

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES-DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW EIGHT COMMUNITY CARE RESIDENTIAL
FACILITY AGREEMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Eight Community Care Residential Facility Agreements will expire June 30, 2008. The renewal of these agreements will allow the Department of Mental Health to continue to provide uninterrupted services to existing clients. This request is to renew their agreements for another three Fiscal Years 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11.

REQUEST

1. Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, execute, and renew eight specialized Community Care Residential Facility (CCRF) Agreements with contractors 1) 8025 Sepulveda, LLC, 2) Homes for Life Foundation, 3) Ruchell Enterprises, Inc., 4) Social Model Recovery Systems, Inc., 5) Topanga-Roscoe Corporation, 6) Transitional Living Centers for Los Angeles County, Inc., 7) Walker's Care, and 8) Western Ferndale, Inc. for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11.
2. Authorize the Director, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute future new agreements with other qualified and licensed CCRF providers; and authorize the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute future amendments to the Agreements, provided that: 1) any such increase shall be used to reflect program and/or policy changes; 2) the Board of Supervisors has appropriated sufficient funds for all changes; 3) approval of County Counsel and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or their designee is obtained prior to any such amendments; 4) the Director of Mental Health shall notify the CEO's office of agreement changes after execution of such amendments.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

Board approval is requested because eight CCRF Agreements will expire on June 30, 2008. Approval of the recommended actions ensures that services will continue without

interruption to severely and persistently mentally ill (SPMI) adults and seriously emotionally disturbed (SED) children, adolescents, and their families.

Additionally, new and revised contract provisions mandated for Local Small Business Enterprise Preference Program, and Safely Surrendered Baby Law will ensure uniformity of all terms and conditions.

CONTRACTORS

The CCRF Agreements provide for specialized services for suitable care for clients no longer requiring hospitalization related to their mental illness and provide alternatives to hospitalization.

These specialized Agreements provide for specialty services designed to meet a particular need for mentally ill clients not normally provided by a mental health service provider. These services are of an extraordinary professional, technical nature and/or provide unique alternatives to meeting the special needs of our clients.

The renewal of eight CCRF agreements for FY 2008-09 will allow contractors to provide basic board and care services, which include personal care, supervision, assistance, guidance, and training of clients in a 24-hour CCRF. As part of the client's total care, arrangements are made for clients to receive P and I expenses and mental health services, which may be rendered off-site at facilities other than the contractors. The agreement formats have been approved as to form by County Counsel. The CEO has reviewed the proposed actions. DMH clinical and administrative staff will also continue to administer and supervise the agreements, evaluate programs to ensure that quality services are being provided to clients, and ensure that agreement provisions and Departmental policies are being followed.

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CONTRACTING PROCESS

All of the renewed CCRF Agreements have existing agreements with DMH, which will expire on June 30, 2008 and are being renewed because of the continuing need for their unique and specialized services for Los Angeles County residents.

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The Department has evaluated and determined that the Living Wage Program (County Code Chapter 2.201) does not apply to the recommended Agreements.

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