

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

General Meeting

Monday, July 16, 2018, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Ventura County Behavioral Health, 1911 Williams Drive, Training Room • Oxnard, CA 93036

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Approval of the Agenda – **ACTION**
- III. Approval of the June 18, 2018 Minutes – **ACTION**
- IV. Welcome and Introductions
- V. Public Comments (3 min. per speaker)
- VI. Chair's Report (5 min.)
 - A. CALBHB/C Annual Meeting/Training
 - B. Actions to Streamline the Annual Report
 - C. Progress in Preparing the FY 2017-18 Annual Report
 - D. Pending Policy Statements
 - E. Events and Announcements – Janis Gardner, Chair Emeritus (5 min.)
- VII. Board Members Comments and Announcements (3 min. per speaker)
- VIII. Presentation: VCBH Fiscal Update – Leisa Donovan, Fiscal Manager (30 min.)
- IX. Director's Report – Dr. Sevet Johnson (15 min.)
- X. Secretary's Report – Kay Wilson-Bolton (5 min.)
- XI. BHAB Committees Reports (5 min. each)
 - A. Adult Services Committee – Nancy Borchard, Gane Brooking – Co-Chairs
 - B. Prevention Committee – Janis Gardner, Chair
 - C. Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Committee – Cmdr. Ron Nelson, Chair
 - D. Youth & Family Committee – Denise Nielsen, Chair
 - E. Subcommittee on Legislation Report – Ratan Bhavnani
- XII. New Business
 - A. Change Designation of Subcommittee on Legislation to Legislative Workgroup - **ACTION**
 - B. Issues Related to Maintaining a Quorum at the General Meetings
 - C. Disaster Preparedness and Recovery – Mental Health/Behavioral Health Spectrum
 - D. 2018 Data Notebook
- XIII. Old Business
 - A. FY 2017-18 Annual Report Introduction and Summary – Discussion
 - B. Future Presentations
 - C. Future Recognitions
- XIV. Contracts – **ACTION**
 - A. Board of Supervisors Agenda – July 17, 2018
 - 1. FY 2018-19 SELPA, Three Positions
 - 2. Agreement with Kids & Families Together (Kids & Families) for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT)
 - 3. FY 2018-19 K & M Enterprises Agreement and Meditech Health Services Amendment

Members of the public making oral presentations to the Board in connection with one or more agenda or non-agenda items at a single meeting are limited to a cumulative total time not to exceed (5) minutes for all of their oral presentations at such meeting unless otherwise provided. The entire public comment period is limited to no more than (20) minutes total for all speakers. NOTE: The Chair may limit the number or duration of speakers on a matter. 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.

4. FY 2018-19 Three Month Extension for Mental Health Services with Telecare Corporation ANKA Behavioral Health, ASC Treatment Group, and Turning Point Foundation
5. California Department of Health Care Services Standard Agreement for Specialty Mental Health Services to Medi-Cal Beneficiaries

B. Board of Supervisors Agenda – July 31, 2018

1. Standard Agreement between the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and VCBH for Federal Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training (CC) services
2. Agreement for Mental Health Services with California Psychiatric Transitions Incorporated
3. First Amendment to the Agreement with Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc.
4. Resolution establishing 1.0 new regular position in the Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Budget Unit 3260-3273 to provide No Place Like Home (NPLH) Program services and 1.0 new regular position for Quality Assurance Services for MHSA
5. 2nd Amendment with Star View Behavioral Health, Inc., for Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Care Services

C. Board of Supervisors Agenda – August 7, 2018

1. Memorandum of Understanding for Coordination and Collaboration of Mental Health Outreach and Awareness Activities with the Santa Paula School District
2. Fourth Amendment to the Contract for Psychiatric Services with Sterling Care Psychiatric Group, Inc.

XV. Public Comments (3 min. each)

XVI. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Monday, August 20, 2018

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 12, 2018

TO: Behavioral Health Advisory Board

FROM: Contracts Administration

SUBJECT: Board of Supervisors Agenda

Executive Summary

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

Board Agenda – July 17, 2018

1. FY 2018-19 SELPA, Three Positions.

This item is requesting 3.0 new regular for the Educationally Related Social Emotional Services (ERSSES) program.

