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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Los Angeles, California 90012

50 August 6, 2024

EDWARD YEN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL TO EXECUTE FUTURE NO-COST MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING AND/OR  
MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT AND DATA USE AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS  
GOVERNMENTAL/NON-GOVERNMENTAL, AND PUBLIC ENTITIES FOR COLLABORATION ON  
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Request approval to execute future no-cost Memoranda of Understanding and/or Agreement and data use agreements with various governmental/non-governmental, and public entities for collaboration on mental health services.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health (Director), or designee, to execute future no-cost Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs), Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs), data use agreements, and/or other like agreements (collectively, Agreements) with governmental/non-governmental and public entities, including but not limited to cities, counties, State entities, federal entities, school districts, and other educational institutions that allow for collaboration on mental health activities. These Agreements will be effective for the applicable project periods and may include revisions to the County's standard provisions for indemnification, subject to review and approval by Chief Executive Office (CEO) Risk Management (as appropriate) and County Counsel. The Department of Mental Health (DMH) will provide the Board and CEO a written notification of any executed Agreements under this delegation, including information on the project and term. There is no cost associated with these Agreements. Additionally, as part of the delegated authority, DMH will submit the Levine Act requirements to the Board as appropriate.

2. Delegate authority to the Director, or designee, to execute future no-cost amendments to the new Agreements in Recommendation 1 to extend the term, which may include adjusting the term to complete project activities; change or add activities required for the project; modify County's standard provisions, including indemnification and damages; and/or reflect other necessary modifications, subject to review and approval by County Counsel and, if applicable, CEO Risk Management, with written notice to the Board and CEO.

3. Delegate authority to the Director, or designee, to execute future no-cost amendments to existing MOUs/MOAs and Agreements to extend the term, which may include adjusting the term to complete project activities; change or add activities required for the project; modify County's standard provisions, including indemnification and damages; and/or reflect other necessary modifications, subject to review and approval by County Counsel and, if applicable, CEO Risk Management, with written notice to the Board and CEO.

4. Delegate authority to the Director, or designee, to terminate any of the Agreements described in Recommendation 1 in accordance with the Termination provisions. The Director, or designee, will notify the Board and CEO, in writing, of such termination action.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Government Code Section 31000 authorizes your Board to enter into service contracts with entities that possess the competence, expertise, and personnel necessary to provide specific services in consideration of payments. Unlike service contracts, these Agreements are used to collaborate with other entities on a variety of mental health projects and activities. These projects and activities vary in scope and require collaboration with specific entities to further DMH's mission to optimize the hope, wellbeing, and life trajectory of Los Angeles County's most vulnerable through access to care and resources that promote not only independence and personal recovery but also connectedness and community reintegration.

Board approval of Recommendation 1 will enable DMH to execute future no-cost Agreements with governmental/non-governmental and public entities, including but not limited to cities, counties, State entities, federal entities, school districts, and other educational institutions.

Board approval of Recommendation 2 will enable DMH to execute no-cost amendments to the new Agreements that extend the term, change or add activities required for the project, modify County's standard provisions, including indemnification and damages, and/or reflect other necessary modifications in a timely manner.

Board approval of Recommendation 3 will enable DMH to execute no-cost amendments to existing MOUs/MOAs and Agreements that extend the term, change or add activities required for the project, modify County's standard provisions, including indemnification and damages, and/or reflect other necessary modifications in a timely manner.

Board approval of Recommendation 4 will enable DMH to terminate the Agreements in accordance with the termination provisions, in a timely manner, as necessary.

Approval of the recommended actions will streamline processes and ensure more expedient execution of these Agreements that support DMH's mission.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended actions are consistent with the County's North Star 1, Make Investments that Transform Lives – Healthy Individuals and Families and Housing and Homelessness.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There is no fiscal impact for the recommended actions.

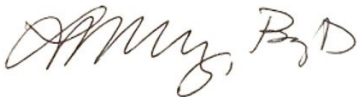
**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

DMH will work with County Counsel to determine the appropriateness of entering into these types of Agreements to establish working relationships and/or partnerships with external entities to collaborate on specific mental health activities. As such, certain Agreements may include provisions for mutual indemnification, and DMH will work with CEO Risk Management, as appropriate, to determine any associated risks in light of the need for the services and the resulting benefit to the mental health community.

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

Approval of the recommended actions will support DMH's efforts to expedite the execution of Agreements that support the provision of mental health activities for Los Angeles County.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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Chief Executive Office  
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