

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
General Meeting
Monday, February 27, 2017, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Ventura County Behavioral Health
1911 Williams Drive, Training Room • Oxnard, CA 93036

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the Agenda – **ACTION**
- III. Approval of the January 23, 2017 Special Training Meeting Minutes and General Meeting Minutes – **ACTION**
- IV. Welcome and Introductions
- V. Recognition Awards
 - A. Supervisor John Zaragoza
 - B. CIT Awards
- VI. Chair Announcements (5 min.)
- VII. Public Comments (3 min. per speaker)
- VIII. Board Members Comments and Announcements (3 min. per speaker)
- IX. Presentation: Innovation – Rapid Assessment of Foster Care Children – Hilary Carson, MHS, and Pete Pringle (10 min)
30-Day Public Comment Period - **ACTION**
- X. Director's Report – Elaine Crandall (20 min.)
- XI. Chief Operations Officer's Update – Patrick Zarate (15 min.)
- XII. New Business
 - A. Letter to Board of Supervisor regarding BHAB Annual Report – **ACTION**
 - B. Bylaws Amendment Discussion: New Position on Executive Committee (Member Emeritus)
 - C. Election for Officer Position: Interim 1st and 2nd Vice Chair – **ACTION**
 - D. Establish a Workgroup to Review BHAB Objectives
- XIII. Old Business
 - A. Data Notebook update – Karyn Bates
- XIV. Contracts – **ACTION**
 - A. BOS Agenda – February 28, 2017
 - 1. Telecare – Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC)
 - 2. Aspiranet Amendment
 - 3. California Psychiatric Transitions Incorporated (CPT)
 - 4. Interface Amendment
 - B. BOS Agenda – March 14, 2017
 - 1. Maxim and Meditech
- XV. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Monday, March 20, 2017

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 21, 2017

TO: Behavioral Health Advisory Board

FROM: Contracts Administration

SUBJECT: Board of Supervisors Agenda

Executive Summary

Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) will be requesting Board of Supervisors approval for the following:

Board Agenda – February 28, 2017

1. Telecare - Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC)

Telecare provides locked mental health rehabilitation services at Horizon View for individuals who have a history of severe mental illness that cannot be properly treated at lower levels of care. These consumers are: (1) Medi-Cal eligible, (2) 18 years and older, and (3) on conservatorship and are transferring from an acute psychiatric hospital, a state hospital, or another locked MHRC. Mental health services are delivered in a home-like nurturing environment to facilitate the consumers' growth and recovery. 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/vocational resources.

The proposed amendment revises the scope of work to include a maintenance and repair schedule and updated facility staffing pattern. The maintenance schedule being added to the contract delineates the maintenance responsibilities of VCBH and Telecare and is being added to comply with State licensing requirements. The facility staffing pattern is being adjusted in order to better meet the client needs. Previously, all daytime nursing duties were assigned to the Director of Nursing. The responsibility of providing medications and all direct client nursing care duties left very limited time for the Director of Nursing to also provide coordination and supervision of the nursing staff and their assigned duties. Thus, a daytime Licensed Vocational Nurse position has been added to assume the day time medication and client nursing care duties. The psychiatrist hours were also adjusted from 20 to 18 hours weekly. A Recovery Specialist position was eliminated.

The proposed amendment also revises the payment terms, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018, such that (1) the billing rate structure is changed from a unit of service to a day rate billing structure, (2) the start-up budget is increased to \$455,805 (an increase of \$193,778) and (3) the maximum contract amount is decreased to

\$4,056,986 (a decrease of \$1,177,403). The payment terms set forth in the original contract for the service period of March 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016 remain in effect and VCBH has already paid Telecare its expenses incurred under the contract during that period. The billing structure is being revised from a unit of service to a day rate billing structure to align to the billing structure used at other similar facilities. The maximum contract amount is being reduced to capture operational savings which resulted from the delay in the opening of the facility. The start-up budget is being increased to fund the expenses (salaries, benefits, training, etc.) that Telecare incurred as a result of the delay in the facility opening due to construction delays. Payment for Telecare's expenses from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018 will be made according to the provisional rates of service and line-item budgets as specified in the First Amendment. This contract is funded by SD/MC FFP and County Funds/Realignment.

The proposed First Amendment to the contract for Horizon View locked MHRC services with Telecare, decreases the maximum contract amount to \$4,056,986 (a net decrease of \$1,177,403), effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018.

2. Aspiranet Amendment

Aspiranet provides Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Medi-Cal specialty mental health care services, Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS) and Intensive Home-Based Services (IHBS) through two separate agreements with VCBH. Services are targeted for children younger than 21 years of age that are EPSDT Medi-Cal beneficiaries and meet the criteria for medical necessity as defined in Title 9 Sections 1830.205 and 1830.210. Services may include assessment, individual, group and family therapy, crisis intervention, medication management and case management.

In October 2015, Assembly Bill No. 403 (2015-2016 Reg. Sess.) (a.k.a., "Continuum of Care Reform" (CCR)) was signed into law with an effective date of January 1, 2017. CCR is intended to build on the successes of the Pathways Initiative and further ensure that all youth in foster care receive services that meet their mental health needs regardless of their placement setting. AB 403 recognizes that achieving this goal requires a higher degree of collaboration and coordination between child welfare agencies and county mental health plans, as well as expanded availability of mental health services delivered in home and community-based settings.

With service mandates expanding and implicating multiple service provider systems, VCBH has been working with the Human Service Agency (HSA), the Ventura County Probation Agency, and Ventura County Public Health to prepare for the January 2017 implementation. Under the new CCR requirements, VCBH will be providing ongoing services to approximately 1,200 foster children (an increase of 700). The expansion of behavioral health services to foster children and families includes adjunct services such as TBS and IHBS services to promote permanency.

In July 2016, VCBH extended the term of the EPSDT Specialty Mental Health Care and TBS and IHBS with Aspiranet for a six month term, beginning July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, to allow sufficient time to determine and plan for the implications the CCR mandate will have on our service providers. In December, the term of the agreements were extended for an additional two months beginning January 1, 2017 through February 28, 2017, to allow sufficient time to prepare for the Board of Supervisors approval and to ensure that there are no interruptions in service.

To meet the mandates of CCR, Aspiranet will expand their client capacity in the EPSDT agreement by 15 slots and in the EPSDT TBS and IHBS agreement by 20 slots, for the service period beginning January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017. The proposed Sixth Amendment for EPSDT specialty mental health care services with Aspiranet, will extend the term of the agreement beginning March 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017 and increase the maximum contract amount from \$732,133 to \$1,047,078, for the service period beginning July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. This amount reflects an overall increase of \$314,945 from prior fiscal year 2015-16. The proposed Fifth Amendment for EPSDT specialty mental health care services, TBS and IHBS with Aspiranet, will extend the term of the agreement beginning March 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017 and increase the maximum contract amount from \$1,476,677 to \$1,763,461, for the service period beginning July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. This amount reflects an overall increase of \$286,784 from prior fiscal year 2015-16. The agreements are funded with Short Doyle/FFP and EPSDT/Realignment funds.

3. California Psychiatric Transitions Incorporated (CPT)

CPT provides locked restoration of competence services (diversion services) and other mental health services in their locked Destructive Behavioral Health Unit (DBU) and Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC) for VCBH. The proposed Ninth Amendment increases the maximum contract amount from \$385,000 to \$655,725 (an increase of \$270,725) to ensure sufficient funding for VCBH service consumers through the fiscal year end due to increased patient residency. VCBH has placed two clients at this facility. Of the two clients, one client's placement was extended beyond the time frame that was originally anticipated which resulted in increased costs. VCBH also anticipates that a third client may be placed at CPT before the fiscal year end. There are no rate or other substantive changes to the contract. This contract is funded with Tobacco Settlement and Realignment funds.

