

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

REQUEST OF APPROVAL TO FURTHER IMPLEMENT THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT – COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SUPPORTS PLAN FOR ALTERNATIVE CRISIS SERVICES

AND

APPROVAL OF A NEW DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH LEGAL ENTITY AGREEMENT WITH USC CARE MEDICAL GROUP, INC. OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TO PROVIDE AN URGENT CARE CENTER PROGRAM

FOR

**FISCAL YEARS 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)**

REQUEST

Authorize the Director of Mental Health to implement, effective July 1, 2007, the USC Care Medical Group, Inc. (USC) of the University of Southern California Urgent Care Center (UCC) program in keeping with the Department of Mental Health's (DMH) Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Community Services and Supports (CSS) Plan for Fiscal Years (FY) 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-

Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute a new DMH Legal Entity (LE) Agreement with USC to implement the UCC program for FYs 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10.

The annualized Maximum Contract Amount (MCA) for FY 2007-08 through FY 2009-10 will be \$3,999,901. The new Agreement is fully funded by \$399,990 in Federal Financial Participation (FFP) Medi-Cal, \$78,095 in Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment-State General Funds (EPSDT-SGF), and \$3,521,816 in MHSA CSS funds.

Delegate authority to the Director or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute future amendments to this LE Agreement, provided that: 1) the County's total payments to the Contractor under the Agreement for each fiscal year shall not exceed a change of 20 percent from the applicable revised MCA; 2) any such increase shall be used to provide additional services or to reflect program and/or policy changes; 3) the Board of Supervisors has appropriated sufficient funds for all changes; 4) approval of County Counsel and the Chief Administrative Office (CAO) or their designee is obtained prior to any such Amendment; 5) the County and Contractor may, by written Amendment, mutually agree to reduce programs or services without reference to the 20 percent limitation; and 6) the Director of Mental Health shall notify the Board of Supervisors of Agreement changes in writing within 30 days after execution of each Amendment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

The UCC is intended to relieve the overcrowding in the LAC+USC PES and the related increasing demand for inpatient services; provide 24/7 recovery-oriented outpatient psychiatric services for individuals in crisis who do not require hospitalization, if stabilized with intensive outpatient services; promote integrated treatment for mental health clients with co-occurring substance abuse disorders; ensure integration with other LAC+USC Medical Center services and community-based resources; and serve as a training site for mental health professionals, in accordance with the Department's MHA CSS Plan approved by your Board on May 9, 2006.

The requested actions are consistent with the PES Relief Plan (Plan) developed by DMH and DHS in conjunction with the CAO. The Plan includes UCCs, strategically located throughout the County, to relieve the overcrowding of the County PES and to provide community-based alternatives to hospitalization for individuals in crisis who could be stabilized with intensive outpatient services. The proposed UCC will be the fourth UCC to be funded under the MHA CSS Alternative Crisis Services Plan. Currently DMH has two directly-operated UCCs, Augustus F. Hawkins and Olive View, and one contracted UCC, the Westside UCC, which opened in December 2006.

BACKGROUND

USC Care Medical Group, Inc. is uniquely qualified to provide the UCC program in that it currently provides the LAC+USC Medical Center inpatient and outpatient mental health services under contract with the Department of Health Services (DHS) and an affiliated residency and training program. A key element of the USC UCC will be to ensure integration with other services at the Medical Center as well as with the larger community of mental health providers, including the recently implemented Full Service Partnerships and other programs funded by MHA. The UCC program will also include internships and residency training in community psychiatry and urgent care services for psychiatrists and psychologists, as well as training opportunities for social work, nursing, rehabilitation, and other professions.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On May 1, 2007, your Board approved the University of Southern California to develop the UCC program in its design, including the budget, operational details, policies and procedures, staffing and staff training, in order to facilitate the implementation of the first phase of service delivery.

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In compliance with your Board's contracting policy requirements for sole source contracts, DMH notified your Board on April 5, 2007, regarding the intent to enter into a new Mental Health Services Agreement with the University of Southern California for provisions of service delivery consistent with the PES Relief Plan.

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