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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.
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SUBJECT: **ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO INCREASE DELEGATED AUTHORITY PERCENTAGE FOR THE CONTRACT AMOUNT WITH CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR MENTAL HEALTH (CiMH)**

This memo is to comply with the Board of Supervisors Policy Manual, Section 5.120, Authority to Approve Increases to Board Approved Contract Amounts, by notifying your Board, with a copy to the Chief Executive Officer, at least two weeks prior to the Board meeting at which the proposed contract is to be presented of our intent to request delegated authority of more than ten percent with California Institute for Mental Health (CiMH).

BACKGROUND

On May 11, 2010, your Board approved the implementation of the delivery of Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) mental health services described in the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) PEI Plan by allowing the Department of Mental Health's (DMH) directly-operated clinics and its contract agencies to provide a broad range of PEI mental health services through ten PEI Projects composed of 36 Evidence-Based Programs and Promising Practices, 13 Community-Defined Evidence practices in order to mitigate its Fiscal Year 2009-10 budget shortfall. One of its mitigation strategies was to offer DMH's contractors the opportunity to transform their programs to MHSA PEI services, including the following:

- Aggression Replacement Therapy (ART)
- Functional Family Therapy (FFT)
- Incredible Years (IY)
- Program to Encourage Active, Rewarding Lives for Seniors (PEARLS)
- Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT)

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For the transformation process, DMH entered into agreements with the developers and/or trainers of selected programs to conduct training and provide technical assistance to staff within DMH clinics and contract agencies/providers that transformed their services to new PEI programs.

JUSTIFICATION

DMH requests an additional ten percent for a total of twenty percent delegated authority to amend the existing DMH Consultant Services Agreement with CiMH. This authority will allow DMH a greater capacity to amend its Consultant Services Agreement with CiMH to provide additional professional development, information resources, and technical assistance services to promote the five PEI programs listed above within the selected Los Angeles County contracted agencies and directly-operated clinics in a timely and expeditious manner.

Should there be a need to exceed the twenty percent delegated authority, DMH will return to your Board with a request for authority to amend the Consultant Services Agreement accordingly. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me, or your staff may contact Richard Kushi, Chief, Contracts Development and Administration Division, at (213) 738-4684.

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