On June 30, 2011, Assembly Bill No. 114 was signed into law. AB 114 ended the state mandate on county mental health agencies to fund mental health services to students with disabilities. These services were provided to special education students via the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) process and included, among others, individual or small group counseling, collateral services, medication monitoring, case management and residential care. School districts are now solely responsible for funding special education and related services needed to address social, emotional, and behavioral needs, in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Ventura County Office of Education/Ventura County Special Education Local Plan Area (VCOE/SELPA) has contracted with VCBH to provide special education related mental health services. VCBH invoices VCOE/SELPA for costs not covered by SD/MC FFP and 2011 Realignment funds. The services may include, but are not limited to, assessments, individual therapy, group therapy, collateral services, case management, day rehabilitation, residential placement, and other mental health services.

During the seven years since the inception of Intensive Social/Emotional Services (ISES), now referred to as Educationally Related Social Emotional Services (ERSSES), the collective goal of VCOE/SELPA and VCBH has been to maintain children in their homes and in the county as opposed to in out-of-county or out-of-state

placements. Although VCBH is not responsible for making out-of-home / out-of-county placements, nor is it financially responsible, it is proud of its success in this commitment, reducing placements from a high of nearly 100 to a current census of 28. This greatly reduces VCOE/SELPA's cost associated with residential placement and, most importantly, keeps children in their homes. On September 12, 2017, your Board approved an agreement between VCBH and VCOE/SELPA, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, for ERSES services, with an option to extend the agreement for up to two years. This agreement was administratively extended for FY 2018-19.

On February 6, 2018, your Board approved the addition of 3.0 regular positions for the provision of ERSES under the MOU between VCBH and VCOE/SELPA. The need for such services continues to grow and VCBH recommends approval of 3.0 additional regular positions for the ERSES program with anticipated potential deployment to the following regions of Ventura County based on projected caseload and need:

Region	Position	FTE
Oxnard (North)	Behavioral Health Clinician III	1.0
Oxnard (South)	Behavioral Health Clinician III	2.0
Total FTE		3.0

Currently, 56 clinical staff are providing services at approximately 120 schools throughout the county. The number of identified children requiring school-based mental health services continues to increase in Oxnard. The average ratio of cases per clinician in Oxnard is 21:1. VCOE/SELPA is requesting a caseload ratio of 15:1, which is the recommended standard. In FY 2017-18, VCBH clinicians provided services to 1,115 youth, an increase of 4% from FY 2016-17. VCOE/SELPA has requested and supports additional VCBH resources for ERSES. VCBH and VCOE/SELPA will collectively monitor caseloads to ensure that new resources are appropriately assigned to areas in need.

2. Agreement with Kids & Families Together (Kids & Families) for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT).

This item is requesting approval to sign the agreement with Kids & Families Together (Kids & Families) for EPSDT specialty mental health services at the Therapeutic Visitation Center.

Under the proposed agreement, Kids & Families will provide EPSDT specialty mental health services to a specific group of children and their families who have been referred to the Therapeutic Visitation Center (TVC) at Kids & Families. Referrals are made through the Human Services Agency, Children & Family Services division for families that have court-ordered supervised visitation with the goal of family reunification. EPSDT is a children's health component of Medicaid, a federally-mandated program. States are required to provide Medi-Cal recipients under the age of 21 any health or mental health service that is deemed "medically necessary." Services provided may include: individual, group, family therapy, and case management. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP and HSA Wraparound Trust funds.

VCBH is proposing approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign, the agreement with Kids & Families for EPSDT specialty mental health services, in the amount of \$181,674, effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

3. FY 2018-19 K & M Enterprises Agreement and Meditech Health Services Amendment.

This item is requesting approval to sign FY 2018-19 agreement with K & M Enterprises for Grant Development and Meditech Health Service FY 2018-19 Amendment for Temporary staffing.

