

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

**F A C T   S H E E T**

**APPROVAL OF STATE HOSPITAL BED PURCHASE  
AND USAGE AGREEMENT  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Request Board adoption of a resolution approving the State Hospital Bed Purchase and Usage Agreement with the California Department of Mental Health (State) for hospital bed purchase and usage for Fiscal Year 2008-09.

**REQUEST**

1. Request Board adoption of a resolution approving the State Hospital Bed Purchase and Usage Agreement No. 08-78149-000 (Agreement) for the purchase and use of the beds at the State Hospitals for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09. The actual anticipated State Hospital bed usage is expected to be approximately \$35,884,000, which is included in Department of Mental Health's (DMH) FY 2008-09 Adopted Budget.
2. Authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to sign two copies of the Agreement and forward both originals to the State.
3. Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health to sign future amendments or modifications to the Agreement, upon prior Chief Executive Office and County Counsel approval and the Director of Mental Health will notify your Board of any changes, in writing, within 30 days after execution of any amendment.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION**

Board approval of the recommended actions will set in place an agreement for purchase and use of beds at State hospitals for persons with mental disorders.

The State has jurisdiction over the Atascadero, Metropolitan, Napa, and Patton State Hospitals which provide services to persons with mental disorders. The Agreement allows the County to purchase and use the beds at the State hospitals for FY 2008-09. The Agreement is retroactive to July 1, 2008, as a result of the late receipt of the Agreement by DMH from the State.

**BACKGROUND**

The Agreement allows use of the State Hospital beds for mental health consumers in the County of Los Angeles. Section 4330 of the WIC requires counties to reimburse the State for use of State hospital beds.

The general terms of DMH's Agreement with the State are dictated by the State from year to year. These provisions are usually provided by the State during the year or, in this case, at the end of the year, and are then brought to the Board of Supervisors for approval, effective the beginning of the fiscal year.

Under this Agreement, the County has the responsibility to screen and authorize all referrals for admission of County patients to the State hospitals, assist the hospital social services staff to develop and finalize discharge planning and necessary follow-up services, assist in the screening of County patients for alternative placements and review the quality of services provided at the State hospitals to County mental health consumers.

There is no impact on net County cost. Although the total Agreement amount is \$31,956,365, the County is also responsible for any additional costs resulting from bed usage for County residents in excess of 190 base beds as indicated in Exhibit B, Section I.B of the Agreement. DMH has historically over-utilized the usage of State Hospital beds due to increased demand from community hospitals, jails, and Lanterman Petris Short (LPS) conservatorships. Therefore, DMH's Adopted Budget for the FY 2008-09 included \$35,884,000 for State Hospital beds.

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