

**BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET  
HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER**

<b>AGENDA REVIEW</b>	10/21/15
<b>BOARD MEETING</b>	11/03/15
<b>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT</b>	ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	Mental Health
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Approval to amend existing Department of Mental Health (DMH) Legal Entity Agreement with Special Service for Groups (SSG) to provide services to Adults, 18 and over, under felony probation who have co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders and are at high risk for recidivism.
<b>PROGRAM</b>	Institutions for Mental Health Disease (IMD) Administration
<b>DEADLINES</b>	N/A
<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	The Amendment will increase the Maximum Contract Amount (MCA) by \$456,698 for FY 2015-16 and \$65,042 for FY 2016-17, and will be fully funded by the Federal Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (Federal) Second Chance Act.
<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	The recommended action will help SSG provide intensive, evidence based mental health and substance abuse disorder treatment to high-risk offenders in order to enhance their successful reintegration into the community and promote long-term stability.
<b>SUMMARY/ ISSUES</b>  <b>(Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; prior accomplishments; and for BLs involving contracts, also note changes to the contract term.)</b>	<p>The Amendment to the existing DMH Agreement with SSG will increase the Maximum Contract Amount (MCA) by \$456,698 for FY 2015-16 and \$65,042 for FY 2016-17, fully funded by the Federal Second Chance Act and will help SSG provide services to Adults, 18 and over, under felony probation who have co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders and are at high risk for recidivism, in order to enhance successful reintegration into the community and promote long-term stability.</p> <p>SSG, a contracted DMH provider, is uniquely qualified to provide integrated, mental health, substance abuse, and health treatment services for this population. SSG has a long history of providing a full range of recovery-based mental health and substance abuse treatment services for mentally ill offenders. Agency services include assertive outreach and engagement, individual and group treatment, medication support, crisis intervention, case management, benefits establishment, and employment services.</p> <p>On May 19, 2015, the Board authorized DMH to accept the Federal Grant which is a time-limited project covering a two-year period through September 30, 2016. On April 15, 2015, DMH had issued a Request for Information (RFI) that was sent to all Legal Entity Contactors with current agreements and 14 providers responded by the deadline specified on the RFI. Of the 14 providers, SSG was the only provider able to demonstrate the capacity to provide and satisfy all of the services and contract requirements.</p> <p>In accordance with your Board's contracting policy requirements for Sole Source Contracts, DMH notified your Board on June 25, 2015, of its intent to enter into a sole source amendment with SSG.</p>
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