

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

**General Meeting**

**Monday, August 19, 2019, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.**

Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH)

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 July 15, 2019 Minutes – **ACTION**
- IV. Welcome and Introductions
- V. Public Comments (3 min. per speaker)
- VI. Recognitions:
  - A. William “Bill” Shilley
  - B. Edwin Solano
- VII. Chair’s Report (5 min.)
  - A. Events and Announcements – Ratan Bhavnani (5 min.)
- VIII. Board Members Comments and Announcements (3 min. per speaker)
- IX. Presentation: Trauma-Informed Care – Dr. Kathleen Van Antwerp (20 min.)
- X. Director’s Report – Dr. Sevet Johnson (10 min.)
- XI. Secretary’s Report – Gina Petrus (5 min.)
- XII. BHAB Committees Reports (5 min. each)
  - A. Adult Services Committee – Nancy Borchard and Gane Brooking, Co-Chairs
  - B. Prevention Committee – Janis Gardner, Chair
  - C. Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Committee – Margaret Cortese, Chair
  - D. Youth & Family Committee – Denise Nielsen, Chair
  - E. Legislative Workgroup – First Meeting Date – Ratan Bhavnani, Chair
- XIII. New Business
  - A. Committee Objectives and Mission Statements – Discussion
  - B. 2019 Data Notebook – Formation of Workgroup
  - C. BHAB Committees and Workgroups – Discussion
  - D. Proposed Housing Workgroup
  - E. Meetings in November and December 2019 – **ACTION**
  - F. Harvest Fest Potluck Lunch on October 21, 2019 - **ACTION**
  - G. Governor Newsom’s 2019-20 Budget and Senate Bill 79 – Discussion
  - H. Ventura County’s Legislative Coordination and Advocacy Guidelines
- XIV. Old Business
  - A. Institution for Mental Diseases (IMD) Exclusion Waiver Meeting Update – Mary Haffner
  - B. Future Presentations
  - C. Future Recognitions
- XV. Contracts –

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- A. Board of Supervisors Approved Agreements – July 23, 2019
  - 1. Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP): Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 Third Amendment with Aegis Treatment Centers, LLC (Aegis)
  - 2. ADP: FY 2019-20 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE) at Gateway Community School
  - 3. FY 2019-20 Agreements with Catalyst Ventura Church, One Step a La Vez, and Idea Engineering, Inc.
  - 4. FY 2019-20 First Amendments with (1) Golden Ventura CRT, LLC (GVCRT) and (2) Golden Hillmont House MHRC, LLC (GHHMHRC)
  - 5. FY 2019-20 Third Amendment with Senior Planning Elder Care Services (SPECS)
  - 6. FY 2019-20 Eleventh Amendments with La Siesta Guest Home and Hickory House
- B. Board of Supervisors Approved Agreements – July 30, 2019
  - 1. FY 2019-20 Amendments with All Languages Interpreting and Translating, Inc. (ALIT), Turning Point Foundation for Quality of Life Improvement (QLI), and National Alliance on Mental Illness Ventura County (NAMI)
  - 2. FY 2019-20 Amendments with Kids & Families Together (KFT) and Seneca Family of Agencies (Seneca)

XVI. Public Comments (3 min. each)

XVII. Adjourn

**Next Meeting: Monday, September 16, 2019**

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## JUNTA ASESORA DE SALUD DEL COMPORTAMIENTO

### Junta general

Lunes por , 19 de agosto de , 2019 , 1:00 - 3:30

Salud conductual del condado de Ventura (VCBH)  
1911 Williams Drive, Sala de entrenamiento • Oxnard, CA 93036

