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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.
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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Southard", is written over the printed name of Marvin J. Southard.

SUBJECT: **ADVANCE NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADD ADDITIONAL FUNDS INTO AN EXISTING SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH FOUNDATION**

This memo is to comply with the Board of Supervisors' Policy 5.100 regarding sole source contracts. It is the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health's (LACDMH) intent to continue a sole source contract with the California State University, Long Beach Foundation (CSULBF) located in Supervisory District Four at 6300 East State University Drive, Suite 332, Long Beach, California 90815. This is a Fiscal Intermediary Agreement for Academic Training and Student Professional Development.

CSULBF serves as a lead agency for the Student Professional Development Program, which is comprised of graduate schools in Southern California, training students who are part of the Social Work Graduate Education Program. Schools belonging to the Foundation include: CSULBF, University of Southern California (USC), University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), and California State University, Los Angeles. CSULBF serves as the fiscal intermediary for an internship stipend program designed to attract bilingual and bicultural Master of Social Work students from throughout Los Angeles County, who provide services in all of the Supervisory districts with the ultimate goals of establishing careers working in the Los Angeles County mental health system. As the fiscal intermediary, CSULBF serves as the agency that writes checks which are issued to student interns for LACDMH.

The social work stipend program reflects LACDMH's immediate need to train social workers not only for its County operated programs, but for its contract agencies, who are trained in a series of competencies based on the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). Such competencies support and promote recovery and wellness through independence, hope, personal development and resiliency for children, adults, and older adults with serious emotional and behavioral disorders. Additionally, LACDMH and its contract providers need social workers who are culturally and linguistically competent, provide services that are sensitive and responsive to the needs of local

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communities, and focus on issues of ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation and religious/spiritual beliefs. Consistent with the shared vision of the mental health partnership, social workers must be trained to provide services in the least restrictive and most appropriate settings, with attention to consumer and family involvement at all levels of the mental health system. Social workers must be able to address the special mental health needs of persons with co-occurring substance abuse and emotional disorders and be able to recognize that these individuals and their families are at risk for diverse bio-psycho-social factors which can affect their functioning.

On May 31, 2007, LACDMH received Board approval for a three-year agreement (2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10) with CSULBF with a Total Compensation Amount of \$200,000 for Fiscal Year 2008-09. LACDMH plans to return to your Board to get approval to revise the Total Compensation Amount for Fiscal Year 2008-09 to \$1,118,000 to be funded with MHSA Community Services and Supports Plan dollars. The terms of this Agreement will be effective upon Board approval and will terminate on June 30, 2009, unless additional dollars become available.

Unless otherwise instructed by a Board office, LACDMH will proceed with the sole source contract within two (2) weeks. LACDMH will work closely with both County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office in preparing a new agreement with CSULBF.

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