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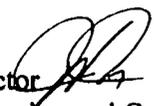
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TO: Each Health Deputy

FROM: John Viernes, Jr., Director 
Substance Abuse Prevention and Control

SUBJECT: NOTICE TO TERMINATE CONTRACT WITH PRIDE HEALTH SERVICES, INC.,
A DRUG/MEDI-CAL AGENCY

This is to inform you that the Department of Public Health's (DPH) Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) terminated its agreement with Pride Health Services, Inc. (PHS) for cause, effective August 2, 2013. The agency is located at 8619 South Crenshaw Boulevard, Inglewood, California 90305, in the Second Supervisorial District.

During the course of SAPC's most recent investigation of PHS, conducted in late May and early June 2013, the following serious deficiencies were identified.

1. Counselors failed to sign and date progress notes.
2. Treatment continuation forms were not completed during the prescribed time frame or were missing. Of 18 client files reviewed, 13 files had no six month justification to continue services. Other six month justification forms found in files had no client information but were pre-signed and pre-dated by the medical director.
3. All group sign-in sheets were missing the group start and stop times. Many were signed by more than the maximum number of 10 clients and a group session that was observed by the auditor did not have the prescribed minimum of four clients.
4. Treatment plans had pre-printed dates for signatures and many were unsigned by counselors, supervisors, clients, or the medical director. Additionally, several were missing or late.
5. Agency was unable to produce any sign-in sheets for its outpatient drug free contract for February 2013.

Pre-signing and pre-dating treatment extension forms without any client identification information and treatment plans being pre-dated for signature are grounds for immediate contract termination (June 3, 2010 SAPC memo to Executive Directors DMC Providers, *Conditions for Immediate Contract Termination*).

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Further, the "Alcohol and Drug Services Agreement (Drug Medi-Cal)" Contract Number PH-001843 states in Section 1 - TERM, page 4, the following:

" Notwithstanding any other provision of this Paragraph, the failure of Contractor or its officers, employees, or agents to comply with any of the terms of this Agreement or any written directions by or on behalf of County issued pursuant hereto shall constitute a material breach hereof, and this Agreement may be terminated by County immediately."

These practices and the other deficiencies noted above violate the County's contractual obligations or State regulations. For the foregoing reasons PHS's contract with the County of Los Angeles was terminated.

The contractor was notified by SAPC of their right to appeal the termination within 30 calendar days of notification, which ended September 1, 2013. SAPC has notified the State Department of Health Care Services of the termination.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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