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Harbor-UCLA Mental Health Urgent Care Center

In 2004, the Los Angeles County (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to work on a variety of strategies intended to decrease the overcrowding of the County’s Hospital Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES). One of the most successful strategies has been the establishment of Mental Health Urgent Care Centers (UCCs). UCCs have successfully and appropriately diverted patients from emergency room care to stabilizing community-based interventions.

UCCs provide 24/7 crisis stabilization services including integrated services for co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders for individuals experiencing psychiatric crisis who are 13 years of age or older. The goal is to prevent unnecessary hospitalization, stabilize people in the community and link to needed services. In Fiscal Year 2015-16, the County UCCs served over 35,537 unique clients. Only 7% of clients served (2,606) were admitted to acute inpatient or emergency rooms within less than 30 days of the UCC intervention.

DMH currently operates five UCCs in collaboration with the Department of Health Services (DHS) and private contractors. Three of the UCCs are affiliated with medical campuses, Olive View, LAC+USC and Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Center. At this time, of all DHS hospitals, only Harbor-UCLA Medical Center has no affiliated UCC. As a result, individuals in serious emotional crisis at the Torrance campus must be diverted

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to UCCs elsewhere in the County, exacerbating the distress encountered by these individuals and their families. On December 6, 2016, the Board directed DMH to implement additional UCCs, and authorized the DMH Director to execute new legal entity agreements for UCC services.

In order to establish the Harbor-UCLA UCC as expeditiously as possible to provide PES decompression and increased capacity for community-based crisis care, it is critical that delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a lease agreement with Exodus Foundation, Inc., a non-profit corporation, for space on the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center campus consisting of approximately 5,616 square feet within Building 2 South, located at 1000 West Carson Avenue, Torrance. Pursuant to Government Code section 26277, the Board has the authority to lease to non-profit organizations real property not needed for County purposes and are necessary to meet the social needs of the population of the County. The lease to Exodus Foundation will allow for the provision of urgently needed social services in the surrounding community.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Find that the proposed lease with Exodus Foundation, Inc., a non-profit corporation (Exodus Foundation) and associated tenant improvements required for the operation of a mental health urgent care center (UCC) within Building 2 South located at 1000 West Carson Avenue, Torrance are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Class 1 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves leasing of and repairs to existing facilities;
2. Direct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or her designee, to negotiate and execute an appropriate lease with Exodus Foundation for an initial three-year term, on a gratis basis and approved as to form by County Counsel;
3. Pursuant to Government Code section 26227, find that the County property comprised of approximately 5,616 square foot area in Building 2 South on the

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Harbor-UCLA Medical Center campus located at 1000 West Carson Avenue, Torrance to be leased to Exodus Foundation is not needed for any present or foreseeable County purpose, and find that the UCC services to be provided at such property pursuant to an appropriate and separately approved service agreement will be for public purposes which will benefit the population of Los Angeles County;

4. Direct the CEO, or her designee, to execute, and if necessary, amend, modify or terminate a funding agreement, approved as to form by County Counsel, with Exodus Foundation up to an amount of \$876,240 to make necessary repairs to the aforementioned real property comprised of 5,616 square foot area in Building 2 South on the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center campus located at 1000 West Carson Avenue, Torrance and prepare it for delivery of mental health services.

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