

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

FACT SHEET

APPROVAL OF A NEW DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH LEGAL ENTITY AGREEMENT WITH THE PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2004-2005, 2005-2006, AND 2006-2007 (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)

REQUEST:

Approve and instruct the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute a new Department of Mental Health (DMH) Legal Entity (LE) Agreement, with Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) for the provision of outpatient mental health services to seriously emotionally disturbed (SED) children, adolescents, and their families. The term of this new LE Agreement will be effective upon Board approval for Fiscal Year (FY) 2004-2005, with two automatic one-year renewal periods for FYs 2005-2006 and 2006-2007.

The Maximum Contract Amount (MCA) for this new LE Agreement for each fiscal year will be \$1,650,000, funded by \$781,600 in Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT), State General Funds, and \$868,400 in Federal Financial Participation Medi-Cal funds. PUSD will provide the five percent local growth match for EPSDT in the amount of \$86,842 for a gross program amount of \$1,736,842. Funding for the MCA is included in DMH's FY 2004-2005 Adopted Budget.

BACKGROUND:

DMH has identified PUSD as a school-based mental health provider because it has established relationships with the school district as well as the community it serves. Established in 1874, PUSD has a history of supporting and providing mental health services for its students since 1926. In 1987, PUSD entered into a major partnership with what is now Pacific Clinics to co-locate a day treatment program for SED children and adolescents at a school campus in Northwest Pasadena. In the early 1990s, PUSD began working with mental health providers to leverage funding from its new Healthy Start program to enrich the services for youths who met DMH target population criteria. In 1998, PUSD joined a broadly representative community group that evolved into the Pasadena Consortium. Additionally, during the past two years, PUSD subcontracted with D'Veal Family and Youth Services and provided outpatient mental health school-based services in the school district.

INTENT:

DMH is seeking Board approval to establish a new sole source LE Agreement with PUSD. This LE Agreement will enable DMH to continue to provide an integrated and comprehensive system of mental health services in critically needed areas. PUSD will be an asset to the mental health service delivery network in Mental Health Service Area (MHSA) 3.

JUSTIFICATION:

In order to more effectively deliver mandated EPSDT services, DMH has looked to Community/School-Based Organizations as prospective mental health providers. DMH has identified PUSD as a school-based mental health provider in MHSA 3 since it has an established relationship the community it serves and has consistently provided a variety of outreach services to underserved populations. The addition of mental health services will enrich PUSD's capacity to meet the needs of existing consumers and provide more outreach to underserved populations in MHSA 3.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

This is a sole source LE Agreement with PUSD. PUSD is able to provide school-based mental health services and is committed to helping children and adolescents overcome their negative life experiences, while preparing them for successful educational endeavors. In addition, PUSD is well established in the community and has the available resources to provide a full array of mental health services to the underserved EPSDT-eligible population.

The Advance Notification of Intent to enter into a Sole Source contract was submitted to your Board on June 14, 2004.