

June 18, 2024

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

SUBJECT: Ratification, Approval of, and Authorization for the County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Director's Submission of an Application for Crisis Care Mobile Units (CCMU) Program Grant Award in the Amount of \$208,171 from the California Department of Health Care Services for Augmented Program Grant Funding, Effective January 31, 2024 through June 30, 2025; Approval of, and Authorization for the VCBH Director to Accept the Award and Sign, the Second Amendment to the Subcontract Agreement with Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. (AHP) for Augmented CCMU Program Grant Funding, Increasing the Maximum Amount of the Agreement from \$758,848 to \$963,965 (an Increase of \$205,117), Within the Existing AHP Subcontract Agreement term of September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Ratification, approval of, and authorization for the Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Director's submission of an application for Crisis Care Mobile Units (CCMU) program grant award in the amount of \$208,171 from the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for augmented program grant funding to support and enhance the VCBH CCMU mobile crisis team services, effective January 31, 2024. (Exhibit 1)
2. Approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to accept the award and sign, the Second Amendment to the Subcontract Agreement with Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. (AHP) for augmented CCMU program grant funding, increasing the maximum agreement amount from \$758,848 to \$963,965 (an increase of \$205,117), which is within the existing AHP Subcontract Agreement term of September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025. (Exhibit 2)

REASON FOR RATIFICATION

Due to the short timeframe provided by AHP to submit a grant application for additional CCMU grant funding, VCBH did not have sufficient time to obtain approval from your

board to apply for the funding. VCBH is presenting this item for your board's approval at the earliest opportunity.

FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT:

MHSA Budget Unit #3260-3273 (CSS Adult Services)

Mandatory: No [x] Yes [] Cite Authority:

Source of Funding: Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) Round 1.

Funding Match Required: No

Impact on Other Department(s): None

	<u>FY 2023-24</u>	<u>FY 2024-25</u>
Summary of Revenue and Total Costs		
Revenue:	\$68,660	\$136,457
Costs:		
Direct Cost	\$68,660	\$136,457
Indirect - Dept.	\$0	\$0
Total Costs	\$68,660	\$136,457
Net County Costs	\$0	\$0

FY 2023-24 Adjusted Budget for MHSA Unit #3260-3273				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Actual	Estimated Savings/ (Deficit)
Appropriations	\$53,846,119	\$70,950,555	\$58,578,130	\$12,372,425
Revenue	\$52,705,680	\$68,914,773	\$64,901,526	(\$4,013,247)
Net Cost	\$1,140,439	\$2,035,782	(\$6,323,396)	\$8,359,178

Note: Sufficient appropriations are included in the FY 2023-24 adjusted budget and FY 2024-25 preliminary budget for MHS CSS Adult Services BU #3260-3273

STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITY:

The item presented in this Board letter aligns to the addressing healthy, safe, and resilient communities' population priority of the County Strategic Plan as it is designed to meet the goal of providing equitable and timely access to quality healthcare, mental health, and public health services.

DISCUSSION:

Background

In December of 2021, VCBH was awarded a CCMU grant to provide mobile crisis team services. Your board approved the acceptance of this grant on December 14, 2021. Your board later approved an amendment to the CCMU grant on July 26, 2022, approving the increase of the agreement not to exceed the maximum amount of the contract of \$758,848.


Recommendations #1 and #2:

On January 25, 2024, AHP, the private corporation that DHCS selected and contracted with to administer the CCMU grant application, award and program process, notified VCBH that additional funding was available to CCMU grantees to fund direct service costs for mobile crisis teams. Applications for this additional funding were due to AHP by February 7, 2024. VCBH submitted an application (Exhibit 1) to AHP requesting \$208,171 in additional funding to enhance VCBH's existing CCMU mobile crisis team grant funded services. On March 19, 2024, AHP notified VCBH that it was awarded the additional CCMU grant funding (Exhibit 3).

VCBH will use the additional CCMU grant funding to hire a full-time clinician (using an existing regular full-time equivalent position) who will be dedicated to transitional aged youth (TAY) services and the CCMU team. The proposed second amendment to the Subcontract Agreement with AHP for CCMU grant services (Exhibit 2) incorporates the additional funding for these services and corrects a computational error made earlier in the Statement of Work, resulting in recalculated Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) funding for Quarters 10-15, and a reduction to the Statement of Work of \$3,054.

VCBH recommends (1) ratification, approval, and authorization of the VCBH Director's submission of a CCMU program grant application to DHCS for augmented program grant funding, and acceptance of the related award in the amount of \$208,171, effective January 31, 2024; and 2) ratification and approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign, the Second Amendment to the Subcontract Agreement with AHP for augmented CCMU program grant funding, increasing the maximum agreement amount from \$758,848 to \$963,965 (an increase of \$205,117), which is within the existing AHP Subcontract Agreement term of September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025.

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 Director Dr. Loretta 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 – VCBH CCMU Grant Augmentation Application
- Exhibit 2 – VCBH and AHP CCMU Modification No. 2
- Exhibit 3 – DHCS CCMU Additional Direct Service Funding Notice of Award