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**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
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9 October 16, 2012

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVE EXPENDITURES FOR THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION  
PROFILES OF HOPE, VOLUNTEER, AND PROGRAM RECOGNITION AWARDS  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Request approval to expend funds to host and conduct the Thirteenth Annual Mental Health Commission Profile's of Hope, Volunteer, and Program Recognition Awards, to be held on October 25, 2012, at the Catalina Seafood Inc.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Authorize the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to expend funds to host and conduct the Thirteenth Annual Mental Health Commission Profiles of Hope, Volunteer, and Program Recognition Awards to be held on October 25, 2012, at an estimated cost \$15,000.
2. Authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to execute an agreement with the Catalina Seafood Inc. for catering services and site technical support, at an estimated cost of \$11,000.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Board approval of the recommended actions will enable the Mental Health Commission (Commission) to host the Thirteenth Annual Profiles of Hope, Volunteer, and Program Recognition Awards, to be held on October 25, 2012, at the Catalina Seafood Inc. The Commission's Annual Volunteer and Program Recognition Awards is the sole opportunity for the Commission to recognize

and honor outstanding members of the mental health community.

The number of attendees is expected to be 220 people, of which 160 are expected to be consumers and families, 20 students and interns, 20 commissioners, and approximately 20 County staff.

The Commission, by law, is comprised of 51 percent clients and family members appointed by your Board to advocate for the thousands of men, women and children who face mental illness. Stigma is the single greatest challenge that mental health clients face. This event provides an important opportunity to showcase that hope, wellness and recovery are possible and to acknowledge those who have dedicated their mind, heart and soul to supporting and advocating for individuals with mental illness.

The Profile of Hope Awards includes the following categories: 1) Outstanding Consumer; 2) Family-Service Area and Community; 3) Personal Legacy; 4) Mental Health Leadership; and 5) Social Inclusion-Public Engagements Advocate.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The FY 2012-13 DMH Adopted Budget includes sufficient appropriation to fund the estimated \$15,000 total cost of the conference. The conference will be fully funded by sales tax realignment revenue. The estimated costs include \$10,320 for catering services, \$680 for technical support/entertainment, \$2,250 for awards and other costs, \$1,000 for invitations and postage, and \$750 for keynote and other speakers. Funding for future years will be requested through DMH's annual budget request process.

There is no net County cost impact associated with these actions.

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

Since 2003, DMH and the Commission have sponsored an annual Volunteer and Program Recognition Awards. This event unites clients and family members, and community representatives. It is also an opportunity for mental health agencies to acknowledge volunteers, who have increased the value in their lives.

This is an awards program for 220 attendees. Catering services are needed because many of the consumers and students attending the program do not have the financial resources to pay for food. During the lunch session, consumers/students have the opportunity to network and share personal resources.

At this conference, the Commission, provides an opportunity to support DMH in its mission to reinforce the power of hope and positive thinking and provide an environment that envisions solutions to the many challenges of having a mental illness. Volunteers provide many unique and transformative resources to consumers that support their journey to wellness and recovery.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

DMH solicited quotes from three locations and determined that the Catalina Seafood, Inc. was the preferred location based on availability, cost, size of accommodations, and ease of both auto and public transportation needs. The Catalina Seafood Inc. prohibits the use of outside catering services and provides catering services.

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

This event is an opportunity to showcase and reward programs and individuals that have improved the lives of those affected with mental illness.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mg Southard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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Director of Mental Health

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County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
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