



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held January 8, 2008, the Board took the following action:

The following matters were called up for consideration:

15. Chief Executive Officer's recommendation to approve and authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute an agreement with Skid Row Housing Trust for Skid Row Demonstration Project for Chronic Homelessness - Project 50 - Housing, effective upon execution through December 31, 2009, at a maximum contract amount of \$503,752, to identify the 50 most vulnerable individuals living on the streets in Skid Row and conduct outreach and engagement directed towards moving the 50 people to permanent supportive housing; authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute contract amendments to increase the maximum contract amount, based upon the availability of funding and the need for additional services, provided that the amount of change does not exceed 25% of the original contract amount; and approve appropriation adjustment in amount of \$3,215,000 to transfer from the Department of Public Social Services unspent Fiscal Year 2006-07 General Relief Rental Subsidy funds back into the Homeless and Housing Program Fund.

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16. Chief Executive Officer's recommendation to approve total budget for Project 50, a demonstration project to provide housing and supportive services to the 50 most vulnerable single adults living on Skid Row, in an amount not to exceed \$5.6 million over two program years and three evaluation years funded through various State, Federal and County revenue sources including, but not limited to, Mental Health Services Act, Medi-Cal and County General Funds allocated to the Homeless and Housing Fund Program and reprogrammed from unspent Fiscal Year 2006-07 Homeless Prevention Initiative Ongoing County General Funds allocated to the General Relief Rental Subsidy Program; approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health to prepare and execute a new sole-source Department of Mental Health Legal Entity Agreement with JWCH Institute, Inc., for a Medi-Cal certified outpatient clinic in keeping with the Department's Mental Health Services Act, Community Services and Supports Plan, not to exceed an annual program cost of \$387,000 with costs prorated for Fiscal Year 2007-08; approve and authorize the Director of Health Services to prepare and execute a new sole-source agreement or amend an existing agreement with JWCH Institute, Inc., to provide health services to Project 50 participants, at an annual amount not to exceed \$450,000 with costs prorated for Fiscal Year 2007-08; approve appropriation adjustment to reflect the transfer of available \$456,000 Homeless and Housing Program Funds to the Departments of Public Social Services, Public Health and Health Services to fund the Project 50 Housing and Case Management Services Program; approve and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a funding agreement with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to use Homeless and Housing Program Funds to pay costs in amount of \$44,758, for two outreach workers to participate with the Project 50 Outreach and Housing Advocates Team for the last half of Fiscal Year 2007-08; and endorse the action of the Chief Executive Officer and the Directors of the Departments of Health Services, Mental Health, Public Health and Public Social Services to establish the following teams/individuals to provide for the direction and implementation of Project 50:

An Executive Steering Committee composed of managers with decision-making authority from the Chief Executive Office, County Counsel and the Departments of Health Services, Mental Health, Public Health and Public Social Services to provide collaborative, executive direction related to Project 50 staffing, administrative, regulatory and funding issues:

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A Project 50 Director who is an employee of the Department of Public Health and will be assigned to the Project full-time for an initial period of two years to provide day-to-day leadership and management direction for Project 50;

A Project 50 Outreach and Housing Advocates Team, composed of County employees with the Departments of Mental Health and Public Social Services, employees of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority and the Los Angeles Regional Veterans Administration, that is responsible for operating as housing advocates to engage the Project 50 participants and place them into housing; and

The Project 50 Integrated Support Services Team composed of County employees with the Departments of Mental Health, Public Social Services and contract staff from the Skid Row Housing Trust, JWCH Institute Inc., and Didi Hirsch Psychiatric Service (contracted through the Department of Public Health - Alcohol and Drug Program Administration) that is responsible for maintaining housing and providing case management, benefit determination/application/maintenance and health, mental health and substance abuse services to support a stabilized life for the Project 50 participants.

(ALSO SEE BOARD ORDER NO 15 THIS DATE)

Arnold Sachs addressed the Board on Agenda No. 15.

Miguel Santana and Lari Sheehan, Deputy Chief Executive Officers; Dr. Marvin J. Southard, Director of Mental Health; Beth Sandler and Molly Rysmon, representatives of The Common Ground addressed questions posed by the Board.

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After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Board approved the Chief Executive Officer's aforementioned recommendations. In addition, the Chief Executive Officer was directed to report back to the Board within 90 days on the following:

1. The potential issue of substance abuse by those taking advantage of "Project 50" (Project) housing;
2. The status of the Project in general; and
3. The budget for the Project with more specific answers to budget questions that have been raised by the Board members.

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Attachments (2)

Copies distributed:

Each Supervisor
Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel