

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Adult Services Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:00 – 11:30 AM**  
Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH)  
1911 Williams Drive, Training Room (first floor) • Oxnard, CA 93036

**IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM**

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**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of the Agenda – **ACTION** (Roll Call)
- IV. Approval of the July 7, 2022 Minutes – **ACTION** (Roll Call)
- V. Welcome and Introductions
- VI. Public Comments – 3 minutes per speaker
- VII. Chair Announcements
- VIII. VCBH Updates:
  - A. Adult Services Operations
  - B. Substance Use Services
- IX. Updates and Discussion
  - A. Care Court Proposal Update
  - B. Statewide Electronic Health Record (EHR) – Feedback & Discussion
- X. Contracts Review – June/July 2022
- XI. Items for Next Meeting Agenda
- XII. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 3, 2022, 10:00 – 11:30 AM

**Public comments on agenda items can be made prior to or during consideration of agenda items and are limited to 3 minutes per speaker.** Public comment periods are limited to no more than (20) minutes total for all speakers. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact Behavioral Health Administration at (805) 981-6830. Reasonable advance notification of the need for accommodation prior to the meeting (48 hours advance notice is preferable) will enable us to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

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1. The meeting will be recorded.
2. All participants are muted upon entry to minimize any unintended disruption of background sounds.
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4. During the Public Comments portion of the agenda, participants will be unmuted and able to comment for up to 3 minutes. Comments can be shared in the following ways:
  - a. If you are joining the meeting via video/audio, you join the comment cue by clicking on the participant window at the bottom of the zoom screen and then click on the “**raise hand**” feature in that participant window.
  - b. If you are joining the meeting by telephone only, you join the comment cue by pressing **\*9**.
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**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	<b>FY 2021-22 First Amendment to the Agreement for Short-Term Crisis Residential Recovery Treatment Program Services with Jackson House Santa Paula.</b> 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	<b>FY 2021-22 Third Amendment to the Agreement for Locked Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (Horizon View) Services with Telecare Corporation.</b> 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	<b>FY 2022-23 Agreement for MHRC Services with Golden Hillmont House MHRC, LLC.</b> 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	<b>FY 2022-23 Agreement for Crisis Residential Recovery Treatment Services with Golden Ventura CRT, LLC.</b> 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	<b>FY 2022-23 Fifth Amendment to the Agreement for Growing Works Services with Turning Point Foundation.</b> 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	<b>FY 2022-23 Fourth Amendment to the Agreement for Social Rehabilitation Services with Turning Point Foundation.</b> 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.

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6/7/2022	United Parents	\$961,361	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	<b>FY 2022-23 Agreement for Family Access and Support Team Services with United Parents FAST.</b> 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	<b>FY 2022-23 Agreement for Specialty Mental Health Care Services with Kids &amp; Families.</b> 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	<b>FY 2022-23 Sixth Amendment to the Agreement for Evaluation Services with Evalcorp.</b> 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	<b>FY 2022-23 Eighth Amendment to the Agreement for Prevention Services with Give An Hour.</b> 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	<b>FY 2022-23 Seventh Amendment to the Agreement for Prevention Marketing Services with Idea Engineering, Inc.</b> 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	<b>FY 2022-23 Fifth Amendment to the Agreement for Prevention Services with Reality Improv Connection, Inc.</b> 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.

