

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

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**REQUEST APPROVAL TO RENEW EXPIRING  
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT MASTER AGREEMENTS  
FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT PROGRAMS  
THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2015-16  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Request approval to renew expiring Mental Health Services Act Master Agreements with agencies/contractors that have met the minimum qualifications in accordance with the Request for Statement of Qualifications solicitation process approved by your Board on November 15, 2005, thereby extending from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016, the term of the Mental Health Services Act Master Agreement list of agencies/contractors qualified to bid on Mental Health Services Act programs.

**REQUEST**

Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute 179 Department of Mental Health (DMH) Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Master Agreements, effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016, thereby extending the term of the MHSA Master Agreement list of pre-qualified potential MHSA providers through June 30, 2016.

Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign and execute MHSA Master Agreements with additional agencies/contractors that met the minimum requirements and qualifications established in the Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ).

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION**

Approval of the recommended actions is necessary to renew expiring MHSA Master Agreements and the expiring MHSA Master Agreement list of pre-qualified agencies/contractors eligible to provide MHSA services; the Agreements and list expire on June 30, 2011. Board approval of the recommended actions will continue to provide DMH with a pool of pre-qualified agencies eligible to bid on MHSA programs and will enable DMH to add on an ongoing basis qualified agencies to the MHSA Master Agreement list.

The MHSA Master Agreement is a key component of the MHSA solicitation process, approved by your Board on November 15, 2005. All agencies/contractors have met the

minimum contracting qualifications listed in the RFSQ, including compliance with all Countywide contracting requirements, and have demonstrated relevant experience and capacity to provide the various Board-approved MHSA programs. The execution of a MHSA Master Agreement does not guarantee an agency/contractor any amount of MHSA funding. Once on the MHSA Master Agreement list, interested contractors/agencies are solicited, through a Request for Services (RFS) process, to provide Board-approved MHSA programs.

### **BACKGROUND**

On November 15, 2005, your Board approved DMH's proposed MHSA RFSQ solicitation process as a fair and equitable yet streamlined alternative to the Request for Proposals (RFP) process.

On March 7, 2006, your Board approved the awarding of MHSA Master Agreements with qualified agencies to establish a list of pre-qualified agencies/contractors eligible to provide MHSA services. At that time, MHSA Master Agreements were executed with new DMH agencies/contractors, and MHSA amendments were executed with existing DMH agencies/contractors, including contractors with Legal Entity (LE) Agreements. Since Fiscal Year (FY) 2006-07, the MHSA Master Agreement language has been included in the LE Agreement boilerplate language; therefore, contractors with LE Agreements do not require the execution of separate MHSA Master Agreements.

The continuance of the MHSA Master Agreement list through either the execution of new MHSA Master Agreements or the MHSA language in the LE Agreement and the addition of new contractors/agencies will increase the pool of service providers, which DMH will use to solicit services to provide Board-approved MHSA programs.

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