

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

**F A C T S H E E T**

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
LEGAL ENTITY AGREEMENT WITH SPECIAL SERVICE FOR GROUPS  
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, AND 2008-2009  
AND  
APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)**

**REQUEST**

1. Authorize the Director of Mental Health or his designee to award the contract for the program currently known as South Los Angeles Children and Family Services (SoLA) to Special Service for Groups (SSG) based on a duly executed Request for Proposals (RFP) process. The annual amount of this award is \$3,967,200.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute an Amendment to SSG's existing Department of Mental Health (DMH) Legal Entity (LE) Agreement, DMH-02360, to include the new program to be known as the SSG South Los Angeles Family Center. This action will increase SSG's Maximum Contract Amount (MCA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005-2006 by a seven-month prorated amount of \$2,314,200, fully funded in the FY 2005-2006 Adopted Budget, for a revised MCA of \$14,877,020, and the MCAs for FYs 2006-2007 through 2008-2009 by \$3,967,200 for a revised MCA of \$16,530,020. The Amendment will also extend the term and conditions of the existing LE Agreement for a maximum of three (3) fiscal years beyond the Agreement expiration date of June 30, 2006 through June 30, 2009.
3. Authorize the inclusion of conditions for the use of space in the SSG Amendment to enable SSG to maintain its program at its current site, a County-owned facility located at 8019 Compton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90001, free-of-charge, for program continuity and in consideration of the vital and unique mental health services provided by this program to children and their families in a significantly underserved area of the County.
4. Authorize a five-month Cash Flow Advance (CFA) for the SSG South Los Angeles Family Center program effective December 1, 2005, not to exceed one-seventh of the program's FY 2005-2006 funding, or \$330,600 per month.
5. Approve a Request for Appropriation Adjustment (Attachment I) to shift \$1,651,000 from Salary and Employee Benefits to Services and Supplies for FY 2005-2006 to fund the contract with SSG.

## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to return the directly-operated South Los Angeles Children and Family Services program to its former status as a contracted community-based program. This is in accordance with the plan approved by your Board on November 18, 2003. DMH assumed responsibility for maintaining the program as a directly-operated program until the services could be contracted out through a competitive bidding process. The selection of a new community provider, through an RFP process, has now been completed.

The requested action pertaining to the space use Agreement included in the SSG Amendment is based on the importance of again maintaining continuity of care for the children and families served by this program. The request for renewal of the entire SSG DMH LE Agreement on December 1, 2005 is intended to prevent the need to return to your Board again approximately six (6) months after the effective date of this action for a routine legal entity renewal action. The requested CFA will enable SSG to meet operating expenses pending receipt of State and Federal Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Federal Financial Participation (FFP) revenue.

## **BACKGROUND**

The requested actions will enable SSG to assume responsibility for the program temporarily being operated by DMH. It is SSG's intent to enter into a subcontract with the Tessie Cleveland Community Services Corporation (Corporation), a grass-roots agency, for the provision of program services. DMH program administration will work closely with the contractor and subcontractor to ensure a smooth transition from the directly-operated to the contracted program with no disruption of services. The long term intent of the subcontract, in accordance with the intent of the Mental Health Services Act to promote the development of "grass-roots" local community providers, is for SSG to "incubate" the Corporation to prepare it to take over this program as a new Mental Health LE provider when the Corporation is clinically, administratively, and fiscally able to do so.

The SSG South Los Angeles Family Center will serve children, adolescents, and families in Service Area 6. The program will accept referrals from other mental health services providers, the Department of Public Social Services and the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), school districts, and other family service agencies. The treatment components will consist of basic outpatient services, as well as day treatment, therapeutic behavioral services, and school-based services. Outpatient/day treatment services include those for children enrolled in wraparound services provided under contract with DCFS.

Attachment

ATTACHMENT I

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPT'S. NO. 435

DEPARTMENT OF Mental Health

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AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

3-VOTES

Sources:

Department of Mental Health
Salary & Employee Benefits
A01-MH-20500-1000
\$1,651,000

Uses:

Department of Mental Health
Services & Supplies
A01-MH-20500-2000
\$1,651,000

This appropriation adjustment is requested to shift appropriation in the amount of \$1,651,000 from Salary & Employee Benefits to Services & Supplies to provide spending authority for Special Services for Groups South Los Angeles Family Center. There is no increase in net County cost.

Handwritten signature of Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W., Director of Mental Health.

Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.
Director of Mental Health

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR —

ACTION

APPROVED AS REQUESTED

AS REVISED

RECOMMENDATION

November 16 2005

Handwritten signature of Gregory C. Feld, Chief Administrative Officer.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

BY Helen Jung

APPROVED (AS REVISED): BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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NO. 188

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BY

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK