
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 of First Amendment to the Grant Agreement for Pre-Trial Felony Mental Health Diversion Program Services with the California Department of State Hospitals to Expand the Scope of Diversion Program Services, to Extend the Term of the Grant Agreement Through June 30, 2024, and to Increase the Maximum Agreement Amount from \$2,428,200 to \$3,596,200 (an Increase of \$1,168,000); Authorization for the Ventura County Behavioral Health Director or Designee to Sign Future Amendments and Documents Related to the Grant Agreement.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approval of, and authorization for the Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Director or designee to sign, the First Amendment to the Grant Agreement for pre-trial felony mental health diversion program services (Diversion Grant Agreement) with the California Department of State Hospitals (DSH) (Exhibit 1) to expand the scope of grant program services, to extend the term through June 30, 2024, and to increase the maximum agreement amount from \$2,428,200 to \$3,596,200 (an increase of \$1,168,000).
2. Authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign future amendments and documents related to the Diversion Grant Agreement, provided any such amendments or documents are consistent with the original purpose of the Diversion Grant Agreement and do not result in additional costs to the County, subject to County Counsel review and approval.

FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT:**MHSA Budget Unit #3260-3273 (CSS Adult Services)**

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

Source of Funding: Diversion Grant, Proposition 63 MHSA Funds, Medi-Cal FFP.Funding Match Required: YesImpact on Other Department(s): None

	<u>FY 2022-2023</u>	<u>FY 2023-2024</u>
Summary of Revenue and Total Costs		
Revenue:	\$749,095	\$724,976
Costs:		
Direct Cost	\$749,095	\$724,976
Indirect - Dept.	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Costs	\$749,095	\$724,976
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:

On January 21, 2020, your Board authorized VCBH to submit an application to the Request for Application (RFA) from DSH for a Diversion Grant that was seeking to demonstrate effective alternatives to incarceration for some individuals who are arrested and jailed because of behaviors caused by their mental illness and/or conditions of homelessness. The purpose of the Diversion Grant was to provide California counties, through the use of one-time funds, an opportunity to develop or enhance existing programs for the diversion of individuals with pending criminal charges who have complex mental health needs. Potential diversion candidates are individuals who are awaiting trial and are likely to psychologically decompensate and be sent to the DSH for restoration of competence. On September 22, 2020, your Board authorized VCBH to: (1) accept a \$2,428,200 Diversion Grant from DSH for the term of October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, (2) sign the Diversion Grant agreement, and (3) sign any associated grant documents subject to County Counsel approval.

Subject to the delegation provided by the Board to sign any associated grant documents, VCBH submitted a Letter of Intent and program plan in February of 2022 to DSH to apply for an expansion of funding to serve additional clients and housing funding for these additional clients (Exhibit 2). VCBH was approved for this additional funding, and the

proposed First Amendment to the Agreement revised the Agreement terms to establish two (2) categories of unduplicated Felony Mental Health Diversion clients to be served by VCBH. Category 1 includes VCBH providing diversion services to eighteen (18) Felony Mental Health Diversion clients found Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) or likely to be found IST with diagnosis of schizophrenia, schizoaffective-disorder, or bipolar disorder and as established in the original Diversion Grant in the amount of \$2,428,200. Category 2 represents the expansion of services/new category of client services under the proposed First Amendment to the Agreement with DSH. This new category includes VCBH providing diversion services to four (4) additional Felony Mental Health Diversion Clients found IST and ordered to DSH *with any diagnosis allowed under Penal Code 1001.36* and in the amount of \$568,000. In addition, for these four (4) additional clients, VCBH received \$600,000 in housing funding to house diversion clients in the most appropriate level of care. The new proposed maximum agreement amount with DSH will be \$3,596,200. VCBH will also contribute a 20% match in local county funds for Category 1. The in-kind contribution will be delivered by VCBH staff that will dedicate a portion of their time to the Diversion Grant, along with other overhead costs specific to the grant. Match funds are not required for housing or Category 2 funds.

VCBH recommends approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign the First Amendment to the Agreement for Diversion Grant services with the DSH, expanding the grant program services and maximum agreement amount to \$ 3,596,200 (an increase of \$1,168,000), effective October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024.

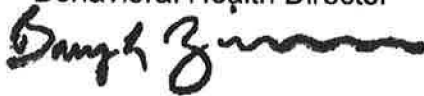
Recommendation #2:

VCBH recommends authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign future amendments and documents related to the Diversion Grant agreement, provided any such amendments or documents are consistent with the original purpose of the Diversion Grant 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, County Counsel and Human Resources. 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 20-24 DSH Standard Agreement – First Amendment
- Exhibit 2 – Ventura County DSH Diversion Expansion Letter of Intent and Program Plan