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TO: Each Health Deputy

FROM: Wesley L. Ford, M.A., M.P.H., Director
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SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF BOARD AUTHORIZATION TO TERMINATE ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG PREVENTION SERVICES EVALUATION FOR CONTRACT CONVENIENCE

This is to notify you that the Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) program will be terminating for convenience its agreement with the University of Southern California (USC) – Department of Preventive Medicine. The Board letter is targeted for a December 15th agenda date and the termination will be effective approximately January 30, 2016.

SAPC is recommending that Agreement Number PH-002819 be terminated for convenience for the following reasons: 1) In response to the needs of Affordable Care Act implementation, SAPC has created the Office of the Medical Director and Science Officer, which includes a Research, Epidemiology, and Evaluation unit comprised of research staff capable of evaluating alcohol and other drug prevention services (AODPS) programs that are the subject of the agreement and 2) the County's evaluation of these AODPS services would result in substantial administrative cost savings that could be utilized to fund new SAPC prevention programs and to improve existing prevention programs. Therefore, it would be in the best interest of the County to perform this AODPS evaluation function using County resources in accordance with Proposition A.

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

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