

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO EXISTING DEPARTMENT OF
MENTAL HEALTH LEGAL ENTITY AGREEMENT WITH
ST. FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER – CHILDREN’S COUNSELING CENTER
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)**

REQUEST

Approve and instruct the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute Amendment No. 2 to the existing Legal Entity (LE) Agreement No. DMH-01835 with St. Francis Medical Center – Children’s Counseling Center (St. Francis Medical Center) for the provision of Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Title XIX Medi-Cal services in Fiscal Year (FY) 2004-2005. This Amendment increases the Maximum Contract Amount (MCA) for FY 2004-2005 only by \$832,500, from \$964,032 to \$1,796,532.

INTENT/JUSTIFICATION

This Amendment increase in the amount of \$832,500 for FY 2004-2005 only exceeds the 20 percent MCA delegated authority language previously approved by the Board on June 29, 2004 for this contractor. A subsequent Board action will be sought to renew this LE Agreement as of July 1, 2005, with two (2) automatic one-year renewal periods.

Board approval of this Amendment increase will enable the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to better align the actual demand for mandated EPSDT services with the contractor’s capacity to provide and be reimbursed timely for those services. Since the first phase of the redirection and expansion of the EPSDT program in June 2003, St. Francis Medical Center has experienced a significant increase in demand for EPSDT - funded services from the Compton/Lynwood communities in Service Area 6. The expansion of St. Francis Medical Center’s service capacity complies with DMH’s guiding principles for EPSDT expansion by enhancing the availability of mental health services in communities that have few resources.

CONTRACTOR

St. Francis Medical Center is located at 3630 E. Imperial Highway, Lynwood, CA 90262, in Supervisorial District 2. St. Francis Medical Center provides culturally and linguistically appropriate services to children and families in settings that meet their specific needs and continually strives to create programs to address unmet needs and high demands in this service area. This agency is one of the few in Service Area 6 with the capacity to meet the increasing demand for bilingual Spanish-speaking services, in that more than 90 percent of the staff are Spanish-speaking. It is also only one of two (2) contractors serving the Compton/Lynwood communities. Without the requested expansion, approximately 400 children, adolescents, and their families who have been identified as in need of service will be adversely impacted.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Upon Board approval, DMH will execute Amendment No. 2 to the existing LE Agreement No. DMH-01835 with St. Francis Medical Center, increasing its FY 2004-2005 MCA by \$832,500, in order to allow for increased EPSDT service capacity for the underserved Compton/Lynwood communities.

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