

May 18, 2021

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, the Second Amendment to the Agreement for Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services with Casa Pacifica Centers for Children and Families to Revise Certain Agreement Rates and Increase the Agreement Maximum from \$4,958,498 to \$5,134,498 (an increase of \$176,000), Effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; Approval of, and Authorization for the Ventura County Behavioral Health Director or Designee to Sign, the Second Amendment to the Agreement for Skilled Nursing Facility Mental Health Services with Vista Woods Health Associates LLC to Add a New Service Rate and Increase the Agreement Maximum from \$347,610 to \$418,601 (an increase of \$70,991), Effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; Authorization for the Ventura County Behavioral Health Director or Designee to Approve Limited Modifications to Both Agreements.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approval of, and authorization for the Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Director or designee to sign, the Second Amendment to the Agreement for Medi-Cal specialty mental health services with Casa Pacifica Centers for Children and Families (Casa Pacifica) (Exhibit 1), revising certain agreement service rates and increasing the agreement maximum from \$4,958,498 to \$5,134,498 (an increase of \$176,000), effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
2. Approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign, the Second Amendment to the Agreement for skilled nursing facility mental health services with Vista Woods Health Associates LLC (Vista Woods) (Exhibit 2), adding a new service rate and increasing the agreement maximum from \$347,610 to \$418,601 (an increase of \$70,991), effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

3. Authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to approve modifications to decrease the amount of each contract, to approve budget modifications that do not increase the amount of the contract, or to approve corrections, clarifications and technical changes and modifications, when the changes are consistent with the original purpose of the contract and do not result in additional costs to the County, subject to County Counsel review and approval.

FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT:

MHL DIVISION #3200

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

Source of Funding: Short Doyle/Medi-Cal (SD/MC) Federal Financial Participation (FFP), State General Fund, and 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C) and 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C).

Funding Match Required: No

Impact on Other Department(s): None

	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
Summary of Revenue and Total Costs		
Revenue:	\$246,991	\$5,306,108
Costs:		
Direct Cost	\$246,991	\$5,306,108
Indirect - Dept.	\$0	\$0
Total Costs	\$246,991	\$5,306,108
Net County Costs	\$0	\$0

FY 2020-2021 Current Budget for MHL Division #3200				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Actual	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$94,395,736	\$103,980,262	\$93,295,482	\$10,684,780
Revenue	\$78,584,349	\$83,248,323	\$76,787,962	(\$6,460,361)
Net Cost	\$15,811,387	\$20,731,939	\$16,507,520	\$4,224,419

Note: Sufficient revenue and appropriations are included in the FY 2020-2021 adjusted budget for MHL Division #3200

DISCUSSION:

Recommendation #1:

VCBH contracts with Casa Pacifica to provide residential/campus Specialty Mental Health Services through the following three programs: (1) Short Term Residential Treatment Program (STRTP), (2) Non Public School Services (NPS), and (3) Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS). These programs serve children who are Early and Periodic Screening,

Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) Medi-Cal beneficiaries. To be eligible for Specialty Mental Health Services, the beneficiary must meet the criteria for Medical Necessity as set out in California Code of Regulations, title 9, sections 1830.205 and 1830.210. Specialty Mental Health Services provided may include assessment; individual, group and family therapy, collateral services, and rehabilitation; Crisis Intervention; Medication Management, and Case Management. The common goals of these programs are to transition children to lower levels of care and prevent further progression of mental health symptomatology, deterioration, and functioning.

The proposed Second Amendment to the Agreement with Casa Pacifica will: (1) revise the STRTP rates and increase the maximum agreement amount for this program from \$2,374,000 to \$2,700,000 (an increase of \$326,000); (2) revise the TBS rates and reduce the maximum contract amount for this program from \$2,200,000 to \$2,050,000 (decrease of \$150,000); and (3) increase the overall maximum agreement amount from \$4,958,498 to \$5,134,498 (an increase of \$176,000). These adjustments are being made in response to a census increase in the STRTP due to the opening of another cottage facility and a decrease in clients and expenses within the TBS program due to COVID-19. All services are funded with Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation and EPSDT/Re-alignment. All cost settlements under the residential/campus EPSDT agreement are settled by the individual program.

VCBH recommends approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign, the Second Amendment to the Agreement for Medi-Cal specialty mental health services with Casa Pacifica, revising certain agreement service rates and increasing the agreement maximum from \$4,958,498 to \$5,134,498 (an increase of \$176,000), effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Recommendation #2:

VCBH contracts with Vista Woods to provide 24-hour Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) services for seriously mentally ill clients who require a high level of care due to the severity of their illnesses. In addition to the SNF services, clients receive the following services: (1) medication management; (2) care and supervision; (3) daily activities; and (4) food services.

The proposed FY 2020-21 Second Amendment to the Agreement with Vista Woods revises the agreement to: (1) add new service rates for clients that do not have Medi-Cal benefits and (2) increases the agreement maximum from \$347,610 to \$418,601 (an increase of \$70,991) to remit payment for VCBH clients who are not covered by Medi-Cal, without insurance, and have no other means to pay for necessary SNF services.

VCBH recommends approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign, the Second Amendment to the Agreement for SNF mental health services with Vista Woods, adding a new service rate and increasing the agreement maximum from \$347,610 to \$418,601 (an increase of \$70,991), effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Recommendation #3:

In order to be able to quickly respond to needed changes to achieve contract 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 contract, to approve budget modifications that do not increase the amount of the contract, or to approve corrections, clarifications and technical changes and modifications, when the changes are consistent with the original purpose of the contract and do not result in additional costs to the County, subject to County Counsel review and approval.

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 VCBH Director Sevet Johnson or HCA Assistant Chief Financial Officer Narcisa Egan at (805) 981-1881.


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Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – FY 2020-21 – Casa Pacifica – Second Amendment to the Agreement
Exhibit 2 – FY 2020-21 – Vista Woods – Second Amendment to the Agreement