



February 28, 2023

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

SUBJECT: Approval of, and Authorization for the Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Director to Sign, a Seventh Amendment to the Agreement with Reality Improv Connection, Inc. for the Provision of Substance Use Services Prevention Related Services, Increasing the Maximum Agreement Amount from \$298,901 to \$399,920 (an Increase of \$101,019), Effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; Authorization for the VCBH Director to Approve Limited Contract Modifications.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approval of, and authorization for the Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Director or designee to sign, a Seventh Amendment to the Agreement with Reality Improv Connection, Inc. for the provision of Substance Use Services (SUS) prevention related services, increasing the maximum amount of the Agreement from \$298,901 to \$399,920 (an increase of \$101,019), effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. (Exhibit 1)
2. Authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to approve modifications to decrease the amount of the Agreement, to approve budget modifications that do not increase the amount of the Agreement, or to approve corrections, clarifications and technical changes and other modifications to the Agreement, when the changes are consistent with the original purpose of the Agreement, do not result in additional costs to the County, and are reviewed and approved as to form by the County Counsel's Office.

FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT:

SUS Budget Unit# 3220-3223 Prevention Services

Mandatory: No [X] Yes [] Cite Authority: N/A

Source of Funding: Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG), and SABG American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Funding Match Required: None

Impact on Other Department(s): None

	<u>FY 2022-23</u>	<u>FY 2023-24</u>
Summary of Revenue and Total Costs		
Revenue:	\$399,920	\$399,920
Costs:		
Direct Cost	\$399,920	\$399,920
Indirect - Dept.	\$0	\$0
Total Costs	\$399,920	\$399,920
Net County Costs	\$0	\$0
Recovered Indirect Cost:	\$0	\$0

FY 2022-23 Adjusted Budget for SUS Prevention Services BU #3220-3223				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Actual	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$4,731,225	\$4,843,514	\$4,734,272	\$109,242
Revenue	\$4,587,484	\$4,597,772	\$4,247,772	(\$350,000)
Net Cost	\$143,741	\$245,742	\$486,500	(\$240,758)

Note: Revenue and appropriations are included in the FY 2022-2023 adjusted budget for SUS Prevention Services BU #3220-3223.

DISCUSSION:

Recommendation #1:

Reality Improv Connection, Inc. (Reality) provides informational and educational engagement projects for youth, young adults, and parents. These projects address underage and binge drinking, impaired driving, prescription and illicit drug use, and examine a range of health disparities using school and community-based workshops, performances, and new media (podcasts, blogs, e-news, and text). Media and health promotion efforts include all suppressing opioid overdose, consequences of early and frequent cannabis use, and the risks of vaping, along with a range of pro-social and

collaborative mental wellness activities, consistent with the SAMHSA Strategic Prevention Framework. In the first six months of FY 2022-23, Reality Improv Connection, Inc. documented 4,925 unduplicated youth and young adults participating in prevention content across 248 different workshops and presentations. Giving special attention to those from higher-need school communities, Reality significantly expanded the use of interactive and immersive technologies for substance use prevention and health promotion, recording 13,414 plays of educational games online, and assisted young people in developing digital health messaging for use in reaching diverse audiences, using high-quality audio and video.

The proposed Seventh Amendment will increase the maximum contract amount from \$298,901 to \$399,920 (an increase of \$101,019), for FY 2022-23, for the provision of increased opioid overdose prevention efforts, especially among vulnerable youth and young adult populations, by adding new staff positions in support of these efforts. Capacity expansion also includes: (1) a new and larger digital media studio space, (2) production assistance for prevention audio and video content, and (3) assistance with editing, organization, and storage of public service announcements (PSAs) and other digital assets. Additionally, SABG ARPA supplemental funding will be used for continued support of online services, with upgraded software to offer Zoom Webinar and the 3-D interactive “BRITEworld” platform; aiding large-scale interactive events and increasing use of prevention content countywide. This Agreement is funded by SABG and SABG ARPA funding.

VCBH recommends approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign the proposed Seventh Amendment to the Agreement for SUS prevention services with Reality Improv Connection, Inc., increasing the maximum agreement amount from \$298,901 to \$399,920 (an increase of \$101,019), effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. (Exhibit 1)

Recommendation #2:

VCBH also recommends authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to approve modifications to decrease the amount of the Agreement described in Recommendation #1, to approve budget modifications that do not increase the amount of the Agreement, and to approve corrections, clarifications and technical changes and modifications to the Agreement provided the changes are consistent with the original purpose of the Agreement, do not result in additional costs to the County, subject to County Counsel review and approval as to form.

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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 Scott Gilman at (805) 981-2214 or Health Care Agency Assistant Chief Financial Officer Narcisa Egan at (805) 973-5357.



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Attachment:

Exhibit 1 – FY 2022-23 Reality Improv Connection, Inc. - Seventh Amendment