### AGENDA

- I. Llamado al orden y promesa de lealtad
- II. Aprobación de la Agenda - **ACCIÓN**
- III. Aprobación del Acta del 15 de julio de 2019 - **ACCIÓN**
- IV. Bienvenida y Presentaciones
- V. Comentarios públicos (3 min. Por hablante)
- VI. Reconocimientos :
  - A. William "Bill" Shilley
  - B. Edwin Solano
- VII. Presidente' s Informe (5 min. )
  - A. Eventos y Annou NCE mentos - Ratan Bhavnani (5 min.)
- VIII. Comentarios y anuncios de los miembros de la Junta (3 min. Por orador)
- IX. Presentación : Atención informada por trauma - Dra. Kathleen Van Antwerp (20 min.)
- X. Directo Informe de r - Dr. Sevet Johnson (10 min.)
- XI. Informe del Secretario - Gina Petrus (5 min.)
- XII. Informes de los Comités BHAB (5 min. Cada uno)
  - A. Comité de Servicios para Adultos - Nancy Borchard y Gane Brooking , Copresidentes
  - B. Comité de Prevención - Janis Gardner, Presidenta
  - C. Comité de Transitional Age Youth (TAY) - Margaret Cortese , Presidenta
  - D. Juventud y Familia C omité - Denise Nielsen, Presidente
  - E. Grupo de Trabajo Legislativo - Fecha de la primera reunión - Ratan Bhavnani, Presidente
- XIII. Nuevo negocio
  - A. Objetivos del Comité y Declaraciones de Misión - Discusión
  - B. Cuaderno de datos 2019 - Formación del grupo de trabajo
  - C. Comités y grupos de trabajo de BHAB - Discusión
  - D. Grupo de trabajo de vivienda propuesto
  - E. Reuniones en noviembre y diciembre de 2019 - **ACCIÓN**
  - F. Harvest Fest Potluck Lunch el 21 de octubre de 2019 -  
**ACCIÓN**
  - G. Presupuesto y Senado 79-20 del Gobernador Newsom para el Proyecto de Ley 79 - Discusión
  - H. Pautas de Coordinación Legislativa y Defensa del Condado de Ventura
- XIV. Viejo negocio
  - A. Actualización de la reunión de exención de exclusión de la Institución para Enfermedades Mentales (IMD) - Mary Haffner
  - B. Presentaciones Futuras
  - C. Reconocimientos futuros
- XV. Contratos
  - A. Acuerdos aprobados de la Junta de Supervisores - 23 de julio de 2019
    1. Programas de alcohol y drogas (ADP): Año fiscal (año fiscal) 2019-20 Tercera enmienda con Aegis Treatment Centers, LLC (Aegis)

2. ADP: Memorando de Acuerdo (MOA) para el año fiscal 2019-20 con la Oficina de Educación del Condado de Ventura (VCOE) en Gateway Community School
  3. Acuerdos del año fiscal 2019-20 con Catalyst Ventura Church, One Step a La Vez e Idea Engineering, Inc.
  4. Primeras modificaciones del año fiscal 2019-20 con (1) Golden Ventura CRT, LLC (GVCRT) y (2) Golden Hillmont House MHRC, LLC (GHHMHRC)
  5. Tercera enmienda para el año fiscal 2019-20 con servicios de planificación para personas mayores (SPECS)
  6. Decimoprimer año fiscal 2019-20 enmiendas con La Siesta Guest Home y Hickory House
- B. Acuerdos aprobados de la Junta de Supervisores - 30 de julio de 2019
1. Enmiendas del año fiscal 2019-20 con todos los idiomas Interpreting and Translating, Inc. (ALIT), Fundación Turning Point para la mejora de la calidad de vida (QLI) y Alianza Nacional sobre Enfermedades Mentales del Condado de Ventura (NAMI)
  2. FY 2019-20 Enmiendas con Kids & Families Together (KFT ) y Seneca Family of Agencies (Séneca)
- XVI. Comentarios públicos (3 min. Cada uno)
- XVII. Aplazar

### **Próxima reunión: lunes por , 16 de de septiembre de , 2019**

Los miembros del público que realizan presentaciones orales ante la Junta en relación con uno o más puntos del orden del día o no incluidos en el orden del día en una sola reunión están limitados a un tiempo total acumulado que no exceda (5) minutos para todas sus presentaciones orales en dicha reunión a menos que se indique lo contrario. El período completo de comentarios públicos está limitado a no más de (20) minutos en total para todos los oradores. NOTA: El Presidente puede limitar el número o la duración de los oradores en un asunto. En cumplimiento de la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades, si necesita asistencia especial para participar en esta reunión, comuníquese con la Administración de Salud Mental al (805) 981-6830 . La notificación anticipada razonable de la necesidad de acomodación antes de la reunión (es preferible un aviso con 48 horas de anticipación) nos permitirá hacer arreglos razonables para garantizar la accesibilidad a esta reunión.

