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May 26, 2023

Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Los Angeles
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Attn: City Clerk

Second Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement Between the Los Angeles County
Department of Mental Health and the City of Los Angeles, Acting by and through the
Los Angeles Fire Department – CF 20-1178: Contract C-139192

SUMMARY

Relative to the Motion on September 16, 2020, by (Wesson -Martinez - Harris-Dawson - Blumenfield - Price - O'Farrell - Rodriguez) the agreement (MOA) between the LAFD and the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH) for the Therapeutic Transport Pilot Program for a Mental Health Services Pilot Program, the attached Second Amendment to MOA is to extend the term of the MOA.

This Pilot Program utilizes the DMH therapeutic transport response in conjunction with LAFD's Tiered Dispatch System for calls involving patients with mental health crises, to provide mental health patients with immediate therapeutic support from DMH staff, thereby improving patient care. Patients can be transported directly to an appropriate mental health facility by the DMH therapeutic transport teams, freeing LAPD and LAFD resources for other emergency calls. This Pilot Program provides patients experiencing a mental health crisis with immediate access to mental health professionals, greatly enhancing the level of care for this vulnerable population.

Council authorized a one-year extension of the Pilot Program in the Fiscal Year 23-24 budget. The current MOA with DMH expires on July 1, 2023. The Fire Department seeks approval of an amendment to extend the MOA throughout Fiscal Year 23-24.

RECOMMENDATION

That the attached Second Amendment to MOA is hereby transmitted for Council consideration and approval:

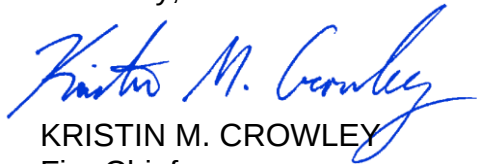
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Authorizing the LAFD to execute an extension of 12 months, from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health for the purpose of extending the Therapeutic Van Pilot Program as presented in the attached Second Amendment to MOA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Kristin M. Crowley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kristin" and last name "Crowley" clearly legible.

KRISTIN M. CROWLEY
Fire Chief

Attachment

SECOND AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT

This Second Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement ("Second Amendment") is made and entered into this 26th day of May 2023 ("Effective Date"), by and between the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health and the City of Los Angeles, acting by and through the Los Angeles Fire Department (hereafter, "Party" or "Parties").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Parties entered into a Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA"), effective October 13, 2021, for the purpose of establishing and evaluating a 12-month Therapeutic Transport Pilot Program ("Pilot Program"), the terms of which are hereby incorporated by reference;

WHEREAS, by the terms of the MOA, the original 12-month term was to commence upon approval of the MOA by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles City Council;

WHEREAS, the Pilot Program did not commence until January 2022, over three months after the aforementioned approvals;

WHEREAS, the Parties, in the First Amendment, extended the term of the MOA to June 30, 2023;

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to extend the term of the MOA to June 30, 2024;

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties agree to amend the MOA as follows:

- 1.** Section II of the MOA is deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

II. TERMS OF AMENDMENT

This Second Amendment shall become effective upon approval of the Los Angeles City Council (C.F. #) and the County Board of Supervisors and remain in effect until June 30, 2024, to the extent funds exist to support said Pilot Program. The terms of the MOA may be amended by mutual written agreement of both Parties, and subject to approval of the Los Angeles City Council. Either Party may terminate the MOA upon 30 days' written notice of said termination to the other Party, subject to approval of the Los Angeles City Council or the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, depending on which Party seeks termination.

2. Except as expressly modified above, all terms and conditions of the MOA shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

3. The persons executing this Second Amendment on behalf of the Parties hereto warrant that they are duly authorized to execute this Second Amendment on behalf of said Parties and that by so executing this Second Amendment, the Parties hereto are formally bound to the provisions of this Second Amendment.

SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Second Amendment as of the dates stated below.

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT
OF MENTAL HEALTH**

Date: _____ By: _____
Lisa H. Wong, Psy.D.
Acting Director
Los Angeles County Department of
Mental Health

LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT

Date: _____ By: _____
Kristin M. Crowley
Fire Chief

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
HYDEE FELDSTEIN-SOTO, City Attorney

By: _____ Date: _____
Linda Nguyen, Deputy City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Dawyn R. Harrison, Acting County Counsel

By: _____ Date: _____
Emily D. Issa, Deputy County Counsel

ATTEST:
HOLLY WOLCOTT, City Clerk

By: _____ Date: _____
Deputy City Clerk

City Agreement Number: _____