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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

APPROVED BY THE CEO

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BY DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL TO AMEND EXISTING LEGAL ENTITY CONTRACTS FOR
ADULT AND/OR CHILD OUTREACH AND TRIAGE TEAMS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval to amend existing Department of Mental Health Legal Entity Contracts to add Adult and/or Child Outreach and Triage Teams.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health (Director), or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute an amendment to six existing Department of Mental Health (DMH) Legal Entity (LE) Contracts listed in Attachment I for the provision of Adult and/or Child Outreach and Triage Teams services (hereafter referred to as OTT and COTT, respectively). Therefore, the amendment will be effective upon Board approval with a total aggregate cost of \$29,917,191 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21, fully funded by the Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013 Round 2 Adult and Child Triage grant award funds, Federal Financial Participation (FFP) Medi-Cal, 2011 Realignment-Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT), and State Aid Mental Health Revenues.
2. Delegate authority to the Director, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute future amendments to the LE Contracts in Recommendation 1 to revise the boilerplate language; revise the annual Maximum Contract Amounts (MCAs); add, delete, modify, or replace Service Exhibits and/or Statements of Work; and/or

reflect federal, State, and County regulatory and/or policy changes provided that: 1) the County's total payments to each LE Contractor will not exceed an increase of more than 25 percent of the Board adopted MCA as shown in Attachment I; and 2) sufficient funds are available. These amendments will be subject to the prior review and approval as to form by County Counsel, with written notification to the Board and Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

3. Delegate authority to the Director, or his designee, to terminate any Contract, described in Recommendation 1 in accordance with the Contract's termination provisions, including Termination for Convenience. The Director or his designee will provide written notice to the Board and CEO of such termination action.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Upon referrals by Psychiatric Mobile Response Teams and/or Law Enforcement Teams, the OTT and COTT will provide immediate intervention to Adults (16 years old and over), Children (birth to 21 years old), and their Parent/Caregivers who are in crisis. These interventions are intended to de-escalate behaviors that impact life functioning and designed to minimize risk, maintain current living arrangement, prevent repeated hospitalizations, and stabilize behavioral health needs. The teams will deliver these services in the adult's or child's home or community.

Board approval of Recommendation 1 will allow DMH to amend existing LE Contracts for the provision of OTT and/or COTT services for FY 2020-21.

Board approval of Recommendation 2 will enable DMH to amend the Contracts in Recommendation 1 as needed.

Board approval of Recommendation 3 will enable DMH to terminate the Contracts in accordance with the Contract's termination provisions, including termination for convenience, in a timely manner, as necessary.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

These recommendations support the County's Strategic Plan Goal I, "Make Investments That Transform Lives" and Strategic Plan Goal II, "Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities."

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

For FY 2020-21 the aggregate funding for all six contracts is \$29,917,191, fully funded by Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013 Round 2 Adult Triage and Child Triage grant funds, FFP Medi-Cal, 2011 Realignment-EPSTDT, and State Aid Mental Health Revenue.

Funding for future fiscal years will be requested through DMH's annual budget request process.

There is no impact on net County cost for this action.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

DMH applied for and was awarded Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013 Round 2 Adult Triage and Child Triage grant funds by the State Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC). On June 19, 2018, the Board authorized DMH's request to execute Agreements with the State MHSOAC thereby utilizing grant funds to support DMH's implementation of OTT and COTT programs. However, on September 15, 2020, the state amended the underlying agreement with DMH in order to extend grant funds until 2023.

OTT services will provide support and linkage (for clients 16 years of age and older) to appropriate levels of care, and proactively work with clients and their families to avoid the need for inpatient psychiatric hospitalization. COTT services will connect children (up to 21 years of age) to services and supports aimed at averting hospitalizations and placement disruption, including children and youth in foster care, or at risk of foster care placement. At any given time, the teams will be connected to children, youth, adults, and caregivers for ongoing linkage and supportive services.

Approval to amend existing LE contracts for the provision of OTT and/or COTT services will allow DMH to utilize State grant funds pursuant to DMH's agreements with the State which were approved by your Board for the purpose of crisis intervention triage teams for Adults, Children, and their caregivers.

Attachment I lists the existing LE Contactors selected to provide OTT and/or COTT services.

In accordance with Board Policy Manual Section 5.120, Authority to Approve Increases to Board-Approved Contract Amounts requirements, DMH notified your Board on March 12, 2020 (Attachment II), identifying and justifying the need for requesting a percentage increase exceeding ten percent.

As mandated by your Board, the performance of all contractors is evaluated by DMH on an annual basis to ensure the contractors' compliance with all contract terms and performance standards per Board Policy 5.040 – Contractor Performance Monitoring.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On August 13, 2019, DMH released a Statement of Eligibility and Interest (SEI) to identify LE Contractors qualified to provide OTT and/or COTT services. Eleven LE Contractors applied. Six out of the eleven LE Contractors met all of the eligibility specifications required in the SEI to perform the OTT and COTT work requirements. Those six are listed in Attachment I; the five LE Contractors that were not selected did not meet the eligibility specifications listed in the SEI.

