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SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT  
NEGOTIATIONS WITH GATEWAYS HOSPITAL AND MENTAL HEALTH  
CENTER FOR THE PROVISION OF RESIDENTIAL AND INTEGRATED  
SERVICES FOR MENTALLY ILL INMATES**

This memorandum is to comply with the Board of Supervisors Policy No. 5.100 regarding sole source contracts, by notifying your Board of our need to initiate a Sole Source contract amendment. It is the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health's (DMH) intent to amend its current Legal Entity Contract with Gateways Hospital and Mental Health Center (Gateways) and utilize Assembly Bill (AB) 109 funding to provide intensive mental health services and housing for Gateways Normandie Village East, located in Supervisorial District 1 at 1355 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90015.

DMH and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) are proposing to collaborate on implementation of a pilot In-Custody Institution for Mental Disease (IMD) Step-Down Program in a licensed Adult Residential Facility, Normandie Village East, to provide augmented residential mental health services for 42 male AB 109 inmates who have intensive mental health needs and are within 60 to 90 days of release from jail. Program participants would remain in custody (under the jurisdiction of the LASD), but serve the remaining 60 to 90 days of their sentences in the IMD Step-Down Program. Eligible participants will be AB 109 inmates who have been incarcerated for low level and non-violent offenses that appear to be the result of or associated with their mental illness referred by Jail Mental Health Services, Mental Health Court Linkage Program and the LASD.

Gateways, a contracted DMH and AB 109 provider, is uniquely qualified to provide intensive mental health services and housing for this pilot project. Gateways is the only IMD Step-Down provider with an available single site housing capacity at this time. This program is a critical component of the County's Jail Population Management Plan.

Since 1953, Gateways has been providing a full range of recovery-based mental health services including acute inpatient services, IMD Step-Down Programs, outpatient mental health clinics, homeless services and housing programs. Since April 2007,

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Gateways has operated three successful DMH IMD Step-Down Programs funded by the Mental Health Services Act in Service Area 4. These services include a specialized forensic IMD Step-Down Program and an alternative sentencing residential program designed to serve individuals involved in the criminal justice system. In addition, Gateways provides residential and outpatient mental health treatment services in Los Angeles County for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation CON-REP Program.

Unless otherwise instructed by your Board office within two weeks, DMH will proceed with preparing a sole source contract amendment. DMH will work closely with the Office of the County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office in preparing a contract amendment with Gateways.

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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