

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**REQUEST APPROVAL TO AMEND 29 LEGAL ENTITY AGREEMENTS
TO ADD CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND
RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
FOR REMAINING SIX MONTHS OF FISCAL YEAR 2011-12
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval to amend 29 existing Legal Entity Agreements to add California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids funding to continue mental health services without interruption on a month-to-month basis for the remaining six months of Fiscal Year 2011-12 (January 1, 2012, through June 30, 2012)

REQUEST

1. Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health (Director), or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute amendments to add California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) funding to 29 Legal Entity (LE) Agreements with existing Department of Mental Health CalWORKs contractors. The added funding will allow these contract providers to continue providing CalWORKs mental health services on a month-to-month basis for the last six months of Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12, beginning January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012.
2. Delegate authority to the Director, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute future amendments for the purpose of CalWORKs services to these LE Agreements and establish as a new Maximum Contract Amount (MCA), the aggregate of the original agreement and all amendments and to further amend these LE Agreements as necessary, including providing time extensions if funding is available provided that: 1) any such increase will be used to provide additional services or to reflect program or Board policy changes; 2) your Board has appropriated sufficient funds for all changes; 3) approval of County Counsel, or designee, is obtained prior to any such amendments; 4) County and contract providers may, by written amendment, reduce programs or services without reference to the 20 percent limitation and revise the applicable MCA; and 5) the Director notifies your Board and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in writing within 30 days after execution of each amendment.
3. Delegate authority to the Director, or his designee, to extend the CalWORKs funding on a month-to-month basis, for up to a three-month period, from July 1, 2012,

through September 30, 2012, via contract amendment, should the protest appeals process require additional time to be finalized.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

Board approval will enable DMH to add CalWORKs funding to LE Agreements with existing contractors to avoid interruption in CalWORKs services. DMH issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to select service providers, which will be recommended for a CalWORKs award. The proposed amendments will allow current DMH contract providers to provide uninterrupted CalWORKs mental health services.

BACKGROUND

On January 11, 2010, DMH issued an RFP to provide CalWORKs mental health supportive services. The issuance of the RFP was in accordance with State requirements regarding the allocation of CalWORKs funding within Los Angeles County. The RFP was distributed to agencies on the Departmental Bidders list, which included minority agencies. Announcements were published in local community and ethnic newspapers as well as DMH's own Internet site. After notification of the RFP results, 21 debriefings were requested by 15 agencies, some of whom submitted proposals for multiple service areas. Only four agencies requested PCSRs in five different service areas. .

The PCSR process has recently been completed. DMH conducted a thorough review of the various issues raised in the five separate PCSRs.

DMH is requesting a month-to-month extension of CalWORKs funding to allow completion of the protest process.

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