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6/7/2022	Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE)	\$373,700	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	<b>FY 2022-23 Sixth Amendment to the Agreement for Prevention Services with VCOE:</b> 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	<b>FY2022-23 Fourth Amendment to the Agreement for Prevention Services with VUSD.</b> 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	<b>FY 2022-23 Second Amendment to the Agreement for Short Term Residential Treatment Program (STRTP) Services with New Way Group Home.</b> 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	<b>FY 2022-23 Fifth Amendment to the Agreement for STRTP Services with For the Future, Inc.</b> 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	<b>FY 2022-23 Second Amendment to the Agreement for STRTP Services with Kids to Kids.</b> 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	<b>Agreement for Mental Health Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MHMAA) Services with the County of Santa Cruz.</b> 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	<b>Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Housing Related Services with the Housing Authority.</b> 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	<b>Participation Agreement for Behavioral Health Quality Improvement Program (BHQP) Services with CalMHSA.</b> 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	<b>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 .</b> 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	<b>FY 2021-22 Second Amendment for Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) Services with Seneca.</b> 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	<b>FY 2021-22 Second Amendment for Comprehensive Assessment and Stabilization Services (COMPASS) Services with Seneca.</b> 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	<b>FY 2022-23 Fifth Amendment to the Agreement for Mental Health Services with ASC Bakersfield.</b> 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	<b>FY 2022-23 Second Amendment to the Agreement for Short-Term Crisis Residential Recovery Treatment Program (CRT) Services with Jackson House Santa Paula.</b> 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	<b>FY 2022-23 Third Amendment to the Agreement for Social Rehabilitation Facility Services with Telecare Casa B.</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	<b>FY 2022-23 Third Amendment to the Agreement for Social Rehabilitation Facility Services with Telecare Casa C.</b> 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	<b>FY 22-23 Third Amendment to the Agreement for Social Rehabilitation Facility Services with Telecare Casa D.</b> 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	<b>FY 2022-23 Third Amendment to the Agreement for Board and Care Services with Telecare Casa E.</b> 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	<b>Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Mentored Internship Program (MIP) Services with Antioch University Santa Barbara.</b> 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	<b>MOU for the MIP Services with CSUN.</b> 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	<b>MOU for the MIP with CSUCI.</b> 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	<b>MOU for the MIP with CLU.</b> 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	<b>MOU for the MIP with (VCCCD)/Oxnard.</b> 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	<b>MOU with CEDC for the Reservation of 15 Units at the Paseo Santa Clara and Paseo del Rio Apartments for Qualifying VCBH Clients.</b> 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	<b>FY 2022-23 Second Amendment to the Agreement for Psychiatric Services with Traditions.</b> 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	<b>FY 2022-23 Sixth Amendment to the Agreement for Stipend and Basic Needs Management Services with HCFVC.</b> 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	<b>FY 2022-23 Agreement for Temporary Staffing Services with Maxim.</b> 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	<b>FY 2022-23 Agreement for Temporary Staffing Services with Medix.</b> 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	<b>FY 2022-23 Agreement for Temporary Staffing Services with TheKey of California, LLC.</b> 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.

