

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**

**FACT SHEET**

**APPROVAL TO AMEND 31 LEGAL ENTITY AGREEMENTS  
TO ADD CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND  
RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-11  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Request approval to amend 31 Legal Entity Agreements to add funding to California Work Opportunity And Responsibility To Kids programs to continue mental health services without interruption on a month-to-month basis for a period of up to six months for Fiscal Year 2010-11.

**REQUEST**

1. Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute amendments, substantially similar in format to Attachment A, to add California Work Opportunity And Responsibility To Kids (CalWORKs) funding to 31 existing Legal Entity (LE) Agreements that provide CalWORKs services, as listed in Attachment B, in order to continue providing mental health services on a month-to-month basis, not to exceed six months, beginning July 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute future amendments to these LE Agreements provided that: 1) approval by County Counsel and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or their respective designees, is obtained prior to any such Amendment; 2) County and contractor may, by written Amendment, reduce programs or services and revise the applicable MCA; 3) any revisions are used to provide additional services or to reflect program or Board policy changes; and 4) the Director of Mental Health notifies your Board of Agreement changes in writing within 30 days after execution of each Amendment.

## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION**

Board approval is required to execute Amendments to 31 LE Agreements that provide CalWORKs services on a month-to-month basis, not to exceed six months, in order to continue with their CalWORKs funding and to avoid interruption in services. This extension will allow the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to finalize contract negotiations with successful proposers who will be selected through the CalWORKs Request for Proposals (RFP) process which is currently in progress, and will be concluded no later than December 31, 2010. The Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) allocates State CalWORKs funding to County departments, specifically to DMH for CalWORKs mental health supportive services designed to help Temporary Aid to Needy Families participants overcome barriers in obtaining and retaining employment. In addition, Board approval will allow the Department to amend the LE Agreements as the needs arise.

## **BACKGROUND**

The request for the month-to-month addition of CalWORKs allocation will allow DMH to complete its contract negotiation process for the RFP. Current contract providers of CalWORKs services will be able to continue providing the necessary services without interruption to allow the solicitation process to be finalized with the successful RFP awardees to be concluded no later than December 31, 2010, and which will meet the State requirement for CalWORKs allocation.

The Amendment format has been approved as to form by County Counsel. The CEO has reviewed the proposed actions. DMH will continue to supervise and monitor Contractors' adherences to the Agreements' provisions and DMH policies, and that performance outcomes are being achieved.

## **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

On January 11, 2010, DMH issued a RFP to provide CalWORKs mental health supportive services in accordance with State requirements regarding the allocation of CalWORKs funding within Los Angeles County. The final awards' recipients are to be determined during the extension period of July 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. Should any of the existing 31 LE Contractors not be awarded CalWORKs funds as the result of the RFP process, that Contractor will be given 30 days to transition their existing CalWORKs participants to those successful CalWORKs awardees under contract with DMH. RFP process requirements and time limitations prevents DMH from completing the RFP solicitation process before the beginning of the new contract term on July 1, 2010.

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