

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

**FACT SHEET**

**APPROVAL TO RENEW A SOLE SOURCE CONSULTANT SERVICES  
AGREEMENT WITH MULTISYSTEMIC THERAPY SERVICES, INC.  
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Request approval to renew a sole source consultant services agreement with Multisystemic Therapy Services, Inc. to provide training, consultation, and licensure for mental health clinicians practicing the copyrighted Multisystemic Therapy treatment intervention in the County of Los Angeles.

**REQUEST**

Approve and instruct the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign and execute a sole source agreement (Agreement) with Multisystemic Therapy Services, Inc. (MST Services) at an annual Total Compensation Amount (TCA) of \$127,500 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12, with provisions for four subsequent one year renewal periods through FY 2015-2016.

Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute future amendments to the Agreement provided that: 1) the County's total payments under this agreement for the applicable FYs do not exceed an increase of 20 percent from the applicable revised Board approved TCA; 2) any such increase is used to provide additional services or to reflect program or Board 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) the parties may, by written amendment, reduce programs or services and revise the applicable TCA without reference to the 20 percent limitation; and 6) the Director of Mental Health will notify your Board and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) 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 of Mental Health (DMH) to renew a consultant services agreement with MST Services expiring on June 30, 2011, to continue the provision of training, consultation and licensure services. Board approval will also allow DMH to amend the agreement as the need arises for additional services or program changes, or to incorporate Board policy changes.

The sole source consultant services agreement with MST Services will provide mental health staff with training, consultation and licensure services in a therapeutic approach to treatment. MST Services utilizes an evidence based Multisystemic Therapy (MST) treatment intervention model that is patented. These unique and specialized services support and facilitate DMH and its providers in better serving adolescents with serious behavior disorders and their families residing in the County of Los Angeles.

### **BACKGROUND**

MST Services will assist DMH by providing mental health staff with training, consultation, and licensure in the evidence based MST treatment model, a patented therapeutic approach to treatment that meets the mental health needs of families and their adolescents involved with the juvenile justice system who present serious antisocial behavior. The MST model is currently being used in over 30 states and has been demonstrated to reduce rates of criminal activity, institutionalization and drug abuse. MST Services has proven to be an effective contractor whose scientifically validated, cost efficient treatment options have been successful in reducing antisocial behavior among diverse populations of serious and chronic juvenile offenders.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

In 2001, the Probation Department and its Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council identified Schiff-Cardenas funding for DMH to establish and implement MST in Los Angeles County as a clinical model to address the needs of families and their juvenile justice involved youth. In 2010, the Probation Department additionally identified Title IVE funds to expand the use of the MST treatment model as a part of the Title IVE Child Welfare Waiver Capped Allocation Demonstration Project for Los Angeles County. As part of this project, ~~MST is used~~ as a treatment approach to serve youth at risk of removal from the home and youth returning home from congregate care.

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