

*Setting the Standard in Health Care Excellence*

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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 Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Services Standard Agreement #21-10037 for Substance Use Disorder Services with the California Department of Health Care Services, in the Amount of \$109,062,000, Effective July 1, 2021 Through June 30, 2024; 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 Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Standard Agreement #21-10037 for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) (Exhibit 1), in the amount of \$109,062,000, 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, and 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:**

**SUS Division #3220**

Mandatory: No ☒ Yes ☐ Cite Authority:

Source of Funding: Drug Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation Funds-93.778 and State General Fund.

Funding Match Required: No

Impact on Other Department(s): None

	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
Summary of Revenue and Total Costs		
Revenue:	\$36,354,000	\$36,354,000
Costs:		
Direct Cost	\$36,354,000	\$36,354,000
Indirect - Dept.	\$0	\$0
Total Costs	\$36,354,000	\$36,354,000
Net County Costs	\$0	\$0

<b>FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget for Substance Use Services (SUS) Division #3220</b>				
	<b>Adopted Budget</b>	<b>Adjusted Budget</b>	<b>Projected Actual</b>	<b>Estimated Savings/(Deficit)</b>
Appropriations	\$27,871,539	\$27,871,539	\$27,871,539	\$0
Revenue	\$26,757,331	\$26,757,331	\$26,757,331	\$0
Net Cost	\$1,114,208	\$1,114,208	\$1,114,208	\$0

## **DISCUSSION:**

### **Recommendation # 1:**

#### ***Background***

In December 2018, VCBH began DMC-ODS, a new system of health care service delivery for Medi-Cal beneficiaries that includes the provision of SUD services, modeled after the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria for SUD treatment services.

Essential components of the new DMC-ODS service delivery plan include: (1) treatment services available to beneficiaries, (2) beneficiary procedures for moving through different levels of the continuum of care, (3) beneficiary access and data collection information, (4) coordination procedures for mental health service beneficiaries with co-occurring disorders, (5) coordination procedures for provision of physical health services, (6) county coordination assistance needs, (7) the availability and accessibility of adequate number and types of service providers in the county, (8) county procedures for timely access to care and service requirements, (9) training options that will be made available to service providers, (10) county technical assistance needs, (11) quality assurance procedures and oversight, (12) procedures to ensure the county will use evidence-based practices, (13) telehealth services, (14) contracting process and procedures, (15) medication assisted treatment plans, (16) residential services authorization processes, and (17) a mechanism for sharing information and coordinating service delivery for beneficiaries served.

The DMC-ODS services that VCBH provides include adult/adolescent outpatient, intensive outpatient and narcotic/opioid treatment services, as well as Drug Medi-Cal adult/adolescent residential treatment, withdrawal management, recovery support services, care coordination and case management, physician consultation programs, medication assisted treatment and a 24/7 beneficiary Access Line.

### ***DHCS DMC-ODS Standard Agreement***

The proposed Standard Agreement with DHCS is for the purpose of identifying and providing covered DMC-ODS services for substance use disorder treatment for Medi-Cal beneficiaries within VCBH's service area. The Standard Agreement with DHCS is the established mechanism for the County to receive federal and state allocated funds for the array of SUD services that are provided under the DMC-ODS waiver. This Agreement specifies the conditions and requirements that VCBH must meet to receive federal and state allocated funds. Specifically, the Agreement details the: (1) program offerings and system access requirements, (2) program integrity requirements, (3) beneficiary protection requirements, (4) data and information submission requirements, (5) approved county proposed rates for all services, (6) revenue and expenditure reporting requirements, (7) funding usage and reimbursement requirements, (8) audit and record requirements, (9) various requirements associated with conducting business with the State of California, (10) information confidentiality and security requirements, and (11) 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 DMC-ODS Standard Agreement (#21-100037) for SUD services with DHCS, in the amount of \$109,062,000, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

### **Recommendation #2:**

VCBH also recommends authorization for the VCBH Director or de-signee to sign, future amendments within the term of the Agreement to make corrections, clarifications, and technical changes that are consistent with the original purpose of the Agreement, do not result in additional costs to the County, and are reviewed 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 or HCA Assistant Chief Financial Officer Narcisa Egan at (805) 981-1881.



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Attachment:

Exhibit 1 – FY 2021 - 24 DMC-ODS Standard Agreement #21-10037