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The Honorable Board of Supervisors **4 6** **MAY 06 2008**  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH: AUTHORIZATION TO TERMINATE BASIC LIVING SUPPORT SERVICES AGREEMENT NO. MH040053 WITH CREATIVE NEIGHBORS ALWAYS SHARING (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Approval of the requested action will authorize the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to terminate its Basic Living Support Services Agreement with Creative Neighbors Always Sharing (CNAS) shelter. The DMH Basic Living Support Services Agreements are utilized to contract with qualified organizations to provide shelter beds to individuals or families who are homeless and have mental illness. DMH entered into a Basic Living Support Services Agreement with CNAS effective July 1, 2006 and is now requesting authority to terminate the agreement without cause, in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement, to be effective 30 days from the date of approval by your Board and DMH's notice to CNAS.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Authorize the Director of DMH, or his designee, to terminate, without cause, DMH Basic Living Support Services Agreement No. MH040053 with CNAS shelter, in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement, to be effective thirty days from the date of approval by your Board and DMH's notice to CNAS.

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

The purpose of the recommended action is to terminate CNAS' DMH Basic Living Support Services Agreement No. MH040053, in accordance with the terms of the Agreement. The Agreement may be terminated without cause at any time by either party by giving at least 30 days prior written notice to the other party.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There is no impact on net County cost.

Terminating this Agreement will result in no financial impact to the Department, since the DMH Basic Living Support Services Agreements specify a daily bed rate for the purchase of emergency shelter beds on an as-needed basis rather than a Maximum Contract Amount.

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

CNAS, located in Supervisorial District 2 and service area 6, is a private, non-profit, community-based agency that operates shelters for women and children at several locations in the City of Los Angeles. Based on CNAS' response to a Request for Information on February 22, 2006, DMH entered into a Basic Living Support Services Agreement with CNAS to purchase emergency shelter beds for women and their children at two CNAS shelters located at 8224 South Broadway, Los Angeles, CA, and at 3847-3849 South Western, Los Angeles, CA. This Agreement, effective July 1, 2006, was superseded on June 12, 2007 with a termination date of June 30, 2009.

In March 2008, DMH received confirmation that there had been a change of ownership of the 3847-3849 South Western, Los Angeles, CA, property due to foreclosure. Currently, there are no DMH clients living at either of the CNAS shelters, and DMH has discontinued placing families in these shelters.

DMH is requesting authorization to terminate the Basic Living Support Services Agreement No. MH040053 with CNAS, pursuant to Paragraph 1. (TERM) D. of the Agreement, which states: "This Agreement may be terminated without cause at any time by either party by giving at least thirty days prior written notice to the other party."

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES**

The proposed actions will not have an impact on current services in that DMH recently contracted for a new shelter for women and their children in service area 6 that has equal or greater capacity than the CNAS shelters.

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**CONCLUSION**

The Department of Mental Health will need one copy of the adopted Board action. It is requested that the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, notify the Department of Mental Health Contracts Development and Administration Division at (213) 738-4684 when this document is available.

Respectfully submitted,



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