# Governor Newsom Signs 2019-20 State Budget Published: Jun 27, 2019

*The Budget creates the biggest reserve in state history, pays off the Wall of Debt and helps Californians tackle the cost crisis*

SACRAMENTO – Governor Gavin Newsom today signed a balanced, on-time state budget that builds a strong fiscal foundation and makes significant progress toward combatting the affordability crisis that impacts too many Californians. “The driving idea behind this budget – and my first year in office – is to combat the cost crisis and maintain fiscal discipline,” said Governor Newsom. “This is a responsible budget that saves for challenging times ahead while investing in the present-day needs of working Californians.

The \$214.8 billion budget, of which \$147.8 billion is General Fund, creates the biggest reserve in state history – all while helping Californians tackle affordability challenges.

Significant details of the 2019-20 budget:

## Building a Strong Fiscal Foundation

The Budget will end the year with total reserves of \$19.2 billion, of which \$16.5 billion is in the Rainy Day Fund, \$1.4 billion in the Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties, \$900 million in the Safety Net Reserve, and nearly \$400 million in the Public School System Stabilization Account.

The Budget makes an extra payment of \$9 billion over the next four years to pay down unfunded pension liabilities. This includes \$3 billion to CalPERS and \$2.9 billion to CalSTRS on behalf of the state, and \$3.15 billion to CalSTRS and CalPERS on behalf of schools.

The Budget invests \$4.5 billion to eliminate the Wall of Debt and reverses the decade old deferral undertaken during the last recession.

The Budget prioritizes one-time investments, with 88 percent of new expenditures being temporary rather than ongoing. This addresses the affordability crisis facing Californians while minimizing ongoing commitments to avoid putting the state at fiscal disadvantage in the future.

## Confronting the Cost Crisis

The Budget tackles affordability challenges and expands opportunity for all Californians. The Budget supports Californians facing the cost crisis by expanding health care access, increasing housing production, making historic investments in education, expanding the Cal-EITC Working Families Tax Credit and investing in early childhood education and development.

## Health Care

The Budget preserves health coverage protections for Californians and includes a series of proposals that leads the nation in reducing health care costs and increasing access for families. The Budget:

- Invests \$1.45 billion over three years to increase Covered California health insurance premium support for low-income Californians – and provides premium support for the first time to qualified middle-income individuals earning up to \$72,000 and families of four earning up to \$150,000, partially funded by restoration of an enforceable Individual Mandate
- Expands Medi-Cal coverage to all income-eligible undocumented young adults ages 19 through 25
- **Includes an increase of \$1 billion, using Prop 56 funding, to support increased rates to Medi-Cal providers,** expanded family planning services, and value-based payments that encourage more effective treatment of patients with chronic conditions
- **Invests in and supports California’s seniors by expanding health and other vital state services to this fast-growing part of California’s population**
- **Ends the “senior penalty” in Medi-Cal by raising the income eligibility limit for older Californians**

- Expands eligibility to 138 percent of the federal poverty level for the Medi-Cal Aged, Blind and Disabled program, estimated to help 22,000 Californians
- Invests boldly in responding to Alzheimer's disease including \$3 million for research grants with a focus on women and communities of color, and \$5 million for Alzheimer's disease local infrastructure
- Establishes a pathway to transition Medi-Cal's drug benefit to a model where the state is directly bargaining for the lowest drug prices
- Restores the 7 percent across the board reduction to IHSS service hours

#### Housing Affordability

The high cost of housing is a defining quality-of-life concern for people across California. In order to increase housing supply, the Budget makes a historic investment to accelerate the production of new housing, and supports local governments to meet their required housing goals.

