
Setting the Standard in Health Care Excellence

September 14, 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 Performance Standard Agreement #21-10126 for Mental Health Services Act, Lanterman-Petris-Short Act, Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness, Community Mental Health Services Block Grant, Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program, Bronzan-McCorquodale Act Services and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant Services with the California Department of Health Care Services, in Zero Dollar Amount, Specifying Terms and Conditions Applicable to Mental Health Services, Effective July 1, 2021 Through June 30, 2024; and Authorization for the Ventura County Behavioral Health Director or Designee to Sign Future Amendments to the Agreement.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approval of, and authorization for the Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Director or designee to sign, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Performance Standard Agreement #21-10126 (Agreement) (Exhibit 1) for Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (LPS Act), Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH), Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG), Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP), Bronzan-McCorquodale Act services, and Substance Abuse and Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG) services, in zero dollar amount, specifying the annual terms and conditions applicable to the provision and funding of mental health services, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.
2. Authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign future amendments within the term of the Agreement to make corrections, clarifications, or technical changes provided that the changes are consistent with the original purpose of the Agreement, do not result in additional costs to Ventura County (County), and are reviewed by the County Counsel's Office.

FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact related to this Agreement. The Agreement merely states the terms and conditions that must be followed for the County to receive funding for MHSA, LPS Act, PATH, MHBG, CCP, Bronzan-McCorquodale Act programming and community mental health services, and SABG alcohol and drug services. DHCS provides the funding for these programs through the Realignment, MHSA, SABG and DHCS allocations process, as well as all other DHCS pass-through reimbursements.

DISCUSSION:

DHCS administers the MHSA, LPS Act, PATH, MHBG, and CCP programs, oversees VCBH's provision of the Bronzan-McCorquodale Act community mental health services that are provided with realignment funds, as well as substance abuse prevention, care, treatment, and rehabilitation services with SABG funds. VCBH is required to meet certain conditions and requirements to receive funding for these programs and community mental health services. DHCS' annual Performance Agreement specifies the conditions and requirements that VCBH must meet to receive MHSA, LPS Act, PATH, MHBG, CCP, Bronzan-McCorquodale Act and SABG funding.

Specifically, the proposed Agreement requires that VCBH comply with MHSA, LPS Act, PATH, MHBG, CCP, Bronzan-McCorquodale Act and SABG: (1) program and funding expenditure requirements, (2) reporting and data submission requirements, (3) audit and record retention requirements, (4) dispute resolution process requirements, (5) various requirements associated with Laura's Law, prohibiting health facilities from admitting minors into psychiatric treatment with adults, and the Americans with Disabilities Act, (6) various requirements associated with conducting business with the State of California, (7) information confidentiality and security requirements, and (8) privacy and information security provisions (as defined under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and California Information Practices Act).

VCBH recommends approval of and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign the Performance Standard Agreement #21-10126, specifying the annual terms and conditions applicable to the provision and funding of mental health services, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024. VCBH also requests authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign future amendments within the term of the Agreement to make corrections, clarifications or technical changes provided that the changes are consistent with the original purpose of the Agreement, do not result in additional costs to the County, and are reviewed by the County Counsel's Office.

This Board letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and the County Counsel's Office. If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact VCBH Director Sevet Johnson at (805) 981-1881.



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Attachment:

Exhibit 1 – FY 2021-24 Performance Standard Agreement #21-10126