

November 10, 2020

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 or Designee to Sign, Various Youth and Family Services Agreements for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 with Various Contractors to Provide Medi-Cal Services; Approval of, and Authorization for the Ventura County Behavioral Health Director or Designee to Sign, the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Thirteenth Amendment to the Agreement for Residential/Campus Based Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Services with Casa Pacifica Centers for Children and Families, Effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; Authorization for the Ventura County Behavioral Health Director or Designee to Approve Limited Agreement Modifications; Authorization for Ventura County Behavioral Health Director or Designee to Modify Provisional Unit Rates and Extend the Term of the Agreements; and Ratification of Ventura County Behavioral Health's Authorization of Youth and Family Service Provision by Various Medi-Cal Providers.**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Approval of, and authorization for the Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Director or designee to sign, four (4) FY 2020-2021 Youth and Family Services agreements for the provision of various Medi-Cal mental health services, with the contractors and for the terms specified below and as set forth in the FY 2020-2021 VCBH Agreement Summary (Exhibit 1).

#	Provider	Agreement Term	FY 2020-2021 Agreement Amount	Unit Number
1	Casa Pacifica (STRTP-NPS-TBS)	7-1-20 to 6-30-21	\$4,958,498	3205
2	Aspiranet (COEDS)	7-1-20 to 6-30-21	\$1,586,487	3205
3	Aspiranet (ISFC)	7-1-20 to 6-30-21	\$918,240	3205
4	Aspiranet (ICC/IHBS)	7-1-20 to 6-30-21	\$1,516,580	3205
Total			<b>\$8,979,805</b>	

2. Approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign, the FY 2019-2020 thirteenth amendment to the agreement for Residential/Campus Based Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) services with Casa Pacifica Centers for Children and Families (Casa Pacifica) (Exhibit 7), in the existing amount of \$5,658,498 and reallocating funding between programs, for the service period of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020.
3. Authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to approve: (1) modifications to decrease the amount of each agreement, (2) budget modifications that do not increase the amount of the agreement, or (3) corrections, clarifications and technical changes and modifications to each agreement, when the changes are consistent with the original purpose of the agreement and do not result in additional costs to the County, subject to County Executive Office (CEO) and County Counsel review and approval.
4. Authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to make amendments to the agreements described above modifying Medi-Cal mental health provisional unit rates, provided that: (1) each amendment does not increase the total amount of the consideration provided in each agreement and (2) the rate does not exceed the Ventura County Maximum Allowance rate approved by the Department of Health Care Services.
5. Authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to extend the term of the agreements described in Recommendation #1, up to two times each, for a period of no more than one year each, on the same or more favorable terms and conditions (with any change in the scope of work to be consistent with the original purpose of the agreement), and for an amount not to exceed the pro rata amount of (a) the agreement amount and (b) any Board-approved increases made to the agreement amount within FY 2020-2021. All extensions are subject to all necessary prior appropriations and other budgetary approvals by your Board.
6. Ratification of VCBH's authorization of services provided by the Youth and Family Medi-Cal providers prior to receiving your Board's approval of the proposed agreements.

#### **REASON FOR RATIFICATION:**

Given the COVID-19 pandemic, and the need to review VCBH revenue sources, additional time was needed to negotiate and finalize the proposed agreements. These agreements are being presented to your Board at the earliest opportunity possible.

**FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT:**

**MHL Budget Unit #3200-3205 (Youth and Family Services)**

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

Source of Funding: Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal (SD/MC) Federal Financial Participation (FFP), 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C), Special Education Local Plan Area funding, and other County Resources.

Funding Match Required: No

Impact on Other Department(s): None

	<u>FY 2020-2021</u>	<u>FY 2021-2022</u>
Summary of Revenue and Total Costs		
Revenue:	\$8,979,805	\$8,979,805
Costs:		
Direct Cost	\$8,979,805	\$8,979,805
Indirect - Dept.	\$0	\$0
Total Costs	\$8,979,805	\$8,979,805
Net County Costs	\$0	\$0

<b>FY 2020-2021 Adopted Budget for MHL Youth &amp; Family Services BU #3200-3205</b>				
	<b>Adopted Budget</b>	<b>Adjusted Budget</b>	<b>Projected Actual</b>	<b>Estimated Savings/(Deficit)</b>
Appropriations	\$41,951,089	\$41,951,089	\$41,951,089	\$0
Revenue	\$40,440,240	\$40,440,240	\$40,440,240	\$0
Net Cost	\$1,510,849	\$1,510,849	\$1,510,849	\$0

Note: Revenue and appropriations are included in the FY 2020-2021 adopted budget for MHL Youth & Family Services BU #3200-3205.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Recommendation #1:**

Each year, VCBH contracts with a variety of contractors for the provision of various Medi-Cal mental health services to assist in meeting the needs of the various target populations served by VCBH. The agreements listed above in Recommendation #1 are summarized in Exhibit 1 (FY 2020-2021 VCBH Agreement Summary). The proposed agreements, which are attached as Exhibits 2-5, are being renewed based on successful performance under the current year agreement and carry a term of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

Contractor performance is reviewed throughout the fiscal year to ensure compliance with the agreement goals and outcomes. The proposed contractors have complied with the terms and conditions of the agreements and performed satisfactorily in the delivery of the agreed upon services. When necessary, technical assistance has been provided to resolve any contractual issues. VCBH is satisfied with the performance of the proposed contractors and anticipates that services to be provided under the renewed agreements will continue to meet or exceed expectations for service delivery in the next term. Ongoing monitoring will continue to be conducted throughout the coming fiscal year to review contractor compliance and ensure the provision of appropriate high-quality program services.

