

June 18, 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 (VCBH) Director to Sign, the Second Amendment to the Agreement with Casa Pacifica Center for Children and Families to Provide Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services (Medi-Cal SMHS) for Nonpublic School Services (NPS), to Increase the Maximum Amount of the Agreement from \$548,080 to \$666,462 (an Increase of \$118,382), Effective July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024; Approval of, and Authorization for the VCBH Director to Sign, Three Amendments to Agreements with Aspiranet, New Dawn Counseling and Consulting, Inc., and United Parents to Provide Medi-Cal SMHS, Increasing the Combined Maximum Amount of the Agreements from \$2,696,507 to \$3,041,735 (a Combined Increase of \$345,228 from Fiscal Year 2023-24), Effective July 1, 2024 Through June 30, 2025; Approval of, and Authorization for the VCBH Director to Make Limited Modifications and Extend the Term 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, the Second Amendment to the Agreement with Casa Pacifica Center for Children and Families (Casa Pacifica) to provide Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services (Medi-Cal SMHS) for Nonpublic School Services (NPS), to increase the maximum amount of the agreement from \$548,080 to \$666,462 (an Increase of \$118,382), effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024
2. Approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign, three amendments to Agreements with Aspiranet, New Dawn Counseling and Consulting, Inc. (New Dawn), and United Parents, to provide Medi-Cal SMHS, increasing the combined maximum amount of the agreements from \$2,696,507 to \$3,041,735 (a Combined Increase of \$345,228 From Fiscal Year 2023-24), effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The amendments are summarized

in the table below and more fully described in the attached FY 2024-25 VCBH Y&F Medi-Cal SMHS Contracts Summary (Exhibit 2).

<b>Exhibit #</b>	<b>Contractor – Program</b>	<b>Contract Term</b>	<b>FY 2023-24 Contract Amount</b>	<b>FY 2024-25 Proposed Contract Amount</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Division Number</b>
3	Aspiranet - ISFC	7-1-24 to 6-30-25	\$296,462	\$376,515	\$80,053	3200
4	New Dawn Counseling and Consulting, Inc. - EPSDT	7-1-24 to 6-30-25	\$1,379,525	\$1,324,830	(\$54,695)	3200
5	United Parents - FAST	7-1-24 to 6-30-25	\$1,020,520	\$1,340,390	\$319,870	3260
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$2,696,507</b>	<b>\$3,041,735</b>	<b>\$345,228</b>	

3. Authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to amend these agreements (a) decrease the amount of each agreement, (b) make contractual budget modifications that do not increase the amount of the agreement, (c) approve modifications to the Provider Service Rates that do not exceed 25% of the rates stated in the agreements and which do not increase the amount of the agreement, (d) make corrections, clarifications and technical changes to each agreement, when the changes are consistent with the original purpose of the agreement and do not result in additional costs to the County, and (e) revise or add language applicable to providers as required by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), subject to County Counsel review and approval.
4. Authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to extend the term of the agreements referenced in Recommendation No. 2 (Exhibits 3-5), up to one (1) time for a period not to exceed one (1) 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), and for up to an amount not to exceed (a) the amount of each agreement specified above and (b) any Board-approved increase made to each agreement amount within FY 2024-25. All extensions would be subject to all necessary prior appropriations and other budgetary approvals by your Board and review and approval as to form by County Counsel.
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):

<u>FY23-24 Budget Unit 3200-3205 (Youth &amp; Family Program Services)</u>	
INCREASE Services and Supplies	\$118,382
INCREASE Charges for Services	\$59,191
INCREASE 2011 Realignment Sales Tax Mental Health (9113)	\$59,191

**FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT:**

**MHSA Budget Unit # 3260-3261 (CSS Youth & Family Services)**

Mandatory: No [X] Yes [ ] Cite Authority: N/A

Source of Funding: Short Doyle/Medi-Cal (SD/MC) Federal Financial Participation (FFP), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG), Proposition 63 MHSA Funds

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:	\$0	\$1,340,390
Costs:		
Direct Cost	\$0	\$1,340,390
Indirect - Dept.	\$0	\$0
Total Costs	\$0	\$1,340,390
Net County Costs	\$0	\$0
Recovered Indirect Cost:	\$0	\$0

<b>FY 2023-24 Adjusted Budget for MHSA Budget Unit #3260-3261</b>				
	<b>Adopted Budget</b>	<b>Adjusted Budget</b>	<b>Projected Actual</b>	<b>Estimated Savings/(Deficit)</b>
Appropriations	\$6,630,063	\$7,815,582	\$9,781,917	(\$1,966,335)
Revenue	\$6,630,064	\$7,634,914	\$6,474,219	(\$1,160,695)
Net Cost	(\$1)	\$180,668	\$3,307,698	(\$3,127,030)

Note: Revenue and appropriations are included in the FY 2024-25 preliminary budget for MHSA Budget Unit #3260-3261.

