

Setting the Standard in Health Care Excellence

June 3, 2025

County of Ventura Board of Supervisors

**Subject:** Approval of a Third Amendment to an Agreement with Telecare Corporation (Horizon View), for the Provision of Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS), Increasing the Maximum Amount from \$3,543,271 to \$3,643,351 (an Increase of \$100,080), Effective June 3, 2025 for the Current Term (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025); Approval of a Fifth Amendment to an Agreement with Telecare Corporation (Vista), for the Provision of Medi-Cal SMHS, Increasing the Maximum Amount from \$1,262,741 to \$1,362,741 (an Increase of \$100,000), Effective June 3, 2025 for the Current Term (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025). **(Levine Act Item)**

**Recommendations:**

1. Approval of, and authorization for the Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Director or designee to sign, a Third Amendment to the Agreement with Telecare Corporation (Horizon View), for the provision of Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS), increasing the maximum amount of the Agreement from \$3,543,271 to \$3,643,351 (an increase of \$100,080), effective June 3, 2025 for the current term (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025). (Exhibit 1)
2. Approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign, a Fifth Amendment to the Agreement with Telecare Corporation (Vista) for the provision of Medi-Cal SMHS Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) services, increasing the maximum amount of the Agreement from \$1,262,741 to \$1,362,741 (an increase of \$100,000), effective June 3, 2025 for the current term (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025). (Exhibit 2)

**Reason for Ratification**

**Fiscal Impact:\***

**Mental Health Budget Unit #3200-3203 (MHL Adult)**

	FY 2024-25
Revenues	\$3,643,351
Costs	\$3,643,351
Net County Cost	\$0

Funding Sources: Short Doyle/Medi-Cal (SD/MC) Federal Financial Participation (FFP), 1991 Realignment and 2011 Realignment

Match Requirement: None

\*Sufficient revenue and appropriations are available in the FY 2024-25 budget.

**MHSA Budget Unit #3260-3273 (MHS CSS Adult)**

	FY 2024-25
Revenues	\$1,362,741
Costs	\$1,362,741
Net County Cost	\$0

Funding Sources: SD/MC FFP and Proposition 63 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)

Match Requirement: None

\*Sufficient revenue and appropriations are available in the FY 2024-25 budget.

**Discussion:**

**Recommendation #1:**

**Telecare Corporation (Horizon View):** provides locked mental health rehabilitation center (MHRC) services for individuals who have a history of severe mental illness who cannot be properly treated at lower levels of care. These members are: (1) Medi-Cal eligible, (2) eighteen years or older, and (3) on conservatorship pursuant to the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act and are transferred to Horizon View from an acute psychiatric hospital, a State hospital, or another locked MHRC. VCBH members receive supervision, guidance, and personal assistance in performing their daily living activities. In addition, structured day and evening services are also provided to assist members in acquiring living skills, accessing community resources, and accessing educational/vocational resources.

The proposed third amendment to the Agreement with Telecare Corporation (Horizon View) will increase the current fiscal year contract maximum to facilitate adequate service delivery and funding through fiscal year end. This amendment would be effective June 3, 2025. There will be no change in the current term of the agreement (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025) and this agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP and Realignment.

VCBH recommends approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign, the third amendment to the agreement with Telecare Corporation (Horizon View), for the provision of Medi-Cal SMHS, in the maximum amount of \$3,643,351, for the current term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

**Recommendation #2:**

**Telecare Corporation (Vista):** provides ACT program services to adult individuals who have been released from local jails. These individuals receive community-based support to ensure independent living and wellness. ACT services include mental health treatment, psychiatric care and management, medication education, alcohol and other substance

abuse treatment, life skills training, vocational training and counseling, advocacy regarding criminal justice, social services, social security issues, and linkage with peer support programs, and housing support.

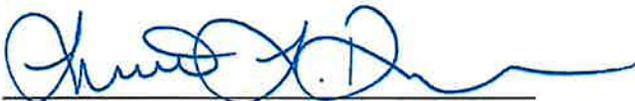
The proposed fifth amendment to the Agreement with Telecare Corporation (Vista) will increase the current fiscal year contract maximum to facilitate adequate service delivery and funding through fiscal year end. This amendment would be effective June 3, 2025. There will be no change in the current term of the agreement (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025) and this agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP and MHSA funding.

VCBH recommends approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign, the fifth amendment to the Agreement with Telecare Corporation (Vista), for the provision of Medi-Cal SMHS, in the maximum amount of \$1,362,741, for the current term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

**Strategic Plan Priority:**

The item presented in this Board letter ties to Goal #1 of 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.

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 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 – FY 2024-25 Telecare Corporation (Horizon View) – Third Amendment

Exhibit 2 – FY 2024-25 Telecare Corporation (Vista) – Fifth Amendment