

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 (MOU) for Coordination and Collaboration of Alcohol and Drug Program Prevention Services with the Fillmore Unified School District, Effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017; and Approval of, and Authorization for the Ventura County Behavioral Health Director to Extend the MOU for up to Two One-Year Terms, and to Amend the MOU as Necessary to Reflect Non-Substantive Changes in the Scope of Services Provided, Subject to Review by County Counsel.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approval of, and authorization for the Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Director to sign, the MOU (Exhibit 1) for coordination and collaboration of alcohol and drug program (ADP) prevention services with the Fillmore Unified School District (FUSD), effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
2. Approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director to extend the MOU for up to two one-year terms, and to amend the MOU as necessary to reflect non-substantive changes in the scope of services provided, subject to review by County Counsel.

FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT:

ADP Budget Unit #3220-3223 (Prevention 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.

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DISCUSSION:

VCBH contracts with various prevention providers to provide services that support VCBH-ADP's multi-year Strategic Prevention Plan. The plan contains a range of alcohol and drug prevention activities that are designed to change local community norms, behaviors, attitudes, and policies related to alcohol and drug use. The proposed MOU is needed to create and confirm an effective working relationship between the parties, and to provide the means by which VCBH and FUSD will maintain a collaborative relationship to facilitate inter-agency services to faculty and staff.

VCBH will provide and deliver policies and training to support the implementation of a sustainable district-wide K-12 Student Assistance Program (SAP). The SAP Brief Risk Reduction Interview and Intervention Model (BRRIMM) has been successfully utilized in other school districts to intervene early in the risk of substance use, academic and emotional/behavioral challenges of students. This model is a viable alternative to certain disciplinary actions such as suspension. The goal of this program is to reduce underage drinking, drug use, and associated problems among secondary school students by developing individually-tailored prevention plans to keep students in school. From the training and technical assistance, FUSD will be able to develop a sustainable prevention program to identify students strengths, focus on youth development, promote relevant career awareness, and provide individualized alcohol and drug prevention support services to identified students and their families.

VCBH recommends approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director to sign, the MOU for ADP prevention services with FUSD, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. We also recommend that your Board authorize the VCBH Director to extend the MOU for up to two 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.

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 – FUSD MOU