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

Mandatory: No [X] Yes [ ] Cite Authority: N/A  
Source of Funding: Short Doyle/Medi-Cal (SD/MC) Federal Financial Participation (FFP), 1991 Realignment and 2011 Realignment  
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:	\$118,382	\$1,701,345
Costs:		
Direct Cost	\$118,382	\$1,701,345
Indirect - Dept.	\$0	\$0
Total Costs	\$118,382	\$1,701,345
Net County Costs	\$0	\$0
Recovered Indirect Cost:	\$0	\$0

<b>FY 2023-24 Adjusted Budget for MHL Budget Unit #3200-3205</b>				
	<b>Adopted Budget</b>	<b>Adjusted Budget</b>	<b>Projected Actual</b>	<b>Estimated Savings/(Deficit)</b>
Appropriations	\$43,280,750	\$46,745,460	\$44,978,634	\$1,766,826
Revenue	\$43,280,751	\$44,702,177	\$44,606,586	(\$95,591)
Net Cost	(\$1)	\$2,043,283	\$372,048	\$1,671,235

Note: Revenue and appropriations are included in the FY 2024-25 preliminary budget for MHL Budget Unit #3200-3205.

**REASON FOR RATIFICATION:**

To ensure timely delivery of services, VCBH authorized the provider listed in Recommendation No. 1 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 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.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Recommendation #1:**

In this Agreement **Casa Pacifica** provides mental health related services identified on a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) and other Medi-Cal SMHS through the Non-Public School (NPS) program. The unduplicated client count in FY 2023-24 was 40 for NPS (July through April). The proposed amendment to the Agreement represents an increase of \$118,382 due to an increase in the services being provided and an adjustment to the provider service rates. This Agreement is funded with SD/MC FFP and Realignment.

VCBH requests, ratification and approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign, the Second Amendment to the Agreement with Casa Pacifica to provide Medi-Cal SMHS, to increase the maximum amount of the agreement from \$548,080 to \$666,462 (an increase of \$118,382), effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

**Recommendation #2:**

Each year, VCBH contracts with a variety of healthcare providers for Medi-Cal SMHS to meet the needs of members of the County's Mental Health Plan. The agreements with the providers listed above in Recommendation No. 2 are summarized in Exhibit 2. The proposed amendments renew the agreements based on successful performance during the current fiscal year and carry a term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Provider performance is reviewed throughout the fiscal year to ensure compliance with the Mental Health Plan's goals and outcomes. These providers have performed satisfactorily in the delivery of the agreed upon services during the past fiscal year. When necessary, technical assistance has been provided to resolve any performance issues. VCBH anticipates that services to be provided under these renewal amendments will continue to meet or exceed expectations for service delivery in the next term. Ongoing monitoring will continue to be conducted throughout FY 2024-25 in order to ensure the provision of appropriate high-quality mental health services. Reasons for the increases in contract maximums from FY 2023-24 to FY2024-25 are described in Exhibit 2.

VCBH requests approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign, three agreements with Aspiranet, New Dawn, and United Parents for the provision of Medi-Cal SMHS, increasing the combined maximum amount of the agreements from \$2,696,507 to \$3,041,735 (a combined increase of \$345,228), as further specified in the table included in Recommendation No. 2 above and more fully described in Exhibit 2.



**Recommendation #3:**

In order to timely respond to needed changes to achieve contract goals and ensure costs are maintained within available funding and budgets, VCBH also requests authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to amend these agreements (a) decrease the amount of each agreement, (b) approve contractual budget modifications that do not increase the amount of the agreement, (c) approve modifications to the Provider Service Rates that do not exceed 25% of the rates stated in the agreements and which do not increase the amount of the agreement, (d) make corrections, clarifications, and technical changes to each agreement, when the changes are consistent with the original purpose of the agreement and do not result in additional costs to the County, and (e) revise or add language applicable to providers as required by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), subject to County Counsel review and approval.

**Recommendation #4:**

VCBH requests authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to extend the term of the agreements referenced in Recommendation No. 2 (Exhibits 3-5), up to one time for a period not to exceed one year, 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 agreements), and for up to an amount not to exceed (a) the amount of the agreement specified above in Recommendation No. 1 and (b) any Board-approved increase made to the agreement amount within FY 2024-25. All extensions would be subject to all necessary prior appropriations and other budgetary approvals by your Board and 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 – FY 2023-24 Casa Pacifica NPS Second Amendment
- Exhibit 2 – FY 2024-25 VCBH Y&F Medi-Cal SMHS Contracts Summary
- Exhibit 3 – FY 2024-25 Aspiranet ISFC Second Amendment
- Exhibit 4 – FY 2024-25 New Dawn EPSDT Third Amendment
- Exhibit 5 – FY 2024-25 United Parents FAST Second Amendment