Of the six LE Contractors recommended for award, two indicated an interest in providing OTT and COTT services in Service Area (SA) 6. In order to provide full triage teams for both the OTT and COTT services in SA 6, DMH will allocate a full triage team for OTT to Southern California Health and Rehabilitation Program (SCHARP) and a full triage team for COTT to Wellnest Emotional Health & Wellness. All other LE Contractors recommended for award will provide both OTT and COTT services. As a result, OTT and COTT services will be provided countywide as listed on Attachment I.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES OR PROJECTS

Board approval of the proposed actions will allow DMH to utilize MHSOAC grant funds to support DMH's implementation of OTT and COTT. OTT and COTT services will provide immediate intervention to adults and children in crises to avoid hospitalization or disruption of placements for children and youth in foster care and/or at risk of foster care placement.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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Attachments

- c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
- Chief Executive Office
- County Counsel
- Chairperson Mental Health Commission

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
 ADULT (OTT) AND CHILD (COTT) OUTREACH AND TRIAGE TEAMS PROVIDER LIST
 FISCAL YEARS 2020-2021

ATTACHMENT I

Existing Legal Entity Contractors

Legal Entity Name	Corporate Address	Service Provision Service Area(s)	Service Provision Supervisorial District(s)	Current MCA for FY 2020-21	OTT Funds being Amended for FY 2020-21	COTT Funds being Amended for FY2020-21	Revised MCA for FY 2020-21
Penny Lane Centers, dba Penny Lane	15305 Rayen Street North Hills, CA 91343	1	5	\$35,547,030	\$ 1,252,349	\$2,487,300	\$39,286,679
StarView Behavioral Health	1501 Hughes Way, Suite 150 Long Beach, CA 90810	2 & 7	3,4	\$51,442,079	\$ 2,504,698	\$4,974,600	\$58,921,377
Special Service for Groups	905 East 8th Street Los Angeles, CA 90021	3	5	\$50,729,046	\$ 1,252,349	\$2,487,300	\$54,468,695
Children's Institute	2121 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90026	4 & 8	1,4	\$28,578,898	\$ 2,504,698	\$4,974,600	\$36,058,196
Wellnest Emotional Help and Wellness	3787 S. Vermont Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90007	5 & 6	2	\$22,636,731	\$ 1,252,349	\$4,974,600	\$28,863,680
Southern California Health and Rehabilitation Program (SCHARP)	2610 Industry Way, Suite A Lynwood, CA 90262	6	2	\$18,506,351	\$ 1,252,349		\$19,758,700

AGGREGATED AMOUNTS

\$10,018,791 \$19,898,400



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TO: Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Chair
 Supervisor Hilda L. Solis
 Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
 Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
 Supervisor Janice Hahn

FROM: Jonathan E. Sherin, M.D., Ph.D.
 Director

SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR
 A PERCENTAGE INCREASE EXCEEDING TEN PERCENT OF THE
 MAXIMUM CONTRACT AMOUNT FOR LEGAL ENTITY CONTRACTS**

In accordance with Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors' (Board) Policy No. 5.120, the Department of Mental Health (DMH) is notifying your Board of our department's intent to request an exception to the delegated authority (DA) for a percentage increase exceeding ten percent of the Maximum Contract Amount (MCA) for the implementation of the Adult Outreach Triage Teams (OTT) and Child Outreach Triage Teams (COTT). More specifically, DMH will request delegated authority for a 25 percent increase of the total contract amount for Fiscal Years (FY) 2019-20 and 2020-21.

JUSTIFICATION

DMH applied for and was awarded State Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) for the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013 Round 2 Adult and Child Triage grant funds. On June 19, 2018, the Board authorized DMH's request to execute Agreements with the State MHSOAC to utilize grant funds to support DMH's implementation of OTT and COTT.

The OTT and COTT programs' goal is to provide immediate intervention to clients in crisis referred to those services by Psychiatric Mobile Response Teams and/or Law Enforcement Teams. OTT services will provide support and linkage to appropriate levels of care and proactively work with clients and families to avoid the need for inpatient

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psychiatric hospitalization. COTT services will connect children to services and supports aimed at averting hospitalizations, and placement disruption, including children and youth in foster care, or at risk of foster care placement. At any given time, the teams will provide services in the home or community.

Approval of this request will allow DMH to amend existing contracts for the provision of OTT and COTT services that will allow DMH to utilize State MHSOAC grant funds for the purpose of immediate crisis intervention triage teams and reset the MCA.

NOTIFICATION TIMELINE

Board Policy No. 5.120 requires departments to provide written notice to your Board, with a copy to the Chief Executive Officer, at least two weeks prior to the Board Meeting at which the request to exceed ten percent of the MCA will be presented. In compliance with this policy, DMH is notifying your Board of our intent to request DA for a percent increase of up to 25 percent of the total contract amount for FYs 2019-20 and 2020-21, through a Board letter to be presented on March 31, 2020.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (213) 738-4601, or your staff may contact Stella Krikorian, Division Manager, Contracts Development and Administration Division, at (213) 738-4023.

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