

*Setting the Standard in Health Care Excellence*

June 4, 2024

Board of Supervisors  
County of Ventura  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

**SUBJECT: Ratification and Approval of, and Authorization for the Ventura County Behavioral Health Director (VCBH) to Sign, Amendments to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Agreements with Amada Enterprises, Inc. (dba View Heights Convalescent Hospital Wellness Center), Parkside Healthcare (dba Parkside Health and Wellness Center), and Sylmar Health & Rehabilitation Center for Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS), Increasing the Combined Maximum Amount of the Agreements from \$6,670,605 to \$8,365,634 (a Combined Increase of \$1,695,029), Effective July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024; Approval of, and Authorization for the VCBH Director to Sign, Six Agreements for Fiscal Year 2024-25 for SMHS, in the Combined Maximum Amount from \$10,390,900 to \$9,837,069 (a Combined Decrease of \$553,831), Effective July 1, 2024 Through June 30, 2025; Approval of, and Authorization for the VCBH Director to Approve Limited Contract Modifications and Extend the Terms of the Agreements. (Recommendation No. 5 Requires 4/5ths Vote.)**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Ratification and approval of, and authorization for the Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Director or designee, to sign amendments to three agreements for the provision of various Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS), increasing the combined maximum amount of the agreements from \$6,670,605 to \$8,365,634 (a combined increase of \$1,695,029), effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The amendments are summarized in the below table and more fully described in the attached Adult Non-Medi-Cal FY 2023-24 Midyear Adjustments and FY 2024-25 Contract Summary (Exhibit 1).

<b>Exhibit #</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>FY 2023-24 Current Contract Amount</b>	<b>FY 2023-24 Proposed Contract Amount</b>	<b>Variance (Increase)</b>	<b>Division Number</b>
2	Amada Enterprises, Inc., (dba View Heights Convalescent	\$3,266,321	\$4,475,000	\$1,208,679	3200

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	Hospital Wellness Center				
3	Parkside Healthcare, Inc. dba Parkside Health and Wellness Center	\$1,401,600	\$1,416,600	\$15,000	3200
4	Sylmar Health & Rehabilitation Center, Inc	\$2,002,684	\$2,474,034	\$471,350	3200
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,670,605</b>	<b>\$8,365,634</b>	<b>\$1,695,029</b>	

2. Approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee, to sign six FY 2024-25 agreements for SMHS related services, with contractors in the combined contract maximum amount from \$10,390,900 to \$9,837,069 (a combined decrease of \$553,831 from FY 2023-24) and in the individual amounts specified in the table below, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 (Exhibits 5-10). The six agreements are more fully described in Exhibit 1.

Exhibit #	Contractor	Contract Term	FY 2023-24 Current Contract Amount	FY 2024-25 Proposed Contract Amount	Increase/Decrease	Division Number
5	Amada Enterprises, Inc., (dba View Heights Convalescent Hospital Wellness Center)	7-1-24 to 6-30-25	\$4,475,000*	\$4,475,000	\$0	3200
6	Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc. (MHRC)	7-1-24 to 6-30-25	\$402,000	\$300,000	(\$102,000)	3200
7	Parkside Healthcare, Inc. (dba Parkside Health and Wellness Center)	7-1-24 to 6-30-25	\$1,416,600*	\$1,416,600	\$0	3200
8	Sylmar Health & Rehabilitation Center, Inc	7-1-24 to 6-30-25	\$2,474,034*	\$2,474,034	\$0	3200
9	Telecare Corporation	7-1-24 to 6-30-25	\$951,831	\$500,000	(\$451,831)	3200
10	Vista Woods Health Associates LLC, dba Vista	7-1-24 to 6-30-25	\$671,435	\$671,435	\$0	3200

	Knoll Specialized Care Facility					
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$10,390,900</b>	<b>\$9,837,069</b>	<b>(\$553,831)</b>	

\*Amounts reflect proposed FY 23-24 amounts per Recommendation #1.

3. Authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to approve modifications to decrease the amount of each agreement, to approve budget modifications that do not increase the amount of the agreement, or to approve corrections, clarification and technical changes and other modifications to each agreement, when the changes are consistent with the original purpose of the agreement, do not result in additional costs to the County, and are reviewed and approved as to form by the County Counsel's Office.
  
4. Authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to extend the term of the agreements referenced in Recommendation #2 up to two times for a period not to exceed one year each on the same or more favorable terms and conditions (with any changes in the scope of work to be consistent with the original purpose of the agreement). All extensions are subject to all necessary prior appropriations and other budgetary approvals by your Board and to review and approval as to form by the County Counsel's Office.
  
5. Authorization for the Auditor-Controller to process the necessary budgetary transactions to revise the following appropriations and revenue (this recommendation requires 4/5ths vote):

FY23-24 Budget Unit 3200-3203 (Adult Services)

INCREASE Services and Supplies	\$1,408,679
INCREASE 2011 Realignment Sales Tax Mental Health (9113)	\$1,408,679

**MHL Budget Unit #3200-3203 (Adult Services)**

Mandatory: No  Yes  Cite Authority:

Source of Funding: Tobacco Settlement; 2011 Realignment; and 1991 Realignment.

