

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT – PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION PLAN THROUGH AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW EXISTING CONTRACT AGENCIES TO TRANSFORM SERVICES, TO ENTER INTO SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENTS WITH PROGRAM DEVELOPERS, AND TO FILL 15 FULL-TIME POSITIONS (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Approve and authorize the Department of Mental Health to implement the Mental Health Services Act – Prevention and Early Intervention Plan through the following authorizations: 1) allow existing contract agencies to transform to Prevention and Early Intervention services, 2) allow the Department of Mental Health to enter into Sole Source Agreements with the California Institute of Mental Health and Triple P of America, and 3) allow the Department to fill 15 Full-Time Equivalent items.

REQUEST

1. Approve and authorize the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to prepare, sign, and execute an Amendment, to DMH Legal Entity Agreements (LE Agreements) with 86 contract agencies that are having County General Fund (CGF) curtailments and are being given the opportunity to deliver transformed services for Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) including Evidence-Based Programs (EBPs), Promising Practices (PPs), and Community-Defined Evidence (CDEs) programs to children and Transition Age Youth (TAY), as part of the MHSA PEI Plan. The amendments will be effective upon Board approval through June 30, 2010.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute future amendments to these LE Agreements and establish as a new Maximum Contract Amount (MCA) the aggregate of the original agreements and all amendments, provided that: 1) the County's total payments to each contactor under their respective Agreements for FY 2009-10 will not exceed an increase of 20 percent from the applicable revised MCAs, 2) any such increase will be used to provide additional services or reflect program changes, 3) the Board of Supervisors 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) the parties may, by written amendment, reduce programs or services and revise the applicable MCAs, and 6) the Director of Mental Health notifies your Board of Agreement changes in writing within 30 days after the execution of each amendment.

3. Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to enter into Sole Source Agreements (Developer Agreements), with the California Institute of Mental Health (CIMH) for \$2,422,000, and with Triple P of America for \$2,315,000. CIMH and Triple P of America are the developers of two of the EBPs selected by DMH to implement the PEI transformation process.
4. Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute future Sole Source Developer Agreements, with additional eligible and qualified Developers and/or their designated trainers as stated in DMH's approved PEI Plan. DMH will obtain approval from County Counsel and CEO, or their designees, and advise the Board in advance of commencing negotiations and executing Sole Source Agreements.
5. Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to execute future amendments for these Developer Agreements and establish as a new Total Contract Amount (TCA) the aggregate of the original agreements and all amendments, provided that: 1) the County's total payments to each contactor under their respective agreements for the term of their agreements will not exceed an increase of 20 percent from the applicable revised TCAs, 2) any such increase will be used to provide additional services or reflect program changes, 3) the Board of Supervisors has appropriated sufficient funds for all changes, 4) approval of County Counsel and the CEO, or their designees, is obtained prior to any such amendments, 5) the parties may, by written amendment, reduce programs or services and revise the applicable TCAs, and 6) the Director of Mental Health notifies your Board of Agreement of changes in writing within 30 days after the execution of each amendment.
6. Authorize DMH to fill 15 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) positions, in excess of what is provided for in DMH's staffing ordinance, pursuant to Section 6.06.020 of the County Code and subject to allocation upon CEO approval.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

Board approval of the recommended actions will allow DMH to begin implementation of the delivery of PEI mental health services described in its MHSA PEI Plan.

Approval will allow for the following MHSA PEI actions:

- Transformation of Existing DMH Contracts to PEI Contracts. Although the FY 2009-10 CGF budget curtailments will result in DMH reducing or eliminating CGF funding for several of its current providers, these same providers will be given the opportunity to transform their programs into new MHSA PEI-funded services.

The Department will provide an estimated \$1,600,000 in MHSA PEI funds to transforming contract agencies in order to establish the service capacity that will enable them to expedite implementation of the PEI programs. Transforming contract agencies will also have the opportunity to access one-time PEI funds so that clinical personnel will be prepared (i.e. credentialed or certified) to render PEI services once amendments adding PEI funds are in effect.

- EBP and PP Training and Technical Assistance Contracts. A total of 36 EBPs and PPs were selected for the PEI Plan. For the transformation process, DMH will enter into agreements with the EBP and PP developers and/or designated trainers whose programs are selected for transformation to conduct training and provide technical assistance to DMH and contract staff of providers that will transform their services to new PEI programs.

For EBPs and PPs that are not selected for transformation, a DMH MHSA Master Agreement Request for Services (RFS) competitive solicitation process for new and existing providers will be utilized. Selected contractors will provide services to TAY, Adult, and Older Adult target populations.

- CDE Training and Technical Assistance Contracts. CDE programs are a set of practices that communities have shown to yield positive results as determined by community consensus over time. After DMH solicited applications, a total of 13 CDE programs were selected for the PEI Plan.

For CDE programs that are not selected for transformation, a DMH MHSA Master Agreement RFS competitive solicitation process for new and existing providers will be utilized to select the contractors to provide services.

BACKGROUND

The PEI Plan was submitted to the State Department of Mental Health on July 1, 2009 and approved by the MHSA Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Committee on August 27, 2009. DMH's PEI Plan for FY 2009-10 has been approved for \$121,661,559.

In December 2009, DMH faced CGF budget shortfall for FY 2009-10 and your Board authorized DMH to allow 13 contract agencies to transform to new MHSA-Community Services and Supports programs. Due to the current economic downturn, DMH faces an additional CGF shortfall for FY 2009-10 due to reductions in Sales Tax Realignment and Vehicle License Fees. The impact of these multiple budget shortfalls has caused a reduction in services not only in Federal Financial Participation Medi-Cal programs, but it has also affected services to Healthy Families recipients and indigent care.

As part of the Department's deficit mitigation plan, DMH initiated a budget mitigation planning process in which DMH contract agencies and directly-operated programs developed principles for determining the program areas to be curtailed. Recommendations for budget reductions were developed and presented to executive leadership, which made the decision to offer contract agencies the opportunity to transform core mental health programs to the new PEI programs funded by MHSA PEI funds for FY 2009-10.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

LE Agreements are being amended to allow 86 contract agencies the opportunity to transform MHSA PEI services and develop their clinical and service capacity by preparing direct-service staff to implement EBPs, PPs, and/or CDEs.

Developer Agreements will be executed with CIMH and Triple P of America. CIMH is the developer of the Community Development Team (CDT) model, and the developers (Judith Cohen, Anthony Mannarino, and Esther Deblinger) of Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Training (TF-CBT) have authorized CIMH to serve as the sole purveyor to train on TF-CBT with the CDT model. Triple P of Australia is the developer of the Positive Parenting Program (Triple P), and has authorized Triple P of America to serve as its sole purveyor in the United States to train on Triple P. A notification of intent to award a Sole Source contracts was previously submitted to your Board on April 20, 2010.

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