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June 3, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES  
AGREEMENT - LEGAL ENTITY WITH HERITAGE CLINIC AND THE  
COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR SENIORS DBA GERO-NET  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Approve and instruct the Director of Mental Health to prepare, sign, and execute Amendment No. 5 (substantially similar to the Attachment) to Contract No. DMH - 01519 with Heritage Clinic and the Community Assistance Program for Seniors dba Gero-Net to continue to enhance mental health services provided to the elderly population. The Amendment will be effective upon Board approval through June 30, 2004. The Amendment adds \$75,000 of Sales Tax Realignment funds and \$50,000 of Federal Financial Participation (FFP) Medi-Cal funds to the Maximum Contract Amount (MCA), making the revised MCA \$514,418 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2003-2004.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute future amendments to the existing Agreement with Gero-Net and establish as a new MCA the aggregate of the original contract and all amendments, provided that: 1) the County's total payments to the Contractor under the Agreement for each fiscal year shall not exceed a change of 20 percent from the applicable MCA; 2) any such increase shall be used to provide additional services or to reflect program and/or policy changes; 3) the Board of Supervisors has appropriated sufficient funds for all changes; 4) approval of County Counsel and the Chief Administrative Officer or his designee is obtained

prior to any such amendment; 5) the parties may, by written Amendment, mutually agree to reduce programs or services without reference to the 20 percent limitation; and 6) the Director of Mental Health shall notify the Board of Supervisors of Agreement changes in writing within 30 days after execution of each Amendment.

### **PURPOSE /JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

Older adults, 60 years and older, comprise over 13 percent of the population in Los Angeles County, and are one of the fastest growing age groups. Impacted by this demographic change, and compounded by the aging of the baby boomer generation, increases in demands for mental health services have become evident. Additionally, older adults historically have been, and continue to represent, an under-funded and under-served population in mental health service utilization.

A significant number of older adults requiring mental health services are frail, homebound, and are also victims or at risk of elder physical, emotional, fiduciary abuse and neglect. Gero-Net, for an extensive number of years, has been one of a very limited number of providers of programs specialized in community based older adults mental health services by using a multi-disciplinary orientation and trained staff, to provide integrated bio-psychosocial assessment and mental health treatment of older adults. Due to the continuing increases in referrals and demands for services, the additional allocation of funding will allow the agency to meet these service needs. At this time, Board approval is being requested as the recommended increase to the MCA is not within the Department's delegated authority.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended Board actions are consistent with the principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan, Goal #1 "Service Excellence" - Provide the public with easy access to quality information and services that are both beneficial and responsive and Goal #3, "Organizational Effectiveness" - Ensure that service delivery systems are efficient, effective and goal-oriented.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There is no impact on net County cost. The \$125,000 increase in the FY 2003-2004 MCA, from \$389,418 to \$514,418, is fully funded with \$75,000 of Sales Tax Realignment funds and \$50,000 of Federal Financial Participation (FFP) Medi-Cal funds.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Heritage Clinic and the Community Assistance Program for Seniors dba Gero-Net facility, established in 1979, provides mental health and targeted case management services in-home and on an outpatient basis, to a multiple handicapped, frail elderly population. Gero-Net provides a continuum of mental health services to the San Gabriel Valley Region enhancing services provided to the elderly population.

Since 1984 DMH has had a contract with Gero-Net to serve the elderly population, and in 1995 Gero-Net became a Medi-Cal provider.

The Amendment has been approved as to form by County Counsel. The Chief Administrative Office, County Counsel, and DMH's Fiscal and Program Administrations have reviewed the proposed actions.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The increase in demands for services, and the need for additional funding required for Gero-Net to maintain its viable level of services were presented to, and shared with the community, consumers, and providers at the local Service Area Advisory Committee during a planning session held this fiscal year. The Committee stakeholders also identified services to older adults as one of the top priorities.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES**

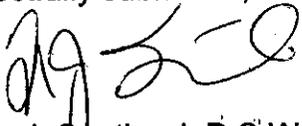
Board approval will allow DMH to augment mental health services within Mental Health Service Area 3 for older adult services provided by Gero-Net.

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**CONCLUSION**

The Department of Mental Health will need one (1) copy of the adopted Board action. It is requested that the Executive Officer of the Board notifies the Department of Mental Health's Contracts Development and Administration Division at (213) 738-4684 when these documents are available.

Respectfully submitted,



Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.  
Director of Mental Health

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Attachment

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel  
Chairperson, Mental Health Commission

ATTACHMENT

CONTRACT NO. DMH-01519

AMENDMENT NO. 5

THIS AMENDMENT is made and entered into this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004, by and between the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (hereafter "County") and Heritage Clinic and The Community Assistance Program for Seniors dba Gero-Net (hereafter "Contractor").

WHEREAS, County and Contractor have entered into a written Agreement, dated June 17, 2003, identified as County Agreement No. DMH-01519, and any subsequent amendments (hereafter collectively "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 only, County and Contractor intend to amend Agreement only as described hereunder; and

WHEREAS, for Fiscal Year 2003-2004, County and Contractor intend to add one-time only County General Funds in the amount of \$75,000; and to add one-time only Federal Financial Participation Medi-Cal funds in the amount of \$50,000 to the Maximum Contract Amount to enhance mental health services provided to the older adult population. The revised Maximum Contract Amount for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 will be \$514,418.

NOW, THEREFORE, County and Contractor agree that Agreement shall be amended only as follows:

1. Paragraph 4 (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS), Subparagraph B (Reimbursement For Initial Period) shall be deleted in its entirety and the following substituted therefor:

"B. Reimbursement For Initial Period: The Maximum Contract Amount for the Initial Period of this Agreement as described in Paragraph 1 (TERM) shall not exceed FIVE HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTEEN DOLLARS (\$514,418) and shall consist of County, State, and/or Federal funds as shown on the Financial Summary. This Maximum Contract Amount includes Cash Flow Advance, which is repayable through cash and/or appropriate SFC units and/or actual and allowable costs as authorized by other provisions of this Agreement. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in no event shall County pay Contractor more than this Maximum Contract Amount for Contractor's performance hereunder during the Initial Period. Furthermore, Contractor shall inform County when up to seventy-five percent (75%) of the Maximum Contract Amount has been incurred. Contractor shall send such notice to those persons and addresses which are set forth in Paragraph 57 (NOTICES)."

2. Financial Summary - ~~4~~ for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with Financial Summary - ~~5~~ for Fiscal Year 2003-2004, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. All references in Agreement to Financial Summary - ~~4~~ for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 shall be deemed amended to state "Financial Summary - ~~5~~ for Fiscal Year 2003-2004."

3. Contractor shall provide services in accordance with Contractor's Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Negotiation Package for this Agreement and any addenda thereto approved in writing by Director.
4. Except as provided in this Amendment, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Amendment to be subscribed by County's Director of Mental Health or his designee, and Contractor has caused this Amendment to be subscribed in its behalf by its duly authorized officer, the day, month, and year first above written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Principal Deputy County Counsel

By \_\_\_\_\_  
MARVIN J. SOUTHARD, D.S.W.  
Director of Mental Health

**Heritage Clinic and the Community  
Assistance Program for Seniors  
dba Gero-Net**

CONTRACTOR

By \_\_\_\_\_

Name Vatche Kellartinian

Title Chief Financial Officer  
(AFFIX CORPORATE SEAL HERE)

APPROVED AS TO CONTRACT  
ADMINISTRATION:

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief, Contracts Development  
and Administration Division