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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

July 29, 2008

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Sachi A. Hamai
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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

Dear Supervisors:

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH: DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AMENDMENTS FOR CONTRACT ASSIGNMENTS, DELEGATIONS AND CONTRACTORS' NAME CHANGES (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Request approval to delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Mental Health, or his designee, to execute amendments for mergers, acquisitions or any other changes in ownership, upon the approval of County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office and notification to the Board.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to execute amendments to the Department of Mental Health (DMH) contracts, substantially similar to Attachment I for contract assignments resulting from acquisitions, mergers, or other changes in ownership, and substantially similar to Attachment II for contractors' name changes, subject to review and approval by County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office and notification to the Board offices.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

In an effort to reduce Board agenda actions resulting from acquisitions, mergers, or other changes in ownership, or contractors' name changes, that do not impact the general contractual terms or payment provisions, the Department is seeking delegated authority to execute related amendments to reflect the correct legal entity and responsibilities of the parties when ownership changes occur, or acknowledge a contractor's name change, subject to review and approval by County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office and notification to the Board offices.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended Board action supports County Strategic Plan Goal 3, Organizational Effectiveness. Having the Director, or his designee, execute these limited types of amendments will result in a more efficient and timely procedural response to changes in contractor names and business status.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this action.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Currently, all contract assignments resulting from mergers, acquisitions, or other changes in ownership and contractors' name changes amendments are presented as an agenda item for your Board's approval. Under the recommended action, DMH will use delegated authority to execute such amendments.

DMH will continue to conduct an analysis of mergers and acquisitions as required under the Evaluation of Vendors/Contractors Engaged in Mergers or Acquisitions Board policy to determine the appropriateness of continuing to contract with a vendor which has changed its corporate status or merged with or been acquired by another company.

County Counsel has approved Attachments I and II as to form.
Honorable Board of Supervisors  
July 29, 2008  
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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICE

Approval of the recommended action will expedite the Department’s execution of these amendments to ensure clients experience no break in service due to Contractor’s corporate transformation and ensure that contract documents reflect the appropriate contractor name and business status.

CONCLUSION

The Department of Mental Health requests one copy of the adopted Board actions. It is requested that the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, notify the Department of Mental Health, Contracts Development and Administration Division, at (213) 738-4684 when this document is available.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA  
Chief Executive Officer

WTF:SRH:SAS  
MLM:JJS:yb

Attachments (2)

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
County Counsel  
Director, Department of Mental Health
THIS AMENDMENT is made and entered into this ___ day of ___, 2008, by and between the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (hereafter “County”) and ______________ (hereafter "Contractor").

WHEREAS, County and Contractor have entered into a written Agreement, dated ___________, identified as County Agreement No. _____, and any subsequent amendments (hereafter collectively “Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, County and Contractor intend to amend Agreement only as described hereunder; and

WHEREAS, Agreement paragraph ___, “DELEGATION AND ASSIGNMENT BY CONTRACTOR”, prohibits Assignor from delegating its duties or assigning its rights thereunder without prior written consent of County; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the County and Contractor to delegate the duties and assign the rights under this Agreement, from Assignor, _____________, to Assignee, ________________; and

WHEREAS, Assignee ________________, agrees to be fiscally responsible for obligations of the Assignor, _________________, past, present, and future. In particular, and without in any way limiting the scope of the financial obligations assumed, Assignee, _____________ understands and agrees: (1) that it will be entirely responsible for any and all audit exceptions applied as any time against the previous
entity, through any of its agreements with County or any Department thereof, whether assessed by Federal, State, or County audit(s).

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

1. All rights and responsibilities under Agreement have been assigned and delegated by Assignor ______________ to Assignee ______________.

2. County hereby consents to such assignment and delegation.

3. Assignor and Assignee have heretofore separately prorated between themselves, to the extent necessary, any monthly payment due and paid under this Agreement prior to ______________.

4. (For Mergers Only) Effective ______________, the purpose of this Amendment shall be interpreted according to the following statement of purpose:
   It is intended to effectuate and implement the merger of ______________ and ______________, as requested by these entities, whereby ______________ will cease to exist as a separate entity and will merge within the new entity ______________. County consents to the merger with the understanding, as set forth herein, that the quantity and quality of services previously provided separately by ______________ will not be diminished and that the new entity will be fiscally responsible for all of ______________ obligations, past, present, and future. In particular, and without any way limiting the scope of the financial obligations assumed, ______________ understands and agrees (1) that it will be entirely responsible for any and all audit exceptions applied at any time against the
previous entity, ________________, through any of its Agreements with the County or any Department thereof, whether assessed by Federal, State or County audit(s); and (2) that these audit exceptions may arise and become payable after the effective date of the merger and the cessation of existence of ________________. The parties agree that all applicable review and dispute resolution procedures under the contract shall apply.

5. Contractor shall provide services in accordance with the Contractor’s FY ____________ Negotiation Package for this Agreement and any addenda thereto approved in writing by Director.

6. Except as provided in this Amendment, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
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 in its behalf by its duly authorized officer, the day, month, and year first above written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By ________________________________
MARVIN J. SOUTHARD, D.S.W.
Director of Mental Health

CONTRACTOR

By ________________________________
Name ______________________________
Title ______________________________

(AFFIX CORPORATE SEAL HERE)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

APPROVED AS TO CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION:
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

By ________________________________
Chief, Contracts Development and Administration Division

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THIS AMENDMENT is made and entered into this ___ day of ____, 2008, by and between the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (hereafter "County") and __________________ (hereafter "Contractor").

WHEREAS, County and Contractor have entered into a written Agreement, dated ____________, identified as County Agreement No. _____, and any subsequent amendments (hereafter collectively "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, County and Contractor intend to amend Agreement only as described hereunder; and

WHEREAS, in Legal Entity/Consultant Services Agreement No.__________, dated ____________ and any subsequent amendments (hereafter collectively "Agreement"); the Contractor is identified as and referred to by the name of ____________________________.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the County and Contractor to change the name of the Contractor from ________________ to ________________, in all further references to Legal Entity/Consultant Services Agreement No.__________, dated ____________ the Contractor shall be known by and referred to as ________________.

NOW, THEREFORE, County and Contractor agree that Agreement shall be amended only as follows:
1. All future correspondence and documents referencing Agreement No. ________, dated _________, shall refer to the Contractor as ____________________.

2. Contractor shall provide services in accordance with the Contractor's FY _________ Negotiation Package for this Agreement and any addenda thereto approved in writing by Director.

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By __________________________

MARVIN J. SOUTHARD, D.S.W.
Director of Mental Health

_______________________________

CONTRACTOR

By __________________________

Name__________________________

Title__________________________

(AFFIX CORPORATE SEAL HERE)

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DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

By __________________________
Chief, Contracts Development and Administration Division

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