



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
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Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

**24 January 17, 2017**

LORI GLASGOW  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**APPROVAL TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT CENTER  
FOR THE 2017 TRANSITION AGE YOUTH CONFERENCE  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Request approval to execute an agreement with the California Endowment Center for Healthy Communities for facility usage and catering services for the 2017 Transition Age Youth Conference on Mental Health, to be held on May 17, 2017.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

Authorize the Director of Mental Health (Director), or his designee, to execute an agreement with The California Endowment Center for Healthy Communities (Endowment Center) for facility usage and catering services, provided by Sodexo America, LLC (Sodexo), at an estimated cost of \$1,500.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Board approval of the recommended action will allow DMH to host the Transition Age Youth (TAY) Conference on May 17, 2017, at the Endowment Center. This Conference is mainly to improve treatment outcomes, explore best practices, and improve integration with community-based organizations serving TAY. In support of the mental health system in Los Angeles County, the Conference will host workshops that are aligned with the Department of Mental Health (DMH) State Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) plans and the DMH goals of promoting hope, wellness, recovery, and self-sufficiency for TAY.

Since the 2004 passage of the MHSA, DMH has embarked on a system-wide transformation of the

ways in which services are delivered to consumers and their families. The MHSA Community Services and Supports (CSS) Plan provides the opportunity for DMH to develop and implement services focused specifically on youth and young adults ages 16-25 years (the TAY population). These services include, Full Service Partnerships, Drop-In Centers, Housing Specialists, Field Capable Clinical Services, Probation Services, Permanent Supportive Housing, TAY Systems Navigations, Suicide Prevention, and Anti-Stigma. To further support system transformation, DMH implemented the MHSA Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Plan. As such, the State has approved the implementation of MHSA PEI Evidence-Based Programs across our mental health system for each age group. Since inception of these programs, thousands of youth and young adults across Los Angeles County who are challenged with Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) and Severe and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI) have been served.

The 2017 TAY Conference will highlight the most current treatment intervention strategies implemented through the MHSA Plans. Additionally, the Conference will present information on other successful strategies for leveraging non-mental health branded services and supports that are critical to TAY consumers' focus on hope, wellness, recovery, and self-sufficiency. Youth and young adult consumers and volunteers will participate in all aspects of planning and hosting the conference.

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

The recommended actions support the County's Strategic Plan Goal 2, Community Support and Responsiveness.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The estimated cost of the agreement with the Endowment Center is \$1,500 for facility usage and catering services for the 2017 TAY Conference. The estimated cost is completely funded by MHSA revenue included in Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17 DMH Final Adopted Budget.

There is no net County cost impact associated with this action.

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

The 2017 TAY Conference will build upon the work of the previous three TAY Conferences that were conducted in May 2011, May 2013, and May 2015, to identify the evolving needs of TAY and to ensure that consumers, providers, and constituents are kept informed and updated regarding current and best practices for serving the TAY population.

The 2017 TAY Conference will be an all-day event with approximately 300 participants including youth and young adult consumers, family members, providers, and DMH employees.

A significant investment in the training of staff and community partners across the entire service delivery spectrum is required to ensure the success of the MHSA Plans. These Plans represent a systemic change in the manner in which mental health services and supports are being delivered in Los Angeles County, as well as a primary focus on hope, wellness, and self-sufficiency for impacted youth and young adult consumers. The 2017 TAY Conference will provide a much needed opportunity for consumers and stakeholders to gather, gain skills and competencies, and share their wisdom and expertise as it pertains to serving the SED and SPMI youth and young adult population.

**CONTRACTING PROCESS**

DMH solicited quotes from various venues that met selection requirements for the Conference. A planning committee composed of consumers, contract providers, and DMH administrative staff determined that the Endowment Center was the preferred location based on availability, no charge for space, size of accommodations, and convenience of both automobile access and public transportation for presenters, employees, and consumers. The Endowment Center prohibits the use of outside catering services and contracts with Sodexo for their catering services.

Upon Board approval, DMH will expend funds in support of the Conference and enter into an agreement with the Endowment Center. Confirmation in the form of a deposit will be made to ensure reservation of space, catering services, and other necessities for the Conference.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the recommended actions will not impact any other services. The Conference will empower youth and young adult consumers, promote their hope, wellness, recovery, and self-sufficiency, and benefit the mental health system.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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- Chief Executive Officer
- County Counsel
- Chairperson, Mental Health Commission