

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

FACT SHEET

**AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM CLARE FOUNDATION, INC
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval to accept funds from Clare Foundation, Inc. to offset seventy-five percent (75%) of the cost of a Psychiatric Social Worker I position to serve individuals who are chronically homeless, living with mental illness and struggling with substance abuse.

REQUEST

Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to sign and execute two Agreements provided by Clare Foundation, Inc., (Clare) to receive funds to offset seventy-five percent (75%) of a Psychiatric Social Worker I (PSWI) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-11 and FY 2011-12, in the amount of \$119,373.

Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute future Agreements, if additional funding is available, and Amendments to the Agreements provided that: 1) changes are to modify operations to improve efficiencies, and/or add clarity; 2) revisions and new provisions are consistent with the related funding Agreements; 3) approval of County Counsel, or designee, is obtained prior to any such Amendments and/or new Agreements; and 4) the Director notifies your Board and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Amendments and/or new Agreements in writing within 30 days after the execution of each Amendment and/or new Agreement.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

Clare has been awarded the Community Bridges Program grant by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administrations (SAMHSA) for the period of September 30, 2006 to September 29, 2011. The Community Bridges Program grant provides mental health services for chronically homeless adults living with mental illness with substance abuse issues in West Los Angeles. Clare selected Edelman Mental Health Center (Edelman) as a partner in fulfilling the objectives of the grant due to its geographical proximity and expertise in providing mental health services.

Board approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to be reimbursed by Clare 75% of the cost of one ordinance position at the level of a PSWI at Edelman to serve clients referred by Clare who are chronically homeless, living with mental illnesses and struggling with substance abuse. The PSWI ordinance

position is included in the DMH budget. The grant funding from Clare will be used to offset the cost of the ordinance position.

BACKGROUND

The Agreements with Clare cover a five-year period from September 30, 2006 to September 30, 2011. On June 29, 2007, DMH entered into the first of five Agreements with Clare. Thus far, a total of three Agreements have been executed with Clare covering FY 2006-07 through FY 09-10 for provision of mental health services for Clare clients and a total of \$176,052 has been received by DMH for services rendered.

The Agreements format provided by Clare is not in accordance with a standard County Agreement and contains language permitting Clare to examine and audit the necessary books, records, and documents to verify all costs incurred in performing contracted services. DMH will also provide Clare with data, information, tracking and charting for program participants for the duration of the Agreements, ending September 29, 2011.

The Agreements also require the County to maintain General Liability, Business Auto Liability, Worker's Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance during the term of the Agreements.

Additionally, the Agreements contain a General Liability provision, stating County shall indemnify and hold CLARE and its Board Members, administrators, employees, agents, attorneys, and contractors harmless against all liability, loss, damage, and expense (including reasonable attorney's fees) resulting from or arising out of the Agreements or its performance, whether such loss, expense, damage or liability was proximately caused in whole or in part by the negligent or willful act or omission by LAC-DMH, including , without limitation, its agents, employees, subcontractor or anyone employed directly or indirectly by it. This indemnification shall apply even in the event of the act, omission, fault, or any negligence, whether active or passive, of the Indemnatee(s), but shall not apply to claims arising from the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the Indemnatee(s).

The Agreements have been approved as to form by County Counsel. The proposed actions have been reviewed by the CEO.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Clare selected DMH to fulfill the objectives of the Community Bridges Program grant funded by SAMHSA based on its expertise in serving individuals who are chronically

homeless, living with mental illness and struggling with substance abuse in West Los Angeles (Service Area 5).

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