RECOMMENDATION #1:

K & M Enterprises provides grant development and writing services to VCBH including responding to grant requests for funding available through various state and federal agencies. *K & M Enterprises* has been instrumental in assisting VCBH in acquiring various grants over the past several years. Most recently, *K & M Enterprises* assisted VCBH in obtaining a \$4,000,000 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (SAMHSA) Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) grant, a \$7,573,671 Triage Personnel Grant, and a \$2,486,224 expanded triage personnel grant. Having the proposed *K & M Enterprises* agreement in place will allow VCBH to respond to grant requests that require a quick turnaround. The agreement amount is calculated to cover the average cost of responding to one grant proposal and can be adjusted during the year if other grants are available. During FY 2017-18, VCBH used *K & M Enterprises* to respond to two grants –the Triage Personnel Grant and the Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program – requiring a \$35,000 increase to the FY 17-18 agreement. The total award for the two grants was over \$3,400,000. There is no change to the service rate from the previous year. And because *K&M Enterprises* has other contracts with the County which exceed \$100,000 when combined with this agreement, VCBH is presenting the contract to your board. This contract will be funded with 1991 Realignment funds.

VCBH recommends approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign, the agreement for grant development and writing services with *K & M Enterprises*, in the amount of \$24,000, effective July 18, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

RECOMMENDATION #2:

Meditech provides certified and/or licensed temporary staff to help fill vacant positions due to the difficulty in recruiting qualified and appropriately certified and/or licensed staff. VCBH's vacancy rate ranges between 9% and 17%. VCBH utilizes temporary staff to provide services to clients. *Meditech* helps VCBH maintain continuous services until permanent VCBH staff can be hired and a variety of temporary staff from *Meditech* including registered nurses, mental health associates, and licensed marriage and family therapists.

The proposed Second Amendment with *Meditech* will extend the term of the agreement through FY 2018-19 to fund VCBH's temporary staffing needs. The Second Amendment also revises the rate schedule set forth in the contract adding a Psychiatric Technician (Crisis LVN/LPT) position at the rate of \$45.00 per hour and adds standard contract language updates made to VCBH contract templates in FY 2017-18.

VCBH recommends approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign, the Second Amendment to the agreement for medical personnel staffing and recruiting services with Meditech, decreasing the amount from \$515,308 to \$400,000, (a decrease of \$115,308, effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019).

4. FY 2018-19 Three Month Extension for Mental Health Services with Telecare Corporation ANKA Behavioral Health, ASC Treatment Group, and Turning Point Foundation.

This item is requesting approval to extend contracts for three months July 1, 2018 to September 30, 2018 with Telecare Corporation (Telecare), ANKA Behavioral Health (ANKA), ASC Treatment Group (ASC), and Turning Point Foundation (Turning Point) until contract negotiations are complete.

RECOMMENDATIONS #1 and #2:

Telecare operates and manages the following four mental health residential treatment facilities (“Casas”) through four separate agreements with VCBH: (1) Casa B – Brighter Tomorrows, (2) Casa C – House of Transitions, (3) Casa D – Starship (4) and Casa E -Stonehenge. These Casas are located at the Casa de Esperanza facility in Camarillo. Casas B, C, and D are long-term social rehabilitation facilities that each have 15 beds. The duration of the program offered at the Casas is approximately 12 months. Services are delivered in a home-like, nurturing environment to facilitate consumers’ growth and recovery. Consumers receive supervision, guidance, and personal assistance in performing their daily living activities. Structured day and evening services are also provided to assist consumers in acquiring daily living skills, accessing community resources, and accessing educational/vocational resources. Mental health services are provided by VCBH.

Only the agreements for Casas B and D are being amended in this Board Letter. The proposed amendments will extend the term of the Casa B and D agreements for three months to allow VCBH time to evaluate Telecare’s request to increase the amount of its contracts in FY 2018-19. The proposed amendment amounts are based upon a three-month pro rata share of Telecare’s 2017-18 contracts for Casas B and D. These agreements are funded with County Funds/Realignment, SD/MC FFP, and MHSA funding.

