

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**APPROVAL OF THREE NEW DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
LEGAL ENTITY AGREEMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2004-2005, 2005-2006, AND 2006-2007
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)**

REQUEST

Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute three (3) new Department of Mental Health (DMH) Legal Entity (LE) Agreements with California Family Care Medical Group, a subordinate organization of Catholic Healthcare West doing business as California Hospital and Medical Center (CHMC), El Centro Del Pueblo, Inc., and Pediatric and Family Medical Center dba Eisner Pediatric and Family Medical Center (EPFMC), for the provision of Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) mental health services to underserved seriously emotionally disturbed (SED) children, adolescents and their families residing in Mental Health Service Area (MHSA) 4 communities that have predominantly Latino monolingual Spanish and bilingual/English populations. The term of these new LE Agreements will be effective upon Board approval for Fiscal Year (FY) 2004-2005, with two automatic one-year renewal periods for FYs 2005-2006 and 2006-2007.

The Maximum Contract Amount (MCA) for FY 2004-2005 for CHMC will be \$466,300, funded by \$209,900 in EPSDT State General Funds (SGF), \$233,100 in Federal Financial Participation (FFP) Medi-Cal revenue, and \$23,300 in EPSDT Growth Match. The EPSDT Growth Match is fully funded with ongoing Vehicle License Fees (VLF) realignment revenue, which is included in the FY 2004-2005 Final Adopted Budget. The annualized MCA in the amount of \$932,600 for FYs 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 will be requested during DMH's annual budget process.

The MCA for El Centro Del Pueblo, Inc., for FY 2004-2005 will be \$300,000, funded by \$135,000 in EPSDT-SGF, \$150,000 in FFP Medi-Cal revenue, and \$15,000 in EPSDT Growth Match. The EPSDT Growth Match is fully funded with ongoing VLF realignment revenue, which is included in the FY 2004-2005 Final Adopted Budget. The EPSDT Growth Match is fully funded with ongoing VLF realignment revenue, which is included in the FY 2004-2005 Final Adopted Budget. The annualized MCA in the amount of \$600,000 for FYs 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 will be requested during DMH's annual budget process.

The MCA for EPFMC for FY 2004-2005 will be \$300,000, funded by \$135,000 in EPSDT-SGF, \$150,000 in FFP Medi-Cal revenue, and \$15,000 in EPSDT Growth Match. The EPSDT Growth Match is fully funded with ongoing VLF realignment revenue, which is included in the FY 2004-2005 Final Adopted Budget. The annualized

MCA in the amount of \$600,000 for FYs 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 will be requested during DMH's annual budget process.

BACKGROUND

The EPSDT program is a federal entitlement for children and youth who are Medicaid beneficiaries. The Board of Supervisors had asked DMH to plan for growth of the EPSDT program. The Department developed EPSDT program expansion guidelines which were submitted to the Health Deputies by our Director on September 26, 2003. These guidelines address the needed growth of EPSDT services to meet the unmet mental health treatment needs of the underserved children's population.

Although Latinos comprise nearly half (44%) of the Los Angeles County population, the penetration rate of Medi-Cal eligible Latinos into the existing system of care is only 2.5 percent, the lowest for all ethnic groups. In order to provide EPSDT services more effectively for this community, DMH wants to contract with these three (3) providers who have established relationships with them.

INTENT

Board approval is required to enter into three (3) new sole source LE Agreements with CHMC, El Centro Del Pueblo, Inc., and EPFMC for the provision of mental health, targeted case management and medication support services to underserved SED children, adolescents, and their families residing in MHSA 4, Supervisorial District 1 communities that have primarily Latino monolingual/Spanish and bilingual/English populations. The Agreements will enable the service providers to become Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal (SD/MC) certified providers and provide SD/MC reimbursable services, as defined in the agreements, and to establish access to the EPSDT program revenues to cover the cost of services.

JUSTIFICATION

Board approval is required to enter into agreements with these three (3) agencies to enable them to provide much needed mental health services to the underserved, primarily Latino population in MHSA 4. These Agreements will allow the agencies to provide services that will address the needs of the SED children, adolescents, and their families residing in this area. These three (3) agencies have established relationships with the community and will be able to provide culturally and linguistically relevant services which include mental health, targeted case management and medication support services to SED children, adolescents, and their families. They also have the

resources to provide a full array of mental health services to the underserved EPSDT-eligible population.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A primary area of concern for LAC-DMH is the lack of available services to underserved populations, primarily Latino monolingual/Spanish and bilingual/English, in MHSA 4, Supervisorial District 1, and these service providers have been selected based on their capability to provide early intervention and bilingual, bicultural mental health treatment services to this underserved community. These are sole source contracts and the Advance Notifications of Intent to enter into Sole Source Contracts with these three (3) agencies were submitted to the Board on September 20, 2004.

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