

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**APPROVAL TO AMEND 31 LEGAL ENTITY AGREEMENTS
TO ADD CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND
RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
FOR THE REMAINING SIX MONTHS OF 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 the remaining six months of 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, for the next six months, beginning January 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011.
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 or designee, is obtained prior to any such Amendment; 2) County and contractor may, by written Amendment, reduce programs or services and revise the applicable Maximum Contract Amount (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 and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) 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, for a six-month period, in order to continue with their CalWORKs funding and to avoid interruption in services. On June 9, 2010 your Board approved an initial six-month extension for these 31 LE Agreements to allow the Department of Mental Health (DMH) time to complete its Request for Proposals (RFP) process. However, following notification of the evaluation outcomes, 21 proposers requested and completed debriefings. Of those, four proposers in five different service areas requested advancement to the next phase in the protest process, the Proposed Contractor Selection Review. This stage is pending the finalization of negotiations with selected proposers. The six-month extension will allow DMH the time required to resolve the appeals and award contracts to the selected proposers.

BACKGROUND

The request for the month-to-month addition of CalWORKs allocation will allow DMH to address the appeals and 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 and 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. The issuance of the RFP is in accordance with State requirements regarding the allocation of CalWORKs funding within Los Angeles County. Based on evaluation panel scores and a commitment to distribute the funds regionally across the County, DMH reviewed and finalized the recommendations for funding 31 LEs as detailed in Attachment B. After notification of the RFP results, 21 debriefings were requested and completed. Four agencies then requested Proposer Contractor Selection Reviews in five different service areas. This stage of the review process is pending until negotiations with the recommended award recipients are finalized.

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