

January 9, 2024

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

SUBJECT: Approval of, and Authorization for the Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Director to Sign, the First Amendment with Health Care Foundation for Ventura County, Inc. (HCFVC) for Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Mentored Internship Program (MIP) and Southern County Regional Partnership (SCRP) Pipeline Funded Educational Stipend and Basic Needs Program Funding Supports and Administration Services, Increasing the Contract Amount from \$281,380 to \$416,361 (an increase of \$134,981), Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; Approval of, and Authorization for the VCBH Director to Approve Limited Modifications.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign, the First Amendment with Health Care Foundation for Ventura County, Inc. (HCFVC) for MHSA, MIP and SCRPP Pipeline funded educational stipend and basic needs program funding supports and administration services, increasing the contract amount from \$281,380 to \$416,361 (an increase of \$134,981), effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. (Exhibit 1)
2. Authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to approve modifications to decrease the amount of contract, to approve budget modifications that do not increase the amount of the contract, to approve corrections, clarifications and technical changes and modifications to contract 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.

FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT:

MHSA Division #3260

Mandatory: No ☒ Yes ☐ Cite Authority:

Source of Funding: Federal Financial Participation (FFP) funds; Proposition 63 (Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), Mentored Internship Program (MIP) Grant and Southern County Regional Partnership (SCRIP) Pipeline

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:	\$416,361	\$294,980
Costs:		
Direct Cost	\$416,361	\$294,980
Indirect - Dept.	\$0	\$0
Total Costs	\$416,361	\$294,980
Net County Costs	\$0	\$0

FY 2023-24 Adopted Budget for MHSA Division #3260				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Actual	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$90,051,311	\$112,035,513	\$112,035,513	\$0
Revenue	\$86,774,914	\$102,697,576	\$102,697,576	\$0
Net Cost	\$3,276,397	\$9,337,937	\$9,337,937	\$0

Revenue and appropriations are included in the FY 2023-2024 preliminary budget for MHSA Division #3260.

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:

Background:

HCFVC provides administration and disbursement services for the following VCBH activities: 1) MHSA funded Full-Service Partnership (FSP) and Rapid Integration Support and Engagement (RISE) program basic needs payment services for clients, in immediate crisis, such as clothes, food, and housing, and for FSP "Whatever It Takes" purposes and 2) Mentored Internship Program (MIP) Grant funded internship stipends for undergraduate and graduate students, pursuing a degree in clinical behavioral health fields at an educational institution with which VCBH has a Memorandum of Understanding, who are receiving their practicum experience at VCBH. HCFVC serves as the fiscal agent for these funds and makes payments to VCBH selected service providers, on behalf of clients, and directly to MIP interns, in line with established policies and timeframes.

Recommendation #1:

In September of 2023, VCBH received \$668,734 in additional MIP Round 2 Grant funds from the California Department of Health Care Services to support its MIP internship activities. VCBH currently has thirteen (13) MIP internship students. These new grant funds will be used to extend the MIP internship services through December 31, 2024. In addition, VCBH is including SCRP Pipeline workforce education funds into the agreement with HCFVC. The SCRP Pipeline funds will be utilized to support 4 undergraduate students who are completing their internship at VCBH programs that are not a MIP site. The proposed First Amendment to the agreement with HCFVC will increase the maximum contract amount from \$281,380 to \$416,361 (an increase of \$134,981). The increase is a result of funding for additional MIP internship stipends and SCRP Pipeline undergraduate students in the combined amount of \$162,150 and the revision of the original MIP stipend program not-to-exceed amount from \$95,942 to \$68,773 (a decrease of \$27,169), for July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023, to represent actual expenditures for these program costs. The basic needs program funds of \$185,438 per the original agreement remain the same. This agreement is funded by the MHSA, MIP Grant and SCRP Pipeline.

VCBH recommends approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign, the First Amendment with HCFVC for MHSA, MIP and SCRP Pipeline funded educational stipend and basic needs program funding supports and Administration services, increasing the maximum contract amount from \$281,380 to \$416,361 (an increase of \$134,981), effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. (Exhibit 1).

Recommendation #2:

VCBH also recommends authorization for the VCBH Director 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.

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 Acting Behavioral Health Director Loretta L. Denering 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 HCFVC First Amendment