

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**APPROVAL TO EXECUTE A CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA OF LOS ANGELES TO IMPLEMENT RECOVERY
ORIENTED SUPERVISION TRAINING AND CONSULTATION SERVICES
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval to award a Consultant Services Agreement with Mental Health America of Los Angeles to develop and implement Recovery Oriented Supervision Training and Consultation Services.

REQUEST

Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute a Consultant Services Agreement with Mental Health America of Los Angeles to develop and implement a training and consultation program for clinical supervisors in the public mental health system. The term of the Agreement is from Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12 through FY 2015-16. The Total Contract Amount (TCA) for the Agreement is \$714,000, fully-funded with Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Workforce Education and Training (WET) funds.

Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute future amendments to the Agreement and establish as a new TCA the aggregate of the original Agreement and all amendments provided that: 1) the County's total payments to Contractor under the Agreement for each FY does not exceed an increase of 20 percent from the applicable Board-approved TCA; 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 such amendment; 5) the parties may, by written amendment, mutually agree to reduce programs, services or extend the term of the Agreement; and 6) the Director of Mental Health notifies 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 enter into an Agreement with Mental Health America of Los Angeles to develop and implement the Recovery Oriented Supervision Training and Consultation Services program for clinical supervisors and managers in the public mental health system. This program aims to elevate their skills and competencies by: 1) increasing their understanding of the core values of the MHSA philosophies; 2) addressing cultural competence issues in the mental health system; 3) supporting and assisting in the

integration of consumers, family members and Parent Advocates / Parent Partners in the mental health workforce; 4) teaching effective strength-based recovery oriented supervision of staff.

BACKGROUND

This program fulfills the requirements of one of 22 programs developed for the MHSA WET Plan, which were approved by the California Department of Mental Health on April 8, 2009.

In accordance with your Board Policy Manual, Section 5.120, Authority to Approve Increases to Board Approved Contract Amounts requirements, DMH notified your Board on June 2, 2011, identifying and justifying the need for requesting a percentage increase exceeding 10 percent. This authority will allow DMH greater capacity to amend the Agreement and implement additional trainings in a more timely and expeditious manner.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On July 15, 2010, DMH issued the MHSA WET Request for Services (RFS) No. 1 to prequalified agencies on the MHSA Master Agreement. Twelve (12) agencies attended the mandatory Proposers' Conference on August 3, 2010 and five submitted proposals by the deadline on September 14, 2010. An Evaluation Committee evaluated proposals submitted on a standard evaluation tool. DMH's Executive Management Team reviewed the finalized evaluation and recommends to your Board the awarding of this Agreement to Mental Health America of Los Angeles, the identified winner of this RFS.

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