
Setting the Standard in Health Care Excellence

July 26, 2022

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

SUBJECT: Approval and Ratification of Ventura County Behavioral Health's (VCBH) Submission of a Crisis Care Mobile Units (CCMU) Program Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) Grant Application to the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for Augmented Funding, in the Amount of \$125,458, Effective April 15, 2022 Through February 14, 2023; Approval and Ratification of the First Amendment to the Grant Agreement with the Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. for CCMU Program Augmented Funding, Increasing the Maximum Agreement Amount from \$633,390 to \$758,848 (an Increase of \$125,458), for the Period of April 15, 2022 through February 14, 2023.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approval and ratification of Ventura County Behavioral Health's (VCBH) submission of a Crisis Care Mobile Units (CCMU) Program Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) grant application (Exhibit 1) to the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for CCMU augmentation funds to support and enhance the VCBH CCMU services, in the amount of \$125,458, for the service period of April 15, 2022 through February 14, 2023.
2. Approval, ratification, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign, the First Amendment to the Grant Agreement with the Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. (AHP) for CCMU Program augmented funding (Exhibit 2), increasing the maximum agreement amount from \$633,390 to \$758,848 (an increase of \$125,458), for services provided during the period of April 15, 2022 through February 14, 2023, which is within the existing AHP Grant Agreement term of September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025.

REASON FOR RATIFICATION:

Due to the short time frame for developing the grant project and the April 13, 2022 grant application deadline, VCBH did not have sufficient time to request your Board's approval before submitting a timely grant augmentation application to DHCS. Therefore, approval from the County Executive Office was obtained to submit the application, and VCBH is now requesting your Board's approval and ratification of VCBH's submittal of the CCMU grant program augmentation application (Exhibit 1). In addition, the CCMU grant augmentation amendment was recently received by VCBH, leaving little time to obtain approval from your Board of the new grant funding prior to the start of service delivery.

FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT:

MHSA Budget Unit #3260-3273 (CSS Adult Services)

Mandatory: No ☒ Yes ☐ Cite Authority:

Source of Funding: Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP).

Funding Match Required: No

Impact on Other Department(s): None

	<u>FY 2022-23</u>	<u>FY 2023-24</u>
Summary of Revenue and Total Costs		
Revenue:	\$125,458	\$0
Costs:		
Direct Cost	\$125,458	\$0
Indirect - Dept.	\$0	\$0
Total Costs	\$125,458	\$0
Net County Costs	\$0	\$0

FY 2022-23 Adopted Budget for MHSA Unit #3260-3273				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/ (Deficit)
Appropriations	\$62,296,650	\$62,296,650	\$62,296,650	\$0
Revenue	\$57,560,508	\$57,560,508	\$57,560,508	\$0
Net Cost	\$4,736,142	\$4,736,142	\$4,736,142	\$0

Note: Sufficient appropriations are included in the FY 2022-23 adopted budget for MHS CSS Adult Services BU #3260-3273

DISCUSSION:

Recommendation #1 and #2:

Background

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) made \$150 million from the State's Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) and \$55 million from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration available through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) for grants to support and expand behavioral health mobile crisis and non-crisis services. VCBH was awarded a \$633,390 grant in November of 2021 to establish the Transitional Age Youth Rapid Response Team (TAY-RRT). The TAY-RRT is the County's second mobile crisis response team that specializes in responding to crises involving TAY. The TAY-RRT provides TAY (ages 16 - 25) with age-appropriate crisis intervention services for mental health emergencies. The team operates Monday - Friday (8am to 6pm) and serves youth and young adults throughout Ventura County. The experienced and trained team – a Behavioral Health Clinician, Community Service Coordinator, and Peer Specialist – assess and respond accordingly, as clinically indicated, to TAY experiencing mental health crises.

First Amendment to the Agreement with AHP For CCMU Services

DHCS made \$18.5 million in additional funds from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration CRRSAA available for CCMU Implementation grantees in March of 2022 primarily for CCMU direct services. These funds were designated to be used for one or both of the following: (1) additional CCMU team(s) and/or (2) additional staff and activities to enhance the direct services for CCMU teams.

On April 13, 2022, VCBH submitted an application to DHCS in the amount of \$125,458 to enhance its existing CCMU direct services. On May 31, 2022, AHP, the private corporation that DHCS selected and contracted with to administer the CCMU grant application, award, and program processes, notified VCBH that that it was awarded additional funding augmentation. VCBH will use this additional funding to: (1) support the existing grant funded CCMU team in the provision of direct client services and (2) offset the other funding source (Mental Health Services Act funding) that VCBH would have needed to use had this additional funding not been made available. In addition to the funding augmentation for the CCMU services, the proposed amendment with AHP also updates the Business Associate Agreement terms.

In light of the forgoing, VCBH recommends: (1) approval and ratification of VCBH's submission of a CCMU Program CRRSAA application to DHCS for a augmented grant funding to support and enhance the VCBH CCMU services, in the amount of \$125,458, for the service period of April 15, 2022 through February 14, 2023 and (2) approval and ratification of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign, the First Amendment to the Grant Agreement with the AHP for CCMU program augmented

funding, increasing the maximum agreement amount from \$633,390 to \$758,848 (an increase of \$125,458), for supporting and enhancing the VCBH CCMU services provided during the period of April 15, 2022 through February 14, 2023, which is within the existing AHP Grant Agreement term of September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025.

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 Assistant Director Loretta Denering at (805) 973-5186 or HCA Assistant Chief Financial Officer Narcisa Egan at (805) 981-1881.



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Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – FY 2021-23 VCBH CCMU Grant Augmentation Application

Exhibit 2 – FY 2021-23 VCBH and AHP CCMU Agreement - First Amendment