VCBH recommends approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign, the amendments to the agreements for social rehabilitation services at Casas B and D with Telecare, extending the term of each agreement for three months, in the amount of \$196,983 and \$198,805, respectively, effective July 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018.

RECOMMENDATIONS #3 and #4:

Anka operates a CRT facility located in Ventura. The CRT facility provides a short-term voluntary program for up to 15 adults experiencing increased psychiatric symptoms or a behavioral health crisis. The CRT’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.

Anka also provides mental health treatment services at an MHRC in Camarillo. The MHRC program is designed to assist persons with severe and persistent mental illness in transitioning to independent or supported-living arrangements. The 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.

The proposed amendments will extend the term of the CRT and MHRC agreements for three months to allow VCBH time to evaluate Anka's request to increase the amount of its contracts in FY 2018-19. The proposed amendment amounts are based upon a three-month pro rata share of Anka's FY 2017-18 contracts for these services. These agreements are funded with SD/MC FFP and MHSA funding.

VCBH recommends approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign, the amendments to the agreements for CRT and MHRC services with Anka, extending the term of each agreement for three months, in the amount of \$491,017 and \$367,192, respectively, effective July 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018.

RECOMMENDATIONS #5 and #6:

ASC (Los Angeles) and ASC (Bakersfield) provide adult residential treatment services. These facilities offer 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 these programs is to assist clients in being able to live in a less restrictive environment upon discharge. Each facility can serve up to 12 VCBH clients. The proposed amendments will extend the term of the ASC (Los Angeles) and ASC (Bakersfield) agreements for three months to allow VCBH time to evaluate ASC's request to increase the amount of its contracts in FY 2018-19. The proposed amendment amounts are based upon a three-month pro rata share of ASC's FY 2017-18 contracts for these services. These agreements will be funded with County Funds/Realignment and SD/MC FFP funding.

VCBH recommends approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign, the amendments to the agreements for adult residential treatment services with ASC (Los Angeles) and ASC (Bakersfield), extending the term of each agreement for three months, in the amount of \$179,180 and \$215,211, respectively, effective July 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION #7:

Turning Point 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 at the Oxnard Clubhouse (Clubhouse). All clients must be referred and authorized by VCBH prior to accessing services. To reduce transportation barriers for clients with physical

impairments or who lack public transportation, Turning Point also offers a ride share program that provides transportation to and from the Center and the Clubhouse. The proposed amendment will extend the term of the agreement for three months to allow VCBH time to evaluate Turning Point's request to increase its contract maximum for FY 2018-19. The proposed amendment amounts are based upon a three-month pro rata share of Turning Point's FY 2017-18 contract for rehabilitation services. This agreement is funded with County Funds/Realignment and SD/FFP funds.

VCBH recommends approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign, the Sixth Amendment to the agreement for social rehabilitation program services with Turning Point to extend the term of the agreement for three months, in the amount of \$227,344, effective July 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018.

5. California Department of Health Care Services Standard Agreement for Specialty Mental Health Services to Medi-Cal Beneficiaries.

This item is requesting approval to sign the First Amendment to the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Standard Agreement #12-89407 (First Amendment) for specialty mental health services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries, and the DHCS Standard Agreement #17-94626 (Standard Agreement) for specialty mental health services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

On April 25, 2016, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published in the Federal Register the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Managed Care Final Rule (Final Rule). The Final Rule is the first major update to the Medicaid and CHIP managed care regulations in more than a decade. The key goals of the Final Rule are to support state efforts to advance delivery system reform, improve the quality of care, strengthen the beneficiary experience of care, strengthen key beneficiary protections, strengthen program integrity by improving accountability and transparency, and aligning key Medicaid and CHIP managed care requirements with other health coverage programs. The Final Rule requirements for specialty mental health services are to be phased in over three years, beginning on or after July 1, 2017.

