

**BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET
HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER**

AGENDA REVIEW	11/14/12
BOARD MEETING	12/4/12
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	All
DEPARTMENT	Mental Health
SUBJECT	Request approval to expend funds to host and conduct the first client-centered symposium: "Working Toward My Future," for California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids participants in Los Angeles County, to be held on January 22, 2013, at the California Endowment.
PROGRAM	The "Working Toward My Future" Symposium is necessary to represent a systemic change in the delivery of mental health supportive services by developing a greater emphasis on employment and economic self-sufficiency for California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) participants.
DEADLINES	None
COST & FUNDING	The Fiscal Year 2012-13 Department of Mental Health (DMH) Adopted Budget includes sufficient appropriation to fund the estimated \$29,000 total cost of the symposium which excludes food for County employees. The cost of the symposium includes supplies, brochures, graphics/ plaques, food/beverage services, speakers and specialized trainers, T-shirts, portfolios, books, and bags/incentives for the participants. The conference will be fully funded by CalWORKs Program training allocation through an intrafund transfer from the Department of Public Social Services.
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	Board approval of the recommended actions will allow DMH to host and conduct the first symposium for CalWORKs participants in Los Angeles County. This is an all day client-centered symposium, which is proposed to be held on January 22, 2013, at The California Endowment, located in downtown Los Angeles.
SUMMARY/ ISSUES (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; and prior accomplishments.)	<p>The symposium will be specifically designed to address and provide tactics on how to remove participants' mental health barriers to employment, while increasing hope, self-worth, resiliency and a commitment to obtaining employment. In an effort to further enhance motivation and provide support to CalWORKs participants receiving mental health supportive services in Los Angeles County, the symposium will concentrate on essential employment focused workshops and presentations to address and develop strategies to alleviate mental health barriers for successful treatment outcomes. This is aligned with the Department's core goal to promote hope, wellness, and recovery.</p> <p>Food and beverages will be provided for CalWORKs participants because this is an all day event and these participants don't have sufficient financial resources to pay for their meals and/or don't have transportation resources to access other local restaurants in the community. County employees who are in attendance will be asked to purchase their own meals.</p>
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