

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**APPROVAL TO AMEND CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval to amend a consultant services agreement with the California Mental Health Directors Association, for Mental Health Services Act consultation and technical assistance.

REQUEST

Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute Amendment No. 6, substantially similar to the Attachment, to the existing Department of Mental Health (DMH) consultant services agreement No. MH050011 with California Mental Health Directors Association (CMHDA) to provide additional consultation and technical assistance due to an increase in workload, and for the Art of Daybreak Program. This will increase the Agreement's Total Compensation Amount (TCA) by \$131,627, from \$160,700 to \$292,327, for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 only, funded by Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds. The Amendment will be effective upon Board approval through June 30, 2010.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

The recommended actions will allow CMHDA to hire an additional staff person to support the increased workload experienced, as the MHSA is implemented. CMHDA acts on the County's behalf to make policy and fiscal recommendations to the State Department of Mental Health, the Mental Health Oversight and Accountability Commission, the California Mental Health Planning Council, and other organizations as it relates to county MHSA policy issues. Their policy, fiscal, and advocacy work related to MHSA regulations is invaluable to counties.

The estimated additional consulting cost of \$99,227 represents the County of Los Angeles' share of CMHDA's statewide efforts to provide expertise in the area of public policy development, data analysis, government relations, and advocacy, as it relates to overall MHSA planning and implementation. As a statewide organization, CMHDA collaborates with State agencies, including the State Department of Mental Health, on issues of importance to California's county mental health agencies, and has been

extremely instrumental in helping the DMH to understand the complexities of the various plans in preparation for implementation. This increase in funding will allow CMHDA to provide the same type of services at an increased level of support and hours to accommodate additional workload.

An additional \$32,400 is requested to implement the Art of Daybreak Program. The program will utilize MHSA Prevention Early Intervention (PEI) funds for consultation and technical assistance from CMHDA consultants to develop an effective means of reaching the community through art to overcome stigma and discrimination towards individuals with mental illness.

Board approval is necessary to amend the Agreement with CMHDA as the total recommended increase of \$131,627 exceeds DMH's delegated authority.

BACKGROUND

Currently, DMH has a consultant services agreement with CMHDA, a non-profit private agency, extending through June 30, 2010, for consultation and technical assistance on educational arts therapy programs in the juvenile halls and Probation camps. In addition, DMH has contracted with CMHDA since May 9, 2000 to provide consultant services for specialized mental health organizational and systems planning, development, and implementation of services under the MHSA.

The Amendment format has been approved as to form by County Counsel. The CEO has reviewed the proposed actions. Administrative staff of DMH will continue to administer and supervise the Agreement and ensure that the Agreement provisions and Departmental policies are being followed.

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