The proposed Standard Agreement specifies the federal and state requirements that VCBH must meet to participate as a mental health plan (MHP) and claim federal financial participation for the specialty mental health services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. VCBH is designated as Ventura County's local MHP administrator by DHCS and is responsible for providing or arranging for the provision of specialty mental health services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries in Ventura County. Under the Standard Agreement, VCBH will be reimbursed for all medically necessary covered services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. The Standard Agreement has been updated by DHCS to incorporate the CMS Final Rule requirements that are effective as of July 1, 2017. Specifically, the MHP contract reflects new terms related to: Medi-Cal providers' adherence to specific federal and state laws and regulations pertaining to the provision of Medi-Cal/Medicaid services; conflicts of interest; non-discrimination; time, distance, and timely access standards; delegation and assignment of contract functions; licenses, certifications, and staffing; patients'/clients' rights; program monitoring and review; record retention; reporting requirements; auditing of services; facilities; program integrity; ownership/controlling interest disclosure; Social Security Administration death master file checks; beneficiary information and problem resolution; overpayments; suspension of payments due to fraud and non-payment provisions for services rendered by an entity or individual excluded from participation in a federal health care program.

The amount of the Standard Agreement is zero dollars which is different than in prior years. DHCS determined that this amount made the most sense because the funding that is used to pay for specialty mental health services flows through different payment mechanisms (realignment distributions and estimated total cost of the Federal Financial Participation); the Standard Agreement is not the method by which those funds are paid to counties. In addition, the zero dollar amount will eliminate the need for contract amendments to change funding amounts based on actual or estimated expenditures. The term of the Standard Agreement begins July 1, 2017 and ends on June 30, 2022. The contract was made retroactive to comply with the CMS requirement that all Final Rule regulations take effect on or after July 1, 2017. To accommodate the retroactive start date of the Standard Agreement, DHCS presented the First Amendment, revising the termination date of the existing VCBH contract with DHCS for Medi-Cal services from June 30, 2018 to June 30, 2017.

VCBH is proposing approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign: (1) the First Amendment, in the existing amount of \$8,113,337,000, revising the termination date of the agreement, effective May 1, 2013 through June 30, 2017 and (2) the Standard Agreement, in the amount of zero dollars, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022. VCBH further recommends authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign future amendments to the Standard Agreement making corrections, clarifications, and/or technical changes provided that the changes are consistent with the original purpose of the Standard Agreement, do not result in additional cost to the County, and are approved by the County Executive Office and County Counsel.

Board Agenda – July 31, 2018

1. Standard Agreement between the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and VCBH for Federal Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training (CC) services

This item is requesting approval to sign the Standard Agreement between the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and VCBH for Federal Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training (CCP) services, in the amount of \$1,034,781.93.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides assistance to state that suffer natural disasters pursuant to the Stafford Act. Section 416 of that Act authorized FEMA to fund behavioral health services and training following a natural disaster. Pursuant to that section of the Act FEMA funds crisis counseling and related services through the Federal CCP for a limited period of time. The mission of CCP is to assist individuals and communities recover from the effects of natural and man-made disasters by providing community-based outreach and psycho-education services. Services are short-term interventions including: assisting disaster survivors understand their current situation and reactions, mitigating stress, assisting survivors review their disaster recovery options, promoting the use and development of coping strategies, providing emotional support, and encouraging linkages with other individuals and agencies who may help survivors recover to pre-disaster functioning.

The CCP is comprised of three funding terms: (1) Immediate Services Program (ISP) – Funding is provided for the CCP for 60 days from the date of the Presidential declaration; (2) Immediate Services Program Extension (ISP Extension) – Funding is provided to cover the period from the day after the end of the ISP to the award date

of the Regular Services Program (RSP). The review and approval process time for the RSP is estimated to take between six and eight weeks, and (3) Regular Services Program (RSP) – Funding is provided for 9 months from award date to continue and expand the provision of crisis counseling program services.

On January 2, 2018, the State received a Presidential Disaster Declaration for the wildfires (FEMA-4353-DR-CA), which authorized the State to apply for CCP funding. The State successfully applied for funding for the ISP and ISP Extension. In response, VCBH submitted an application to FEMA through the DHCS to assist Thomas Fire survivors in Ventura County. On February 6, VCBH received notification that funding was approved and on June 11, 2018, VCBH received the state agreement.

