

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES-DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW TWO STATE HOSPITAL PATIENT
ESCORT SERVICES AGREEMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Two State Hospital Escort Services Agreements will expire June 30, 2008. The renewal of these State Hospital Escort Services Agreements will allow the Department of Mental Health to continue to provide uninterrupted escort services to and from various courts in the greater Los Angeles area for legal proceedings to mentally ill inpatients who are existing clients. This request is to renew the agreements with these Contractors 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 two State Hospital Escort Services Agreements (Agreements), with contractors 1) Metropolitan State Hospital and 2) Patton State Hospital for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11.
2. Authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute future Agreements with other qualified State Hospital Escort Services providers.
3. Authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute future amendments to an Agreement, if any, provided that: 1) the County's total payments to each Contractor pursuant to an Agreement for each fiscal year shall not exceed an increase of twenty percent of the annual County obligation amount; 2) any such increase shall be used 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 Executive Officer (CEO), or their designee, is obtained prior to any such amendments; 5) the parties may, by written amendment, mutually agree to reduce programs or services without reference to the twenty percent limitation; and 6) 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 these two 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 renewal of these two Agreements will allow Contractors to provide escort services to mentally ill inpatients within the hospital, who are Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) conservatees of Los Angeles County. Such inpatients are judicially committed to a hospital under Sections 4017, 5602, and 5652.5 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code. Inpatients shall be transported to and from various courts in the greater Los Angeles area for legal proceedings.

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.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The County currently has existing Agreements with each of these two Contractors that will both 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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