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August 22, 2013

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.
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SUBJECT: **REQUEST TO INCREASE DELEGATED AUTHORITY PERCENTAGE
FOR LEGAL ENTITY AGREEMENT WITH TELECARE CORPORATION
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-14**

This memorandum is to comply with Board Policy Manual, Section 5.120, Authority to Approve Increases to Board Approved Contract Amounts. The Policy mandates that any department requesting a percentage increase in delegated authority exceeding ten percent of the total contract amount must provide a detailed justification and advance written notice to 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.

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) requests an additional ten percent for a total of twenty percent delegated authority for the Legal Entity (LE) Agreement with Telecare Corporation. This will allow DMH to pay for additional mental health services for individuals released under the Assembly Bill 109 Post-Release Community Supervision (PRCS) – Community Reintegration Program and to pay for additional beds under the existing Institutions for Mental Disease Step-Down Program.

This authority will allow DMH greater capacity to amend contracts for new funding streams and programs/services and implement such programs/services in a timely and expeditious manner. Therefore, in most instances, where speed and response time are of key importance, the objectives to maximize, prioritize, and increase access to services will more effectively meet the County's mission "To Enrich Lives Through Effective and Caring Service."

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 LE Agreement accordingly.

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If you have any 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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