The Agreement provides VCBH with CCP funding to provide crisis counseling and related services pursuant to the initial 60 day CCP funding term, the ISP and ISP Extension. In early March, VCBH implemented a new program called California HOPE of Ventura County. The program is comprised of an eight-member clinical team that has been FEMA trained to provide free and confidential community-based counseling services to Thomas Fire survivors.

VCBH is proposing approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign, the State Agreement, in the amount of \$1,034,781.93, effective January 15, 2018 through March 31, 2019.

2. Agreement for Mental Health Services with California Psychiatric Transitions Incorporated

This item is requesting approval to sign the agreement for mental health services with California Psychiatric Transitions Incorporated (CPT) in the amount of \$748,250.

RECOMMENDATION #1 and #2:

CPT is a locked Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC) that includes a Destructive Behavioral Unit (DBU) that VCBH utilizes for court ordered locked restoration of competence services and for VCBH high acuity clients requiring a high level of services in a controlled environment that CPT provides. The VCBH clients in CPT are high acuity clients that require a controlled environment. The goal is to stabilize and improve the clients' behavior to transition the client to a lower and less restrictive level of care. CPT has successfully stabilized and transitioned several clients that have moved to a lower level of care at CPT or within the County. In FY 2017-18, CPT served 5 unduplicated clients. This is an increase of 3 from the previous year.

VCBH is proposing an agreement for FY 2018-19 with CPT for VCBH clients. VCBH projects that 4 clients will be served at CPT in FY 2018-19, with all but one client residing in the Level 1 MHRC (the lowest level of placement). The FY 2018-19 agreement increases the Level 1 MHRC daily rate from \$350 to \$400. CPT has requested the increase to offset minimum wage increases, benefit increases, and workers' compensation insurance costs. The agreement maximum of \$748,250 will cover the annual costs of the current clients. If clients are discharged to lower levels of care, unused funds will be available for additional referrals as needed. This agreement is funded with tobacco settlement and 1991 realignment.

VCBH is proposing the approval of, and authorization for the: (1) VCBH Director or designee to sign, the agreement for mental health services with CPT in the amount of \$748,250 (a decrease of \$61,625 from FY 17-18), effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and (2) VCBH Director or designee to sign the Main/DBU/Diversion Admissions Agreement Part I for each client placed at CPT.

3. First Amendment to the Agreement with Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc.

This item is requesting approval to sign the First Amendment to the agreement for mental health rehabilitation center (MHRC) services with Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc. (Crestwood), in the amount of \$100,000 (a decrease of \$86,880 from the prior fiscal year), effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

RECOMMENDATION:

Crestwood provides MHRC services to seriously mentally ill clients who require a high level of care due to the severity of their illness. Clients placed at Crestwood receive the following services: (1) medication management, (2) training and support with skills related to daily living activities, (3) daily rehabilitation groups, (4) individual psychotherapy, and (5) various other non-clinical services that are designed to support recovery. The proposed First Amendment reflects: (1) a decrease of \$86,880 from the prior fiscal year agreement due to the reduced number of clients, 2 clients in FY 2017-18 and a projection of only 1 in FY 2018-19, (2) an increase in the rate from \$256 to \$274 per day, and (3) additional agreement language changes. Crestwood has requested the increase to offset minimum wage increases, benefit increases, and workers' compensation insurance costs. The proposed amendment will support one client for the fiscal year. This agreement is funded by Tobacco Settlement and Realignment.

VCBH is proposing the ratification of, approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign, the First Amendment to the agreement for mental health rehabilitation center (MHRC) services with Crestwood, in the amount of \$100,000 (a decrease of \$86,880 from the prior fiscal year), effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

4. Resolution establishing 1.0 new regular position in the Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Budget Unit 3260-3273 to provide No Place Like Home (NPLH) Program services and 1.0 new regular position for Quality Assurance Services for MHSA

This item is requesting that your Board adopt the attached resolution establishing 1.0 new regular position to provide No Place Like Home (NPLH) Program services and 1.0 new regular position to provide quality assurance services for MHSA.

