

May 14, 2024

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

SUBJECT: Approval of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Template for Educational Support Services, and Authorization for the Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Director to Enter into and Sign Future MOAs with School Districts for Educational Support Services; Authorization for the VCBH Director to Extend and Modify MOAs with School Districts for Educational Support Services.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approval of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) template for educational support services, and authorization for the Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Director or designee to enter into and sign future MOAs for educational support services with various school districts, provided the future MOAs are substantially similar to the MOA template attached hereto, do not result in additional costs or fiscal impacts to the County, and are reviewed and approved as to form by the County Counsel's office (Exhibit 1).
2. Authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to extend the term of the MOAs for educational support services with various school districts, up to two times for a period not to exceed one 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), subject to County Counsel review and approval.
3. Authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to amend individual MOAs as necessary to reflect non-substantive changes that do not result in additional costs or fiscal impacts to the County, subject to County Counsel's review and approval.

FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact related to the proposed recommendations.

STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITY:

The item presented in this Board letter ties to both the healthy, safe, and resilient communities and diverse and innovative workforce dedicated to service excellence strategic priorities of the County Strategic Plan as it is designed to meet the goal of providing equitable and timely access to quality healthcare by expanding the continuum of services for people with a substance use disorder and mental health services.

DISCUSSION:

Recommendations #1 and #2:

On May 24, 2022 your Board approved a template for an MOA to be used between VCBH and various school districts throughout Ventura County to provide a variety of behavioral health services under the Logrando Bienestar (Achieving Well-Being) program. Under each MOA, VCBH and school district staff work collaboratively to deliver a parent educational series on mental health issues twice per academic year. The primary goal is to reduce barriers to identification and treatment of mental illness. Additionally, the program seeks to provide more access to mental health services. The collaboration benefits and serves children and their families throughout the districts.

Since receiving your Board's approval, VCBH has revised the MOA template to reflect the scope of work and boilerplate provision changes. The proposed new MOA template is now being presented to your Board for review and approval for future use with school districts.

In addition, VCBH requests authority from your Board for the VCBH Director or designee to extend the term of the MOAs administratively.

VCBH recommends: (1) approval of the MOA template for educational support services, (2) authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to enter into and sign future MOAs for educational support services with various school districts using the template, and (3) authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to extend the term of the MOAs up to two times for a period not to exceed one 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), subject to approval as to form by County Counsel.

Recommendation #3:

To assist with the management of the MOAs, and possible non-substantive changes that may need to be made, VCBH is recommending authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to amend individual MOAs once executed, as necessary to reflect non-

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substantive changes that do not result in additional costs or fiscal impacts to the County, subject to County Counsel's 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 Interim Behavioral Health Director Loretta L. Denering DrPH, MS at (805) 981-2214 or Health Care Agency Assistant Chief Financial Officer Narcisa Egan at (805) 973-5357.



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Attachment:
Exhibit 1 – 2024-25 Educational Support Services Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)