

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

AGENDA REVIEW	May 30, 2012
BOARD MEETING	June 12, 2012
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	All Supervisorial Districts
DEPARTMENT	Department of Mental Health
SUBJECT	Request approval of a sole source Agreement with the Los Angeles County Office of Education to continue hosting and managing the Youth Suicide Prevention Project (YSPP) website, develop and enhance website content, and implement corresponding staff training with Mental Health Services Act Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) funding.
PROGRAM	LACOE was identified and currently has a sole source Agreement with DMH for the implementation of the Youth Suicide Prevention Project because it is uniquely qualified to provide training through its Center for Distance and Online Learning (CDOL). By entering into a subsequent sole source Agreement, CDOL will continue to host the YSPP website and design and develop the programming for selected applications that range from storage and access of resource materials to multimedia productions, including flash applications (the current YSPP website can be accessed at http://preventsuicide.lacoe.edu/).
DEADLINES	N/A
COST & FUNDING	The TCA for this Agreement is \$300,000 fully funded by State MHSA revenue which is included in DMH's FY 2012-13 Recommended Budget. Funding for future fiscal years will be requested through the Department's annual budget request process. There is no net County cost impact associated with the recommended actions.
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	The recommended actions will authorize DMH to enter into a sole source Agreement with LACOE for the following services: 1) continued hosting and management of the YSPP website and database, as well as the development and enhancement of website content; 2) implementation of corresponding staff training for selected schools and districts; and 3) collaboration with strategic partners to enhance countywide suicide prevention resources and initiatives for children and youth.
SUMMARY/ ISSUES	LACOE's ability to access personnel across the eighty K-12 school districts has the potential to reach millions of school employees, students and their families. This coordinated expansion of suicide prevention measures will make a difference in alleviating the problems that have been statistically identified as ending overwhelmingly in chronically serious mental illness and even death.
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