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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO AMEND THE EXISTING CONTRACT
WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GRANTMAKERS FOR THE
VETERAN PEER ACCESS NETWORK PROGRAM
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021-22 AND 2022-23
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request delegated authority to amend the existing contract with Southern California Grantmakers for the Veteran Peer Access Network for Fiscal Years 2021-22 and 2022-23 to allow for necessary contract changes for continuing support services for the military veteran population.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute amendments to the Department of Mental Health (DMH) Contract with Southern California Grantmakers (SCG) for the Veteran Peer Access Network (VPAN) to revise the terms and conditions; revise the Total Contract Amount (TCA); shift unspent funds from one fiscal year to other(s) during the term of the Contract; add, delete, modify or replace the Statement of Work; and/or reflect federal, State, and County regulatory and/or policy changes, provided that: 1) the County's total payment to the Contractor will not exceed an increase of more than ten percent of the TCA; 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 notice to the Board and Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

2. Delegate authority to the Director, or his designee, to terminate the Contract described in Recommendation 1, in accordance with the termination provisions, including Termination for Convenience. The Director, or his designee, will notify the Board and CEO, in writing, of such termination action.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

On November 19, 2019, your Board approved the Countywide Mental Health Services for Veterans Board motion instructing the Director of the DMH to execute an agreement with SCG to create a public-private partnership focused on the implementation of services to veterans using a peer-to-peer model. The motion did not include a recommendation to amend the executed contract; this Board letter is asking for delegated authority to do so, as necessary, to further the mission of the VPAN program.

Board approval of Recommendation 1 will delegate authority to DMH to amend the Contract as necessary, including a shift of unspent funds to continue providing the VPAN program.

Board approval of Recommendation 2 will enable DMH to terminate the Contract and Agreements 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 via Strategy I.1 Increase Our Focus on Prevention Initiatives and Strategic Plan Goal II via Strategies II.1 Drive Economic and Workforce Development in the County and II.2 Support the Wellness of our Communities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no financial impact associated with the recommended actions.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Countywide Mental Health Services for Veterans Board Motion dated November 19, 2019, authorized the Director of DMH to execute a contract with SCG for a total contract term of three fiscal years for the VPAN services. A key component of the VPAN Program is the delivery of peer support services to insured and uninsured Military Veterans and their families and is designed to achieve the following goals: 1) increase an individual's sense of wellbeing and self-worth; 2) provide access to basic needs and treatment; 3) reduce internal and external barriers to receive temporary and permanent

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housing; 4) increase the communities awareness of the VPAN and how to refer to the network; 5) empower and develop self-determination, shared responsibility, and a mutual agreement between peers and individuals to become connected with self-healing; and 6) engage and connect individuals with their community(ies).


Due to delays and other extenuating circumstances as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic, not all funds were expended during the first year. DMH is seeking authority to shift unspent funds from this current fiscal year into Fiscal Years 2021-22 and 2022-23 to continue to meet the objectives of the VPAN Program.

As mandated by your Board, the performance of the Contractor is evaluated by DMH on an annual basis to ensure the Contractor's compliance with all Contract terms and performance standards.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES OR PROJECTS

Board approval of the proposed actions will promote the County's efforts in addressing the mental health needs of its veterans and their families by partnering with organizations within those communities.

Respectfully submitted,



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