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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, California 90012

BY DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL TO EXTEND CONTRACTS WITH THREE CONSULTANT SERVICES PROVIDERS FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION FUNDING FOR THE CONTINUED PROVISION OF SERVICES TO LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUESTIONING, INTERSEX, 2-SPIRIT TRANSITION AGE YOUTH FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Request approval to extend three Consultant Services Contracts for Mental Health Services Act Prevention and Early Intervention funding for the provision of services to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, Intersex, 2-Spirit, transition age youth for one Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, with a one-year optional extension period.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Authorize the Director of the Department of Mental Health (Director), or his designee, to extend Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Contracts with the three Consultant Services Providers listed on Attachment I, for the continued provision of prevention services to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, Intersex, 2-Spirit (LGBTQI2-S) transition age youth (TAY). The Contracts will be effective July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, with a one-year optional extension period. The total annual aggregate cost for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 is \$1,182,000, fully funded by MHSA revenue.

2. Delegate authority to the Director, or his designee, to prepare and execute future amendments to the Contracts in Recommendation 1 to increase the contracted rates; add additional/related services to ensure continuity of care; add, delete, modify, or replace the existing Statement of Work; and/or, reflect federal, State, and County regulatory and/or policy changes provided that: 1) the County's total payments to each Contractor will not exceed an increase of more than 10 percent of the Board approved amount; 2) funds are available; and 3) the amendments are subject to the prior review and approval as to form by County Counsel, with written notification to your Board and CEO.
3. Delegate authority to the Director, or his designee, to terminate the Contracts in Recommendation 1 in accordance with the termination provisions, including Termination for Convenience with written notification to your Board and CEO of such termination action.

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

Board approval of Recommendation 1 will enable the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to extend the Contracts for the continued provision of prevention services to LGBTQI2-S TAY by helping to reduce risk factors and stressors, building protective factors and skills, and increasing support. As such, these prevention services promote positive cognitive, social, and emotional development and thereby encourages a state of wellbeing that allows the individual to function well in the face of changing and challenging circumstances.

Board approval of Recommendation 2 will enable DMH to amend the Contract as necessary without interruption to services.

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

### **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**

The FY 2020-21 annual aggregate funding for the three Contracts is \$1,182,000, fully funded by State MHSA revenues, and is included in DMH's FY 2020-21 Recommended Budget.

Funding for future 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**

The LGBTQI2-S TAY Prevention Services contracts are the result of a solicitation conducted in 2016. These contracts are in line with the County's MHSA PEI Plan, which includes more integrated services for the LGBTQI2-S population, and training of the County mental health provider workforce on unique issues of stigma and discrimination faced by this population to improve outcomes for LGBTQI2-S youth.

LGBTQI2-S youth are at-risk for poor outcomes that include involvement in the legal system, hospitalization, and/or homelessness due to stigma and rejection. It is critical that LGBTQI2-S youth develop healthy identities and self-empowerment. Negative outcomes may be reduced with education on issues affecting LGBTQI2-S youth and with support from the community and caregivers. The LGBTQI2-S Prevention Services program seeks to increase recognition of early signs of mental illness by increasing access to community-based programs for LGBTQI2-S TAY consumers and their families and/or caregivers. As such, DMH is extending the Contracts for the continued provision of these crucial services to LGBTQI2-S TAY, and to allow additional time for the Department to explore other options for future programming.

On March 4, 2020, your Board approved a motion directing the Department of Mental Health and other County departments to assess the current crisis response infrastructure for health and human services within the County. Any relevant recommendations, based on this assessment that will improve the crisis response system may be incorporated into these contracts.

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.

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

Board approval of the recommended actions will allow the three Contractors to continue providing uninterrupted prevention services to the County's LGBTQI2-S TAY.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'JES', is positioned above the printed name of Jonathan E. Sherin.

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

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Attachments

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



**County of Los Angeles - Department of Mental Health**  
**Provider Listing for Prevention Services to**  
**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, Intersex, 2-Spirit**  
**Transition Age Youth**

<b>PROVIDER NAME / ADDRESS</b>	<b>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT OF CORPORATE OFFICE</b>	<b>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S) SERVED</b>	<b>SERVICE AREAS SERVED</b>	<b>2020-21 FISCAL YEAR FUNDING</b>
Tarzana Treatment Centers, Inc. 18646 Oxnard Street Tarzana, CA 91356	3	3, 4, 5	1 (Antelope Valley) 2 (San Fernando Valley) 5 (West Los Angeles) 8 (South Bay/Harbor)	\$591,000
Penny Lane Centers 15305 Rayen Street North Hills, CA 91343	3	1	3 (San Gabriel Valley) 7 (East Los Angeles)	\$295,500
The Wall Las Memorias 5619 Monte Vista Street Los Angeles, CA 90042	1	2	4 (Metro) 6 (South Los Angeles)	\$295,500
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$1,182,000</b>