

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**APPROVAL TO AMEND THREE LEGAL ENTITY AGREEMENTS
FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2 and 4)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval to amend three Legal Entity agreements for the provision of mental health services to increase their maximum contract amounts.

REQUEST

1. Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health (Director), or his designee, to prepare, sign and execute amendments to the existing Department of Mental Health (DMH) Legal Entity (LE) agreements with Asian American Drug Abuse Program, Inc. (AADAP), Helpline Youth Counseling, Inc., and United American Indian Involvement, Inc., to provide mental health services. The amendments will be effective upon Board approval and will increase the Maximum Contract Amounts (MCA) for the three contract providers. The total increase of \$8,090, the portion exceeding DMH's delegated authority, for the three contract providers will be funded with Federal Financial Participation (FFP) Medi-Cal; Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) State General Funds (SGF); and Sales Tax Realignment revenue.
2. Delegate authority to the Director, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute future amendments to these LE agreements and establish as a new MCA the aggregate of the original agreements and all amendments for each contract provider, provided that: 1) the County's total payments to a contract provider under each agreement for the applicable fiscal year will not exceed an increase of 20 percent from the applicable Board-approved MCA; 2) any increase will be used to provide additional services or to reflect program or Board policy changes; 3) your Board has appropriated sufficient funds for all changes; 4) approval of County Counsel and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or their designees, is obtained prior to any such amendments; 5) County and contract provider may, by written amendments, reduce programs or services and revise the applicable MCA, provided that any amendments which reduce programs or services are consistent with principles agreed to in the DMH stakeholders process; and 6) the Director notifies your Board of agreement changes in writing within 30 days after execution of each amendment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

The recommended actions will allow DMH to increase the MCA of the three contract providers by restoring a portion of previously curtailed funds used to support outpatient services. The original curtailment amount was the result of an initial estimate for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-11 Sales Tax Realignment revenue shortfall provided by the Chief Executive Office. In April 2010, DMH received revised estimates from the Chief Executive Office which reduced the estimated revenue shortfall. As a result, DMH is restoring a portion of the previously curtailed Sales Tax Realignment revenue to contract providers. DMH has Board delegated authority to amend LE agreements up to 20 percent of the MCA. The three contract provider agreements require Board approval because the amendments exceed DMH's Board delegated authority.

BACKGROUND or CONTRACTOR/CONTRACTORS

These three contract providers are located in three Supervisorial Districts and provide services in four different Service Areas of the County; they provide vital and broad range of mental health services to severely and persistently mentally ill adults, seriously emotionally disturbed (SED) children, adolescents, and their families.

The amendment format has been approved as to form by County Counsel. The CEO has reviewed the proposed actions. Clinical and administrative staff of DMH will continue to administer and monitor these agreements, evaluate programs to ensure that quality services are being provided to clients, and ensure that agreement provisions and Departmental policies are followed.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

NA

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