NPLH Services – Behavioral Health Manager II Position

Governor Brown signed legislation enacting the NPLH Program to dedicate \$2 billion in bond proceeds to acquire, design, construct, rehabilitate, or preserve permanent supportive housing for persons in need of mental health services and who are experiencing homelessness or chronic homelessness or for persons who are at-risk of chronic homelessness. The NPLH Program takes a "housing first" approach which is considered a best

practice by many homelessness advocates and social service experts. Counties must commit to provide mental health services and help coordinate access to other community-based supportive services.

On June 25, 2017, your board approved VCBH's submission of a NPLH Program Technical Assistance Grant application in the amount of \$150,000 for the grant term of July 1, 2017 through September 30, 2020. On April 12, 2018, VCBH received notification that it was awarded a grant.

In support of VCBH's permanent supportive housing goals and the NPLH Technical Assistance Grant requirements, VCBH is requesting the addition of 1.0 regular Behavioral Health Manager II position. This position will support the technical assistance component of NPLH in accordance with the awarded grant including, but not limited to, activities such as:

- Applying for NPLH Program funds.
- Implementing NPLH activities.
- Coordinating NPLH funded activities with Coordinated Entry Systems.
- Implementing capacity-building activities to create permanent supportive housing suitable for the target population.
- Monitoring activities of developers to ensure adherence with NPLH Program requirements.
- Coordinating and partnering with other County agencies and community providers to increase understanding of the intersections and overlapping needs of target population.
- Assistance in planning for delivery of a range of supportive services to tenants.
- Coordinate and communicate with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and other agencies to support learning, identification of additional trainings and other technical assistance needs.

Additionally, this position will be responsible for the oversight, coordination, management and delivery of appropriate VCBH housing services. Examples of duties include: coordinate and monitor all VCBH housing assets; track and report the housing vacancy and placement rate; support the County's Continuum of Care efforts and the County's Executive's Office in planning and acquiring affordable housing projects; apply for NPLH funds or HUD grants; and partner with other County departments to develop a sustainable and responsive supportive housing system that strategically braids health care, social services, behavioral health and other funding sources and services. This position will be initially funded by the NPLH Technical Assistance Grant and then by MHSA funds.

In fiscal year 2017-18, VCBH placed 201 clients in board and care facilities and 145 in permanent supportive housing/independent living facilities.

VCBH Quality Assurance Services – Program Administrator III Position

To meet MHSA's accountability and transparency requirements, VCBH is required to ensure that all funds are spent in the most cost-effective manner and that services are provided in accordance with best practices. The VCBH MHSA division has extensive data collection and reporting requirements that must be completed on an ongoing basis. VCBH is required to compile, evaluate and report extensive clinical data, utilizing its Electronic Health Record (EHR) software. Currently, the VCBH MHSA division does not have a dedicated person within Its Quality Assurance division to complete these data requirements.

To ensure compliance with the data collection and reporting requirements, VCBH will need to hire a dedicated staff person to meet these requirements. Utilizing MHSA funding, VCBH is proposing to establish a 1.0 regular Program Administrator III position. The individual in this position will need to have a thorough understanding and knowledge of MHSA rules and regulations, including but not limited to, targeted demographics, Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) and Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) requirements. The duties of this position include: reviewing program objectives, standardizing clinical reporting requirements, developing data tools to mainstream County fiscal and state budgetary reports, and providing training on data collection and state requirements. In addition, the Program Administrator III will collaborate with VCBH operational managers, staff and community based organizations, and evaluate program effectiveness and cost efficiency through a stakeholder process and MHSA evaluation and planning workgroups. This position will be funded fully with MHSA funding.

VCBH is proposing the approval of the attached resolution establishing 1.0 new regular position in the VCBH MHSA Budget Unit 3260-3273 to provide NPLH Program services effective August 10, 2018 and 1.0 new regular position in the VCBH MHL Budget Unit 3200-3207 to provide quality assurance services, effective August 10, 2018.

5. 2nd Amendment with Star View Behavioral Health, Inc., for Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Care Services

This item is requesting approval to sign the Second Amendment to the Organizational Provider Agreement with Star View Behavioral Health, Inc.