- **The Budget invests \$1.75 billion in the production and planning of new housing. It includes support to local governments to increase housing production**
- **The Governor has taken measures to hold local jurisdictions accountable to meet housing demand**
- To assist renters, the Budget includes \$20 million to provide legal aid for renters and assist with landlord-tenant disputes, including legal assistance for counseling, renter education programs, and preventing evictions

#### Working Families Tax Cut

The Cal-EITC has helped put money back into the pockets of California's working families, lifting some out of poverty. The Budget more than doubles the investment in the Cal-EITC to \$1 billion, which will increase the number of participating households from 2 million to 3 million and:

- Help low-income families with young children through a new \$1,000 credit for families with children under the age of six
- Significantly increase the average yearly amount individuals receive through the tax credit
- Expand eligibility to include full-time workers making the 2022 minimum wage of \$15/hour

#### Parents Agenda

The Budget includes a Parents Agenda that addresses specific cost-of-living issues faced by young parents and parents of small children. The Budget:

- Expands paid family leave from six to eight weeks for each parent or caretaker of a newborn child, potentially allowing a child to benefit from as much as four months of paid family leave. This will bring California closer to the goal of six months of paid family leave, helping more workers, especially lower-wage workers, who pay into the system take the benefits
- Puts California on the path to provide universal access to preschool for all four-year-olds and full-day kindergarten, including funding for childcare workers, expanding state-subsidized facilities and increasing slots
- Provides resources for lower-income parents, including: home-visiting services, black infant health programs, developmental and trauma screenings, temporary cash assistance to families with children to meet basic needs, child savings accounts to support future higher education expenses and a sales tax exemption on diapers and menstrual products
- Establishes or increases Cal Grant Access Awards for student parents attending the University of California, California State University, or California Community Colleges. This two-generation approach will help students complete their education, increase their future earning potential, and provide additional support to their children

#### Education

The Budget makes an historic investment in education for Californians, paving the path towards universal preschool, recruiting and retaining qualified educators and facilitating tuition freezes at the UC and CSU.

#### K-14

- Makes highest-ever investment in K-14 education, including approximately \$5,000 more per K-12 pupil than eight years ago
- Invests \$90 million to recruit and retain qualified educators to teach in a high-need field at priority schools and address California's teacher shortage, and invests \$43.8 million to provide training and resources for classroom teachers and paraprofessionals to build capacity around key state priorities
- Supports students with specialized needs by providing a 19.3-percent increase in funding for special education

#### Higher Ed

- Significantly increases funding for higher education, facilitating tuition freezes and increased enrollment slots at both the University of California and California State University systems for the 2019-20 school year
- Provides support for community college students by funding two years of free community college tuition for first-time, full-time students
- Provides \$41.8 million to increase the number of competitive Cal Grant scholarships from 25,750 to 41,000 for income-eligible Californians
- Provides \$96.7 million to support the living expenses of student parents with dependent children to increase degree completion
- Qualifying new or renewal Cal Grant A recipients will receive an access award of up to \$6,000,
- Qualifying new or renewal Cal Grant B recipients will see their access award increase from \$1,648 to \$6,000, and
- Qualifying Cal Grant C recipients will see their book and supply award increase from \$1,094 to \$4,000
- Provides \$50 million for child savings accounts that aid families in managing future higher education expenses

#### Preparing For Emergencies

Climate change has created a new reality that impacts every Californian, in urban, suburban and rural communities. Governor Newsom is taking aggressive actions to build resiliency, increase response and tackle recovery. The Budget invests nearly \$1 billion:

