

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
AFFILIATION AGREEMENTS FOR
STUDENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMS AND FORENSIC FELLOWS SERVICES
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval to execute affiliation agreements with various educational institutions for Student Professional Development Programs, and with the University of Southern California for Forensic Fellows Services, and authorization to enter into new affiliation agreements for student professional development programs with qualified universities or other educational institutions.

REQUEST

1. Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute the affiliation agreements with the educational institutions for Student Professional Development Programs (SPDPs) and for Forensic Fellows Services, for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-11, with four successive one-year automatic renewal options through FY 2014-15. The affiliation agreements for SPDPs do not have financial obligations nor Maximum Contract Amounts (MCA), and the contract amount for the affiliation agreement with the University of Southern California for Forensic Fellows Services is \$226,200 annually.
2. Authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to enter into future new affiliation agreements with qualified universities or other educational institutions for SPDPs, and to execute amendments to existing or future new agreements for SPDPs or Forensic Fellows Services, provided that: 1) approval of County Counsel and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or their designees, is obtained prior to any such agreements or amendments; 2) your Board has appropriated sufficient funds for all changes and new agreements for Forensic Fellows Services; 3) any revisions are used to provide additional services or to reflect program, or agreement boilerplate revisions or Board policy changes; and 4) the Director of Mental Health notifies your Board in writing within 30 days after execution of any agreement or amendment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

Board approval of the recommended actions will continue the affiliation agreements expiring on June 30, 2010. In addition, Board approval will allow the Department to enter into agreements with universities or other educational institutions for SPDPs, and to execute existing or new agreements for SPDPs or Forensic Fellows Services as the need arises. The SPDPs provide 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, and vocational rehabilitation. Forensic Fellows Services include student education by participation on interdisciplinary treatment teams that constitute an integral part of mental health treatment in Los Angeles County jail facilities.

Continuation of this training provides a mutual benefit to DMH and the students, whereby the student interns or fellows receive supervised training and clinical experience directly from DMH at County facilities, and DMH benefits by the provision of services to mental health clients. In addition, this additional workforce serves as a potential recruitment pool for DMH.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The County currently has existing agreements with five universities that will expire June 30, 2010. Execution of these agreements will allow DMH to continue providing students from these educational institutions with specialized training and clinical experience through provision of services to DMH clients.

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