Star View provides acute inpatient psychiatric and residential care enhanced by intensive mental health services for youth with severe emotional and behavioral disorder. Services are provided in their Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) and Community Treatment Facility (CFT), located in Torrance, CA. The programs work to stabilize the youth, with the goal of transitioning to a less restrictive setting, including with biological family, foster family, or to a lower level of care.

On January 17, 2018, the Human Services Agency Children and Family Services (HSA CFS), placed a foster youth at Star View's Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF). Due to the severity of the emotional and behavioral disorder, the youth continues receiving treatment in the PHF and has not been fully stabilized to transition to Star View's CFT, lower level of care facility. With the implementation of AB1299, which was developed to ensure timely behavioral health services for foster children who are placed in a county other than the one in which they lived, the presumptive transfer provision, includes for the arranging and payment for specialty mental health services from county of origin jurisdiction to the county in which a foster child resides. HSA CFS is currently working with Los Angeles County on the presumptive transfer of this youth.

The daily rate at the PHF is \$783.87. The original contract was established in the amount of \$100,000, anticipating that the youth would be stabilized and transitioned to the CFT, which is payable by unit rates (minutes) and is less than the PHF daily rate.

VCBH is proposing approval of the proposed Second Amendment to the Organizational Provider Agreement with Star View to increase the contract maximum from \$100,000 to \$130,000, to ensure sufficient funding is available for services provided through June 30, 2018. The amendment does reflect any changes to the rates established in the original contract. The contract is funded with Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation, and EPSDT/Realignment funds.

Board Agenda - August 7, 2018

1. Memorandum of Understanding for Coordination and Collaboration of Mental Health Outreach and Awareness Activities with the Santa Paula School District

This item is requesting approval to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for coordination and collaboration of mental health outreach and awareness activities with the Oxnard School District (OSD).

The proposed MOU is needed in order to establish the terms by which VCBH and OSD will create and maintain a collaborative relationship to facilitate inter-agency services to staff, students and families at five selected school sites: Elm Street Elementary, Harrington Elementary, Kamala Elementary, Lemonwood Elementary and McKinna Elementary.

Under the terms of the MOU, OSD agrees to provide a primary contact at each individual school site, establish monthly parent meetings at each site, provide access to staff development opportunities to educate staff, and work with VCBH to establish target goals and gather data to analyze and measure the success of reducing barriers to mental health services.

VCBH will provide and deliver a monthly curriculum on mental health issues at regularly scheduled parent meetings, provide mental health information and education to OSD faculty and staff, meet with OSD staff to identify and reduce barriers to accessing mental health services, partner with OSD in community outreach and awareness activities, and work with OSD to establish target goals and gather data to analyze and measure the success of reducing barriers to mental health services.

In partnership with California State University at Northridge (CSUN), VCBH and faculty from the CSUN Psychology Department have developed the curriculum and evaluation tool that will be used to implement and monitor these services. Spanish-speaking VCBH staff will present the curriculum at the OSD parent meetings and community outreach activities.

2. Fourth Amendment to the Contract for Psychiatric Services with Sterling Care Psychiatric Group, Inc.

This item is adding a .5 FTE psychiatrist to the Sterling contract to support the Assist Program.

Sterling provides psychiatric physician services at various clinic/program sites throughout the behavioral health department system. The proposed Fourth Amendment will revise the scope of work to add a .5 full time equivalent (FTE) physician to the contract. This additional FTE is needed to provide psychiatric services to

VCBH Assist Program clients. The VCBH Assist Program services were previously contracted out to Telecare Corporation, however, as of July 1, 2018 these services were taken in house by VCBH. The VCBH Assist Program is an assisted outpatient treatment program that serves individuals who have a serious mental illness and are most at risk for psychiatric hospitalization, homelessness, or incarceration. Due to mental health and/or alcohol and drug issues, clients qualifying for the Assist Program require treatment in order to live safely and productively in the community and to reduce recidivism. Assist Program services are available 24 hours per day, 365 days per year using a recovery oriented “whatever it takes” approach.