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November 8, 2021

Ventura County Board of Supervisors
Hall of Administration
800 S. Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Re: Agenda Item No. 19 (Approval of, and Authorization for the Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Director to Sign, the First Amendmen 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; and Authorization for the VCBH Director to Sign Future Amendments...).

Dear Members of the Board:

I am opposed to the "Authorization for the VCBH Director to Sign Future Amendments to the Agreement" part of this Agenda Item. Even though Recommendation #2 (Page 2 of the Board Letter) mentions non-substantiative changes, and County Counsel review and approval, surely there are other ways--a designated employee, technological tools/programs/software, etc.--for the VCBH to quickly respond to future CalMHSA requests without by-passing Board of Supervisors and public scrutiny through the meeting(s) Agenda process; specifically the Board Letter(s) detailing all Agreement(s) changes! This decision must not be left entirely up to County staff to make!

Have other collaborative counties (Fresno, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Mateo, and Siskiyou) acted upon, or agendized, or will agendize your staff's Recommendation #2 before their own respective Board of Supervisors?

Why is "July 26, 2020" the "Effective" date?

Sincerely,

Teresa Jordan