

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

<b>AGENDA REVIEW</b>	05/29/13 & 6/19/13
<b>BOARD MEETING</b>	07/16/13
<b>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT</b>	All
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	Mental Health
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Request approval to enter into a new sole source consultant services agreement with the California Mental Health Directors Association for a one-year term, effective upon Board approval.
<b>PROGRAM</b>	CMHDA provides leadership, advocacy, expertise, and support to California county mental health programs charged with serving individuals with serious mental illness. Furthermore, CMHDA provides consultation and technical advice to expand arts therapy programs in the juvenile hall and camps in Los Angeles County.
<b>DEADLINES</b>	None
<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	The TCA of FY 2013-14 for the CMHDA Agreement is \$392,066, funded by Sales Tax Realignment funds, Intrafund transfer, and State MHSA revenue. Funding for this agreement is included in DMH's FY 2013-14 Recommended Budget.
<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	<p>Board approval of the recommended actions will allow DMH to enter into an agreement with CMHDA to provide consulting services; CMHDA's current agreement expired on June 30, 2013.</p> <p>DMH is requesting to enter into a new sole source Agreement with CMHDA because CHMDA is the only entity within the State that has a level of leadership, advocacy, and support to guide community mental health service providers.</p> <p>If this action is approved, CMHDA will also continue providing ongoing support to DMH's planning efforts as well as plan modifications or new initiatives, like Health Care Reform which will drastically change the way we currently do business.</p>
<b>SUMMARY/ ISSUES</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; and prior accomplishments.)	<p>The Director of Mental Health participates in meetings as a Governing Board Member with CMHDA, but he is not compensated and does not benefit financially in any way. In addition, the Director of Mental Health did not participate in the approval process for this Agreement. County Counsel has advised that the conflict of interest laws therefore do not preclude the County from entering into an agreement with CMHDA.</p> <p>The educational arts therapy programs have been provided in the juvenile probation halls and camps for approximately eight years and are very successful. The members of CMHDA and the individuals employed to support the various counties continue to be needed until the public mental health system is fully transformed under the MHSA. CMHDA will provide critical assistance to DMH in further developing transformation plans and its quality of care system with limited resources.</p> <p>DMH has begun the process to prepare a solicitation for the Educational Arts Therapy Programs (California Institute of Arts and Drumming for Life) and anticipates returning to the Board in FY 2013-14 to request authorization to execute agreement(s) with qualified contractor(s).</p>
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