

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**REQUEST APPROVAL TO AMEND THE UNILAB CORPORATION
CLINICAL LABORATORY SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE
REMAINING SIX MONTHS OF FISCAL YEAR 2011-12
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval to amend the existing Unilab Corporation Clinical Laboratory Services Agreement to extend the provision of clinical laboratory services to Department of Mental Health's clients on a month-to-month basis for a period of up to six months in Fiscal Year 2011-12.

REQUEST

1. Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health (Director), or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute an amendment, to the existing Clinical Laboratory Services Agreement (Agreement) with Unilab Corporation doing business as Quest Diagnostics (Quest), to extend the provision of clinical laboratory services to Department of Mental Health's (DMH) clients without interruption on a month-to-month basis, for a period of up to six months, beginning January 1, 2012, through June 30, 2012, if fully extended.
2. Delegate authority to the Director, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute future amendments and further amend this Agreement, as may be necessary, to purchase additional services of the same type described in the Agreement or to reflect program and/or Board policy changes provided that: 1) sufficient funds are available in the approved Fiscal Year 2011-12 Final Adopted Budget for any increases in compensation; 2) County Counsel approves such amendments as to form prior to execution; and 3) the Director notifies your Board and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in writing within 30 days after execution of each amendment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

Board approval is required to extend the term of the existing Agreement with Quest on a month-to-month basis for a period of up to six months to allow DMH additional time required to complete the Request for Proposal (RFP) appeal process and award the contract.

CONTRACTOR

The request for additional extensions of up to six months will provide sufficient time for DMH to complete the RFP appeal process with Quest and allow Quest to continue providing clinical laboratory services to DMH clients without interruption during the interim.

On June 7, 2011, your Board approved an initial six-month contract extension to allow DMH time to complete the RFP appeal process. Following notification of the RFP evaluation outcome, Quest requested a debriefing and subsequently requested advancement to the next phase in the protest process, the Proposed Contractor Selection Review (PCSR). During this initial contract extension period, DMH completed contract negotiations with the prospective contractor and is awaiting the resolution of the second level of the protest process.

DMH will return to your Board to request authorization to award and execute an Agreement with a laboratory services contractor upon resolution of the RFP appeal process.

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