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*Setting the Standard in Health Care Excellence*

October 29, 2024

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

**Subject:**

**Approval of, and Authorization for the Health Care Agency's (HCA) Director or Designee to Sign Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with the City of Oxnard Encampment Resolution Funding Program in the Amount of \$145,000 Increasing the Award Amount from \$1,163,614 to \$1,308,614, Effective November 1, 2023, through April 30, 2025; Ratification of HCA's Provision of Services Under the Terms of this Amendment in Anticipation of Your Board's Approval.**

**Recommendations:**

1. That your Board authorize the Healthcare Agency's (HCA) Director or designee to sign amendment No. 1 to the professional services agreement with the City of Oxnard for the Encampment Resolution Funding Program in the amount of \$145,000 increasing the award amount from \$1,163,614 to \$1,308,614, effective November 1, 2023 through April 30, 2025 (Exhibit 1).
2. Ratification of HCA's provision of services under the terms of this amendment in anticipation of your Board's approval.

**Reason for Ratification:**

On September 10, 2024, Oxnard City Council approved the first amendment to the agreement described in this Board Letter effective that date. In order to provide a continuation of services the Health Care Agency continued providing services in anticipation of your Board's approval. The original contract had an end date of October 31, 2024, and this amendment extends those services dates to April 30, 2025.

**Fiscal Impact HCA:**

Mandatory:	No
Source of Funding:	City of Oxnard
Funding Match Required:	No

Impact on Other Departments      Minimal

**Summary of HCA Annual Revenues and Costs Under this Agreement:**

	<u>FY 2024-25</u>	<u>FY 2025-26</u>
Revenue:	\$819,759*	\$0
Direct Cost:	\$819,759	\$0
Indirect Cost:	Minimal	Minimal
Net County Cost	\$0	\$0

\*\$488,855 is attributable to FY 2023-24.

**Current Fiscal Year Projections:**

<b>Current FY 2024-25 Budget Projections for Ventura County Medical System #3300</b>				
	<b>Adopted Budget</b>	<b>Adjusted Budget</b>	<b>Projected Actual</b>	<b>Estimated Savings/(Deficit)</b>
Expenditures	\$720,985,484	\$720,985,484	\$720,985,484	\$0
Revenue	\$721,404,225	\$721,404,225	\$721,404,225	\$0
Operational Income/(Loss)	\$418,741	\$418,741	\$418,741	\$0

The operational income includes "Operating Transfers IN" that are primarily attributed to County Contribution. Sufficient revenues and appropriations are included in the FY24-25 budget .

**The City of Oxnard Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) will be used as follows:**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Program personnel (salary and benefits)	\$659,653
Provision of Meals for Program Clients	\$637,377
Administrative costs	\$11,584
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,308,614</b>

**Background:**

In Fall 2021 Ventura County Healthcare Agency and the City of Oxnard launched an encampment response program modeled after the successful Ventura County Backpack Medicine and Whole Person Care programs to provide outreach and case management services to homeless people living in encampments within the city of Oxnard. Through the encampment response program clients experienced many successes including family reunification and securing permanent housing.

The Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) Program follows a similar model to respond to two large homeless encampments that currently exist in Oxnard often referred to as "5<sup>th</sup> and Harbor" and "Perkins/McWane" encampments. Before the ERF program started,

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the two encampments had an estimated aggregate total of seventy-five people. In partnership with Ventura County Continuum of Care, the City of Oxnard submitted a grant

application to the State of California’s Encampment Resolution Fund proposing a plan to respond to both encampments.

On June 14, 2023, the State of California awarded a grant from the Encampment Resolution Fund to allow the City of Oxnard and County of Ventura to cooperate on an effort to provide services and relocation assistance to the residents of these encampments with a path to permanent supportive housing.

On November 7, 2023 Board Meeting (Item 74), your Board approved the Health Care Agency’s (HCA) Director to accept, the City of Oxnard Grant Award for the Encampment Resolution Funding Program in the Amount of \$1,163,614, Effective November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024. Through this agreement HCA provided outreach to individuals who were living in the homeless encampments described above and provided case management and meals to clients living in emergency shelter (motel rooms) operated by the City of Oxnard.

To date, the program has served between 50-65 people living in the emergency shelter component, and 5 clients have moved into Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) at the newly constructed Central Terrace building. Additionally, 12 clients have also been matched to other PSH. A second Permanent Supportive Housing building known as Casa de Carmen is scheduled to open in Oxnard Spring of 2025. Due to the success of the program to date, and anticipation of additional matches to PSH, the City of Oxnard would like to amend the current agreement with HCA to continue to provide services until April 30, 2025. The City of Oxnard City Council approved this amendment at the September 17, 2024 City Council meeting.

**Strategic Plan Priority:**

These funds and services contribute to the Board of Supervisors’ 2024-2027 Strategic Plan priority to provide ‘Healthy, Safe, and Resilient Communities’, goal (1) Provide equitable and timely access to quality healthcare, mental health, and public health services.

**Discussion:**

With your Board’s approval, HCA will utilize the encampment response funding program funds from the City of Oxnard to continue providing street outreach services and provide case management to clients within the ERF emergency shelter component of the program. HCA case managers will work onsite with clients in emergency shelter to develop housing plans, gather chronic homelessness documentation, and present clients for permanent supportive housing opportunities. Staff will also work to integrate this program with existing Health Care for the Homeless Services including street medicine and connection to Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Supports for

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clients who are eligible for services through these CalAIM Medi-Cal benefits funded by Gold Coast Health Plan. ECM provides comprehensive care management that

coordinates health and health-related care and services. Community Supports are services that help address members' health-related social needs. At the end of the amendment period, it is envisioned that staff will transition to providing CalAIM services or work for a Day Habilitation CalAIM community support program currently under development.

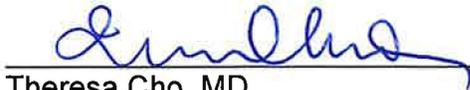
Additionally with your Board's approval, this contract amendment includes a provision that the parties may extend the Agreement until August 31, 2025 by mutual execution of a second amendment and Amended budget.

This letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, CEO-HR, County Counsel, and Auditor-Controller's Office. If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact Theresa Cho, MD Ambulatory Care Director at (805) 677-5223.



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**Exhibits:**

Exhibit 1: First Amendment City of Oxnard Professional Services Agreement

Exhibit 2: City of Oxnard Professional Services Agreement