

Setting the Standard in Health Care Excellence

November 9, 2021

Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93003

SUBJECT: Approval of, and Authorization for the Ventura County Behavioral Health Director or Designee to Sign, the First Amendment to the Participation Agreement for the Third Sector Multi-County Full Service Partnerships Innovation Project with the California Mental Health Services Authority, Effective July 26, 2020 Through December 31, 2024; Authorization for the VCBH Director or Designee to Sign Future Amendments to the Agreement, Subject to County Counsel Review and Approval.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approval of, and authorization for the Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Director or designee to sign, the First Amendment to the Participation Agreement for the Third Sector Multi-County Full Service Partnerships (FSP) Innovation Project with the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) (Exhibit 1), effective July 26, 2020 through December 31, 2024.
2. Authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign future amendments to the Agreement, when the amendments are consistent with the original purpose of the agreement and do not result in additional costs to the County, subject to County Counsel review and approval.

FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT:

MHSA Budget Unit # 3260-3269 (Innovations)

Mandatory: No Yes Cite Authority:

Source of Funding: Proposition 63 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)

Funding Match Required: No

Impact on Other Department(s): None

	<u>FY 2021-2022</u>	<u>FY 2022-2023</u>
Summary of Revenue and Total Costs		
Revenue:	\$0	\$0
Costs:		
Direct Cost	\$0	\$0
Indirect - Dept.	\$0	\$0

Total Costs	\$0	\$0
Net County Costs	\$0	\$0

FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget for MHSAs Budget Unit #3269				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$3,055,296	\$3,055,296	\$3,055,296	\$0
Revenue	\$2,404,025	\$2,404,025	\$2,404,025	\$0
Net Cost	\$651,271	\$651,271	\$651,271	\$0

Note: Revenue and appropriations for this item have been included in the FY 2021-22 adopted budget for Innovations Budget Unit 3260-3269.

DISCUSSION:

Recommendation #1:

Since the creation of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSAs) in 2004, California has made significant strides in improving the lives of those most in need across the state. FSP programs support people with the most severe and often co-occurring mental health needs. These MHSAs funded FSP programs are designed to apply a “whatever it takes” approach to serving and partnering with individuals living with severe mental illness. In many counties, FSP programs are effectively improving life outcomes and staff can point to success stories, highlighting dedicated staff and programs tailored to specific cultural groups and ages. While the state’s MHSAs-FSP programs promote a flexible “whatever it takes” approach to serving individuals with the most severe mental health needs, the flexibility inherent in an FSP program has hindered the development of meaningful county comparisons for evaluation purposes.

In response to the need for county consensus on FSP eligibility, program elements, and performance measures, VCBH sought and received approval from your Board on March 10, 2020 of the FY 19-20 to FY 23-24 Multi-County FSP Innovation Work Plan. This work plan created a collaborative comprised of six counties (Fresno, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Mateo, Siskiyou, and Ventura) whose goal is to work together to develop a performance-based model for FSP data collection, services utilization, and outcomes evaluation.

With approval from your Board on July 21, 2020, VCBH executed the Participation Agreement with CalMHSAs for the Third Sector Multi-County FSP Innovation Project (Exhibit 2). Through this Participation Agreement, CalMHSAs provides administrative and fiscal oversight for this FSP Innovation Project and contracted with Third Sector, a nonprofit organization, to serve as the lead contractor that assists the collaborative of counties in creating a data-driven FSP that uses data to better design, implement, and

manage FSP services across various age groups and populations, with the ultimate goal of better understanding important client outcomes and continuously working to improve them. The First Amendment will extend the Agreement with CalMHSA through the end of the project term and enable VCBH and CalMHSA to continue working together to achieve the project objectives.

VCBH recommends approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign, the First Amendment to the Participation Agreement for the Third Sector Multi-County FSP Innovation Project with CalMHSA, effective July 26, 2020 through December 31, 2024.

Recommendation #2:

In order to quickly respond to future requests from CalMHSA to make non-substantive changes to the Agreement, VCBH is requesting authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign future amendments, so long as the amendments are consistent with the original purpose of the agreement 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 at (805) 981-1881.



SEVET JOHNSON, PsyD
Behavioral Health Director



BARRY ZIMMERMAN
Health Care Agency Director

Attachments:

- Exhibit 1 – First Amendment to the CalMHSA Participation Agreement
- Exhibit 2 – CalMHSA Participation Agreement