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June 5, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT FOR
START TAKING ACTION RESPONSIBLY TODAY (START) PROGRAM
FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(4 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve the request for Appropriation Adjustment (Attachment I) in the amount of $1,008,000 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2002-2003, effective upon your Board approval. The Appropriation Adjustment, which is fully funded with prior year Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT)-State General Funds (SGF) and Federal Financial Participation (FFP) Medi-Cal revenue, will provide spending authority for the multi-disciplinary teams for the Start Taking Action Responsibly Today (START) Program.

PURPOSE/JUSTICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Board approval is requested to increase the Department of Mental Health's (DMH) appropriation to allow for reimbursement to the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) for their staff's participation on the START Teams.

The START Program was implemented based on recommendations of the Children's Commission 300/600 Task Force last fiscal year that included the need for a multi-departmental structure. Currently, the START budget includes EPSDT funding for DMH and Probation staff only. Beginning this fiscal year, DMH has identified a mechanism to reimburse DCFC START program costs with EPSDT and FFP Medi-Cal revenue. While DMH has been negotiating with DCFS, changes in program and administrative management led to a series of extensive delays in providing the required funding appropriation increase.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended Board action is consistent with the County's Fifth Goal – "Children and Families' Well Being", within the Countywide Strategic Plan. The approved action will provide reimbursement to DCFS for their staff's participation on the START Teams.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

For FY 2002/2003, the appropriation increase of $1,008,000 is fully funded with $504,000 of prior year EPSDT-SGF and $504,000 in FFP Medi-Cal revenues, which is estimated to cover seventy percent (70%) of the DCFS program related costs. This percentage relates directly to the amount of staff time estimated to be involved in Medi-Cal eligible services. There is no net County cost impact.

For FY 2003-2004, the annualized amount for the multi-disciplinary teams for the Start Taking Action Responsibly Today (START) program will be $1,794,000 which will cover 70% of the DCFS staffing cost associated with Medi-Cal eligible services. The appropriation increase is fully funded with $897,000 of EPSDT-SGF and $897,000 in FFP Medi-Cal revenues. This amount will be incorporated in the DMH FY 2003-2004 Final Change Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The START Program was implemented in response to recommendations of the Children's Commission 300/600 Task Force convened by the Board of Supervisors to address the growing concern regarding youth who are dependents of the juvenile court pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 300 et seq. and who exhibit pre-delinquent and/or delinquent behaviors.

The Program employs a multi-disciplinary approach to services delivered by a staff of skilled professionals from DMH, DCFS, the Probation Department, and the Department of Health Services who comprise the START Teams. The Program also collaborates with the Los Angeles County Office of Education, the Los Angeles Unified School District, community groups, service providers, child advocates, the District Attorney, dependency and delinquency courts, and local law enforcement.

The START Teams are currently providing services at three sites: 1) START East in Pasadena; 2) START West in the Metro/Wilshire area; and 3) START South in Torrance. START North in Santa Clarita is expected to be operational next fiscal year.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This subject does not apply.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

The START Program employs a wraparound approach to providing a stable community-based environment to a population of emotionally disturbed, dependent youth with the intent of maintaining them in their home, school and community; preventing their entry into the juvenile justice system; and empowering them to become productive adults. Once children are enrolled in the Program, they are provided with a broad range of services including a full multi-disciplinary assessment, mental health interventions and case management.

CONCLUSION

The Department of Mental Health will need one (1) copy of the adopted Board action. It is requested that the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, notify the Department of Mental Health's Contracts Development and Administration Division at (213) 738-4684, when these documents are available.

Respectfully submitted,

Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.
Director of Mental Health

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Attachment

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Chairperson, Mental Health Commission
Department of Children and Family Services

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ATTACHMENT I

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REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPT'S. NO. 435

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

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AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.
THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

4-VOTES

Sources:

Department of Mental Health
Other State Aid - Health
A01-MH-20500-8771
$504,000

Department of Mental Health
Federal Aid - Mental Health
A01-MH-20500-9025
$504,000

Uses:

Department of Mental Health
Services and Supplies
A01-MH-20500-2000
$1,008,000

This request is to increase the Services and Supplies appropriation to provide spending authority for multi disciplinary team for the START Program. It is fully funded with prior year Early and Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT). State General Funds (SGF) and Federal Financial Participation (FFP) revenue. There is no net County cost impact.

MARVIN J. SOUTHARD, D.S.W.
Director of Mental Health

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR — ACTION

✓ RECOMMENDATION

APPROVED AS REQUESTED ✓ AS REVISED

5 June 2003 19

DAVID SANDER
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
NO. 278

BY

JUNE 5 2003

APPROVED (AS REVISED): BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 19

BY
DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

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