**Ventura County Behavioral Health**  
**Board Letter Summary of Contracts for July 2022**

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7/12/2022	Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. (AHP)	\$149,916	January 3, 2022 through December 31, 2022	<b>FY 2021-23 Agreement with AHP to Plan for and Establish an East Ventura County Adult Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU).</b> The Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) is a joint effort with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Community of Care Expansion Program (CCE) to provide \$805 million in funding for acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation to preserve and expand adult and senior care facilities that serve Social Security Income (SSI) applicants and recipients, including those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and people with behavioral health conditions. These BHCIP funds are a portion of the \$2.2 billion in funding that California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is authorized to release to construct, acquire, and expand properties and invest in the mobile crisis infrastructure related to behavioral health. The BHCIP funds were released through six rounds targeting various gaps in the state's behavioral health facility infrastructure. The second round of funding is intended to support preparation activities to plan for the acquisition and expansion of behavioral health infrastructure throughout the state. Planning grants were made available up to \$150,000. On November 30, 2021, Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) submitted an application to DHCS, for a BHCIP County and Tribal Planning Grant in the amount \$149,916 to plan for the establishment of an east Ventura County Adult CSU. Currently, there is no existing CSU in the east county. The need for an east county CSU was identified by the 2019 Ventura County Mental Health Community Assessment. This planning grant targets the gaps identified by the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) through the following infrastructure goals: (1) Client and Community Engagement by guiding stakeholder engagement activities so that infrastructure planning serves the needs of the client populations, (2) Service Excellence and Innovation to ensure that mental health services are not fragmented and offer access to the appropriate level of care/services in a diverse region, (3) Growth and Access by providing additional services along the continuum in an area of the county where services do not currently exist, and (4) Financial Stability and Performance by providing an appropriate and least restrictive level of care and reducing hospitalizations and inappropriate impact to other types of professionals and services (e.g., police, medical staff, emergency departments, jails). On January 4, 2022, the DHCS released the Notice of Award notifying VCBH that its grant application was awarded BHCIP funding in the amount of \$149,916 for the term of January 3, 2022 through December 31, 2022. The Subcontract Agreement is with AHP, a private corporation that DHCS selected and contracted with to administer the BHCIP grant application, award, and program processes. Source of funding is the BHCIP Grant.
7/12/2022	California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA)	\$9,653,150	Effective Upon Execution of the Agreement through March 18, 2029	<b>FY 2021-22 Participation Agreement with CalMHSA for Semi-Statewide Enterprise Health Record (EHR) Services.</b> CalMHSA, a joint powers authority created by California counties in 2009 to jointly develop and fund mental health services and education programs for its members, has entered into a participation agreement with interested counties to provide EHR program services related to their implementation of several behavioral health programs and initiatives. 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 beneficiaries. 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. Effective July 1, 2023, VCBH transformed its EHR system to support payment reform under CalAIM. To ensure that this transition is successful, VCBH is pursuing a Participation Agreement with CalMHSA to assist with development of a California-central EHR that will be implemented across multiple counties to support core business requirements and address regulatory requirements implicated by the sharing of protected health information required by Cal-AIM/Medi-Cal. The EHR, developed by CalMHSA's selected contractor, Streamline Healthcare Solutions, LLC (Streamline), establishes consistent workflows, configuration, and functionality that supports: 1) centralized application administration, 2) standardized training and end-user support, 3) shared technical services, 4) a common baseline against which new updates for state and federal mandate can be defined/applied, 5) the creation of a learning community across the participating counties, 6) clinical best practices and state objectives, and 7) better use of data to drive performance outcomes. Under the Participation Agreement, CalMHSA acts as the fiscal and administrative agent for the EHR program. On behalf of participating counties, CalMHSA implements and administers all components of the EHR program, including: 1) invoicing and managing funds from the participants, 2) working closely with Streamline to coordinate the development and implementation of the EHR, 3) assuring Streamline completes and passes all applicable system testing requirements, 4) completing required data collection and submission to DHCS, 5) monitoring Streamline contracted services, and 6) coordinating with and reporting to participating agencies. The Participation Agreement includes a "not to exceed" limit of \$9,653,150, which is inclusive of \$8,459,261 for participant specific committed funding for EHR development costs and \$1,193,889 in contingency funding to account for user growth, development, and professional services related to future projects anticipated to be implemented within the term of this agreement. VCBH is required to remit \$1,063,780 to CalMHSA within 30 days of execution of this Participation Agreement for development services that have been provided to CalMHSA. These services are funded with Short Doyle Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation (SD/MC FFP) and Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds.
7/12/2022	New Dawn Counseling and Consulting Inc. (New Dawn)	\$1,212,484	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	<b>FY 2022-23 Second Amendment to the Agreement with New Dawn for Specialty Mental Health Services.</b> New Dawn provides Early and Periodic Screening Diagnostic Treatment (EPSDT) Specialty Mental Health services to children and their families. New Dawn is being contracted to provide mental health, case management and crisis intervention services. In FY 2021-22, New Dawn provided services to 97 unduplicated clients (July to December). The FY 2022-23 agreement with New Dawn for EPSDT Specialty Mental Health services is for a one-year term and represents an increase of \$162,840 from the prior fiscal year due mainly to an increase in staffing costs. This agreement is funded with SD/MC FFP and Realignment funding.
7/12/2022	Aspiranet	\$942,980	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	<b>FY 2022-23 Fourth Amendment to Agreement with Aspiranet for Specialty Mental Health Services.</b> Aspiranet provides EPSDT/Intensive Services Foster Care (ISFC) specialty mental health care services. Services are targeted at children younger than 21 years of age who are EPSDT Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Aspiranet has been contracted to provide mental health, case management and crisis intervention services. Many of the children/youth whom Aspiranet is serving have complex trauma histories which make them vulnerable to mental health challenges, circumstances and/or conditions that require a more timely response. In these cases, more intensive services such as crisis intervention are required. The unduplicated client count in FY 2021-22 was 104 for EPSDT and 17 for ISFC (July through April). The FY 2022-23 agreement with Aspiranet for EPSDT/ISFC services is for a one-year term and represents an increase of \$24,740 from the prior fiscal year due mainly to an increase in staffing costs. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP, Realignment, and other County resource funding.
7/12/2022	Seneca Family of Agencies (Seneca)	\$1,749,753	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	<b>FY 2022-23 Third Amendment to Agreement with Seneca for Specialty Mental Health Services.</b> Seneca provides Comprehensive Assessment and Stabilization Services (COMPASS) program services for VCBH. The COMPASS program is a licensed six bed Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP). 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. Such services can be provided up to 60 days from the date of discharge. In FY 2021-22, the COMPASS program provided continued crisis stabilization services to 11 youth (July through April). The FY 2022-23 agreement with Seneca for COMPASS services is for a one-year term and represents an increase of \$73,363 from the prior fiscal year due mainly to an increase in staffing costs. This agreement is funded with SD/MC FFP and MHSA funding.

