

September 10, 2019

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

**SUBJECT: Ratification of the Submission of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Community Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) Allocation Worksheet by the Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Director and Acceptance of FY 2018-19 SAMHSA MHBG Funding by the VCBH Director, in the Amount of \$836,523, Representing an Increase in the FY 2018-19 Allocation of \$190,331, for the Service Period of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Ratification of the submission of the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) fiscal year (FY) 2018-19 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Community Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) Allocation Worksheet by the Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Director and Acceptance of the FY 2018-19 SAMHSA MHBG Funding by the VCBH Director, in the amount of \$836,523, representing an increase in the FY 2018-19 allocation of \$190,331, for the service period of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

**REASON FOR RATIFICATION:**

In FY 2018-19, VCBH received an initial SAMHSA MHBG allocation of \$646,192 for the service period of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019. Later in FY 2018-19, VCBH received an unexpected \$190,331 in additional SAMHSA MHBG funding for the same service period of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019. To meet the DHCS timeframe for grant submission and acceptance, VCBH submitted the grant allocation worksheet to DHCS to accept the additional funding without your Board's approval. VCBH was later notified by the County Executive Office (CEO) that Board approval of this action was needed due to the increase in funding above the amount originally budgeted. VCBH is returning to your Board to seek ratification of the submission of the grant allocation worksheet to DHCS and acceptance of the grant funding from DHCS.

**FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT:**

**MHSA BU # 3260 (MHSA Services)**

Mandatory: No [x] Yes [ ] Cite Authority:

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

Funding Match Required: No

Impact on Other Department(s): None

	<u>FY 2018-2019</u>	<u>FY 2019-2020</u>
Summary of Revenue and Total Costs		
Revenue:	\$190,331	\$503,697
Costs:		
Direct Cost	\$190,331	\$503,697
Indirect - Dept.	\$0	\$0
Total Costs	\$190,331	\$503,697
Net County Costs	\$0	\$0

<b>FY 2019-20 Adopted Budget for MHSA Services BU #3260</b>				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Actual	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$74,424,287	\$74,424,287	\$74,424,287	\$0
Revenue	\$65,101,586	\$65,101,586	\$65,101,586	\$0
Net Cost	\$9,322,701	\$9,322,701	\$9,322,701	\$0

Note: Revenue and appropriations are included in the FY 2019-20 adopted budget for MHSA Program Services Budget Unit 3260.

**MHL BU # 3200 (MHL Services)**

Mandatory: No [x] Yes [ ] Cite Authority:

Source of Funding: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Funding Match Required: No

Impact on Other Departments: None

	<u>FY 2018-2019</u>	<u>FY 2019-2020</u>
Summary of Revenue and Total Costs		
Revenue:	\$0	\$312,108
Costs:		
Direct Cost	\$0	\$312,108
Indirect - Dept.	\$0	\$0
Total Costs	\$0	\$312,108
Net County Costs	\$0	\$0

<b>FY 2019-20 Adopted Budget for MHL Services BU #3200</b>				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Actual	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$92,754,825	\$92,754,825	\$92,754,825	\$0
Revenue	\$80,554,825	\$80,554,825	\$80,554,825	\$0
Net Cost	\$12,200,000	\$12,200,000	\$12,200,000	\$0

Note: Revenue and appropriations are included in the FY 2019-20 adopted budget for MHL Program Services Budget Unit 3200.

## **DISCUSSION:**

Under provisions of 42 United States Code, Section 300 et seq., Public Law 106-310, and the State of California Budget Act of 2018 (Chapter 29), the California DHCS is authorized to allocate the mental health portion of the Federal SAMHSA MHBG funds to counties. Counties are to use these funds to provide comprehensive community mental health services that target adults with serious mental illnesses and children with serious emotional disturbances.

VCBH receives the SAMHSA MHBG funds on an annual basis and the use of these funds follows the federal fiscal year of October 1st through September 30<sup>th</sup>. VCBH uses the SAMHSA MHBG funding to support the following mental health activities: (1) United Parents FAST contract services (partially funded with SAMHSA MHBG funds), (2) United Parents Respite contract services (fully funded with SAMHSA MHBG funds), (3) Juvenile Justice Dual Diagnosis Services (partially funded with SAMHSA MHBG funds), and (4) Ventura County Early Intervention Program Services (VIPS) (partially funded with SAMHSA MHBG funds).

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worksheet to DHCS without your Board's approval to accept the funding. VCBH was later notified by the CEO that Board approval of this action was needed due to the increase in funding above the amount originally budgeted. VCBH is returning to your Board to seek ratification of the submission of the grant allocation worksheet and acceptance of the additional \$190,331 in SAMHSA MHBG funding.

Accordingly, VCBH recommends that your Board ratify the submission of the grant allocation worksheet, signed by the VCBH Director or designee, and accept the DHCS FY 2018-19 SAMHSA MHBG, in the amount of \$836,523, representing an increase in the FY 2018-19 allocation of \$190,331 for the service period of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

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 Sevet Johnson at (805) 981-1881.



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Attachment:  
Exhibit 1 – FY 2018-19 SAMHSA MHBG Grant Allocation Worksheet