

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

AGENDA REVIEW	May 27, 2015
BOARD MEETING	June 9, 2015
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	All
DEPARTMENT	Department of Mental Health (DMH)
SUBJECT	Approval to Renew Affiliation Agreements with Seven Educational Institutions For Student Interns Participating In the Student Professional Development Program
PROGRAM	Training Program for Student Professional Development Program (SPDP)
DEADLINES	June 30, 2015
COST & FUNDING	No Financial Obligation
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	Approval is requested to renew Affiliation Agreements with seven educational institutions for the continuation of clinical and administrative/internships. The SPDP offers participating students hands-on training while they provide supervised administrative and clinical services at Los Angeles County DMH directly-operated clinics.
SUMMARY/ ISSUES (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.)	<p>Board approval of the recommended actions will allow DMH to renew Affiliation Agreements with seven educational institutions currently participating in the SPDP Program. In addition, Board approval will allow DMH to execute future Affiliation Agreements with qualified universities or other educational institutions for new SPDP contracts as necessary.</p> <p>The SPDP provides hands-on specialized training in clinical and administrative settings at DMH directly-operated facilities to students in the fields of nursing, occupational therapy, psychiatric technician, psychology, public administration, social work, marriage and family therapy, and vocational rehabilitation. Students selected to participate in the SPDP are placed by their respective educational institutions at sites specified by DMH as participating SPDP internship sites. While in placement/internship, students, under the direct supervision of DMH clinical and administrative professionals, provide administrative or clinical services at participating DMH programs/sites.</p> <p>Failure to renew SPDP Affiliation Agreements will result in the loss of longstanding training partnerships with local accredited universities, directly affecting the education and training of the future public mental health workforce.</p>
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