Board Date	Contractor	Amount	Term	Description
7/12/2022	Telecare Corporation (Telecare)	\$2,895,208	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	<b>FY 2022-23 Fourth Amendment to Agreement with Telecare for Specialty Mental Health Services.</b> Telecare 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. In FY 2021-22 Telecare Horizon View served 28 clients. The FY 2022-23 agreement with Telecare for Horizon View services is for a one-year term and represents an increase of \$117,649 from the prior fiscal year due mainly to an increase in 1 full time equivalent (Recovery Specialist) and an increase in staffing costs. This agreement is funded with SD/MC FFP Funds, Realignment, and other County resource funding.
7/26/2022	AHP	\$758,848	April 15, 2022 through February 14, 2023	<b>FY 2022-23 Agreement with AHP for Crisis Care Mobile Units (CCMU) Program Augmented Funding.</b> DHCS made \$18.5 million in additional funds from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) available for CCMU Implementation grantees in March of 2022 primarily for CCMU direct services. These funds were designated to be used for one or both of the following: (1) additional CCMU team(s) and/or (2) additional staff and activities to enhance the direct services for CCMU teams. On April 13, 2022, VCBH submitted an application to DHCS in the amount of \$125,458 to enhance its existing CCMU direct services. On May 31, 2022, AHP, the private corporation that DHCS selected and contracted with to administer the CCMU grant application, award, and program processes, notified VCBH that that it was awarded \$125,458 in additional funding. VCBH will use this additional funding to: (1) support the existing grant funded CCMU team in the provision of direct client services and (2) offset the other funding source (MHSA funding) that VCBH would have needed to use had this additional funding not been made available. Due to the additional funding augmentation, VCBH's CCMU grant agreement will increase from \$633,390 to \$758,848. In addition to the funding augmentation for the CCMU services, the amendment with AHP also updates the Business Associate Agreement terms. These services are funded with BHCIP CCMU grant funding.
7/26/2022	California Department of State Hospitals (DSH)	\$3,596,200	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024	<b>FY 2022-23 First Amendment to the Agreement with DSH for Pre-Trial Felony Mental Health Diversion Program Services.</b> VCBH submitted a Letter of Intent and program plan in February of 2022 to DSH to apply for an expansion of funding: (1) to serve additional clients and (2) for housing funding for these additional clients. VCBH was approved for this additional funding, and the First Amendment to the Agreement revised the Agreement terms to establish two (2) categories of unduplicated Felony Mental Health Diversion clients to be served by VCBH. Category 1 includes VCBH providing diversion services to eighteen (18) Felony Mental Health Diversion clients found Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) or likely to be found IST with diagnosis of schizophrenia, schizoaffective-disorder, or bipolar disorder and as established in the original VCBH Diversion Grant Agreement that is in the amount of \$2,428,200. Category 2 represents the expansion of services/new category of client services under the First Amendment to the Agreement with DSH. This new category includes VCBH providing diversion services to four (4) additional Felony Mental Health Diversion Clients found IST and ordered to DSH with any diagnosis allowed under Penal Code 1001.36 and in the amount of \$568,000. In addition, for these four (4) additional clients, VCBH received \$600,000 in housing funding to house diversion clients in the most appropriate level of care. The new proposed maximum agreement amount with DSH will be \$3,596,200. VCBH will also contribute a 20% match in local county funds for Category 1. The in-kind contribution will be delivered by VCBH staff that will dedicate a portion of their time to the Diversion Grant, along with other overhead costs specific to the grant. Match funds are not required for housing or 0Category 2 funds. These services are funded with DSH Diversion grant, MHSA, and SD/MC FFP funding.
7/26/2022	Gold Coast Health Plan	\$0	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	<b>FY 2022-23 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Gold Coast Health Plan Specifying the Terms and Conditions Applicable to the Provision of Mental Health, Substance Use Disorder, and Eating Disorder Services to Medi-Cal Beneficiaries.</b> On December 15, 2020, the Board approved an MOU between the County of Ventura and GCHP regarding the provision of mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) services for Medi-Cal beneficiaries in Ventura County. That MOU clarified and further defined the roles and responsibilities, access, and care coordination of specialty mental health, non-specialty mental health services, and SUD services. Under the MOU, VCBH provides or arranges for specialty mental health services for eligible individuals, and GCHP provides or arranges for non-specialty mental health services for eligible individuals, as specified in the GCHP Medi-Cal Managed Care contract with DHCS. Non-specialty mental health services covered by GCHP are for individuals with mild to moderate impairment of mental, emotional or behavioral functioning resulting from a mental health disorder. Specialty mental health services provided by VCBH are for individuals with a serious and persistent mental illness. DHCS has established the criteria for eligibility and the provision of services under both the specialty mental health and non-specialty mental health service programs. The 2020 MOU also included provisions related to SUD services and specifically clarified definitions, roles, access, care coordination, and the timelines requested by DHCS. In addition to this information, care coordination with GCHP through the 24/7 Beneficiary Access Line schedule was also delineated. This new MOU, is substantially similar to the 2020 MOU, but will replace it and further define the roles and responsibilities of VCBH and GCHP with respect to providing specialty mental health services, non-specialty mental health services, SUD services, and eating disorder services. Specifically, the new MOU includes: (1) revisions to the criteria for access to specialty mental health services, non-specialty mental health services, and SUD services, (2) revisions to the dispute resolution requirements, (3) addition of new eating disorder service requirements, roles, and responsibilities, (4) revision of various care coordination, grievance and appeal, and policies and procedures requirements, and (5) deletion of Exhibit A, Attachment 2 (Drugs Excluded from MCP Coverage). These various revisions are required per DHCS and some as part of the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal, a DHCS initiative.