

October 4, 2016

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

SUBJECT: Approval of and Authorization for the Ventura County Behavioral Health Director to Sign the Memorandum of Understanding for Coordination and Collaboration of Mental Health Outreach and Awareness Activities with the Oxnard School District, Effective September 22, 2016 through June 30, 2017; Approval of and Authorization for the Ventura County Behavioral Health Director to Extend the Memorandum of Understanding for up to Two Additional One-Year Terms and Amend the Memorandum of Understanding as Necessary to Reflect Non-Substantive Changes in the Scope of Services Provided, Subject to Review by County Counsel; and Ratification of Authorization of Services.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approval of and authorization for the Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Director to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (Exhibit 1) for coordination and collaboration of mental health outreach and awareness activities with the Oxnard School District (OSD), effective September 22, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
2. Approval of and authorization for the VCBH Director to extend the MOU for up to two additional one-year terms and amend the MOU as necessary to reflect non-substantive changes in the scope of services provided, subject to review by County Counsel.
3. Ratification of VCBH's authorization to provide services under the MOU to OSD prior to your Board's approval of the MOU.

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REASON FOR RATIFICATION:

Negotiation of the terms of the MOU was not finalized between the parties until mid-September, however, both parties wished to institute services as near to the start of the school year as possible. OSD specifically requested that the date of the MOU begin September 22, 2016 and VCBH is bringing the item to the Board as soon as possible following completion of negotiations.

FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT:

MHL Budget Unit #3200-3203 (Adult Services)

There is no additional fiscal impact associated with this recommendation. The services are already provided from existing programs and additional resources are not required to support this project.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed MOU is needed in order to establish the terms by which VCBH and OSD will create and maintain a collaborative relationship to facilitate inter-agency services to staff, students and families at five selected school sites: Elm Street Elementary, Harrington Elementary, Kamala Elementary, Lemonwood Elementary and McKinna Elementary.

Under the terms of the MOU, OSD agrees to provide a primary contact at each individual school site, establish monthly parent meetings at each site, provide access to staff development opportunities to educate staff, and work with VCBH to establish target goals and gather data to analyze and measure the success of reducing barriers to mental health services.

VCBH will provide and deliver a monthly curriculum on mental health issues at regularly scheduled parent meetings, provide mental health information and education to OSD faculty and staff, meet with OSD staff to identify and reduce barriers to accessing mental health services, partner with OSD in community outreach and awareness activities, and work with OSD to establish target goals and gather data to analyze and measure the success of reducing barriers to mental health services.

In partnership with California State University at Northridge (CSUN), VCBH and faculty from the CSUN Psychology Department have developed the curriculum and evaluation tool that will be used to implement and monitor these services. Spanish-speaking VCBH staff will present the curriculum at the OSD parent meetings and community outreach activities.

VCBH recommends approval of and authorization for the VCBH Director to sign the MOU for mental health outreach and awareness activities with OSD, effective September 22, 2016 through June 30, 2017. VCBH also recommends that your Board authorize the VCBH Director to extend the MOU for up to two additional one-year terms, and amend the MOU as necessary to reflect non-substantive changes in the scope of

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services provided, subject to review by County Counsel. Finally, VCBH recommends ratification of the initiation of services under the MOU prior to your Board's approval.

This Board Letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, Auditor-Controller's Office, County Counsel, and Behavioral Health Advisory Board. If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact Elaine Crandall at 981-1881.



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Attachment:

Exhibit 1 – VCBH – OSD MOU