



LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
550 S. VERMONT AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA 90020 HTTP://DMH.LACOUNTY.GOV



MARVIN J. SOUTHARD, D.S.W.  
Director

ROBIN KAY, Ph.D.  
Chief Deputy Director

RODERICK SHANER, M.D.  
Medical Director

November 12, 2013

TO: Each Supervisor  
FROM: *Robin Kay for*  
Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.  
Director

**SUBJECT: REQUEST TO INCREASE DELEGATED AUTHORITY PERCENTAGE  
IN THE BOARD LETTER TO AMEND THE LEGAL ENTITY  
AGREEMENT WITH EXODUS RECOVERY NON-PROFIT  
FOUNDATION**

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 exceeding 10 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 10 percent for a total of 20 percent delegated authority to increase the Maximum Contract Amount of the Legal Entity Agreement with Exodus Recovery Non-Profit Foundation (Exodus Foundation) for the provision of an Urgent Care Center (UCC) at Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Medical Center. The new Exodus Foundation UCC will provide intensive outpatient mental health services 24 hours per day, 7 days per week; shall be Lanterman-Petris-Short designated; and will have the capacity to serve individuals on involuntary holds who otherwise would be taken to emergency rooms. These services are necessary to the ongoing efforts by DMH to relieve the overcrowding at the LAC+USC and Harbor-UCLA Medical Centers. This increased delegated authority will allow DMH and Exodus Foundation to maximize, prioritize, and increase access to these imperative services on a continuous basis.

Should there be a need to exceed the 20 percent delegated authority, DMH will return to your Board with a request for authority to amend the LE Agreement accordingly.

Each Supervisor  
November 12, 2013  
Page 2

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me, or your staff may contract Richard Kushi, Chief, Contracts Development and Administration Division at (213) 738-4684.

MJS:MM:RK:SK:aw

- c: Health Deputies
- Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
- Chief Executive Officer
- County Counsel
- Robin Kay, Ph.D.
- Margo Morales
- Mary Marx
- Kimberly Nall
- Richard Kushi