

## DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

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Fiscal Year 2018-19 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)
Annual Update Mid-Year Adjustment
Proposed Funding Transfer
MHSA Community Services and Supports Plan to
Workforce Education and Training

This proposal is in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5892 that allows counties to transfer up to 20% of the average amount of Community Services and Supports (CSS) Plans annual funds allocated to the county for the previous 5 fiscal years to Capital Facilities (CF), Technological Needs (Information Technology), Workforce Education and Training (WET) or the Prudent Reserve.

The Department of Mental Health proposes to transfer approximately \$1,742,455 of MHSA CSS funding to MHSA WET funding for the purpose of developing a collaborative agreement between DMH and University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

The Department seeks to build on its long-standing partnership with UCLA to accomplish the shared goals of transferring state-of the-art treatment strategies from academia to the community and a training environment for clinical staff. This collaboration will allow students to gain valuable experience in the largest public mental health system in the country, creating a pipeline for skilled professionals. In addition, this partnership seeks to bolster joint efforts in a number of other areas including policy and advocacy, research and evaluation, innovation and the expansion of public-private partnerships. The estimated funding for this partnership for FY 2019-20 is \$21,644,045. This includes \$446,795 for Education and Training; \$19,197,250 for Training & Technical Services; \$1,000,000 for Research and Evaluation; and \$1,000,000 for Technology and Innovation. The annual estimated cost thereafter is \$21,644,045. The Department will fund this collaboration with State MHSA and 2011 Realignment revenue and funding from the Departments of Public Health and Health Services.

## **Overview of Service Components**

Reporting Component	Description
Education and Training	Graduate Education Services supports training and clinical services provided by UCLA trainees (e.g., Psychiatry Residents, Nurses, etc.) at DMH program sites. The services provide a unique opportunity for UCLA trainees to receive training in a complex public mental health system, and, in turn, helps ensure the availability of highly skilled clinicians in the future for employment. Additionally, UCLA will coordinate and organize the DMH, DPH, and DHS sponsored Annual Statewide Integrated Care Conference and the Prevention and Coping with Hope Conferences.
Training and Technical Services	Training and Technical Services include services provided by UCLA to DMH staff (Directly operated and contracted) and other community stakeholders to strengthen DMH's ability to deliver services to individuals comprising underserved populations in Los Angeles County.
Policy and Advocacy	UCLA will provide technical support for DMH's efforts to develop and advocate for improved mental health initiatives whether it be at the local, state, or federal level. It is envisioned that this collaborative approach will improve the health of all people in our County by incorporating mental well-being considerations into decision-making across a broad array of sectors and policy areas. The goal of this work is to ensure that all decision-makers are informed about the mental health consequences of various policy options during the policy development process. This work will touch the intersections of various other County departments (e.g., Juvenile Justice, Child Welfare, Public Health, etc.), as well as other sectors (e.g., philanthropy, non-profit, business, etc.), and aims to create an environment where diverse sectors take responsibility for the well-being of all of the County's residents.
Research and Evaluation	Services to improve access to and effectiveness of client-centered, culturally competent mental health services in Los Angeles County through investigation of the clinical, socio-cultural, and operational factors that shape policies and practices in public mental health. Through projects involving the application of rigorous, state-of-the-art research methodologies for examination of key Departmental services, this component is designed to generate results that can be effectively implemented to improve the quality of public mental health care in Los Angeles County.
Technology and Innovation	Focuses on projects that are both innovative and have a technological component to enhance client care and mental health outcomes. UCLA and DMH will use these funds to improve the mental health of our clients by providing more convenient and secure modes of treatment. This is especially beneficial for those clients who mobility is difficult and would otherwise prevent them from seeking and receiving treatment.
Public Private Partnerships	DMH and UCLA will collaborate in projects which leverage public private partnerships to shift the paradigm of mental health delivery to the diverse communities of Los Angeles County. This effort will target opportunities to fund the development of innovative program design; use data supported planning; champion flexible and responsive approaches to community and system needs; and address shared objectives of Los Angeles County, philanthropy and other partners in improving the well-being of our constituents. Public-private partnerships supported by this collaboration will lead to increased flexible funding streams, more effective systems of service delivery, higher quality and timely provision of services, and create synergy between the expertise and experience of multiple public and private sectors.