

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

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| AGENDA REVIEW | 04/24/13 |
| BOARD MEETING | 05/14/13 |
| SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT | All |
| DEPARTMENT | Department of Mental Health (DMH) |
| SUBJECT | Approval to Renew two Specialized Indigent Acute Psychiatric Inpatient Hospital Services Agreements for Fiscal Years 2013-14 through 2015-16 |
| PROGRAM | Countywide Resource Management |
| DEADLINES | June 30, 2013 |
| COST & FUNDING | The total cost of these two agreements for FY 2013-14 is \$3,216,614 annually, funded by Realignment revenue and net County cost. The Maximum Contract Amount is \$1,794,800 Aurora Charter Oak, LLC, and \$1,421,814 for College Hospital-Cerritos, respectively. Funding is included in the Department's FY 2013-14 Proposed Budget, and funding for future fiscal years will be requested through DMH's annual budget process. |
| PURPOSE OF REQUEST | Board Approval is required to renew the two existing agreements that will expire on June 30, 2013. Renewal of these two agreements will allow for uninterrupted, medically necessary acute psychiatric inpatient hospital services for uninsured individuals requiring hospitalization in Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) designated hospitals under California Welfare Institutions Code (WIC) Section 5150. |
| 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>These agreements are critical components of the Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES) Relief Plan jointly developed by DMH and the Department of Health Services to relieve overcrowding in County hospital emergency rooms and inpatient units.</p> <p>Board approval of the recommended actions will continue to alleviate overcrowding in the County's hospitals' emergency rooms and inpatient units and allow existing contractors to provide uninterrupted and accessible mental health services to uninsured persons in need of hospitalization residing in Los Angeles County.</p> <p>These two hospitals, which are authorized under Section 5150 of the WIC to hold patients referred by law enforcement agencies or DMH staff, have successfully provided these acute inpatient facilities. There is a continuing need for these services to prevent patients from remaining in the psychiatric emergency departments pending availability of a County hospital inpatient bed.</p> <p>Although a solicitation process was considered, DMH considered that since these two hospitals have existing agreements with the County for these critical and unique services, extension of these contracts, that expire on June 30, 2013, is the most cost-effective and efficient method to provide the continuing need for involuntary acute inpatient services for uninsured citizens of Los Angeles County. Furthermore, should the need be required, the second recommendation provides for new hospitals to be added.</p> |
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