

June 24, 2008

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: Health & Human Services Department, Division of Community Mental Health Services (CMHS) requests the approval of a Provider Services Agreement with the Marin Community Clinics (MCC) for specialty mental health services.

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize President to execute the agreement between the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Community Mental Health Services and the Marin Community Clinics for the provision of specialty mental health services to low income Marin County residents, including mutual clients/patients who are Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

SUMMARY: This agreement will provide funding for one full-time equivalent Staff Psychiatrist and one full-time equivalent Mental Health Nurse Practitioner through a provider services agreement with MCC. Seriously mentally ill adults and older adults, who are enrolled in the CMHS Medication Clinic for psychiatric services and also enrolled in the MCC for physical health services, will be served through this collaborative model. MCC will pay CMHS for the cost of the two positions and MCC will bill for the cost of the services from all available third party payers.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT: People diagnosed with serious mental illnesses have an average life-expectancy that is twenty to twenty-five years shorter than their peers who do not have mental illnesses. Part of this discrepancy is caused by poor access to timely quality health care services. Collaborative models of care where primary care and mental health are coordinated or provided in a collaborative way have proven successful around the country. By maximizing all third party payer sources for health care services for Medi-Cal beneficiaries and the number of services provided will increase and access to services will be improved. Services to Marin Medi-Cal beneficiaries are maintained or improved.

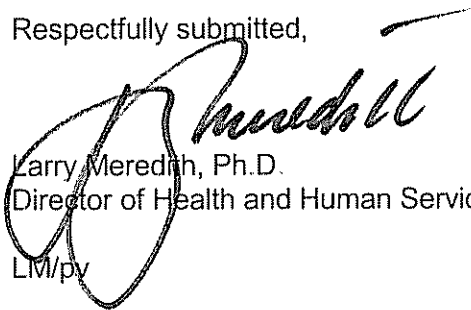
CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE: MCC and CMHS have a long history of collaborative care for mutual clients/patients with excellent outcomes. This is the first such collaboration for specialty mental health services to be purchased by MCC from CMHS.

FISCAL IMPACT: The funds for this action are to be included in Cost Center 1000042100 for FY 2008-2009. There is no additional net County cost associated with this request. This represents an increase in reimbursement of \$429,200 and a decrease in federal Medi-Cal revenues of \$205,000.

REVIEWED BY:

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County Counsel	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
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Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment: CVRS\MCC Provider Services MOU Agreement

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