Funding Match Required: No

Impact on Other Department(s): None

	<u>FY 2023-2024</u>	<u>FY 2024-2025</u>
Summary of Revenue and Total Costs		
Revenue:	\$1,695,029	\$9,837,069
Costs:		
Direct Cost	\$1,695,029	\$9,837,069
Indirect - Dept.	\$0	\$0
Total Costs	\$1,695,029	\$9,837,069
Net County Costs	\$0	\$0

<b>FY 2023-24 Adjusted Budget for MHL Budget Unit #3200-3203</b>				
	<b>Adopted Budget</b>	<b>Adjusted Budget</b>	<b>Projected Actual</b>	<b>Estimated Savings/(Deficit)</b>
Appropriations	\$29,410,404	\$33,674,256	\$34,702,264	(\$1,028,008)
Revenue	\$28,074,967	\$30,851,675	\$30,851,590	(\$85)
Net Cost	\$1,335,437	\$2,822,581	\$3,850,674	(\$1,028,093)

**REASON FOR RATIFICATION:**

To ensure timely delivery of services, VCBH authorized the providers listed in recommendations 2-4 to provide service delivery related to the proposed increase in advance of seeking your Board's approval. VCBH is presenting these items for your Board's approval at the earliest opportunity.

**STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITY:**

The item presented in this Board letter ties to the Healthy, Safe, and Resilient Communities strategic priority of the County Strategic Plan as it is designed to meet the goal of providing equitable and timely access to quality mental health services.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Recommendation # 1:**

Each year, VCBH contracts with a variety of contractors for the provision of a wide range of mental health related services to assist in meeting the needs of the various target populations served by VCBH. The agreements listed above in Recommendation #1 are described more fully in Exhibit 1. The proposed contracts are being increased for the current fiscal year in order to ensure adequate funding through the end of FY 2023-24 to ensure continued service delivery through June 30, 2024. These agreements are funded with Tobacco Settlement and Realignment funds.

VCBH requests ratification and approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign, FY 2023-24 amendments with three contractors for provision of SMHS and Medi-Cal mental health services, in the combined amount of \$8,365,634 as further specified in the table included in Recommendation #1 above and more fully described in Exhibit 1.

**Recommendation #2:**

Each year, VCBH contracts with a variety of contractors for the provision of a wide range of SMHS related services to assist in meeting the needs of the various target populations

served by VCBH. The agreements listed above in Recommendation #2 are summarized in Exhibit 1. The proposed agreements are being proposed for execution or for renewal based on successful contractor performance under the current year contract and carry a term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Contractor performance is reviewed throughout the fiscal year to ensure compliance with the contract goals and outcomes. The proposed contractors have complied with the terms and conditions of their respective amendments and agreements and performed satisfactorily in the delivery of services. When necessary, technical assistance has been provided to resolve any contractual issues. VCBH is satisfied with the performance of the proposed contractors and anticipates that services to be provided under the renewed contracts will continue to meet or exceed expectations for service delivery in the next term. Ongoing monitoring will continue to be conducted throughout the coming fiscal year to review contract compliance and ensure the provision of appropriate high-quality program services. These agreements are funded with Tobacco Settlement and Realignment funds.

VCBH requests approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign, six FY 2024-25 agreements with various contractors for SMHS related services, in the combined amount of \$9,837,069 as further specified in the table included in Recommendation #2 above and more fully described in Exhibit 1.

**Recommendation #3:**

In order to quickly respond to changes needed to achieve goals and ensure costs are maintained within available funding and budgets of each agreement described herein, VCBH also requests authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to approve modifications to decrease the amount of each agreement, to approve budget modifications that do not increase the amount of each agreement, or to approve corrections, clarifications and technical changes and other modifications to each agreement, when the changes are consistent with the original purpose of the agreements and do not result in additional costs to the County and are reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

**Recommendation #4:**

VCBH requests authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to extend the term of the: Amendments described in Recommendation #2 up to two times for a period not to exceed one year each on the same or more favorable terms and conditions (with any changes in the scope of work to be consistent with the original purpose of the Agreement). All extensions are subject to all necessary prior appropriations and other budgetary approvals by your Board and to review and approval as to form by County Counsel.

**Recommendation #5:**

To ensure that sufficient appropriations are available, VCBH is also recommending authorization for Auditor-Controller to process the budgetary transactions necessary to increase the appropriations and revenue, as discussed above in Recommendation #5.

This Board letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, Auditor Controller's Office, and County Counsel. If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact VCBH Interim Behavioral Health Director Loretta L. Denering DrPH, MS at (805) 981-2214 or HCA Assistant Chief Financial Officer Narcisa Egan at (805) 973-5357.



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**Attachments:**

- Exhibit 1 – Adult Non-Medi-Cal FY 2023-24 Midyear Adjustments and FY 2024-25 Contract Summary
- Exhibit 2 – FY 23-24 Amada Enterprises Inc. – Second Amendment
- Exhibit 3 – FY 23-24 Parkside Healthcare Inc. – Fourth Amendment
- Exhibit 4 – FY 23-24 Sylmar Health & Rehabilitation Center Inc. – Fourth Amendment
- Exhibit 5 – FY 24-25 Amada Enterprises Inc. – Agreement
- Exhibit 6 – FY 24-25 Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc. (MHRC) – Agreement
- Exhibit 7 – FY 24-25 Parkside Healthcare Inc. – Agreement
- Exhibit 8 – FY 24-25 Sylmar Health & Rehabilitation Center Inc. – Agreement
- Exhibit 9 – FY 24-25 Telecare Corporation – Agreement
- Exhibit 10 – FY 24-25 Vista Woods Health Associates LLC – Agreement