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May 20, 2014

TO: Each Supervisor
FROM: *Robin Kay for*
Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.
Director
SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO APPROVE A PERCENTAGE INCREASE EXCEEDING TEN PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AGREEMENT AMOUNT OF 67 LEGAL ENTITY AGREEMENTS FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

This is to advise your Board that the Department of Mental Health (DMH) is scheduling a Board letter for the June 4, 2014, agenda that requests approval to **renew** 67 Legal Entity (LE) Agreements whose terms will be effective July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, with a provision for two one-year automatic renewal periods through Fiscal Year 2016-17. The Board letter also requests an additional ten percent for a total of twenty percent delegated authority to increase the maximum contract amounts of the 67 expiring LE Agreements.

In accordance with Board of Supervisors' Policy 5.120, prior Board notice is required for any department requesting delegated authority to increase Board-approved contracts by over ten percent.

JUSTIFICATION

This authority will allow DMH greater capacity to amend contracts to implement new funding streams, programs, and services in an expeditious manner. It will also allow DMH and its LE contract agencies to maintain business continuity in the provision of current mental health services to severely and persistently mentally ill adults, seriously emotionally disturbed children, adolescents, and their families throughout the County of Los Angeles. In most instances where speed and response time are of key importance, the increased delegated authority will allow DMH and its network of contract agencies to maximize, prioritize, and increase access to services on a continuous and ever-increasing basis to its ever-growing clientele, which more effectively meets 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 contracts accordingly.

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Consistent with the procedures of Board Policy 5.120, we are informing the Board of our intention to proceed with filing the Board letter with the Executive Office of the Board for the June 4, 2014, Board meeting.

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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