The proposed Ninth Amendment to the contract for mental health services with CPT, will increase the maximum contract amount from \$385,000 to \$655,725 (an increase of \$270,725), effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

4. Interface Amendment

Interface provides EPSDT Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Care services to children younger than 21 years of age that are EPSDT Medi-Cal beneficiaries and meet the criteria for medical necessity as defined in Title 9 Sections 1830.205 and 1830.210. Services may include assessment, individual, group and family therapy, crisis intervention, medication management, and case management.

In July 2016, VCBH extended the term of the Interface agreement for six months, beginning July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, to allow sufficient time for review of program changes and costs related to the transition of specialty mental health care services from Interface's other agreement with VCBH for Triple P Prevention and Early Intervention services (PEI). This change was made so that the Triple P PEI program can focus on providing group services to maintain the fidelity of the Triple P model. The Triple P PEI maximum contract amount was reduced to reflect this change. In December 2016, the EPSDT agreement was extended again for an additional two month period beginning January 1, 2017 to February 28, 2017, to allow sufficient time to prepare for the Board of Supervisors approval and to ensure that there are no interruptions in service.

The proposed Fifth Amendment will extend the term of the Interface agreement from March 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017 and increase the maximum contract amount to \$1,610,000 for the service period beginning July 1,

2016 through June 30, 2017. This amount reflects an overall increase of \$192,890 from prior fiscal year's maximum contract amount of \$1,417,110.

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Maxim and Meditech

Maxim and Meditech provide 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. These contractors are also used to help backfill existing positions due to unexpected leaves of absence and to ensure timely start-up of new grant funded programs. VCBH's vacancy rate ranges between 9% and 14%. VCBH is taking appropriate steps to expedite its recruitments for qualified and appropriately certified and/or licensed staff, however, until staff can be hired, VCBH is in need of temporary staff from Maxim and Meditech. VCBH uses a variety of temporary staff from Maxim and Meditech, including Registered Nurses, Mental Health Associates (MHA), and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFT).

The proposed amendments with Maxim and Meditech will amend the agreements to increase the maximum contract amounts in order to fund VCBH's temporary staffing needs through fiscal year end and revise the rates for temporary staff. The Maxim contract rates are being revised to: (1) remove the Staff and Senior Staff Psychologist rates, (2) add a Data Analyst rate of \$47.50, (3) add a Clinical Social Worker III rate of \$28.50, (4) add the Case Manager classification title and clarify the subclassifications within this classification (Licensed Mental Health Associate (LMHA), MHA, Licensed Psychiatric Technician (LPT), and Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)) with no change to existing rates, (5) add the Behavioral Health Clinician I and II classification title and clarify the subclassifications within this classification (Intern, Accredited Certified Social Worker (ACSW), Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT), and Non-Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC)) with no change to the rates, and (6) add the Behavioral Health Clinician III classification title and clarify the subclassifications within this classification (Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT), and LPCC) with no change to the rates. The Meditech contract rates are being revised to: (1) remove the Staff and Senior Staff Psychologist rates, (2) add a Data Analyst rate of \$47.50, (3) add the Behavioral Health I and II classification title and clarify the subclassifications within this classification (ACSW, MSW, MFT, LPCC-intern), and (4) add the Behavioral Health III classification title and clarify the subclassifications within this classification (LCSW, LMFT, and LPCC) with no change to the rates.

The proposed amendments for medical personnel recruiting services with: (1) Maxim will increase the maximum contract amount from \$823,273 to \$1,048,273 (an increase of \$225,000) and revise the rates, for the service period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 and (2) Meditech will increase the maximum contract amount from \$554,841 to \$729,841 (an increase of \$175,000) and revise the rates, for the service period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.