

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES- DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

AUTHORIZATION TO TERMINATE THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH LEGAL ENTITY AGREEMENT WITH UNITED CAMBODIAN COMMUNITY, INC. (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)

REQUEST

This is to request the Board to:

1. Authorize the Director of the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to terminate DMH Legal Entity (LE) Agreement No. DMH-01658 with United Cambodian Community, Inc. (UCC) for convenience in accordance with the provisions of the LE Agreement, to be effective 30 days from the date of approval by your Board and notification to UCC.
2. Authorize DMH to fill 2.0 Senior Community Worker II Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) positions to be filled with existing UCC employees, critically needed to maintain continuity of services currently provided by UCC to the Southeast Asian refugee community in Long Beach and surrounding areas. The pro-rated cost of the positions is \$23,871 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2004-2005, and the annual cost will be \$105,039 for FY 2005-2006, fully funded by redirecting resources currently budgeted for the UCC contract.

CONTRACTOR

UCC is a private, non-profit, community-based agency, established in 1977, to provide a variety of services to Southeast Asian refugees in the greater Long Beach area. The agency's primary service delivery site is located at 2201 East Anaheim Street, Suite 200, Long Beach, CA 90804. In 1993, DMH entered into a LE Agreement with UCC to provide community outreach and mental health services to this population. In 1998, the Agreement was amended to limit services to community outreach/education that is provided primarily by two (2) outreach workers. DMH also changed UCC's LE Agreement term from three (3) years to one (1) year.

At present, services consist of direct outreach to the local Southeast Asian population, outreach and education to local agencies, and linkage of clients to culturally appropriate mental health services. The majority of referrals for mental health clinical services are made to the directly operated Long Beach Asian Pacific MHC.

INTENT

The purpose of the recommended actions is to accomplish the termination of UCC's DMH LE Agreement No. DMH-01658 without disrupting the community outreach services currently provided by UCC. Accordingly, authority to fill 2.0 FTE positions is also requested to continue providing outreach and linkage services to the Cambodian, Laotian, Vietnamese, and other Southeast Asian communities through the DMH Long Beach Asian Pacific Mental Health Center (MHC).

JUSTIFICATION

DMH is requesting authorization to terminate the LE Agreement No. DMH-1658 with UCC for convenience pursuant to Paragraph 1 C (1) (Term) of the Agreement, which states: "This Agreement may be terminated by either party any time without cause by giving at least 30 days prior written notice to the other party." Authority is also requested to fill 2.0 FTE positions to maintain outreach services to the Southeast Asian community through the Long Beach Asian Pacific MHC. For FY 2004-2005, the additional ordinance positions will be funded with \$23,871 of savings in the Salary and Employee Benefits, which is included in the FY 2004-2005 Adopted Budget. For FY 2005-2006, the annual cost of \$105,039 for 2.0 FTE positions will be requested during the budget process. The 2.0 FTE positions will be funded by redirecting resources currently budgeted for the UCC contract.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This subject does not apply.

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