VCBH requests approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign, four (4) FY 2020-2021 Youth and Family Services agreements, for the provision of various Medi-Cal mental health services, with the contractors and for the terms specified above and as set forth in the FY 2020-2021 VCBH Agreement Summary. The proposed new agreements extinguish previous FY 2020-2021 four-month extensions that were effective from July 1, 2020, to October 31, 2020.

#### **Recommendation #2:**

**Casa Pacifica** provided residential/campus EPSDT services in FY 2019-2020 through the following four programs: (1) Short Term Residential Treatment Program (STRTP), a program that provides services to traumatized foster and probation youth with high acuity levels who are either Ventura County or out-of-county EPSDT Medi-Cal beneficiaries, (2) Non Public School Services (NPS), a private school certified by the California Department of Education to provide mental health related services to special education students, (3) Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS), a county-wide program providing a one-to-one planned cognitive behavioral intervention for youth at home, school, or within other community settings, and (4) Parent Child Interactive Therapy (PCIT), an evidence-based intervention for children and their caregiver(s) to decrease behavioral problems, improve parenting skills and enhance the quality of the parent-child relationship. The common goals of these programs are to transition children to lower levels of care and prevent further progression of mental health symptomology, deterioration, and functioning. The proposed FY 2019-2020 thirteenth amendment to the agreement with Casa Pacifica reallocates \$200,000 from the STRTP to the NPS program and modifies Medi-Cal mental health provisional unit rates and units of service. This reallocation was needed because the STRTP program census was lower than projected and the NPS program costs to provide the services were higher than projected. Aside from the proposed reallocation, there is no change to the contract maximum or other substantive changes. This agreement is funded with SD/MC FFP and 2011 Realignment.

VCBH requests approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign, the FY 2019-2020 thirteenth amendment to the agreement for Residential/Campus Based EPSDT services with Casa Pacifica, in the existing amount of \$5,658,498 and reallocating funding between programs, for the service period of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020.

**Recommendation #3:**

In order to be able to quickly respond to needed changes to achieve agreement goals and ensure costs are maintained within available funding and budgets, VCBH also requests authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to approve modifications to decrease the amount of each agreement, to approve budget modifications that do not increase the amount of the agreement, or to approve corrections, clarifications and technical changes and modifications to each agreement, when the changes are consistent with the original purpose of the agreement and do not result in additional costs to the County, subject to CEO and County Counsel review and approval.

**Recommendation #4:**

VCBH requests authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to make amendments to the agreements described above in Recommendation #1 modifying Medi-Cal mental health provisional unit rates, provided that: (1) each amendment does not increase the total amount of the consideration provided in each agreement and (2) the rate does not exceed the Ventura County Maximum Allowance rate approved by the Department of Health Care Services.

**Recommendation #5:**

VCBH requests authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to extend the term of the agreements described in Recommendation #1, up to two times each, for a period of no more than one year each, on the same or more favorable terms and conditions (with any change in the scope of work to be consistent with the original purpose of the agreement), and for an amount not to exceed the pro rata amount of (a) the agreement amount and (b) any Board-approved increases made to the agreement amount within FY 2020-2021. All extensions are subject to all necessary prior appropriations and other budgetary approvals by your Board.

**Recommendation #6:**

Finally, we ask that your Board ratify VCBH's authorization of services provided by the Youth and Family Medi-Cal providers prior to receiving your Board's approval of the proposed agreements.



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FY 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021 VCBH Youth and Family Medi-Cal Agreements  
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This Board letter has been reviewed by the CEO, Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel. If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact VCBH Director Sevet Johnson or HCA Assistant Chief Financial Officer Narcisa Egan at (805) 981-1881.



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Attachments:

- Exhibit 1 – FY 2020-2021 VCBH Agreements Summary
- Exhibit 2 – FY 2020-2021 Casa Pacifica EPSDT, STRTP, NPS, TBS - Agreement
- Exhibit 3 – FY 2020-2021 Aspiranet COEDS – Agreement
- Exhibit 4 – FY 2020-2021 Aspiranet EPSDT/ISFC – Agreement
- Exhibit 5 – FY 2020-2021 Aspiranet EPSDT ICC/HBS – Agreement
- Exhibit 6 – FY 2019-2020 Casa Pacifica EPSDT, STRTP, NPS, TBS, PCIT – 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment