



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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February 23, 2016

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

## RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and any subsequent amendments, between the City of Long Beach and Mental Health America of Los Angeles (MHA) in the amount of \$46,800, as part of the Dignity Health Foundation Grant Integrated Healthcare Project, for the period of October 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. (Citywide)

## DISCUSSION

In 2014, Mental Health America of Los Angeles (MHA) applied for, and was subsequently awarded, a one-year grant from the California Community Foundation's Integrated Healthcare Project to provide services to low-income individuals who have serious mental illness. Under the project guidelines submitted by MHA, a part-time health practitioner would be embedded at the MHA Village at 456 Elm Avenue, Long Beach. MHA has proposed to execute an MOU with the City, through its Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department), for a Health Department physician to provide services. Under this MOU, the Health Department physician will conduct physical assessments and provide short-term primary care, assist with referrals to specialists, other clinics and agencies, help facilitate patient eligibility for State and federal public assistance programs and determine and develop quality assurance and quality improvement metrics.

MHA subsequently applied for, and was awarded additional grant funding from the Dignity Health Foundation to continue this project for an additional nine months. For its work on the grant-funded activities of the project, the City will receive up to \$46,800 for the nine months, October 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, as MHA receives funding from the Foundation. These funds will be used toward the physician position, and payment will be a semiannual advance payment when this MOU is fully executed.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda T. Vu on January 11, 2016 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on January 14, 2016.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on February 23, 2016, in order for the Health Department to receive advance payment for work provided in accordance with the MOU.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City will receive up to \$46,800 for the period of October 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Sufficient funds are appropriated in the Health Fund (SR 130) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE). No match or in-kind service mandate is required, and there is no local job impact associated with this action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



KELLY COLOPY  
DIRECTOR  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:

  
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PATRICK H. WEST  
CITY MANAGER