

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND LEGAL ENTITY AGREEMENTS WITH
TELECARE CORPORATION AND EXODUS RECOVERY, INC.
(FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval to amend two existing Department of Mental Health Legal Entity Agreements with Telecare Corporation for outreach and engagement services and Exodus Recovery, Inc., to implement a short-term intensive case management and supportive services program to serve 25 homeless mentally ill individuals living in the vicinity or on the grounds of the Los Angeles County + University of Southern California Medical Center.

REQUEST

Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health (Director), or his designee, to prepare, sign and execute an Amendment to the existing Department of Mental Health (DMH) Legal Entity (LE) Agreement with Telecare Corporation (Telecare) to provide outreach and engagement services for 25 mentally ill homeless adults living in the vicinity or on the grounds of Los Angeles County+University of Southern California Medical Center (LAC+USC). The Amendment will be effective upon your Board's approval through June 30, 2011, and increase the Maximum Contract Amount (MCA) by \$15,000 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-11 to \$9,412,792.

Approve and authorize the Director, or his designee, to prepare, sign and execute an Amendment to the existing DMH LE Agreement with Exodus Recovery, Inc., (Exodus) for a short-term intensive case management and supportive services program to serve 25 mentally ill homeless adults living on the campus of LAC+USC or the surrounding area. The Amendment will be effective upon your Board's approval and add \$103,524 for FY 2010-11, increasing the MCA to \$14,029,738, and add \$101,750 for FY 2011-12, increasing the MCA to \$ 13,777,964.

Delegate authority to the Director, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute future Amendments to these LE Agreements and establish as a new MCA, the aggregate of the original Agreement and all Amendments; and to further amend these LE Agreements as necessary, including providing time extensions if funding is available provided that: 1) the County's total payments to the contract providers for each fiscal year will not exceed an increase of 20 percent from the last Board approved MCA; 2) any such increase will be used to provide additional services or to reflect program and/or policy changes; 3) your Board has appropriated sufficient funds for all changes; 4) approval of County Counsel or designee is obtained prior to any such Amendment; 5)

County and contract providers may by written Amendment reduce programs or services without reference to the 20 percent limitation and revise the applicable MCA; and 6) the Director notifies your Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO) of Agreement changes in writing within 30 days after execution of each Amendment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

Approval of the requested actions will allow DMH to amend its LE Agreements with Telecare and Exodus. Telecare will provide outreach and engagement services for 25 mentally ill homeless adults living on the grounds of LAC+USC. Exodus will implement a short-term intensive case management and supportive services program for these 25 mentally ill individuals identified as part of the First Supervisorial District's Housing to Homeless Initiative for LAC+USC.

The First Supervisorial District's Homeless to Housing Initiative was implemented in collaboration with DMH, Department of Health Services (DHS), Department of Public Health (DPH), Telecare, Exodus, Los Angeles Homeless Services Agency (LAHSA), and various community housing providers to provide permanent housing and support services to the homeless individuals living in the vicinity of LAC+USC. As part of this effort, DMH plans to amend Telecare's LE Agreement to provide intensive outreach and engagement services for these individuals in coordination with Exodus. Exodus' LE Agreement will be amended to provide short-term (four to six months) intensive case management and supportive services for these homeless adults in transitional and permanent housing, linkage to appropriate on-going mental health, substance abuse treatment, medical care, and other community services. The proposed Exodus Intensive Case Management (EICM) program is intended to prevent recurring homelessness by enhancing continuity of care during the transition from homelessness to housing. Outreach and engagement services by Telecare will occur for six months, however, supportive services by Exodus will continue into FY 11-12.

BACKGROUND or CONTRACTOR/CONTRACTORS,

Telecare is a well established DMH provider with expertise in providing street outreach and intensive supportive services to individuals who are homeless and affected by mental illness in Los Angeles County. As part of the Homeless to Housing Initiative, Telecare will work collaboratively with a inter-agency outreach team that includes DMH, DHS, DPH, Exodus, and LAHSA to outreach and engage homeless individuals who are living in the area surrounding LAC+USC in housing and services.

Exodus has a wide range of experience in providing mental health services in Los Angeles County including acute inpatient services, Urgent Care Centers (UCC), Assertive Community Treatment, Full Service Partnerships, Field Capable Clinical Services, and Wellness Centers. In April 2010, Exodus implemented an UCC directly across from LAC+USC that is Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) designated and operates 24/7, providing psychiatric evaluation and medication prescription; crisis intervention and stabilization; linkage to community services; assessment for co-occurring substance abuse disorders and access to dedicated emergency shelter beds and transitional residential services located in the surrounding community. With this experience, Exodus is well positioned to implement the EICM program immediately upon your Board's approval. The program will focus on stabilizing individuals in transitional and permanent housing with intensive supportive mental health services, establishing benefits and providing a bridge during the critical time of transition from homelessness to existing services and supports in the community.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

To comply with your Board's contracting policy requirements for sole source contracts, the CEO has approval the required Sole Source Contract Checklis, identifying and justifying the need for a sole source contract amendment.

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