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December 11, 2012

Board of Supervisors  
County of Ventura  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

**SUBJECT: Ratification of, Approval of, and Authorization for the Purchasing Agent to Sign the Third Amendment to Increase the Contract for Psychiatric Physician Locum Tenens Services with LocumTenens.com, LLC, Effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013; Approval of and Authorization for the Behavioral Health Director or Designee to Sign the Contract for Psychiatric Physician Services with James P. Yezuita, M.D., Effective December 17, 2012 through June 30, 2013.**

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VCMC Ambulatory Care Administrator

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**Meloney Roy**  
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**Maria Teran**  
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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Ratification of, approval of, and authorization for the Purchasing Agent to sign the third amendment to the contract with LocumTenens.com, LLC (Exhibit 1), to increase the maximum contract amount from \$170,000 to \$240,825 (an increase of \$70,825), for Psychiatric Physician Locum Tenens services, effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.
2. Approval of and authorization for the Behavioral Health Director or designee to sign the contract with James P. Yezuita, M.D. (Exhibit 2), in the amount of \$124,800, for Psychiatric Physician services, effective December 17, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

**REASON FOR RATIFICATION:**

The contract amendment with LocumTenens.com, LLC is being presented to your Board at the earliest possible date.

## FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT:

### MHSA BU #5180-5187 (CSS Adult Services)

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

Source of Funding: Proposition 63 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and Short Doyle/Medi-Cal (SD/MC) Federal Financial Participation (FFP).

Funding Match Required: No

Impact on Other Departments: None

|                                    | <u>2012-2013</u> | <u>2013-2014</u> |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Summary of Revenue and Total Costs |                  |                  |
| Revenue:                           | \$195,625        | \$330,400        |
| Costs:                             |                  |                  |
| Direct Cost                        | \$195,625        | \$330,400        |
| Indirect - Dept.                   | \$0              | \$0              |
| Total Costs                        | \$195,625        | \$330,400        |
| Net County Costs                   | \$0              | \$0              |

| FY 2012-13 Adopted Budget for MHSA CSS Services BU #5187 |                |                 |                  |                             |
|--|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
|  | Adopted Budget | Adjusted Budget | Projected Actual | Estimated Savings/(Deficit) |
| Appropriations   | \$31,464,913   | \$33,049,929    | \$33,049,929     | -                           |
| Revenue  | \$25,563,000   | \$25,563,000    | \$25,563,000     | -                           |
| Net Cost   | (\$5,901,913)  | (\$7,486,929)   | (\$7,486,929)    | -                           |

Note: Sufficient appropriations are available in the FY 2012-13 MHSA Budget Unit 5180-5187 CSS Adult Services Adopted Budget. The MHSA fund has a sufficient fund balance to cover the net cost of \$7,486,929.

## DISCUSSION:


### Recommendation #1:

**LocumTenens.com, LLC** provides temporary psychiatric physician (locum tenens) services to help fill vacancies throughout the year at countywide community-based outpatient clinics for adults and youth/family services. An increase to the LocumTenens.com, LLC contract is necessary in order to provide sufficient funding in the contract for locum tenens physician services. VCBH physicians' and locum tenens physicians' caseloads have been steadily increasing due to both an increase in clients and shortage of physicians. Currently, VCBH physicians and locum tenens physicians have a caseload of 300 clients. VCBH recommends approval of and authorization for the Purchasing Agent to sign the FY 2012-13 Third Amendment with LocumTenens.com, LLC, to increase the maximum contract amount from \$170,000 to \$240,825 (an increase of \$70,825), for temporary psychiatric physician (locum tenens) services, for the service period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

**Recommendation #2:**

**James P. Yezuita, M.D.** will provide outpatient psychiatric physician services for the VCBH Adults Division. Dr. Yezuita graduated from the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio. Most recently, he worked for the Atascadero State Hospital as a Psychiatric Physician. For his Adult Outpatient Psychiatric Physician services, Dr. Yezuita will receive base compensation at a rate of \$95/hour plus an additional \$5/hour for Board Certification, and \$10/hour Quality Service Incentive. In addition to the base compensation described above, Dr. Yezuita will also be eligible to receive Productivity Incentive pay up to \$10/hour. Dr. Yezuita's compensation is based on the standard physician rate schedule that was approved by the Board in FY 2011-12. VCBH physicians currently have a caseload of 300 clients. VCBH recommends approval of and authorization for the Behavioral Health Director or designee to sign the FY 2012-13 contract with James P. Yezuita, M.D., in the amount of \$124,800, for Psychiatric Physician services, for the service period of December 17, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

This Board Letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, Auditor-Controller's Office, County Counsel, General Services Agency Procurement Services and Mental Health Board. If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact Meloney Roy at 981-1881.

  
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Behavioral Health Director

  
ROBERT GONZALEZ, M.D.  
Health Care Agency Director

**Attachments:**

Exhibit 1 – FY 12-13 LocumTenens.com, LLC – 3<sup>rd</sup> Amendment  
Exhibit 2 – FY 12-13 James P. Yezuita, M.D. – Contract