provide services at this site.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This subject does not apply.

Attachment

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