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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

31 December 3, 2019

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

CELIA ZAVALA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVAL TO EXTEND THE EXISTING MEDI-CAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FEE-FOR-SERVICE GROUP AGREEMENT WITH THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA ON BEHALF OF UCLA NEUROPSYCHIATRIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FOR THE CONTINUED PROVISION OF SPECIALTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

**(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval to extend the Medi-Cal Professional Services Fee-For-Service Group Agreement with The Regents of the University of California on behalf of UCLA Neuropsychiatric Behavioral Health, for the continued provision of specialty mental health services for six months, through June 30, 2020.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute an amendment, substantially similar to Attachment I to extend the term of the existing Fee-for-Service (FFS) Agreement with The Regents of the University of California on behalf of UCLA Neuropsychiatric Behavioral Health (The Regents), for the continued provision of specialty mental health services for six months, for the period from January 1 through June 30, 2020, with an option to extend the term of the Agreement another six months through December 31, 2020, if necessary. This Agreement does not have a total contract amount and the additional cost associated with this six month extension is estimated to be \$150,000, fully funded by Federal Financial Participation (FFP) Medi-Cal and 2011 Realignment-Managed Care revenues.

2. Delegate authority to the Director, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute future amendments to the Agreement, including during the extension period, if necessary to: increase the contracted FFS rates to not exceed an increase of ten percent from the applicable rates previously approved by your Board; and/or reflect federal, State, and County regulatory and/or policy changes, provided that sufficient funds are available, and the amendments are 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 the Agreement in accordance with its termination provisions, including Termination for Convenience, upon written notification to your Board and CEO.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The recommended actions will allow the Department of Mental Health (DMH), as the Mental Health Plan (MHP), to comply with terms of the agreement between DMH at the California Department of Health Care Services. As the MHP, DMH is tasked to provide specialty mental health services, through its provider network of group and individual providers. Providers in this network are skilled in various disciplines, such as, psychiatrists, psychologists, Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW), Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFT), nurses, etc. Under the FFS group Agreement, UCLA provides acute psychiatric inpatient services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries at UCLA hospitals and clinics.

Approval of Recommendation 1 will allow DMH to execute an amendment to the FFS group Agreement with The Regents, for six months, with an option to extend it another six months, if necessary, while the parties negotiate the terms of the Contract.

Approval of Recommendation 2 will allow DMH to execute future amendments to the Agreement, as needed.

Approval of Recommendation 3 will allow DMH to terminate the Agreement in accordance with the Contract's termination provisions.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions are consistent with County's Strategic Plan Goal I, Make Investments That Transform Lives, specifically Strategy I.2 – Enhance Our Delivery of Comprehensive Interventions.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

For the period of January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020, the estimated total funding is \$150,000, fully funded by FFP Medi-Cal and 2011 Realignment-Managed Care revenues. The funds for these actions are included in DMH's FY 2019-20 Final Adopted Budget.

Funding for FY 2020-21 will be requested through DMH's annual budget request process.

There is no net County cost impact associated with the recommended actions.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code Section 14712 directs the State to implement and administer Managed Mental Health Care for Medi-Cal eligible residents of the State of California. Section 14712 requires a contractual agreement between the State and the County for the County to operate as the MHP responsible for the delivery of specialty mental health services to the County's eligible Medi-Cal beneficiary population. Through the MHP Agreement, DMH agrees to operate as the MHP for Los Angeles County.

On September 4, 2018, your Board authorized DMH to enter into the MHP Agreement with the State to provide specialty mental health services to all Medi-Cal beneficiaries in Los Angeles County within the scope of services defined in the agreement.

State regulations require that the County maintain a network of providers that is sufficient in number to meet the specialty mental health needs of Medi-Cal beneficiaries that will be served by the MHP. To meet this requirement, DMH contracts with The Regents for the provision of specialty mental health services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries at UCLA hospitals and clinics.

On May 14, 2019, DMH advised of its intention to return to your Board to request approval to execute a new contract with the Regents once negotiations were completed. However, contract negotiations are currently ongoing and will not be completed prior to the current expiration date of December 31, 2019.

Attachment I is the amendment format to extend the term of the FFS Agreement with The Regents. The amendment format has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Board approval of the proposed actions will allow DMH to continue to provide mental health services to Medi-Cal clients served by The Regents' Group provider network.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

12/3/2019

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JES', is centered on the page.

JONATHAN E. SHERIN, M.D., Ph.D.

Director

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Enclosures

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

CONTRACT NO. MH9121

AMENDMENT NO. ___

THIS AMENDMENT is made and entered into this 3rd day of December, 2019, by and between the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (hereafter "County") and The Regents of the University of California on behalf of UCLA Neuropsychiatric Behavioral Health (hereafter "Contractor").

WHEREAS, County and Contractor have entered into a written Agreement, dated July 1, 2014, identified as County Contract No. MH9121, and any subsequent amendments (hereafter collectively "Contract"); and

WHEREAS, for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 only, County and Contractor intend to amend this Agreement only as described hereunder; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2019, the Board of Supervisors delegated authority to the Director of Mental Health, or designee, to execute amendments to the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement provides that changes may be made in the form of a written amendment which is formally approved and executed by the parties; and

WHEREAS, for Fiscal Year 2019-20 only, County and Contractor intend to amend the Agreement to **extend** the term effective January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020, so that uninterrupted services may continue to clients who reside throughout the County of Los Angeles, while the parties continue to negotiate the terms of a revised FFS Medi-Cal Professional Services Contract; and

WHEREAS, Contractor warrants that it possesses the competence, expertise, and personnel necessary to provide services consistent with the requirements of this Agreement and consistent with the professional standard of care for these services.

NOW, THEREFORE, County and Contractor agree that Agreement shall be amended only as follows effective January 1, 2020:

1. PARAGRAPH 2 (TERM), shall be amended to extend the term of the Agreement effective January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020.
2. Except as provided in this Amendment, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Amendment to be subscribed by County's Director of Mental Health or his designee, and Contractor has caused this Amendment to be subscribed on its behalf by its duly authorized officer, on the day, month, and year first above written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____
JONATHAN E. SHERIN, M.D., Ph.D.
Director of Mental Health

CONTRACTOR

By _____

Name _____

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Title _____

(AFFIX CORPORATE SEAL HERE)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL