

VENTURA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

July 18, 2022

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, August 15, 2022

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

Note: The Behavioral Health Advisory Board has not yet approved these minutes. There may be additions/deletions or corrections before the minutes are accepted in final form.

BHAB Members Present

Claudia Armann
Kevin Clerici
Genevieve Flores-Haro
Janis Gardner, Secretary
Jerry Harris
Cheryl Heitmann
Supv. Matt LaVere
Jennifer Morrison
Patricia Mowlavi
Michael Rodriguez, Chair
Elizabeth R. Stone, Member-At-Large
Chris Tejada, 1st Vice Chair
Carol Thomas
Liz Warren

BHAB Members Absent

Soledad Barragán
Nancy Borchard, 2nd Vice Chair
Gane Brooking
Stephanie Escoto
Cmdr. James Fryhoff
Carol J. Keavney
Carla Kurachi
Marlen Torres

Others Present

Ratan Bhavnani, NAMI Volunteer
Theresa Comstock, California Association of Local Behavioral
Health Boards and Commissions
Sylvie Garcia, Family Member
Roberta Griego, NAMI Ventura County
Mary Haffner, Haffner Law Group
Melissa Hannah, Parents and Caregivers for Wellness
Priscila Hazrun, Homeland Language Services
Sue Hughes, County Executive Office
Erin Olivera, VCMC/Inpatient Psychiatric Unit
Scott Powers, County Executive Office
Carole Shelton, Rainbow Connection
Jeanne Spencer, Idea Engineering
Lorena Suarez, Homeland Language Services
Scott Walker, Crisis Intervention Team
Tina Wang, County Executive Office

Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Managers and Staff Present

Dr. Loretta Denering, Assistant Director
Jennifer Dougherty, Youth & Family Services Sr. Behavioral Health
Manager
Julie Glantz, Adult Services Sr. Behavioral Health Manager
Janet Kaplan, Substance Use Services - Prevention Services Sr. Program
Administrator
Estela Ortega, Office of Health Equity and Cultural Diversity
Administrative Assistant
Joanna Peterson, Management Assistant/Zoom Engineer
Dr. Jamie Rotnofsky, MHSA Senior Behavioral Health Manager
Cynthia Salas, Office of Health Equity and Cultural Diversity Equity
Services Manager
Sara Sanchez, Access & Outreach Services Division Chief
Sandra Tovar, Office of Health Equity and Cultural Diversity Program
Administrator
Vickie Poliquin, BHAB Assistant

	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS	RESPONSIBLE
I.	Call to Order Chair Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.		
II.	Board Member Roll Call Ms. Gardner conducted the calling of the roll and confirmed that a quorum of the Board members exists.		
III.	Welcome and Introductions Mr. Rodriguez welcomed all attendees and all BHAB members introduced themselves. Joanna Peterson provided detailed instructions on how to access interpretation services.		
IV.	Approval of the Agenda Mr. Rodriguez asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Armann moved to approve; Ms. Gardner seconded. The motion to approve the agenda as written carried unanimously through roll call.	Agenda approved as written. M/S/C	
V.	Approval of the Minutes Mr. Rodriguez asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2022 meeting. Ms. Armann moved to approve; Ms. Thomas seconded. Ms. Warren requested an amendment within agenda item IX where she shared information. Ms. Warren provided amended language as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Warren shared that in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, the Client Network hosted a Fiesta on May 5 coinciding with Cinco de Mayo at Sunrise Board & Care serving 70 clients. The Client Network also co-hosted a Memorial Day BBQ at Thompson Place in Ventura and Oak Place in Camarillo with Turning Point Foundation. The two events served a total of 166 clients and the Client Network is pleased to resume these activities that are being brought to the clients within the community. Ms. Stone provided amended language as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Stone shared that last week she attended the California Mental Health Peer Run Organization’s Lived Experience, Advocacy and Diversity (LEAD) Program Conference in Sacramento where she provided two workshops on Shared Decision-Making. Ms. Armann accepted the proposed amendments to the meeting minutes; Ms. Thomas seconded. The motion to approve the minutes as amended carried by majority vote through roll call with one abstention.	General Meeting minutes approved as amended. M/S/C	
VI.	Public Comments Mary Haffner made a public comment requesting follow-up on information provided at the November 16, 2020 and January 25, 2021 BHAB General meetings related to the status of the Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC) project and proposed Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) in Oxnard scheduled to open in July 2021. Dr. Denering provided an update on these two items and noted that both have been discussed previously in General meetings throughout this year. She also asked to be provided with the most current numbers that VCBH reports to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) regarding the Assist Program. The department will provide this information at a later time. Carole Shelton made a public comment to announce Disability Pride Month. Theresa Comstock made a public comment noting the State Rehabilitation Council is instrument in assisting with developing MOUs between Department of Rehabilitation clients that include IDD and the Behavioral Health Departments.		
VII.	Recognition: Ratan Bhavnani, Former BHAB Member Mr. Rodriguez introduced Mr. Harris who formally read and presented a Certificate of Commendation honoring Ratan Bhavnani for six years of service as a BHAB member from 2016 to 2022.		
VIII.	Presentation: 988 Universal Telephone Number for National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Hotline System Dr. Jamie Rotnofsky provided an informational presentation on the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Hotline 988 universal telephone number effective July 16, 2022.		
X.	Assistant Director’s Report Dr. Denering announced that the Board of Supervisors appointed a new Behavioral Health Director at its July 12 meeting. Mr. Scott Gilman will join VCBH effective August 22 and was		

	<p>previously San Mateo County's Behavioral Health Director and served in similar roles in the state of Michigan.</p> <p>Dr. Denering overviewed items from her update (attached to the minutes for reference).</p>		
XI.	<p>Board Members Comments and Announcements</p> <p>Ms. Morrison paid compliments to Hillmont House step-down facility for their tremendous care from therapists and quality facility.</p> <p>Ms. Stone, Ms. Thomas and Ms. Gardner thanked VCBH staff for the work in setting up the hybrid meetings.</p>		
XII.	<p>Secretary's Report / Announcements</p> <p>Ms. Gardner welcomed new BHAB member, Carla Kurachi, who was appointed by Supervisor Huber noting that Ms. Kurachi will begin attending meetings starting in September. Membership is full other than the Practicing Psychiatrist vacancy.</p> <p>Ms. Gardner provided the details for several events, programs and projects at the local and State levels.</p>		
XIII.	<p>BHAB Committee Reports</p> <p>A. Adult Services Committee (July 7 meeting) – Michael Rodriguez for Nancy Borchard, Co-Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee discussed a variety of topics including the Full-Service Partnership (FSP) expansion, the Peer Workgroup, the No Place Like Home 2nd and B Street project and Recovery Housing. <p>B. Prevention Committee (July 12 meeting) – Janis Gardner, Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sara Sanchez, Access & Outreach Services Division Chief, provided a presentation on Logrando Bienestar's prevention efforts providing an overview of the outreach efforts to the community for not only the Latinx community but also to anyone who might need help. 		
XIV.	<p>Old Business</p> <p>A. Needs Assessment Status Update</p> <p>Mr. Rodriguez provided the status the independent Needs Assessment advising that a round of scoring has been completed and additional information will be passed along as available.</p>		
XV.	<p>New Business</p> <p>A. Establish a Workgroup to Complete the 2022 Data Notebook</p> <p>Mr. Rodriguez asked for a motion to establish a Workgroup to complete the 2022 Data Notebook. Ms. Stone moved to approve; Ms. Gardner seconded. A discussion ensued regarding the process for completing the Data Notebook in past years. The motion to approve the establishment of a Workgroup to complete the 2022 Data Notebook carried unanimously through roll call.</p> <p>Mr. Rodriguez requested volunteers to participate in the Workgroup. The following people volunteered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sylvie Garcia, Family member 2. Michael Rodriguez, BHAB member 3. Elizabeth R. Stone, BHAB member 4. Liz Warren, BHAB member <p>Mr. Rodriguez provided the theme for the 2022 Data Notebook: <i>Impacts of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency on Behavioral Health Needs and Services.</i></p> <p>B. Establish a BHAB Media or Communications Outreach Workgroup</p> <p>Mr. Rodriguez noted that the two purposes of the proposed Workgroup:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To better publicize the BHAB; and 2. To increase or improve community participation in the BHAB. <p>Mr. Rodriguez advised the following BHAB members expressed interest in serving on the Workgroup:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gane Brooking 2. Janis Gardner 3. Carol "C.J." Keavney 4. Jennifer Morrison (not currently available and will be added when available) 5. Chris Tejada 	<p>Motion to approve establishing a 2022 Data Notebook Workgroup approved. M/S/C</p>	

	<p>6. Carol Thomas</p> <p>Mr. Rodriguez asked for a motion to establish a BHAB Media or Communications Outreach Workgroup. Ms. Stone moved to approve the establishment of a BHAB Media <u>and</u> Communications Outreach Workgroup; Ms. Thomas seconded.</p> <p>After discussion, Mr. Rodriguez asked for a second to the motion to establish a BHAB Media <u>and</u> Communications Outreach Workgroup since Ms. Thomas was no longer in the meeting. Ms. Armann seconded. The motion to approve the establishment of the Workgroup carried unanimously through roll call.</p> <p>C. Discuss the Development of a Resolution to the Board of Supervisors to Restructure the Reporting Relationship for the Ombudsman Position from the Ventura County Behavioral Health Department to an Outside Entity</p> <p>Mr. Rodriguez advised that it is his understanding that the position is a Client Navigator, not an Ombudsman and that he reached out to other counties as well as Theresa Comstock at the California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions who advised there was no <i>Best Practice</i> whether the position should be part of VCBH or not.</p> <p>Additional historical information was provided by BHAB members and meeting attendees about past Ombudsman positions that existed within the County.</p> <p>D. Presentation Requests</p> <p>Mr. Rodriguez announced the following schedule for upcoming presentations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. August 15 - Rosenberg’s Rules of Order - Review and Discussion 2. August 15 – Psychiatric Residency Program Overview & Update – Dr. Vlaskovits, Psychiatric Residency Training Director 3. September 19 - MICOP’s Living with Love Program – Findings from Five-Year Evaluation 4. September 19 - Stepping Up Initiative <p><u>CARRY OVER ITEMS – FOR REFERENCE & TRACKING</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mental Health Diversion – Effects of Law Changes as of January 1 – Public Guardian’s Office or Multi-Agency (requested by Mr. Bhavnani) Mr. Rodriguez will provide additional information and Agenda placement TBD. 2. Homeless Court and Mental Health Diversion – Public Defender’s Office (requested by Mr. Tejada) Agenda placement TBD. 3. Writ Process for People on LPS Conservatorships / Overview of Training Sessions Held to Improve Adherence to WIC Guidelines – Public Guardian’s Office (requested by Ms. Morrison who will contact Public Guardian’s Office) Agenda placement TBD. 4. Mental Health Diversion Overview and Process – Public Defender’s Office (requested by Mr. Rodriguez) Agenda placement TBD. 5. Wellness Centers Presentation (requested by Ms. Gardner) Agenda placement upon completion of additional Wellness Centers and when updated presentation is available. 6. Gold Coast Health Plan Presentation on Expanded Services under CalAIM – Ms. Torres or colleague representative. (requested by Ms. Stone) Agenda placement TBD. 7. Shared Decision-Making Workshops Overview from June Conference Presentation in Sacramento – Ms. Stone (requested by Ms. Keanvey). Agenda placement TBD. 8. Inpatient Psychiatric Unit (IPU) & VCBH Outpatient Clinics – Update from the Medical Director, Dr. Jason Cooper (requested by Ms. Morrison) Agenda placement TBD. <p>E. Recognition Award Recommendations</p> <p>No new recommendations were received.</p>	<p>Motion to approve establishing a BHAB Media or Communications Outreach Workgroup approved. M/S/C</p>	
<p>XVI.</p>	<p>Contracts</p> <p>Mr. Rodriguez deferred the contracts to the respective BHAB Committees for any questions, comments or suggestions to be provided back to the full BHAB.</p>		
<p>XVII.</p>	<p>Public Comments</p> <p>There were not public comments.</p>		
<p>XVIII.</p>	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 3:57 PM</p>		

Behavioral Health Advisory Board GENERAL Meeting Attendance

2022-23	Terms	Members	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
District 1	03/11/21 – 03/10/24	Claudia Armann	X											
District 5	09/15/20 – 09/15/23	Soledad Barragán	e											
District 3	01/26/21 – 01/26/24	Nancy Borchard	e											
District 3	01/13/22 – 01/12/25	Gane Brooking												
District 1	10/07/21 – 10/06/24	Kevin Clerici	X											
District 3	03/22/22 – 12/01/23	Stephanie Escoto												
District 1	04/27/21 – 04/26/24	Genevieve Flores-Haro	X											
LE	09/10/19 – 09/10/22	Cmdr. James Fryhoff												
District 3	04/15/21 – 04/14/24	Janis Gardner	X											
District 4	09/17/19 – 09/17/22	Jerry Harris	X											
District 1	05/11/21 – 05/10/24	Cheryl Heitmann	X											
District 2	01/08/22 – 01/07/25	Carol J. Keavney	e											
District 4	07/12/22 – 10/13/24	Carla Kurachi	e											
BOS	01/01/22 – 12/31/24	Supervisor Matt LaVere	X											
District 4	02/09/21 – 02/09/24	Jennifer Morrison	X											
District 2	03/15/20 – 03/15/23	Patricia Mowlavi	X											
District 5	01/25/20 – 01/24/23	Michael Rodriguez	X											
District 2	03/01/22 – 02/28/25	Elizabeth R. Stone	X											
District 4	09/18/21 – 09/17/24	Christopher Tejeda	X											
District 2	09/17/19 – 09/16/22	Carol Thomas	X											
District 5	01/11/20 – 01/24/23	Marlen Torres												
District 5	04/21/22 – 03/22/24	Liz Warren	X											
Optional: Practicing Psychiatrist		VACANT												

Present = X

District 1: Supervisor LaVere

District 2: Supervisor Parks

District 3: Supervisor Long

District 4: Supervisor Huber

District 5: Supervisor Ramirez

A woman with dark, curly hair is looking out a window. She has a nose ring and is looking towards the right. The window shows a view of a tall building and some greenery under a blue sky with clouds. The overall mood is bright and hopeful.

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**SUICIDE
& CRISIS
LIFELINE**

**Prevention
Briefing: BHAB**

July 18, 2022

Dr. Jamie Rotnofsky, PhD, QME
Licensed Clinical Psychologist
Chair- Suicide Prevention Council
UCBH- MHSA Senior Manager

Today's briefing

- America's Mental Health Crisis
- The existing Lifeline
- 988 – a transformative moment
- What you can do



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In 2021

- There were 87 suicide deaths in Ventura County
- Suicide was the 9th leading cause of death in Ventura County.
- Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for youth
- A high percentage of the population were White, male, with death due to firearm followed by asphyxia.
- There is an increase of people in crisis, as impacted by COVID-19
- On a recent survey of Ventura County residents, Mental Health and Substance abuse are the number 1 concern.



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In 2021

- The total number of **overdoses** was 269 (15 determined suicides).
- 2021 represents a 33% increase compared to 2020 and a 94% increase compared to 2019. Most deaths were due to opioid/fentanyl overdoses.





Providing 24/7, free and confidential support to people in suicidal crisis or mental health-related distress helps

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline helps thousands of people overcome crisis situations every day

Proven to work – Lifeline studies have shown that after speaking with a trained crisis counselor, most callers are significantly more likely to feel

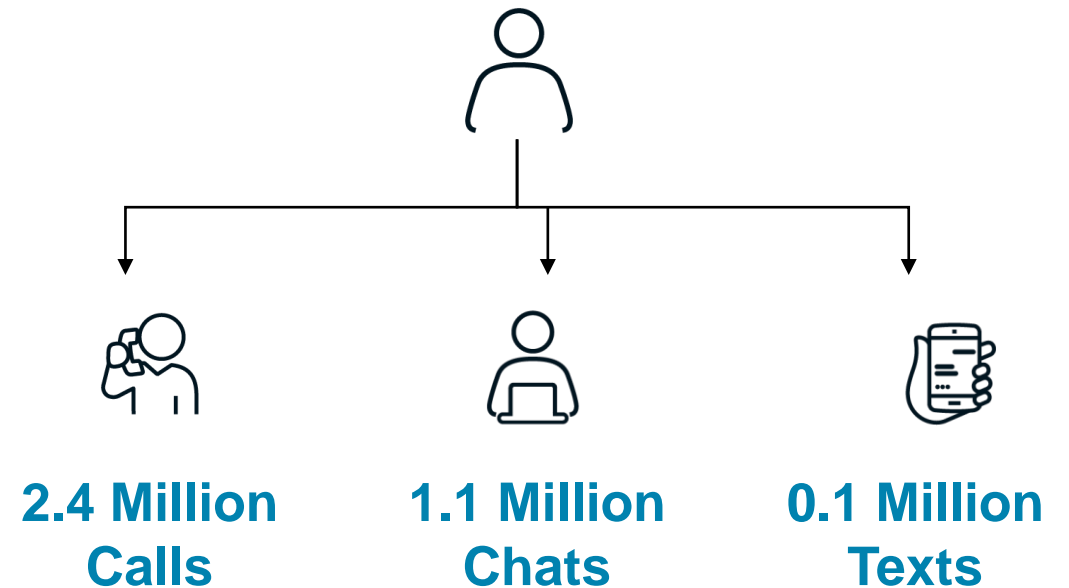
- less depressed
- less suicidal
- less overwhelmed
- more hopeful

In FY21, the Lifeline received roughly **3.6 million contacts**

People who **call the Lifeline** are given three options:


- **Press 1** to connect with the **Veterans Crisis Line**
- **Press 2** to connect with the **Spanish Subnetwork**
- **Remain on the line** and be connected to a **local crisis center**; if local crisis center is unable to answer, the caller is routed to a national backup center

People who **text/chat the Lifeline** are currently connected to crisis centers equipped to respond to texts and chats



In Ventura County, the Lifeline received roughly 2,850 contacts in the past year (Jun 2021 – May 2022)

Lifeline call volume is significantly up by 10% for the period of January to May in 2021 vs 2022



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Call for yourself or someone you care about. You're not alone.

988 – New and Easy to Remember

A new, easy way to access support in a time of crisis is available. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is now the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. If you or someone you care about is thinking about suicide, call or text 988 now. It's free, confidential, and available 24/7.

Share this number to help link anyone in distress or crisis with a trained counselor who will listen compassionately and provide caring support and crisis resources.

“Your feelings matter – don't think you're not important enough to talk to someone else or to ask for support.”

RESOURCES

Emergency: Call 911

Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: Call, text, or TTY 988
Web Chat: www.988lifeline.org

Veteran's Crisis Line: 988 then dial 1

Ventura County Crisis & Referral Line:
1-866-998-2243


Substance Use Treatment Access Line:
1-844-385-9200
24/7 • www.VCBH.org

The Trevor Project Lifeline (LGBTQ+ focus):
1-866-488-7386
24/7 • thetrevorproject.org

For more suicide prevention resources, visit www.WellnessEveryDay.org.



Funding is made through Ventura County Behavioral Health, Mental Health Services Act.
Ventura County Behavioral Health treatment clinics and programs are licensed by the State Department of Health Care Services. Learn more at www.vcbh.org.



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LÍNEA DE
PREVENCIÓN
DEL SUICIDIO
Y CRISIS

Llame si usted o alguien importante para usted lo necesita. No está solo.

988 – Nuevo y Fácil de Recordar

Hay una forma nueva y fácil de conseguir apoyo en tiempos de crisis – 988 la Línea de Prevención del Suicidio y Crisis. Si usted o alguien importante para usted está pensando en el suicidio, llame al 988 ahora. Es gratis, confidencial y disponible 24/7.

Comparta este número para ayudar a conectar a cualquier persona que esté en crisis con un consejero capacitado que escuchará con compasión y que brindará apoyo y recursos de crisis.

“Tus sentimientos importan – no creas que no vale la pena hablar con alguien o pedir apoyo.”

RECURSOS

Emergencia: llame al 911

Línea de Prevención del Suicidio y Crisis: llame al 988
Sordo o con dificultades auditivas – TTY: 998

Línea de Crisis para Veteranos:
988 y luego presione 1

Línea de Crisis por Texto:
Envíe AYUDA al 741741
o chatee en línea: www.crisistextline.org/es

Línea de Crisis y Referencia del Condado de Ventura:
1-866-998-2243

Servicios de Tratamiento por el Uso de Sustancias:
1-844-385-9200
24/7 • www.VCBH.org/es

The Trevor Project – Línea de Apoyo (enfoque LGBTQ+):
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Para más recursos de prevención del suicidio, visite www.SaludSiempreVC.org.



Financiamiento brindado por Ventura County Behavioral Health, Ley de Servicios de Salud Mental.
Las clínicas y los programas de Ventura County Behavioral Health están autorizados por el State Department of Health Care Services. Aprenda más: www.vcbh.org/es.

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Promoting Mental Health in Ventura County • Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255

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California HOPE

Emotional support when you need it.

July is BIPOC Mental Health Month

Mental Wellness News & Updates

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS RESOURCES

Children & Teens

Young Adults (16-25)

Adults

Older Adults

Inicio - Salud Siempre

saludsiempre.org

salud siempre

Promoviendo la Salud Mental en el Condado de Ventura • Línea de Prevención del Suicidio: 1-888-628-9454

Aprenda sobre...

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LINEA DE PREVENCIÓN DEL SUICIDIO Y CRISIS

Llame si usted o alguien importante para usted lo necesita. No está solo.

California HOPE

Apoyo emocional cuando lo necesitas.

Julio es el Mes de la Salud Mental BIPOC

Noticias de Salud y Bienestar Mental

SALUD MENTAL Y RECURSOS PARA EL BIENESTAR

Niños y Adolescentes

Jóvenes Adultos (16-25)

Adultos

Adultos Mayores

Thank you!



And you can email questions to us at

988Team@samhsa.hhs.gov

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Assistant Director's Update

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June has the following days of significance to highlight:

BIPOC/Minority Mental Health Month

July 4, Independence Day

July 24, International Self-Care Day

California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal:

CalAIM is a multi-year initiative by DHCS to improve the quality of life and health outcomes of our population by implementing broad delivery system, program and payment reform across the Medi-Cal program. The major components of CalAIM build upon the successful outcomes of various pilots (including but not limited to the Whole Person Care Pilots (WPC), Health Homes Program (HHP), and the Coordinated Care Initiative) from the previous federal waivers and will result in a better quality of life for Medi-Cal members as well as long-term cost savings/avoidance.

CalAIM has three primary goals:

1. Identify and manage member risk and need through whole person care approaches and addressing Social Determinants of Health.
2. Move Medi-Cal to a more consistent and seamless system by reducing complexity and increasing flexibility; and
3. Improve quality outcomes, reduce health disparities, and drive delivery system transformation and innovation through value-based initiatives, modernization of systems, and payment reform.

Regarding County Mental Health Plans, the primary focus areas are:

- Behavioral health payment reform
- Revisions to behavioral health inpatient and outpatient medical necessity criteria for children and adults
- Administrative behavioral health integration statewide
- Regional contracting
- Substance use disorder managed care program renewal and policy improvements

DHCS formally released the CalAIM proposal on October 29, 2019, at the [Stakeholder Advisory Committee \(SAC\)](#) and [Behavioral Health Stakeholder Advisory Committee \(BH-SAC\)](#) meetings. Between November 2019 and February 2020, DHCS conducted extensive stakeholder engagement for both CalAIM and the renewal of the federal authorities under which Medi-Cal operates (i.e., 1115 and 1915b waivers).

DHCS postponed the planned implementation of the CalAIM initiative, originally scheduled for January 1, 2021, so that both DHCS and all of our partners could focus their limited resources on the needs arising from the public health emergency due to COVID-19.

DHCS released a revised CalAIM proposal on January 8, 2021. [Revised CalAIM Proposal](#).

General Updates:

- The Administration introduced a CARE Courts Proposal in early March. Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Court is a new framework to get people with mental health and substance use disorders the support and care they need. CARE Court is aimed at helping the thousands of Californians who are suffering from untreated mental health disorders leading to homelessness, incarceration or worse. California is taking a new approach to act early and get people the support they need and address underlying needs. To learn more about this proposal, please visit: <https://www.chhs.ca.gov/care-court/>
- The Quality Management Action Committee (QMAC) meeting schedule and format has been updated to allow for more in-depth data review and discussions. Now, in addition to large group meetings, smaller work groups will take place bi-monthly. The first smaller, QMAC Work Group will be towards the end of March. A Doodle poll to request participation and gather date preferences from QMAC members will be sent soon. The next all member QMAC meeting will be in September, TBD. If anyone is interested in joining or would like to recommend someone, please email vcbh.quality@ventura.org.
- We would like to provide the link to the webpage where the most recent VCBH EQRO reports can be viewed: <https://vcbh.org/en/about-us/reports-performance>

Adult Services Division:

- Awards for Round 3 BHCIP funding were announced and unfortunately Ventura County was not a grant recipient. Planning around the proposed 120-beds facility remains ongoing with the same partners, Oasis Healthcare LLC, and Many Mansions. As previously noted, the locked facility intends to address the needs of both conserved and court-ordered clients.
- We are happy to report Round 4 of No Place Like Home Funding has been awarded to both Ventura County submissions. Casa Aliento, the former Vagabond Motel in Oxnard, will be rehabilitated into studios apartments and 34 of the 70 units will be set aside for unhoused, low-income VCBH clients. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of 2023. The other project, Cypress Place, will provide 20 of the 60 No Place Like Home units also for unhoused VCBH clients and completion is expected in November 2025.

Youth and Family (Y&F) Services Division:

Division Highlights

- The entire Y&F Leadership Team attended the Integrated Core Practice Model (ICPM) Summit and Trainings which were launched last month. The ICPM is a unifying framework for child-serving systems to put children, youth, and families authentically at the center of care to best meet their individualized needs and goals. The ICPM trainings were also attended by agency partners from Probation, the Human Services Agency, Education, and the Regional Center.

Initiatives and Progress

- The Y&F Division is very pleased to have started onboarding several clinical staff from the June 4 Hiring Fair. The addition of these staff will be a tremendous support to their respective teams and the community we serve.
- VCBH is working closely with SELPA in continuing to refine protocols for youth served under the Educationally Related Social Emotional Services (ERSES) MOU. The effort is to strengthen the referral process, better identify level of care and appropriate and timely step-down services.

Collaborations

- VCBH and SELPA are in process of revamping their ERSES trainings to provide them regionally and directly to individual districts and their regional VCBH teams.
- VCBH is working with Probation in their effort to evaluate and enhance the services of the youth at the Juvenile Facility. The evaluation is being led by consultants, Health Management Associates, to gather information pertaining to current services at the JF and identify gaps and areas needing improvement.

Access and Outreach Division:

- Wendy Hipple, LMFT has stepped in as Interim Clinic Administrator for Logrando Bienestar as of 7/5/22.
- We welcome our new hire to Enhanced Managed Care (ECM), Laticha Perez, LMFT, we are in the process of onboarding another staff to begin providing ECM services.
- We continue to actively recruit for the various positions that are currently vacant to ensure quality care.

Substance Use Services (SUS) Division:

- VCBH is pleased to announce its intent to award a contract for the operation of Substance Use Services Recovery Residence to the Khepera House. Recovery Residence (also known as Recovery Housing) is a benefit for Medi-Cal recipients in which beneficiaries can be referred to recovery housing while attending outpatient treatment and in need of safe environment free from alcohol and drugs. The housing is paid for while in concurrent outpatient treatment (including Opioid/Narcotic Treatment Program (NTP) and medication for addiction treatment (MAT) services. Recovery Residences are distinct from Residential Treatment, and are not clinical levels of care, rather the Recovery Residence is a benefit similar to sober living.
- The DUI program continues to 'soft re-open' on-site services with the focus on returning on-site services to pre-covid service levels for intake, group, and education. We are increasingly offering hybrid options and remain committed to providing services that are accessible and timely.
- Oxnard DUI is piloting tech solutions to engage our clients who use translators in hybrid groups. This is possible due to ongoing collaborations with Office of Health Equity and Cultural Diversity staff.

Overdose Prevention and Response

- The Fentanyl is Forever campaign continues out in the County in publications, on transit systems. The total impressions from Broadcast TV, Streaming Video, Targeted Website Ads, Online Video is: 2,743,079
www.FentanylVenturaCounty.org
- The prevention team attended outreach events, meetings and offered presentations. Highlights are:
 - VCBH Empower Up! event in Oxnard
 - Mexican Consulate - Ventanilla de Salud in Oxnard
 - PRIDE Resource Fair in Fillmore
- Overdose Prevention Program Update: We have 249 documented overdose reversals from Jan – June, and we are on track to save approximately 500 lives this year if trends continue.

MHSA:

- The Ventura County Health Needs Assessment has been completed, sponsored by the Ventura County Community Improvement Collaborative (VCCHIC), which included VCBH-MHSA. The Needs Assessment included over 3000 surveys completed, secondary data and focus groups, including people with lived experience and enrolled in Mental Health Services. The results can be found on healthmattersinvc.org. Portions of this report will be utilized for the MHSA Three-year Annual Update. MHSA will be holding additional focus groups in unserved/underserved areas identified in the report as well as a focus groups focusing on homelessness. Once the research is completed, the MHSA department will be holding Community Groups to review the results and receive feedback. More information to follow.
- The Suicide Prevention Forum will be in person this year at Ventura College on Wednesday September 21. The forum is designed for community members and health care providers. More information to come on this event.
- Effective July 16th the new 988 Suicide & Crisis Hotline became active across the country. There will be a short presentation on 988 on the BHAB meeting.

Administration:

CalAIM

- The CalAIM unit (California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal) continues to coordinate CalAIM efforts across the department. A CalAIM Implementation lead team, which includes managers from various functional areas, continues to meet on an ongoing basis to support implementation of the policy changes that went into effect 07/1/22.
- VCBH has developed a training plan in conjunction with DHCS' training partners to support and provide the necessary tools needed for a smooth integration of the CalAIM changes for both VCBH staff and contracted providers. The training will consist of live webinars outlining updated policies and procedures, followed by interactive LIVE Q & A sessions. The slide deck from the live webinars and Q & A sessions will be made available to all VCBH staff and contract provider representatives to support ongoing organizational training needs. Role-specific documentation manuals will also be made available for both MHP and DMC/DMC-ODS staff. On-going communication and collaboration with contracted county partners and the local managed care health plan continue to help facilitate a smooth implementation experience.
- In addition to BHQIP, Ventura County Behavioral Health will be implementing the Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist program within the DMC-ODS and SMHS delivery systems. The CalAIM team has started communicating information to internal and external stakeholders. We are currently inquiring for initial peer scholarship interest.

Safety and Facilities

- Continued compliance with CDPH order that requires all healthcare staff to be vaccinated, have a booster shot or have an approved exemption and be tested weekly. Conducting reviews of facility space and vehicle needs to address upcoming program changes. Updated new Cal/OSHA and CDPH COVID-19 workplace health requirements and implementing throughout the department. Continued oversight of staff COVID-19 contact tracing and associated notifications and documentation. Conducted annual health and safety reviews of all BH locations.

Contracts Team

- The Contracts Administration Team has completed the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 contracting renewal process. Contracts are in the process of being finalized through the system and fully executed copies will be sent to the various VCBH Operations Managers and Contractor contract liaison staff. FY 2021-22 Contractor site review Corrective Action Plans that remain open are continuing to be monitored by VCBH Contracts Administration, Operations, Utilization Review, and Fiscal staff to ensure compliance and proper closure. The calendar for FY 2022-23 Contractor site reviews and Fall Provider Meetings will be developed in July and scheduling of the Fall site reviews and Provider Meetings will begin in August.

Quality Assurance

- The QA team is actively collaborating with the VCBH CalAIM and Admin/Operational Department teams in interpreting, integrating, and implementing the CalAIM initiative changes for VCBH/CBO providers. Specific focus is on system reformation, electronic health record revisions, staff training, and updated Policies & Procedures. Specifically, QA and CalAIM staff have held four VCBH and Contracted Provider Question and Answer sessions.
- VCBH Policy Office has worked closely with the Office of Health Equity on the integration of cultural and linguistic competency integration into policies. Thirty-eight policies have been revised including the newly established cultural and linguistic competency paragraph. As each policy is revised, it is assessed for the addition of the Cultural Competency language.
- Utilization Review conducts quarterly reviews and administrative exit reviews, which identify common themes to inform training and improved clinical documentation. In alignment with CalAIM changes, the focus is on identifying and remediating occurrences of Fraud, Waste and Abuse.
- QA continues to review, monitor, and track implementation of and compliance with DHCS Information Notices in collaboration with inter-departmental stakeholders.

Quality Improvement:

- The FY 2021-22 DMC-ODS External Quality Reviews (EQRO) report is now available on CalEQRO's website and VCBH's; the final Mental Health report is now has posted as well.
- In FY 2022-23, the Mental Health and DMC-ODS external quality reviews will take place at the same time November 8th-10th. This is the first joint, or side-by-side review, and plans are underway.
- QI continues to implement four performance improvement projects (PIPs) that address various areas for improvement, some will be ending soon. We are currently developing three new PIPs specific to CalAIM-related shifts in measuring specific items like follow-up after an emergency room visit.
- QI is building out ongoing tracking and reporting of key performance metrics and are working with VC-Information Technology Services to design a public-facing data dashboard.
- The Quality Management Action Committee (QMAC) meeting schedule and format has been updated to allow for more in-depth data review and discussions. Now, in addition to large group meetings, smaller work groups will be regularly convened. QI continues to recruit consumer/family/peer and community stakeholders for the QMAC. Names can be sent to vcbh.quality@ventura.org
- QI is coordinating the submission of the network adequacy certification tool (NACT) required by DHCS annually to demonstrate compliance with the state's standards for access to services. This process will involve data collection from VCBH and CBO programs regarding provider capacity and services, as well as timeliness data. The NACT is expected to be due in late summer.

- To support VCBH Strategic Plan efforts, QI has analyzed and prepared baseline data that will be used to monitor and report progress. For key outcomes that do not yet have baseline data, QI will be working with department leads to develop methods for future reporting.

Electronic Health Record

- CANS (Children's Assessment of Needs & Strengths) Process Improvement - VCBH has completed an agreement with Opeeka, a leader in CANS assessment analysis systems. Opeeka P-CIS is a vendor-hosted application which provides overall management and analysis of the CANS admission process. The EHR Team are working with Opeeka to securely move CANS historical data into the P-CIS environment. Next steps include training of VCBH clinicians and management team regarding usage of the P-CIS application.
- FSP (Full-Service Partnership) Client Key Event Realtime Tracking System - A new information system is coming online during the month of July with a view towards capturing Realtime notifications of specific community encounters involving FSP clients. Through close collaboration with other county partners, information regarding FSP client contacts with other agencies will be forward to Behavioral Health and loaded into the FSP Client Key Event Tracking System. Once the information has been entered into the system, alerts will be sent to the respective FSP client care team notifying them of the event. This system is designed to increase the awareness of FSP client encounters with various agencies such as hospitals, emergency rooms, law enforcement, and homeless management initiatives.
- CalAIM required changes to clinical documentation have been released to meet the 7/1 implementation date. Additional changes and updates may be planned in the future to improve usability of the Avatar forms if necessary. Future planned changes involve the establishment of a common screening evaluation method to be used throughout the Behavioral Health environment. The entire CalAIM initiative proposes an implementation strategy lasting 5 years.
- The Avatar Consoles implementation has been completed. This provides a new interface into client chart documents with a focus on ease of use.

VENTURA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Clients Served

Open episodes in June 2022 with billing activity in prior 12 months

As of 7/5/2022

All VCBH SUS - County & Contractor MH Adult - County & Contractor MH Y&F - County & Contractor VCBH STAR Adult Crisis	VCBH Treatment Programs County & Contractor Includes outpatient and residential
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**VCBH enrolled clients only

	VCBH Program Group							
	All VCBH	SUS	MH Adult	MH Youth and Family	VCBH STAR	VCBH Crisis	CSU**	IPU**
Total Clients With Open Episode	11,950	1,152	5,809	4,448	905	523	19	55

**VCBH enrolled clients only

Total Clients With Open Episode Age Group *	VCBH Program Group							
	All VCBH	SUS	MH Adult	MH Youth and Family	VCBH STAR	VCBH Crisis	CSU**	IPU**
0-15	3,144	28		2,919	280	52		
16-25	2,396	195	791	1,342	208	107	1	9
26-59	5,105	876	3,846	187	373	279	17	42
60+	1,305	53	1,172		44	85	1	4
Grand Total	11,950	1,152	5,809	4,448	905	523	19	55

**VCBH enrolled clients only

Total Clients With Open Episode Preferred Language	VCBH Program Group							
	All VCBH	SUS	MH Adult	MH Youth and Family	VCBH STAR	VCBH Crisis	CSU**	IPU**
English	10,131	1,074	5,001	3,611	748	460	19	51
Spanish	1,277	53	543	613	114	23		3
Mixteco	11	1	2	7	3			
Non-Threshold Language	89	3	63	18	4	3		1
Not Reported	442	21	200	199	36	37		
Grand Total	11,950	1,152	5,809	4,448	905	523	19	55

**VCBH enrolled clients only

Total Clients With Open Episode	VCBH Program Group							
	All VCBH	SUS	MH Adult	MH Youth and Family	VCBH STAR	VCBH Crisis	CSU**	IPU**
Ethnicity								
Latinx	6,324	609	2,625	2,882	506	177	10	22
Non-Latinx	4,091	445	2,670	870	240	178	7	29
Not Reported	1,530	98	511	696	159	166	2	4
Declined to State	5		3			2		
Grand Total	11,950	1,152	5,809	4,448	905	523	19	55

**VCBH enrolled clients only

Total Clients Served At Each Location ***	VCBH Program Group							
	All VCBH	SUS	MH Adult	MH Youth and Family	VCBH STAR	VCBH Crisis	CSU**	IPU**
Program Service Location								
CAMARILLO	501		95	406				
FILLMORE	159	26		137				
MOORPARK	15			15				
OXNARD	6,481	848	2,631	2,106	905	523		
SANTA PAULA	866		562	305				
SIMI VALLEY	1,305	90	738	505				
THOUSAND OAKS	1,281	51	898	349				
VENTURA	2,182	78	1,118	1,016			19	55
Outside Ventura County (Contractor)	216	193	23					
Grand Total	13,006	1,286	6,065	4,839	905	523	19	55

*** Clients may be counted under multiple locations

**VCBH enrolled clients only

Total Clients With Open Episode	VCBH Program Group							
	All VCBH	SUS	MH Adult	MH Youth and Family	VCBH STAR	VCBH Crisis	CSU**	IPU**
Residence Region - City								
Conejo Valley	997	96	542	283	83	59	2	7
Conejo Valley-Newbury Park	249	19	132	73	24	19	1	3
Conejo Valley-Oak Park	32	4	7	20	2	2		
Conejo Valley-Thousand Oaks	660	69	375	174	48	36	1	4
Conejo Valley-Westlake Village	56	4	28	16	9	2		
Moorpark	375	28	137	205	16	18		
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Ojai	232	24	103	81	25	17	1	2
Ojai	182	22	84	60	17	13	1	1
Ojai-Oak View	50	2	19	21	8	4		1
Oxnard Plains	5,383	492	2,568	2,094	435	208	8	23
Oxnard Plains-Camarillo	810	55	444	273	48	38	1	5
Oxnard Plains-Oxnard	4,188	390	1,947	1,674	359	148	6	17
Oxnard Plains-Port Hueneme	366	46	167	141	26	21	1	1
Oxnard Plains-Somis	19	1	10	6	2	1		
Santa Clara Valley	1,216	78	487	605	96	21	1	4
Santa Clara Valley-Fillmore	356	31	138	174	27	9		1
Santa Clara Valley-Piru	39	3	14	23	4			
Santa Clara Valley-Santa Paula	821	44	335	408	65	12	1	3
Simi Valley	1,328	140	657	481	72	69	1	4
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Ventura	2,069	247	1,154	589	158	108	6	14
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Not Reported	350	47	161	110	20	23		1
Not Reported	350	47	161	110	20	23		1
Grand Total	11,950	1,152	5,809	4,448	905	523	19	55

Residence cities do not reflect client service location.

Ventura County Behavioral Health
Board Letter Summary of Contracts for June 2022

Board Date	Contractor	Amount	Term	Description
6/7/2022	BH-VC OPCO SP, LLC (DBA Jackson House Santa Paula)	\$928,950	November 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	FY 2021-22 First Amendment to the Agreement for Short-Term Crisis Residential Recovery Treatment Program Services with Jackson House Santa Paula. Jackson House Santa Paula's Short-Term Crisis Residential Recovery Treatment Program (CRT) provides a short-term, voluntary, and licensed social rehabilitation program for up to sixteen (16) adults who are experiencing increased psychiatric symptoms or a behavioral health crisis. The CRT facility services are used by clients to avoid acute hospitalization or to assist clients in stepping down from an acute hospital stay. Treatment services include assessment, community functioning evaluation, mental health counseling (including individual and group therapy and peer support) treatment for co-occurring substance abuse disorders, Wellness and Recovery based group interventions, case management, medication services, and successful linkages to community support services with the goal of minimizing the risk of hospitalization or return to routine crisis-based care. Throughout FY 21-22, Jackson House Santa Paula increased from an initial projection of eight (8) clients to the projection of 16 clients. The First Amendment to the Agreement with Jackson House Santa Paula made necessary operational and administrative changes and increased the maximum amount of the agreement by \$317,350, from \$611,600 to \$928,950, due to an increase in the number of clients projected throughout the FY 2021-22. Rates remain the same. This agreement is funded with Short Doyle Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation Funds (SD/MC FFP) Funds and Proposition 63 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding.
6/7/2022	Telecare Corporation	\$2,777,559	July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	FY 2021-22 Third Amendment to the Agreement for Locked Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (Horizon View) Services with Telecare Corporation. Telecare Corporation provides locked mental health rehabilitation center (MHRC) (Horizon View) services for individuals who have a history of severe mental illness who cannot be properly treated at lower levels of care. These consumers are: (1) Medi-Cal eligible, (2) 18 years of age or older, and (3) have been conserved pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 5350, et seq. (the "Lanterman-Petris-Short Act") and are transferring from an acute psychiatric hospital, a state hospital, or another locked MHRC. Consumers receive supervision, guidance, and personal assistance in performing their daily living activities. In addition, structured day and evening services are also provided to assist consumers in acquiring living skills, accessing community resources, and accessing educational or vocational resources. Throughout FY 2021-22 Horizon View suffered from a nurse shortage which required the use of the Nurse Registry and additional overtime compensation for current staff. The Third Amendment to the Agreement with Telecare Corporation increased the maximum amount of the agreement by \$134,034, from \$2,643,525 to \$2,777,559 due to additional costs incurred through the use of the Nurse Registry and overtime compensation for current staff. This agreement is funded with SD/MC FFP Funds and County Realignment funding.
6/7/2022	Golden Hillmont House MHRC, LLC	\$2,096,882	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	FY 2022-23 Agreement for MHRC Services with Golden Hillmont House MHRC, LLC. Golden Hillmont House MHRC, LLC's MHRC program is a 15-bed facility that provides housing and support for up to 18 months for individuals with severe and persistent mental illness to enable them to transition to independent or supported-living arrangements. The MHRC program uses a psychosocial rehabilitation model that provides a balance of activities, education, vocational services, therapy, health, and socialization to support physical, psychological, and spiritual health. Throughout FY 2021-22, the MHRC served 24 unduplicated clients and maintained an average daily client count of approximately 15. The FY 2022-23 Agreement with Golden Hillmont House MHRC, LLC for MHRC services is for a one-year term and represents an increase in the maximum contract amount due to increases in salaries and benefits and furniture replacements/upgrades within the facility. This agreement is funded with SD/MC FFP and Realignment funding.
6/7/2022	Golden Ventura CRT, LLC	2,090,230	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	FY 2022-23 Agreement for Crisis Residential Recovery Treatment Services with Golden Ventura CRT, LLC. Golden Ventura CRT, LLC's Short-term Crisis Residential Recovery Treatment (CRT) program is a short-term voluntary program for up to 15 adults experiencing increased psychiatric symptoms or a behavioral health crisis; an individual's length of stay does not exceed 90 days. The CRT facility's services are used by clients to avoid acute hospitalization or to assist clients in stepping down from an acute hospital stay. Treatment services include psychiatric care and medication management, individual and group therapy, life and coping skills training, peer support, substance abuse relapse prevention services, and recreational group activities. Services are designed to achieve psychiatric stabilization and community reintegration. Throughout FY 2021-22, the CRT served 121 unduplicated clients and maintained an average daily client count of approximately 13. The FY 2022-23 Agreement with Golden Ventura CRT, LLC for CRT services is for a one-year term and represents an increase in the maximum contract amount due to increases in salaries and benefits. This agreement is funded with SD/MC FFP and MHSA funding.
6/7/2022	Turning Point Foundation (Growing Works)	\$325,000	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	FY 2022-23 Fifth Amendment to the Agreement for Growing Works Services with Turning Point Foundation. Growing Works Psychiatric Rehabilitation program is a nursery/horticultural peer job readiness program using established recovery principles to provide job readiness training to VCBH clients. Turning Point Foundation operates the Growing Works program based on a logic model built into the scope of work, delineating specific activities, outputs, and outcomes. Throughout FY 2021-22, Growing Works served 24 unduplicated clients with three (3) transitioning to supported employment and three (3) transitioning to external competitive employment. The FY 2022-23 Fifth Amendment to the Agreement with Turning Point Foundation for Growing Works services is for a one-year term and represents an increase in the maximum contract amount due to increases in salaries and benefits. This agreement is funded with SD/MC FFP and MHSA funding.
6/7/2022	Turning Point Foundation (Social Rehabilitation)	\$1,169,340	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	FY 2022-23 Fourth Amendment to the Agreement for Social Rehabilitation Services with Turning Point Foundation. Turning Point Foundation Social Rehabilitation program provides rehabilitation services to adults who suffer from severe and persistent mental illness using an evidence-based psychiatric rehabilitation model. The model provides day treatment services that integrate peer support with licensed professional supervision as a strategy for providing self-help, rehabilitation, and recovery-oriented services. The program provides structured skill-building groups, support groups, and activities six days per week and is designed to enhance independent living skills and develop and practice coping, social, and communication skills. Rehabilitation services are provided at the New Visions Center (Center) located in Ventura and Oxnard Clubhouse (Clubhouse). Throughout FY 2021-22, Social Rehabilitation served 149 unduplicated clients and at the two locations with an average daily attendance of 28, and an average of 120 members at any point in time. The FY 2022-23 Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with Turning Point Foundation for Social Rehabilitation services is for a one-year term and represents minor updates to the program description and an increase in the maximum contract amount due to increases in salaries and benefits. This agreement is funded with SD/MC FFP and Realignment funding.

Board Date	Contractor	Amount	Term	Description
6/7/2022	United Parents	\$961,361	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	FY 2022-23 Agreement for Family Access and Support Team Services with United Parents FAST. United Parents provides Medi-Cal Family Access and Support Team (FAST) services to children and families. The program is designed to provide short term intensive home and community based supportive services in a proactive approach with the goal of reducing the need for crisis-based interventions, hospitalizations, and out-of-home placements. Families of children diagnosed with Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) benefit from a more proactive approach that supports and teaches them strategies to prevent an escalating situation from turning into a crisis. The program's peer to peer component utilizes trained parents, recruited from the communities they will serve, to work with families to build specific skills and techniques. During the first three (3) quarters of FY 2021-22, 185 families were served in the FAST program, 61 families were enrolled, and 84 were discharged. The FY 2022-23 agreement with United Parents FAST for FAST services is for a one-year term and represents a transition by this provider to the provision of Medi-Cal Specialty mental health services. The agreement represents an increase in the maximum contract amount due to increases in salaries and benefits. This agreement is funded with SD/MC FFP, MHSA, and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) funding.
6/7/2022	Kids and Families Together	\$1,204,017	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	FY 2022-23 Agreement for Specialty Mental Health Care Services with Kids & Families. Kids & Families Together provides Medi-Cal specialty mental health care Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) services to children and their families. Kids & Families primarily focuses on serving foster children ages 0 to 18 years who have experienced trauma and/or maltreatment and are involved with the foster care system. In FY 2021-22, Kids & Families provided services to 160 unduplicated clients. The FY 2022-23 agreement with Kids & Families for Medi-Cal specialty mental health care EPSDT services is for a one-year term and represents an increase of \$148,604 from the prior fiscal year mainly due to increases in salaries and benefits. This agreement is funded with SD/MC FFP and EPSDT/Realignment funding.
6/7/2022	Evalcorp	\$368,154	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	FY 2022-23 Sixth Amendment to the Agreement for Evaluation Services with Evalcorp. Evalcorp provides critical research and technical services, assisting Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) and its funded Prevention Services contractors in developing appropriate process and outcome measures, tailored data collection protocols, and corresponding data and performance outcome reports. Additionally, Evalcorp provides VCBH with prevention research, evaluation, data collection and analysis services including: (1) Place of Last Drink (POLD) survey among driving under the influence (DUI) arrestees, (2) overdose prevention rescue kit data integration, (3) opioid abuse prevention geo-targeting support, and (4) drug trend information, including quantitative and qualitative research methods to inform: prescription drug, alcohol, methamphetamine, fentanyl and polydrug use prevention interventions. In the first three quarters of FY 2021-22, Evalcorp completed summative evaluation for all five (5) initiatives under the current Strategic Prevention Plan, including metrics for opioid prescribing trends locally over the last six years, DUI prevention, and addressing health disparities and substance use risk among young people. The FY 2022-23 Sixth Amendment to the Agreement with Evalcorp is for a one-year term and represents an increase of \$20,904 to the maximum agreement amount from the prior fiscal year in order to expand data collection, presentation and visualization relating to Overdose Prevention and Naloxone distribution efforts, and assist in developing faster, more efficient data capture and feedback for expanding fentanyl prevention and overdose response. There are only minor language changes from the existing agreement. This Agreement is funded with Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG), SABG American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and SABG Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) funding.
6/7/2022	Give An Hour	\$309,044	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	FY 2022-23 Eighth Amendment to the Agreement for Prevention Services with Give An Hour. Give An Hour supports expanded overdose crisis response with: (1) community overdose prevention training, (2) institutional overdose response expansion training, and (3) professional development and capacity building. In the first three quarters of FY 2021-22, Give An Hour provided training and support to more than fifty (50) naloxone distribution sites, with updated training standards for educators and counselors, reaching hundreds of residents and elevated risk for opioid overdose. The FY 2022-23 8th Amendment to the Agreement with Give An Hour, Inc. is for a one-year term and represents an increase of \$114,655 to the maximum agreement amount from the prior fiscal year due to a major expansion of professional development training and structured learning opportunities for medical doctors and other health professionals to better address the Opioid Crisis, and the rise of street fentanyl for clinical considerations. The training will feature a series of four (4) learning events in partnership with the Office of the Medical Examiner to better inform prescribing professionals countywide. There are only minor language changes from the prior fiscal year. This Agreement is funded by Vehicle Fines, Statham and SABG ARPA funding.
6/7/2022	Idea Engineering, Inc.	\$374,500	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	FY 2022-23 Seventh Amendment to the Agreement for Prevention Marketing Services with Idea Engineering, Inc. Idea Engineering, Inc. provides VCBH with communication materials and public messaging campaign services, including custom and localized public service announcements to support various program priorities (e.g., prescription drug abuse and heroin prevention initiatives, impaired driving prevention, opioid overdose prevention and rescue efforts) using a range of media channels. Traditional print media and internet-based digital messaging services are directed to youth and adults. Marketing, media and prevention messaging services reach targeted groups locally, consistent with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Strategic Prevention Framework. In the first three quarters of FY 2021-22, Idea Engineering Inc. developed monthly themes covering topics such as "fentanyl can be found in any street drug" and "You Can Save A Life" using naloxone overdose rescue strategies. Messages focused on prescription drug misuse prevention, fentanyl and methamphetamine awareness, access to care messaging, and DUI prevention were created and delivered with strong local impressions. The Fentanyl Prevention Campaign alone garnered 971,000 airings on broadcast television, 94,988 impressions via streaming video, 230,900 website ads, and 168,000 online video viewings, for a total of 1,370,005 impressions in 2021. The FY 2022-23 Seventh Amendment to the Agreement with Idea Engineering, Inc. is for a one-year term and represents an increase of \$8,500 to the maximum agreement amount from the prior fiscal year to augment and expand awareness campaigns about current trends in illegal drug use among older school-aged youth, and informing parents of these youth about new forms of opioid and stimulant risks. There are only minor language changes from the prior fiscal year. This Agreement is funded by Vehicle Fines, Statham and SABG ARPA funding.
6/7/2022	Reality Improv Connection, Inc.	\$298,901	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	FY 2022-23 Fifth Amendment to the Agreement for Prevention Services with Reality Improv Connection, Inc. Reality Improv 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 focus on 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 three quarters of FY 2021-22, Reality Improv engaged 983 unduplicated youth participants in primary prevention online content, with special attention for those from higher-need school communities, maximizing the effective use of interactive and immersive technologies for prevention. The 5th Amendment to the Agreement with Reality Improv Connection, Inc is for a one-year term and represents an increase of \$64,876 to the maximum agreement amount from the prior fiscal year to support a new digital media studio space, production assistance for prevention audio and video content, and assistance with organization and storage of digital public service announcements (PSAs). Additionally, 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. There are only minor language changes from the prior fiscal year. This Agreement is funded by SABG and SABG ARPA funding.

Board Date	Contractor	Amount	Term	Description
6/7/2022	Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE)	\$373,700	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	FY 2022-23 Sixth Amendment to the Agreement for Prevention Services with VCOE: VCOE provides VCBH with: (1) substance use prevention education and outreach to students (particularly those from underserved populations), school personnel, and community partners, (2) youth mentoring services, and (3) coordination and training to support student assistance and Friday Night Live programs throughout Ventura County. The goal of these programs is to prevent and reduce underage drinking, prescription drug use, illicit opioid use, and the harms associated with cannabis and tobacco vaping/e-products. In the first three quarters of FY 2021-22, VCOE expanded the number of active Friday Night Live chapters, promoted the use of online Student Assistance Program trainings using a robust digital platform, and had strong success in attracting and retaining participation in programs and events using a combination of virtual and in-person strategies, as feasible under COVID restrictions. The FY 2022-23 Sixth Amendment to the Agreement with VCOE is for a one-year term and represents an increase of \$73,700 to the maximum agreement amount from the prior fiscal year due to the availability of specified COVID-relief funds for Friday Night Live and Club Live set-aside monies, to fortify Youth Development and substance abuse prevention efforts with focus on new and better technology support for inclusion and participation from higher-need chapters, and staff development using professional trainings on ways to support Social Emotional Learning. There are only minor language changes from the prior fiscal year. This Agreement is funded with SABG, SABG ARPA and SABG CRRSAA funding.
6/7/2022	Ventura Unified School District (VUSD)	\$193,491	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	FY2022-23 Fourth Amendment to the Agreement for Prevention Services with VUSD. VUSD provides a systematic, District-level use of Brief Risk Reduction Interview and Intervention Model (BRRIM) with existing and new Student Assistance Program (SAP) staffing and resources, to provide individualized alcohol and drug prevention support services to participating students and their families. In the first three quarters of FY 2021-22, for example, VUSD convened more than 400 virtual sessions to support family engagement and student success, including appropriate referral to alcohol and drug educational and support programs within the District. The FY 2022-23 4th Amendment to the Agreement with VCOE is for a one-year term and represents an increase of \$13,538 to the maximum agreement amount from the prior fiscal year due to the availability of specified COVID-relief funds to sustain current staffing and continue expansion of on-site services as more students return to campus for classroom instruction as well as group and individual supports for successful progress in school. There are only minor language changes from the prior fiscal year. This Agreement is fully funded with SABG funding.
6/7/2022	New Way Group Home	\$496,490	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	FY 2022-23 Second Amendment to the Agreement for Short Term Residential Treatment Program (STRTP) Services with New Way Group Home. New Way Group Home operates a twelve (12) bed STRTP focusing on the needs of individual children in order to provide support in several areas including behavior management, impulse control, feelings identification and regulation, interpersonal and relationship skills, and helping youth to develop internal focus on control. A new contract as of February 2022, they are currently in the process of onboarding clients in order to meet their facility capacity. The FY 2022-23 Second Amendment to the Agreement with New Way Group Home for STRTP services is for a one-year term and represents an increase in the maximum contract amount of \$321,227 due to this being the first full 12-month Agreement in addition to the rising costs in living expenses, adding the additional staff position of a psychiatrist to align with regulations, and to purchase needed equipment. This Agreement is funded with SD/MC FFP, 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C) and 2011 Realignment.
6/7/2022	For the Future, Inc.	\$534,718	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	FY 2022-23 Fifth Amendment to the Agreement for STRTP Services with For the Future, Inc. For the Future, Inc. operates a six (6) bed Short Term Residential Treatment Program focusing on the needs of individual children in order to provide support in several areas including behavior management, impulse control, feelings identification and regulation, interpersonal and relationship skills, and helping youth to develop internal focus on control. For the nine months ending March 2022, For the Future Inc. saw sixteen (16) unduplicated clients. The FY 22-23 Fifth Amendment to the Agreement with For the Future for STRTP services is for a one-year term and represents an increase in the maximum contract amount of \$47,789 due to the rising costs in living expenses and to add a new administrative position in order to support needs within the STRTP. This Agreement is funded with SD/MC FFP, 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C) and 2011 Realignment.
6/7/2022	Kids to Kids	\$306,515	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	FY 2022-23 Second Amendment to the Agreement for STRTP Services with Kids to Kids. Kids to Kids operates a six (6) bed STRTP focusing on the needs of individual children in order to provide support in several areas including behavior management, impulse control, feelings identification and regulation, interpersonal and relationship skills, and helping youth to develop internal focus on control. A new contract as of January 1, 2022, the process of onboarding clients to meet their facility capacity has begun and for the 3-month period ending March 2022, Kids to Kids saw two (2) unduplicated clients. The FY 2022-23 Second Amendment to the Agreement with Kids to Kids for STRTP services is for a one-year term and represents an increase in the maximum contract amount of \$138,617 due to this being the first full 12-month Agreement in addition to the rising costs in living expenses and to offer competitive wages. This Agreement is funded with SD/MC FFP, 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C) and 2011 Realignment.
6/7/2022	County of Santa Cruz	\$0	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025	Agreement for Mental Health Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MHMAA) Services with the County of Santa Cruz. The agreement with the County of Santa Cruz for MHMAA services will facilitate VCBH's participation in a consortium of various local government agencies that meet monthly to receive training and support from consultants on MHMAA-related services and claiming/invoicing processes. The consortium consists of 50 local government agencies. MHMAA activities include program planning and policy development, outreach, and access assistance, in support of Medi-Cal programs. The County of Santa Cruz serves as the lead agency ("Host Entity") of the consortium; as such, it serves as the administrative and fiscal intermediary between the California Department of Health Care Services and all participating local governmental agencies. As the Host Entity, it is responsible for facilitating and managing all training and consultant services for consortium members. For performance of its Host Entity services, the County of Santa Cruz receives a total annual compensation of \$10,400 from the consortium. To become a member of the consortium, each local government agency must pay a one-time fee of \$500. Thereafter, an annual participation fee is assessed. VCBH's annual participation fee is estimated to be between \$1,000 to \$3,000 annually which is based on the proportionate share of costs using the actual MHMAA service revenue received. At VCBH, MHMAA dollars are used to pay for various outreach and engagement services as provided by the Logrando Bienestar Program with plans to expand to other programs in FY 2022-23.
6/7/2022	City of San Buenaventura (Housing Authority)	\$0	January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021	Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Housing Related Services with the Housing Authority. Willett Ranch is a senior affordable housing project located at 54 and 55 Willett Street, Ventura, California 93004 that provides 50 one and two bedroom apartments for older adults. Willett Ranch is operated by the Housing Authority. Of the 50 units at Willett Ranch, a total of 15 apartments are set aside for homeless seniors including 6 units where there is also a mental health diagnosis. VCBH, HSA, and the Continuum of Care (CoC) coordinate efforts to serve the residents of those 15 apartments. On or about September 17, 2020, VCBH, Human Services Agency (HSA), and the Continuum of Care (CoC) executed the MOU with the Housing Authority to set forth the roles and responsibilities of the parties for the provision of services at the Willett Ranch Apartments. The initial term of the MOU is January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021, but it includes provisions for automatic annual renewals unless terminated by the parties upon 90 day's prior written notice. As is common with publicly funded housing projects, the obligation to provide property management, permanent support, and other services for the benefit of eligible residents is transferred to third-party beneficiaries other than the property owners. Often these transfers are required by the public loan, grant, or tax-credit financing agreements used to finance the development of these affordable and permanent supportive housing projects so as to ensure that these projects, and their service partners, continue to provide the needed services for a certain period of time to the residents that these loan, grant, or tax-credit financing programs are intended to benefit. The First Amendment makes the owner of Willett Ranch, which is not a party to the MOU but a corporate affiliate of the Housing Authority (which is a party to the MOU), a third-party beneficiary of the MOU able to enforce its terms and conditions. In so doing, the First Amendment would allow the owner to ensure that property management and other supportive services are provided to County-referred residents as is required by the underlying loan, grant, or tax-credit financing programs that supported the development of Willett Ranch.

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6/21/2022	California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA)	\$207,590	June 21, 2022 through June 30, 2024	Participation Agreement for Behavioral Health Quality Improvement Program (BHQP) Services with CalMHSA. CalMHSA, a Joint Powers Authority created by California counties in 2009 to jointly develop and fund mental health services and education programs for members, is seeking to enter into a participation agreement with interested counties to bring counties together to provide them with BHQP program services. California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) is a DHCS initiative to reform and transform the Medi-Cal program and, in turn, improve the quality of life and health outcomes of Medi-Cal members. Over the course of several years, CalAIM will implement a broad delivery system, program and payment reform across the Medi-Cal system, and build upon the successful outcomes of various pilot programs to completely transform the delivery of behavioral health services for Medi-Cal beneficiaries. To support various CalAIM initiatives over the next five years (2022-2027), VCBH has pursued a Participation Agreement with CalMHSA for BHQP services. Under this Participation Agreement, CalMHSA will assist participating members, including Ventura County and VCBH, in operationalizing the CalAIM BHQP requirements and deliverables that fall under the following categories: (1) payment reform, (2) policy changes, and (3) data exchange. Through the agreement, CalMHSA: (1) develops a training package for county employees, including the operationalization of policy changes, throughout the duration of this agreement, (2) drafts boilerplate language for provider contracts, (3) conducts a land-scape analysis of documentation audit practices and draft updated Utilization Management protocols, (4) facilitates data exchange between the county and Managed Care Plan to improve care coordination activities and inform process improvement projects, and (5) provides project management resources as needed. CalMHSA acts as the fiscal and administrative agent for the program. In this role, they manage funds received from participating members, provide regular reports to participating members, and ensure that the CalAIM BHQP services described above are delivered to participating members. The total maximum amount of this BHQP Participation Agreement does not exceed \$207,590 and is to be paid to CalMHSA on a quarterly basis, as invoiced and for services rendered. These services are funded with MHSAs funds.
6/21/2022	CalMHSA	\$0	Effective June 21, 2022 ongoing	Business Associate (BA) Agreement for the Protection of Protected Health Information, Personal Information, Sensitive Information, and Confidential Information as Defined by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and Personally Identifiable Information as Required by the California Department of Health Care Services with CalMHSA . To ensure that HIPAA requirements are met related to the shared data and information that is needed in relation to the various agreements that CalMHSA has executed or will execute with participating counties, CalMHSA has developed the BA agreement that will be added to the existing joint powers authority agreement that VCBH has engaged in with CalMHSA. In general, the HIPAA Privacy Rules prohibits the disclosure of VCBH clients' protected health information (PHI). However, PHI may be shared for certain administrative purposes so long as covered entities, such as VCBH, execute BA agreements with their administrative services contractors that ensure the privacy and security of shared PHI. In addition, DHCS requires the County and CalMHSA to include certain protections for the privacy and security of personal information ("PI"), sensitive information, and confidential information (collectively, "PSCI"), personally identifiable information ("PII") not subject to HIPAA ("DHCS Requirements"). The BA agreement and its provisions are intended to protect the privacy and provide for the security of PHI, PSCI, and PII disclosed to or used by CalMHSA in compliance with the HIPAA Privacy Rule and DHCS Requirements. This BA Agreement is intended to be an overarching agreement that facilitates and protects all data and information sharing needed for CalMHSA and participating counties to meet their existing and future CalMHSA specific agreement responsibilities.
6/21/2022	Seneca Family of Agencies (Seneca)	\$3,876,333	July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	FY 2021-22 Second Amendment for Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) Services with Seneca. Seneca provides CSU program services for VCBH. The Seneca CSU is the front-end of the continuum of care for children's mental health crisis services in Ventura County, providing a multi-disciplinary risk assessment to youth experiencing a mental health crisis and interventions to promote stabilization, family involvement, and safety planning to access the least restrictive, most appropriate level of care. The Seneca CSU provides mental health interventions that are necessary to divert minors from hospitalization and safely discharge the minors to community services. The Seneca CSU is certified as a CSU by the California Department of Health Care Services. Crisis Stabilization means a service lasting less than 24 hours. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, § 1810.210.) The primary objective of any CSU is to promptly evaluate and/or stabilize minors presenting with acute symptoms or distress without hospital admission. In FY 2021-22, the Seneca CSU provided crisis stabilization services to 241 youth (July through April). Of those, 50% avoided hospitalization. The Second Amendment reimbursed Seneca for increased costs in performing services during FY 2021-22--increasing the agreement by \$212,879. This Agreement is funded with SD/MC FFP and MHSAs funding.
6/21/2022	Seneca	\$1,676,390	July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	FY 2021-22 Second Amendment for Comprehensive Assessment and Stabilization Services (COMPASS) Services with Seneca. Seneca also provides COMPASS program services for VCBH. The COMPASS program is a six bed STRTP licensed through California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and certified through DHCS. The program is designed to provide voluntary residential treatment for minors who are not able to be stabilized in less than 24 hours but who do not meet criteria required under Welfare and Institutions Code section 5585.50 for psychiatric hospitalization. On average, these youth will typically stay at the STRTP for ten days. The focus of this program is to stabilize the minor to assure safety, develop safety planning with the family, introduce therapeutic and psychiatric interventions and establish linkages to aftercare treatment, reducing the likelihood of recurring crisis situations and potential psychiatric hospitalization. Seneca staff also provide transitional community-based services to promote a successful transition from the COMPASS program back to minors' homes. In FY 2021-22, the Seneca COMPASS program provided continued stabilization through residential and outpatient mental health services to 11 youth (July through April). The Second Amendment reimbursed Seneca COMPASS for increased costs in performing services in FY 2021-22--increasing the agreement by \$91,583. This agreement is funded with SD/MC FFP and MHSAs funding.
6/21/2022	ASC Treatment Group (ASC Bakersfield)	\$1,055,620	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	FY 2022-23 Fifth Amendment to the Agreement for Mental Health Services with ASC Bakersfield. ASC Bakersfield provides adult residential treatment services and offers 24-hour staffing and a full range of clinical and rehabilitation services that are designed to assist clients in their mental health recovery. Specifically, the following clinical and rehabilitation services are provided: psychiatry and medication support, individual and group therapy, therapeutic recreation/community activities, and case management. The goal of this program is to assist clients in being able to live in a less restrictive environment upon discharge. Throughout FY 2021-22, ASC Bakersfield served 15 unduplicated clients and maintained an average daily client count of approximately 12. The FY 2022-23 Fifth Amendment to the Agreement with ASC Treatment Group is for a one-year term and represents a decrease in the maximum contract amount from the prior fiscal year due to revisions in payment terms that offsets program costs. This agreement is funded with SD/MC FFP, County Funds, and Realignment funding.
6/21/2022	BH-VC OPCO SP, LLC (Jackson House Santa Paula)	\$1,650,000	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	FY 2022-23 Second Amendment to the Agreement for Short-Term Crisis Residential Recovery Treatment Program (CRT) Services with Jackson House Santa Paula. Jackson House Santa Paula CRT provides a short-term, voluntary, and licensed social rehabilitation program for up to sixteen (16) adults who are experiencing increased psychiatric symptoms or a behavioral health crisis. The CRT facility services are used by clients to avoid acute hospitalization or to assist clients in stepping down from an acute hospital stay. Treatment services include assessment, community functioning evaluation, mental health counseling (including individual and group therapy and peer support) treatment for co-occurring substance abuse disorders, Wellness and Recovery based group interventions, case management, medication services, and successful linkages to community support services with the goal of minimizing the risk of hospitalization or return to routine crisis-based care. Throughout FY 2021-22, Jackson House Santa Paula operated for eight months (from November 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022) and once clients were admitted in January, Jackson House Santa Paula served 51 unduplicated clients and maintained an average daily client count of approximately 12. The FY 2022-23 Second Amendment to the Agreement with Jackson House Santa Paula is for a one-year term and represents an increase in the maximum contract amount due to a corresponding increase in the number of clients (10 clients) and the contract costs being annualized. The rates remain the same. This agreement is funded with SD/MC FFP and MHSAs funding.

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6/21/2022	Telecare Corporation (Telecare) (Casa B)	\$944,464	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	FY 2022-23 Third Amendment to the Agreement for Social Rehabilitation Facility Services with Telecare Casa B. Telecare's Casa B "Brighter Tomorrows" program is a long-term social rehabilitation facility with fifteen (15) beds. The duration is approximately 12 months for Transitional Aged Youth and adults (aged 18 years and older). Services are delivered in a home-like, nurturing environment to facilitate clients' growth and recovery. Clients receive supervision, guidance, and personal assistance in performing their daily activities. Structured day and evening services are also provided to assist clients in acquiring daily living skills, accessing community resources, and accessing educational/vocational resources. Throughout FY 2021-22, Casa B served 24 unduplicated clients and maintained an average daily client count of approximately 12. The FY 2022-23 Third Amendment to the Agreement with Telecare is for a one-year term and represents an increase in the maximum contract amount due to increases in salaries and benefits. This agreement is funded with SD/MC FFP, County Resources, MHSA, and Realignment funding.
6/21/2022	Telecare (Casa C)	\$989,178	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	FY 2022-23 Third Amendment to the Agreement for Social Rehabilitation Facility Services with Telecare Casa C. Telecare's Casa C "House of Transitions" program is a long-term social rehabilitation facility with fifteen (15) beds. The duration of this program is approximately 12 months for Transitional Aged Youth and adults (aged 18 years and older). Services are delivered in a home-like, nurturing environment to facilitate clients' growth and recovery. Clients receive supervision, guidance, and personal assistance in performing their daily activities. Structured day and evening services are also provided to assist clients in acquiring daily living skills, accessing community resources, and accessing educational/vocational resources. Throughout FY 2021-22, Casa C served 16 unduplicated clients and maintained an average daily client count of approximately 10. The FY 2022-23 Third Amendment to the Agreement with Telecare is for a one-year term and represents an increase in the maximum contract amount due to increases in salaries and benefits. This agreement is funded with SD/MC FFP, County Resources, MHSA, and Realignment funding.
6/21/2022	Telecare (Casa D)	\$952,439	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	FY 22-23 Third Amendment to the Agreement for Social Rehabilitation Facility Services with Telecare Casa D. Telecare's Casa D "Starship" program is a long-term social rehabilitation facility with fifteen (15) beds. The duration of this program is approximately 12 months for Transitional Aged Youth and adults (aged 18 years and older). Services are delivered in a home-like, nurturing environment to facilitate clients' growth and recovery. Clients receive supervision, guidance, and personal assistance in performing their daily activities. Structured day and evening services are also provided to assist clients in acquiring daily living skills, accessing community resources, and accessing educational/vocational resources. Throughout FY 21-22, Casa D served 21 unduplicated clients and maintained an average daily client count of approximately 12. The FY 22-23 Third Amendment to the Agreement with Telecare is for a one-year term and represents an increase in the maximum contract amount due to increases in salaries and benefits. This agreement is funded with SD/MC FFP, County Resources, MHSA, and Realignment funding.
6/21/2022	Telecare (Casa E)	\$870,927	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	FY 2022-23 Third Amendment to the Agreement for Board and Care Services with Telecare Casa E. Telecare's Casa E "Stonehenge" program which is a Board & Care program with fifteen (15) beds for clients aged 18 to 59 years old and there is no limit to length of stay. Telecare staff works with VCBH clients using Telecare's Recovery Centered Clinical System to identify clients' hopes and dreams of the future with the goal of reducing use of acute care facilities. Throughout FY 2021-22, Casa E served 16 unduplicated clients and maintained an average daily client count of approximately 15. The FY 2022-23 Third Amendment to the Agreement with Telecare is for a one-year term and represents an increase in the maximum contract amount due to increases in salaries and benefits. This agreement is funded with MHL-County Resources and Realignment funding.
6/21/2022	Antioch University Santa Barbara	\$5,000	April 1, 2022 through September 29, 2023	Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Mentored Internship Program (MIP) Services with Antioch University Santa Barbara. Through this MOU between Antioch University Santa Barbara and VCBH, graduate level students in Social Work, Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapy, or Psychology, will obtain clinical experience and training under the supervision of licensed practitioners and undergraduate students who are enrolled in appropriate coursework, will obtain field experience under administrative and mentored supervision. Students participating in this MIP may be referred to as Interns, Trainees or Practicum student, depending on their level of training and discipline. Antioch University Santa Barbara is receiving a stipend award budget amount not to exceed \$5,000. The stipend award budget is designed to be used solely to support MIP required activities. Source of funding is the MIP Grant.
6/21/2022	California State University Northridge (CSUN)	\$8,250	April 1, 2022 through September 29, 2023	MOU for the MIP Services with CSUN. Through this MOU, graduate level students in Social Work, Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapy, or Psychology will obtain clinical experience and training under the supervision of licensed practitioners and undergraduate students, who are enrolled in appropriate coursework, will obtain field experience under administrative and mentored supervision. Students participating in this MIP may be referred to as "Interns," "Trainees," or "Practicum Student," depending on their level of training and discipline. CSUN is receiving a stipend award budget amount not to exceed \$8,250. The stipend award budget is designed to be used solely to support MIP required activities. This award consists of an award of \$4,125 per student. Source of funding is the MIP Grant.
6/21/2022	California State University Channel Island (CSUCI)	\$16,500	April 1, 2022 through September 29, 2023	MOU for the MIP with CSUCI. Through this MOU, graduate level students in Social Work, Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapy, or Psychology will obtain clinical experience and training under the supervision of licensed practitioners and undergraduate students, who are enrolled in appropriate coursework, will obtain field experience under administrative and mentored supervision. Students participating in this MIP may be referred to as "Interns," "Trainees," or "Practicum Student," depending on their level of training and discipline. CSUCI is receiving a stipend award budget amount not to exceed \$16,500. The stipend award budget is designed to be used solely to support MIP required activities. This award consists of an award of \$4,125 per student. Source of funding is the MIP Grant.
6/21/2022	California Lutheran University (CLU)	\$12,375	April 1, 2022 through September 29, 2023	MOU for the MIP with CLU. Through this MOU, graduate level students in Social Work, Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapy, or Psychology obtain clinical experience and training under the supervision of licensed practitioners and undergraduate students, who are enrolled in appropriate coursework, will obtain field experience under administrative and mentored supervision. Students participating in this MIP may be referred to as "Interns," "Trainees," or "Practicum Student," depending on their level of training and discipline. CLU is receiving a stipend award budget amount not to exceed \$12,375. The stipend award budget is designed to be used solely to support MIP required activities. This award consists of an award of \$4,125 per student. Source of funding is the MIP Grant.
6/21/2022	Ventura County Community College District (VCCCD)/Oxnard	\$8,250	April 1, 2022 through September 29, 2023	MOU for the MIP with (VCCCD)/Oxnard. Through this MOU, graduate level students in Social Work, Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapy, or Psychology obtain clinical experience and training under the supervision of licensed practitioners and undergraduate students, who are enrolled in appropriate coursework, will obtain field experience under administrative and mentored supervision. Students participating in this MIP may be referred to as "Interns," "Trainees," or "Practicum Student," depending on their level of training and discipline. VCCCD/Oxnard is receiving a stipend award budget amount not to exceed \$8,250. The stipend award budget is designed to be used solely to support MIP required activities. This award consists of an award of \$4,125 per student. Source of Funding is the MIP Grant.

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6/21/2022	Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation (CEDC)	\$240,000	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025	MOU with CEDC for the Reservation of 15 Units at the Paseo Santa Clara and Paseo del Rio Apartments for Qualifying VCBH Clients. CEDC is a private, nonprofit, community economic development corporation with more than 41 years of experience in housing and community development. CEDC provides affordable housing to individuals and families in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. Since at least April 2006, CEDC has reserved five (5) one-bedroom units at the Paseo Del Rio Apartments for VCBH clients with severe mental illness in exchange for (i) VCBH's commitment of then available U.S. Housing and Community Development (HUD) grant funds to CEDC and its partners as a rental subsidy for the VCBH clients occupying those units and (ii) VCBH's commitment to provide those clients supportive services. The HUD grant program ended in 2011. However, CEDC has continued to reserve five (5) units at the Paseo Del Rio Apartments for VCBH clients, and VCBH has continued to provide supportive services to clients at the Paseo Del Rio Apartments. A similar collaborative relationship between the parties exists at the Paseo Santa Clara Apartments. On October 16, 2007, the Board approved an MOU that committed MHA Community Services and Support (CSS) grant funds to CEDC for the construction and funding of rental subsidies at the Paseo Santa Clara Apartments in exchange for the reservation of ten (10) units at the Paseo Santa Clara Apartments for VCBH clients with severe mental illness. The Board approved a MOU between the parties that committed a total of \$1,000,000 in MHA CSS grant funds to CEDC, with \$200,000 to be used for capital improvements at the Paseo Santa Clara Apartments and \$800,000 to be set aside in a Capitalized Operating Subsidy Reserve (COSR) account to be used as a rental subsidy to defray the costs of rent, utilities, and related expenses for the VCBH clients occupying the ten (10) units at the Paseo Santa Clara Apartments reserved for VCBH clients. In 2021, the MHA CSS grant funds in the COSR account were depleted in 2021. CEDC and VCBH have enjoyed a successful service relationship and wish to continue that relationship in recognition that the Paseo Santa Clara and Paseo del Rio Apartments are an essential part of the continuum of care for people living with mental illness and that affordable supportive housing is part of the solution for ending homelessness in the county. The MOU memorializes CEDC's commitment to continue to reserve a total of 15 apartment units, specifically five (5) at the Paseo Del Rio Apartments and ten (10) at the Paseo Santa Clara Apartments, for VCBH clients with severe mental illness and VCBH's commitment to fund the COSR account for the next three years and to continue to provide supportive services to VCBH clients occupying units at the Paseo Del Rio and Paseo Santa Clara Apartments. VCBH has dedicated MHA CSS funding in the amount of \$80,000 per year for three (3) years for a total amount not to exceed \$240,000 to the COSR to subsidize rental costs for the ten (10) reserved units at the Paseo Santa Clara Apartments, including security deposits and utility expenses. These units are reserved for VCBH referred adults that have severe mental illnesses and who meet the eligibility criteria and annual household income not exceeding 20% Area Median Income (AMI). Under this MOU, Paseo Santa Clara Associates, L.P. will submit monthly invoices and financial reports of their expenditures and claiming activity. The MOU term is for three years or until the COSR funds are depleted. Source of funding is MHA funds.
6/21/2022	Traditions Psychology Group, Inc. (Traditions)	\$15,821,754	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	FY 2022-23 Second Amendment to the Agreement for Psychiatric Services with Traditions. Traditions provides medical psychiatric physician and nurse practitioner services at various clinic/program sites throughout the VCBH system. The second amendment to the agreement with Traditions is for a one-year term and revises the scope of work to add a 1.0 full time equivalent (FTE) Ventura County Power over Psychosis (VCPOP) physician to the Adult Division and revises compensation provisions to increase the provider rates as follows: Adult/SUD Psychiatrist from \$229.21 to \$245/hour, Child/Adolescent Psychiatrist from \$229.21 to \$255/hour, Medical Director Psychiatrist from \$229.21 to \$265/hour, and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners/Physician Assistant from \$139 to \$180/hour. The maximum contract amount is increasing from \$15,346,462 to \$15,821,754 (an increase of \$475,292) due to the addition of an additional VCPop FTE and increases in the rates. This agreement is funded with: (1) 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C), (2) 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C), (3) SD/MC FFP, (4) MHA Funds, and (5) DMC-ODS FFP.
6/21/2022	Health Care Foundation for Ventura County (HCFVC)	\$299,304	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	FY 2022-23 Sixth Amendment to the Agreement for Stipend and Basic Needs Management Services with HCFVC. HCFVC provides educational stipends, basic needs program support and administrative services for VCBH. This agreement covers stipends funded via MIP Grants for students enrolled in related programs at educational institutions. The partnership with HCFVC establishes an avenue for distributing stipends to individuals engaged in clinical training within Ventura County's public behavioral health system. As a funded partner, HCFVC is the fiscal agent for the internship and training stipends. The Amendment reflects an increase in the administration fee from 10% to 15% with an increased amount of \$57,304 in the contract maximum from \$242,000 to \$299,304. This agreement is funded with MHA and MIP Grant funding.
6/21/2022	Maxim Healthcare Services Holdings, Inc. (Maxim)	\$600,000	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	FY 2022-23 Agreement for Temporary Staffing Services with Maxim. Maxim provides certified and/or licensed temporary staff to help fill vacant positions due to the difficulty in finding qualified and appropriately certified and/or licensed staff. This contractor helps backfill existing positions due to unexpected leaves of absence. VCBH is taking appropriate steps to expedite its recruitments for qualified and appropriately certified and/or licensed staff, however, until staff can be hired and due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, VCBH is in need of temporary staff from Maxim. VCBH is in need of a variety of temporary staff from Maxim, including Registered Nurses, Mental Health Associates, and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists. The current vacancy rate for VCBH is 18.5%. The hourly billing rate for the various positions represent increases from current year rates and range from 0%-58% in order to realign staffing positions with VCBH staffing rates and market rates. The FY 2022-23 Agreement starts with a contract amount of \$600,000. This Agreement is funded with: (1) SD/MC FFP, (2) State General Fund, (3) 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C), (4) 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C), (5) MHA funding, and (6) DMC-ODS FFP.
6/21/2022	Medix Staffing Solutions, Inc. (Medix)	\$300,000	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	FY 2022-23 Agreement for Temporary Staffing Services with Medix. Medix provides certified and/or licensed temporary staff to help fill vacant positions due to the difficulty in finding qualified and appropriately certified and/or licensed staff. This contractor will also be used to help backfill existing positions due to unexpected leaves of absence. VCBH is taking appropriate steps to expedite its recruitments for qualified and appropriately certified and/or licensed staff, however, until staff can be hired and due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, VCBH is in need of using multiple sources to fill temp staffing needs. VCBH will use a variety of temporary staff from Medix, including Registered Nurses, Mental Health Associates, and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists. The current vacancy rate for VCBH is 18.5%. The rates for Medix are inline with the contracted rates for Maxim and TheKey. The FY 2022-23 Agreement starts with a contract amount of \$300,000. This Agreement is funded with: (1) SD/MC FFP, (2) State General Fund, (3) 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C), (4) 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C), (5) DMC-ODS FFP and (6) MHA funding.
6/21/2022	TheKey of California, LLC	\$60,000	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	FY 2022-23 Agreement for Temporary Staffing Services with TheKey of California, LLC. TheKey of California, LLC provides certified and/or licensed temporary staff to help fill vacant positions due to the difficulty in finding qualified and appropriately certified and/or licensed staff. TheKey is also used to help backfill existing positions due to unexpected leaves of absence, specifically for elder clients of VCBH. VCBH is taking appropriate steps to expedite its recruitments for qualified and appropriately certified and/or licensed staff, however, until staff can be hired and due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, VCBH is in need of using multiple sources to fill temp staffing needs VCBH will use a variety of temporary staff from TheKey, including Registered Nurses, Mental Health Associates, and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists. The current vacancy rate for VCBH is 18.5%. The hourly billing rate for the various positions represent increases from current year rates, and range from 0%-58% in order to realign staffing positions with VCBH staffing rates and market rates. The FY 2022-23 Agreement starts with a contract amount of \$60,000. This Agreement is funded with: (1) SD/MC FFP, (2) State General Fund, (3) 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C), (4) 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C), (5) DMC-ODS FFP and (6) MHA funding.