

Setting the Standard in Health Care Excellence

May 14, 2024

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

SUBJECT: Approval and Ratification of, and Authorization for the Purchasing Agent or Designee to Sign, the First Amendment to the Agreement with Discovery Practice Management, Inc., DBA Center for Discovery/Discovery Mood and Anxiety Program for Eating Disorder Treatment Services, Increasing the Maximum Contract Amount From \$25,845 to \$178,921 (an increase of \$153,076), Effective April 13, 2024 Through August 31, 2024; Approval of, and Authorization for the Purchasing Agent to Approve Limited Modifications. Recommendation No. 3 Requires 4/5ths Vote.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approval and ratification of, and authorization for the Purchasing Agent or designee to sign, the first amendment to the agreement with Discovery Practice Management, Inc. DBA Center for Discovery/Discovery Mood and Anxiety Program (Discovery) for eating disorder treatment services, increasing the maximum contract amount from \$25,845 to \$178,921 (an increase of \$153,076), effective April 13, 2024 through August 31, 2024 (Exhibit 1).
2. Authorization for the Purchasing Agent or designee to approve modifications to decrease the amount of the agreement, to approve budget modifications that do not increase the amount of the agreement, to approve corrections, clarifications and technical changes and modifications to the agreement and/or amendment, when the changes are consistent with the original purpose of the contract and do not result in additional costs to the County, and are reviewed and approved as to form by the County Counsel's Office.
3. 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 3200-3205 (Youth & Family)

INCREASE Services and Supplies	\$85,000
INCREASE 2011 Realignment Sales Tax Mental Health (9113)	\$85,000

REASON FOR RATIFICATION

To continue timely care, VCBH authorized the placement of the patient as soon as possible. VCBH is presenting the amendment to your Board for approval at the earliest opportunity.

FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT:

MHL Budget Unit #3200-3205 (Youth & Family)

Mandatory: No [X] Yes [] Cite Authority:
Source of Funding: 2011 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:	\$85,000	\$178,921
Costs:		
Direct Cost	\$85,000	\$178,921
Indirect – Dept.	\$0	\$0
Total Costs	\$85,000	\$178,921
Net County Costs	\$0	\$0

FY 2023-24 Adjusted Budget for MHL Youth & Family BU #3200-3205				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Actual	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$43,280,750	\$46,707,251	\$46,192,310	\$514,941
Revenue	\$43,280,751	\$44,702,177	\$44,195,811	(\$506,366)
Net Cost	(\$1)	\$2,005,074	\$1,996,499	\$8,575

STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITY:

The item presented in this Board letter aligns to the diverse and innovative workforce dedicated to service excellence strategic priority of the County Strategic Plan as it is designed to meet the goal of leveraging innovative and continuous improvement to provide efficient and effective services.

BACKGROUND:

This is an amendment to a single case agreement, an agreement relating to the needs of one particular patient. The original agreement was executed under authority delegated to the Purchasing Agent. This amendment is necessary because the aggregate total for this course of treatment exceeds the Purchasing Agent's authority.

DISCUSSION:

Recommendation #1:

Discovery Practice Management, Inc. operates residential treatment centers, which provide 24-hour per day care for individuals experiencing eating disorders. Supports include psychotherapy (individual and group), nutrition education, development of positive coping mechanisms, and relapse prevention skills, and the treatment is customized based on the unique needs of each individual. Discovery also offers step-down services (e.g., Intensive Outpatient Program and Partial Hospitalization Program), which support an individual exiting residential treatment and re-entering the community. Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) selected Discovery based on its history and positive reputation in the eating disorder treatment community, competitive pricing, willingness to contract, proximity to Ventura County, and client level of care needs.

The proposed first amendment will increase the contract amount to ensure there is adequate funding to cover services through August 31, 2024. This agreement is funded by 2011 Realignment.

VCBH recommends approval and ratification of, and authorization for the Purchasing Agent to sign, the first amendment to the agreement with Discovery increasing the maximum contract amount from \$25,845 to \$178,921 (an increase of \$153,076), effective April 13, 2024 through August 31, 2024.

Recommendation #2:


VCBH also recommends authorization for the Purchasing Agent or designee to approve modifications to approve corrections, clarification and technical changes and other modifications to the amendment referenced in Recommendation #1, when the changes are consistent with the original purpose of the agreement and do not result in additional costs to the County, subject to County Counsel review and approval.

Recommendation #3:

To ensure that sufficient appropriations are available, VCBH is also recommending approval of and authorization for Auditor-Controller to process the budgetary transactions

necessary to increase the appropriations and revenue, as discussed above in Recommendation #3.

This Board letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, Auditor-Controller's Office, County Counsel, and General Services Agency Procurement Services. 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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Attachment:

Exhibit 1 – FY 2023-24 Discovery Practice Management, Inc. – First Amendment