
Setting the Standard in Health Care Excellence

June 6, 2023

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

Subject: Approval of, and Authorization for the Health Care Agency (HCA) Director or Designee to Sign an Agreement with Communities Lifting Communities for the Provision of Services in Support of the Ventura County Community Health Improvement Collaborative in an Amount Not to Exceed \$140,944, Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025; Authorization for the HCA Director to Extend the Term of the Agreement and Approve Limited Contract Modifications Upon Review and Approval by the County Executive Office and County Counsel.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Approve, and authorize the Health Care Agency (HCA) Director to sign, an agreement with Communities Lifting Communities to provide administrative support and serve as the fiscal agent on behalf of HCA to support the Ventura County Community Health Improvement Collaborative in an amount not to exceed \$140,944, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.
2. Authorize the HCA Director to extend the term of the agreement and approve corrections, clarifications, technical changes and modifications to the agreement, when the changes are consistent with the original purpose of the agreement, do not result in additional costs to the County, and are approved by the County Executive Office and County Counsel.

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

Mandatory:	No
Source of Funding:	General Fund, Ventura County Medical System
Funding Match Required:	None
Impact on Other Departments:	None

Summary of Revenues and Costs:	<u>FY 2023-24</u>	<u>FY 2024-25</u>
Revenue:	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Costs:		
Direct	\$ 70,260	\$ 70,684
Indirect-Dept.	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Indirect-County CAP	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Net Costs	\$ 70,260	\$ 70,684
Recovered Indirect Costs	\$ -0-	\$ -0-

Current Year Fiscal Budget

Sufficient revenue and appropriations are included in the FY 2023-24 preliminary budget. The operational income includes "Operating Transfers In" that are primarily attributed to County contribution.

Current FY 2022-2023 Budget Projection for HCA – Public Health Division 3100 Unit 3103				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Actuals	Estimated Savings (Deficit)
Appropriations	\$ 3,469,173	\$ 4,717,951	\$ 4,459,143	\$ 258,808
Revenue	\$ 2,115,187	\$ 3,150,409	\$ 2,889,413	(\$260,996)
Net Cost	\$ 1,353,986	\$ 1,567,542	\$ 1,569,730	(\$ 2,188)

Current FY 2022-2023 Budget Projection for HCA – Behavioral Health Division 3200 Unit 3201				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Actuals	Estimated Savings (Deficit)
Appropriations	\$14,064,912	\$15,102,509	\$14,678,409	\$424,100
Revenue	\$14,064,911	\$14,169,590	\$14,432,045	\$262,455
Net Cost	\$1	\$932,919	\$246,364	\$686,555

Current FY 2022-2023 Budget Projection for HCA – Ventura County Medical Center Hospital - Division 3300 Unit 3301				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Actuals	Estimated Savings (Deficit)
Expenditures	\$ 527,161,445	\$ 578,919,641	\$ 556,786,912	\$ 22,132,729
Revenue	\$ 545,623,292	\$ 552,098,004	\$ 568,266,887	\$ 16,168,883
Operational Income / (Loss)	\$ 18,461,847	(\$ 26,821,637	\$ 11,479,975	\$ 38,301,612

Discussion:

In May 2016, Ventura County Public Health convened the first meeting of the Ventura County Community Health Improvement Collaborative (VCCHIC). The goal was to have Ventura County Public Health, local non-profit hospitals, and federally qualified health care centers (FQHCs) work together on a collaborative health needs assessment (CHNA) process.

A CHNA is an assessment that collects data to identify the health needs of a community by analyzing geographic areas served, target populations including under-served, and social determinants of health. The goal of a CHNA is for diverse public and private partners to develop strategies and interventions to address the community's health needs and improve population health outcomes for its residents. Hospitals and FQHCs are required by the Internal Revenue Service and the federal Health Resources and Services Administration, respectively, to complete a CHNA every three (3) years. Historically, each health care provider within Ventura County worked independently to complete individual CHNAs. This resulted in duplication of efforts and overlapping work to identify health priorities and develop strategies for intervention.

In June 2019, VCCHIC members developed a charter to share and leverage resources by jointly participating in a CHNA. VCCHIC founding partners included Adventist Health Simi Valley, Camarillo Health Care District, Clinicas Del Camino Real, Community Memorial Health System, Dignity Health, Ventura County Ambulatory Care, and Ventura County Public Health. Supporting members included the Mixteco Indigenous Community Organizing Project (MICOP), Interface Children Family Services, Child Development Resources, Ventura County Medical Center, First 5 Ventura County, Westminster Free Clinic, Students for Eco-Education and Agriculture, Ventura County Human Services Agency, Ventura County Behavioral Health, Communities Lifting Communities, Public Health Alliance of Southern California, and Ventura County Area Agency on Aging. These partners signed a charter committing to the shared vision of working collaboratively through these efforts to build a healthier community. This charter was signed in 2021 and is currently being updated.

This successful collaboration resulted in the publication of the first combined CHNA outlining the significant health needs for Ventura County. Subsequently, VCCHIC adopted its 2019 Community Health Implementation Strategy plan which included a goal of improving access to healthcare. Through VCCHIC's ongoing collaborative partnership and work, the second CHNA and Community Health Implementation Strategy plan was published in late 2022. Priority areas include addressing mental health and substance abuse across the lifespan, prevention of chronic conditions by promoting healthy lifestyles, and advancing equitable access to healthcare.

The contract before your Board is for administrative support services through Communities Lifting Communities (CLC), a non-profit 501(c)(3) community health

improvement initiative led by the Hospital Association of Southern California. CLC focuses on reducing health disparities in the Southern California region and is a current VCCHIC member. HCA, in partnership with the VCCHIC partners, is recommending that CLC provide ongoing administrative support for managing the VCCHIC activities. Nine partners, including Ventura County Ambulatory Care, Ventura County Behavioral Health, and Ventura County Public Health, are agreeable to sharing the total contractual costs of engaging with CLC from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025 to support VCCHIC associated activities, apply for grant funding opportunities, and coordinate the ongoing work of Ventura County's partners. Ventura County Ambulatory Care, Ventura County Behavioral Health, and Ventura County Public Health's share of the \$385,844 contract total amounts to \$140,944 over two years; \$70,260 in the first year, and \$70,684 in the second year.

This letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, County Counsel, Auditor-Controller's Office, and General Services Agency Procurement Services. If you have any questions regarding this item, please call Rigoberto Vargas at (805) 981-5101.



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Exhibit 1 - CLC – VCCHIC Contract