

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A NEW LEGAL ENTITY AGREEMENT
WITH TRI-CITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval to enter into a Legal Entity Agreement with Tri-City Mental Health Center to continue their provision of outpatient mental health services to Medi-Cal eligible adults and children residing in Pomona, Claremont, and La Verne.

REQUEST

1. Approve and instruct the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute a Legal Entity (LE) Agreement, with Tri-City Mental Health Center (Tri-City MHC) for the provision of outpatient mental health services to Medi-Cal eligible adults and children residing in Pomona, Claremont, and La Verne, at an annual Maximum Contract Amount (MCA) of \$4,582,015 effective July 1, 2010 through Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-11, with two successive one-year automatic renewal options through FY 2012-13.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute future amendments to this LE Agreement, provided that: 1) the County's total payments to contractor under this agreement for the applicable fiscal year do not exceed a 20 percent increase from the applicable revised MCA; 2) any such increase is used to reflect program or Board policy changes; 3) your Board 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, by written amendment, may mutually agree to reduce programs or services without reference to the 20 percent limitation and revise the applicable MCA; and 6) the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, notifies your Board of agreement changes in writing within 30 days after execution of each Amendment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

Board approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department to replace the existing agreement, scheduled to expire on June 30, 2010, with a new agreement for the next three fiscal years. In addition, Board approval will allow the Department to amend the agreement as the need arises. The recommended actions will enable Tri-City MHC to continue to provide services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries who are residents of

the Tri-City area. The agreement format also includes any applicable updated or new mandated provisions in accordance with Board policy.

CONTRACTOR

Tri-City MHC is a municipal special district organized in 1961 as a joint powers authority by the cities of Pomona, Claremont, and La Verne to provide mental health services to these communities.

During the period subsequent to its bankruptcy in 2004, Tri-City MHC made personnel and organizational changes to reorganize the agency in order to continue to provide mental health services to its community.

Over the past three years, Tri-City MHC has maintained its Medi-Cal certification from the State. Tri-City MHC has successfully implemented its contract with DMH, and has provided outpatient mental health services to the residents of the three cities. In order to ensure continued improvement in the quality of service, Tri-City MHC's quality assurance manager has developed new quality assurance programs attended by all staff on a bi-weekly basis and has teams assigned for continual chart review and training. The quality assurance manager has attended all scheduled Service Area 3 quality improvement committee meetings. Over the past 18 months, Tri-City MHC has fully adopted Los Angeles County DMH documentation formats. As evidence of Tri-City MHC's commitment to quality improvements, it has hired additional quality assurance staff to implement the programs.

In order to meet the growing mental health care needs of the residents of Pomona, Claremont, and La Verne, the Tri-City clinical director and her team have developed more special groups at the outpatient clinic that are accessible by unserved or underserved populations in the three cities.

Tri-City MHC has taken on a major role in its communities through the development of their Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Community Services and Supports (CSS) plan, which was approved by the State on June 1, 2009, and the development of its Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) plan, which was approved by the State on March 25, 2010. The CSS programs that Tri-City MHC has implemented to date include community navigators, Field Capable Clinical Services for Older Adults, and supplemental crisis services. Tri-City MHC expects to have its Full Service Partnership program operational by the end of FY 2009-10, and a new Wellness Center opened in FY 2010-11. All MHSA funds will be received by Tri-City MHC directly from the State.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

As the proposed contract is between DMH and a municipal special district established as a joint powers authority for the three cities covered by the jurisdiction, a solicitation is not applicable. The County currently has an existing agreement with Tri-City MHC that will expire on June 30, 2010. It is being replaced with a new agreement which updates the existing terms and includes all new required language. The new agreement will allow Tri-City MHC to continue to provide outpatient mental health services to the communities of Pomona, Claremont, and La Verne.

Tri-City MHC management presented the proposed County agreement to the Tri-City MHC governing board for their action and approval on May 19, 2010.

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