- Includes \$225.8 million to implement forest health and wildfire prevention efforts
- **Builds resilience to ensure every community is prepared in the face of a disaster with investments in community emergency preparedness, 9-1-1 system upgrades and earthquake warning system development**
- Funds new firefighting resources and technology so Cal FIRE has state-of-the-art tools at its disposal when responding to disasters, including:
- \$127.2 million for C-130 Air Tankers and twenty-first century firefighting helicopters
- \$130.3 million for better communication equipment for first responders
- **Supporting communities so they can get back on their feet after a disaster, including investment in local property tax backfill, Camp Fire Recovery and the California Disaster Assistance Act**

#### Advancing Justice for All

##### Homelessness

California is facing a homelessness epidemic across the state. Recognizing the importance of mental health supports in the fight against homelessness, the Budget includes an historic \$1 billion investment, which will:

- **Provide homelessness emergency aid to local governments for emergency housing vouchers, rapid rehousing programs and emergency shelter construction**
- **Increase mental health supports, which includes expanding Whole Person Care services that provide wrap-around health, behavioral health and housing services, and building strategies to address the shortage of mental health professionals in the public mental health system**
- Fund rapid rehousing and basic needs initiatives for students in the University of California, California State University and California Community College systems

## Safe Drinking Water

The Budget provides stable ongoing funding to assist disadvantaged communities in paying for the costs of obtaining access to safe and affordable drinking water. The proposal will:

- Initiate the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund program one year earlier than previously planned by investing \$100 million Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds (GGRF) and \$30 million General Fund in 2019-20; with \$130 million continuously appropriated on an ongoing basis until 2030
- Use the GGRF for safe drinking water to advance the state's climate resiliency goals by helping to secure water resources statewide and advance the state's climate change priorities by supporting and providing benefits to disadvantaged communities most impacted by climate change

## Criminal Justice

The Budget prioritizes public safety, while helping to make the state's criminal system more humane and just – focusing on rehabilitation and successful reentry.

- Moves youth correctional facilities from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to a new department under the Health and Human Services Agency to enable the state to better provide youth offenders with services and support reentry
- Provides local law enforcement training on use of force and de-escalation, while restoring funding to maintain training and improve competency for local correctional and law enforcement personnel
- **Overhauls the substance use disorder programs in prison, including integrating medically assisted treatment and reentry services as appropriate**

The budget and related acts signed by the Governor today include:

- AB 74 by Assemblymember Philip Ting – Budget Act of 2019. Line-item vetoes can be found [here](#).
- SB 78 by the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – Health.
- **SB 79 by the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – Mental health.**
- SB 80 by the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – Human services omnibus.
- SB 81 by the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – Developmental services.
- SB 82 by the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – State Government.
- SB 83 by the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – Employment.
- SB 84 by the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – Political Reform Act of 1974: online filing system.
- SB 85 by the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – Public resources: omnibus trailer bill.
- SB 87 by the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – Transportation.
- SB 90 by the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – Public employees' retirement.
- SB 92 by the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – Taxation.
- SB 93 by the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – Budget Act of 2018: augmentation.
- SB 94 by the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – Public Safety: omnibus.
- SB 95 by the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – Courts.
- SB 105 by the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review – Corrections facilities: financing.

For full text of these bills, visit: [www.leginfo.legislature.ca.gov](http://www.leginfo.legislature.ca.gov).

COUNTY OF VENTURA	2018 ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY MANUAL		GENERAL INFORMATION CHAPTER II
Originating Agency: CEO	Last Issued  2018	Revised  2019	<u>Policy No. Chapter II - 7</u>  LEGISLATIVE COORDINATION AND ADVOCACY
Policy Change Requires: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Board of Supervisors Approval <input type="checkbox"/> CEO Approval Forms Change Requires: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CEO Approval			

**POLICY**

Ventura County's legislative program has as its goal the development and maintenance of good, sound, and effective local government. The purpose of the legislative program is to secure legislation that benefits the County and its residents while seeking to mitigate or oppose legislation that would adversely impact the County's delivery of service; to secure state and federal funding through the grant and/or appropriations process; and to shape public policy in priority areas that impact County government.

