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

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT
WITH CHARLES R. DREW UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND
SCIENCE FOR ELDER ABUSE SCREENING AND
INTERVENTION COMMUNITY OUTREACH SERVICES
(2nd District) (3 Votes)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve and instruct the Director of Health Services, or his designee, to execute and sign Amendment No. 1, substantially similar to Exhibit I, to Agreement No. H-702552, with Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science for the continued provision of elder abuse screening and intervention community outreach services for Martin Luther King, Jr.-Harbor Hospital, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, for a total maximum obligation of \$229,522, 100% offset by funding from the Department of Community and Senior Services (CSS), with a request for a month-to-month extension for a maximum of six additional months through December 31, 2008, for an additional maximum obligation of \$114,761, subject to the availability of funding.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

In approving this action, the Board is authorizing the Director of Health Services, or his designee, to sign an amendment to the Agreement with Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science (Drew University) for the continued provision of elder abuse screening and intervention community outreach services for Martin Luther King, Jr.-Harbor Hospital (MLK-Harbor), effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, with a request for a month-to-month extension for a maximum of six additional months through December 31, 2008, subject to the availability of funding.

Approval of the amendment will extend the provision of specialized elder abuse services associated with the Elder Abuse Screening and Intervention Community Outreach (EASICO) project which provides adult protective services with a hospital based elder/dependent adult abuse assessment intervention and treatment program at MLK-Harbor.

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The program requires specialized services that Drew University is able to provide, such as community outreach, media campaigns to increase the awareness of elder abuse, education, training, transportation and the building of university-community partnerships which are designed to bridge the service gaps that exist between researchers and professionals in the field of aging.

Board approval of the recommended action will allow the Department of Health Services (DHS or Department) to continue the provision of these specialized services to elders and dependent adults who are the residents of South and Southwest Los Angeles County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The total maximum obligation for the Amendment to the Agreement to extend the contract term effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 is \$229,522. The maximum obligation for the month-to-month extension, effective July 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008, is \$114,761, subject to the availability of funding. The program is offset 100% by the Adult Protective Services/Elder Abuse Program (APS/EAP) funding allocated from CSS. Funding for this agreement is included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-2008 Proposed Budget.

Payment under this agreement will be based on a fee-for-service billing structure.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

The increasing aging population has led to the most significant demographic shift in history. From 1999 to 2050, the world population aged 65 and above is expected to triple. Older adults from ethnic and minority communities are often at risk of being targets for a wide range of abuse and these minority groups are often under-represented recognizing and reporting abuse, exploitation and neglect.

To address this need, the EASICO project was implemented to prevent abuse, neglect and the exploitation of elders and dependent adults by raising the public and professional awareness of the prevalence and various forms of elder abuse within the targeted communities of South and Southwest Los Angeles.

The program is designed to provide training, education and outreach services by the clinical and academic faculty at Drew University, Division of Geriatrics, which serves as primary care providers to many frail, urban minority elders of multiple ethnic, cultural and social backgrounds. Additionally, the program is structured to develop university-community partnerships that bridge the communication and service gaps that exist between researchers, professionals and para-professionals in the field of aging, thereby reducing the risk of elder abuse among multi-ethnic and multi-cultural seniors.

Historically, on April 20, 1999, the Board approved a four-year plan funded and submitted by CSS to establish a hospital based multi-disciplinary elder/dependent adult medical assessment program at MLK-Harbor.

On November 14, 2000, the Board approved a sole source Agreement with Drew University for the provision of specialized consultant and transportation services to APS/EAP clients residing in the

Southwest areas of Los Angeles. The term of the sole source agreement was November 14, 2000 through June 30, 2003.

On June 17, 2003, October 21, 2003 and June 29, 2004, the Board adopted Amendment Nos. 1, 2, and 3 which extended the contract term through June 30, 2005. The contract term of the agreement and the provision of services were not continued beyond June 30, 2005.

On December 19, 2006, your Board approved the sole source Agreement with Drew University to reinstate the provision of elder abuse screening and outreach program, effective December 19, 2006 through June 30, 2007. The Department recommended the sole source Agreement with Drew University given their previous experience with this program from 2000 through 2005.

Approval of this amendment to the Agreement will extend the contract term and the provision of these services effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, with a request for a month-to-month extension for a maximum of six additional months through December 31, 2008.

The Agreement includes the Board mandated language.

Under the termination provisions of this Agreement, the County may terminate the agreement upon a 30-day advance written notice to Contractor, and Contractor may terminate the agreement upon a 60-day advance written notice to the County.

Attachment A provides additional information.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Amendment to the Agreement (Exhibit I) as to use and form.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The Board previously approved the recommended sole source Agreement with Drew University and a continuation of the services is necessary to provide community outreach, media campaigns to increase the awareness of elder abuse, education, training, transportation and the building of university-community partnerships.

An open competitive solicitation process was not conducted because the provision of these services required an experienced facility currently involved with elder abuse screening and intervention services. Since the geriatrics program at Drew University serves as the primary care providers to many frail, urban minority elders of multiple ethnic backgrounds who primarily reside in South Los Angeles, this facility was the best positioned to provide these services given their previous experience with this program from 2000 through 2005.

The Department recommends a continuation of the services being provided by Drew University.

The Department has determined that these services do fall under the Proposition A guidelines, however, the agreement and the provision of these services are temporary and the program requires specialized services that the County is unable to provide.

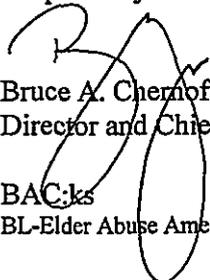
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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

Board approval of the recommended Amendment will ensure the continued provision of elder abuse screening and intervention services to the South and Southwest communities of Los Angeles.

When approved, this Department requires three signed copies of the Board's action.

Respectfully submitted,



Bruce A. Chernof, M.D.
Director and Chief Medical Officer

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Attachments (2)

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

SUMMARY OF AGREEMENT

1. TYPE OF SERVICE:

Specialized services for the Adult Protective Services/Elder Abuse Screening and Intervention Program for abused, neglected and exploited elders who reside within the south and southwest areas of Los Angeles County.

2. AGENCY NAME AND CONTACT PERSON:

Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science
1731 East 120th Street
Los Angeles, California 90059
Attention: Ron Lau, Vice President/Chief Financial Officer
Telephone: (323) 563-5820
Fax: (323) 563-1953

3. TERM:

July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.
Month-to-month, July 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

4. FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The total maximum obligation for the Amendment to the Agreement with Drew University effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, is \$229,522, with a request for a month-to-month extension for a maximum of six additional months through December 31, 2008, for an additional maximum obligation of \$114,761. The program is offset 100% by the APS/EAP funding allocated from CSS. Funding for this agreement is included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-2008 Proposed Budget.

5. GEOGRAPHIC AREA SERVED:

South and southwest Los Angeles.

6. ACCOUNTABLE FOR MONITORING AND EVALUATION:

Antionette Smith Epps, CEO, Martin Luther King, Jr.-Harbor Hospital

7. APPROVALS:

Martin Luther King, Jr.-Harbor Hospital: Antionette Smith Epps, CEO

Contract Administration: Cara O'Neill, Division Chief

County Counsel (approval as to form): Sharon A. Reichman, Principal Deputy County Counsel