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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF PERFORMANCE CONTRACT NO. 02-72085-000 WITH
THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002-03
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
(3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve and accept the State Department of Mental Health's (SDMH) Performance Contract No. 02-72085-000 with the County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health (DMH), making the County responsible for establishing community mental health services covering the entire area of Los Angeles County.
2. Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign and execute an original Resolution specifying that the Board has approved the State Performance Contract for Fiscal Year (FY) 2002-03.
3. Authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to sign six (6) copies of the Performance Contract with original signatures and forward them to SDMH.

PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Board action is requested to approve and accept the Performance Contract between SDMH and DMH for FY 2002-03.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals:

The recommended Board action is consistent with the County's Goal Number 1, Service Excellence, Strategies 1 and 3, within the Countywide Strategic Plan.

JUSTIFICATION:

The Performance Contract establishes Community mental health services and County expenditure responsibility. This contract also affirms the County's responsibility to maintain quality mental health programs for the residents of Los Angeles County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This Performance Contract is for the period of July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003 and will allow use of State and Federal funds allocated for FY 2002-03 to be expended to maintain the mental health programs for the residents of Los Angeles County.

FINANCING:

This subject does not apply

FACTS AND PROVISIONS:

The Performance Contract between the State and the County is mandated under Section 5650, Chapter 2, of the Welfare and Institutions Code. The Performance Contract and the Resolution are approved by the Board every Fiscal Year. The Performance Contract for FY 2002-03 does not have any material changes from the Contract for FY 2001-02.

The Performance Contract establishes County authority for the implementation of County mental health programs and summarizes the provisions for each of the local mental health programs. Each summary contains a brief description of the program, the scope of work or work plan, budget requirements and accountability. Additionally, the Performance Contract outlines the requirements to justify receipt of allocations but does not specify the actual amounts. The Performance Contract also indicates the performance conditions for the County programs including any other contract requirements.

In the past, the Performance Contract also established expenditure authority for the County's use of State hospital beds and the State hospital cost computation was indicated in an attachment to the Performance Contract. Effective FY 2002-03, the State has removed the State hospital language from the Performance Contract and will handle the

hospital bed issue separately. This is because waiting for the final estimates on state hospital beds delayed the release of the performance contract.

All of the mental health services funded by Realignment funds are handled through Statutory Trust Accounts and are not included in SDMH's total contract encumbrance amount to the County.

The attached Performance Contract and Resolution have been approved as to form by County Counsel and will be reviewed by the Mental Health Commission on September 26, 2002.

The Performance Contract is retroactive to July 1, 2002. The submission of the Agreement to the Board was delayed as a result of the late submission of the Agreement to the County by SDMH.

Clinical and administrative staff of DMH are assigned to supervise, administer and evaluate the programs to ensure that quality services are being provided to clients and to ensure that Agreement provisions and departmental policies are being followed.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

This subject does not apply.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES:

This agreement will enable DMH to maintain quality mental health programs for Los Angeles County residents.

CONCLUSION:

When the Board accepts and approves the Performance Contract and signs the original Resolution, it is requested that the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, notify the Contracts Development and Administration Division of the Department of Mental Health at (213) 738-4684 when these documents are available.

Respectfully submitted,

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c: Chief Administrative Officer
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Chairperson, Mental Health Commission

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