To provide an effective program of legislative representation and assure consistency in conveying official positions of the Board of Supervisors on all legislative matters, the following procedures are designed to implement the legislative policy of the County of Ventura.

**PROCEDURE**

1. **STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDAS**

The purpose of the County's state and federal legislative agendas is to:

- identify and secure Board approval for specific state and federal legislative proposals to be pursued during the upcoming year; and
- identify and secure Board approval for specific program and funding priorities to be pursued during the upcoming year.

Prior to initiating the following procedures for development of the annual legislative agendas, the County Executive Office will seek input from the Board of Supervisors regarding the Board's legislative goals and objectives for the County.

- A. Each fall County agencies/departments shall submit their proposals for potential County-sponsored State and federal legislation. Legislative proposals should support the County's goal of actively shaping good, sound, and effective local government.

- B. County legislative staff will review and coordinate departmental requests for legislation and supply recommendations for the proposed annual legislative agendas to the County Executive Officer for Board consideration.
- C. In order to allow sufficient time to secure authors for the County's legislative proposals, these recommendations will generally be submitted to the Board on or before January 1 of each year.
- D. The coordination of all actions related to the Board-adopted legislative agendas shall be the responsibility of the County Executive Officer/County legislative staff, who shall report regularly on the status of pending items, and who shall make recommendations on legislative policy issues as needed.
- E. Board approval is required for any new legislation proposed on behalf of the County.

2. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PLATFORMS

State and federal platforms are adopted by the Board of Supervisors to provide a framework from which the legislative program will operate and a foundation for more effective advocacy on behalf of Ventura County. Platforms contain principles that are basic to county government and can be used to shape federal or state policies for the benefit of Ventura County.

The platforms provide specific parameters within which the Board, County Executive Officer, County agencies/departments, and the County's legislative advocates may represent County positions on legislation when time is an issue and immediate communication on behalf of the County is necessary.

The following process is used to develop the legislative platforms:

- Each fall/winter the County Executive Office legislative staff reviews the state and federal platforms with Board members, as well as agency/department heads.
- Suggested changes, additions, or deletions that could improve or assist County operations and enhance financial health will be incorporated into the platforms and presented to the Board for adoption.
- Generally, on or before January 1 of each year, the Board shall adopt a state and federal legislative platform, which shall serve as the official position of the County with regard to pending legislation. Once adopted, the platforms serve as a tool for focusing on and achieving the County's legislative goals while providing a reference for evaluating pending legislation under consideration at the state and federal levels.
- Although the state platform is designed to coincide with the two-year legislative session, both the state and federal platforms are reviewed annually to keep current with issues facing the County and any policy changes of the Board.

- If during the year an important issue arises which is not covered under the Board-adopted legislative platforms or is not consistent with existing Board policy, the County Executive Officer has the discretion to present the item to the Board for consideration at a regularly scheduled Board meeting.

### 3. PENDING STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION

Pending legislation which may have significant impact on the County shall be presented to the Board of Supervisors through the coordinated effort of the County Executive Officer, elected and appointed County officials, and the County's legislative staff.

- A. The County Executive Office legislative and budget staff will forward to departments for their review and analysis pending legislation that appears to have a potential impact on operations or programs for which they are responsible.
- B. County agencies and departments are responsible for monitoring legislation in their specific areas and bringing bills, which have a potential major impact on the County, to the attention of the County Executive Office by submitting an analysis and recommendation for a position, if required.
- C. County Executive Office legislative and budget staff will review departmental analyses on pending legislation and present to the Board those bills identified as likely to have the greatest impact on the County. In doing so, staff will take into consideration the need to limit the size of the legislative program in order to maximize opportunities and efforts with respect to advocacy for each bill included in the program.
- D. If a bill potentially affects more than one agency or department, the County Executive Officer/County legislative staff will work to achieve a consensus position among those impacted before presenting the item for Board consideration.
- E. From time to time throughout the legislative session, the County Executive Officer/County legislative staff will present recommendations on pending legislation with high impact to Ventura County to the Board for adoption of positions.
- F. All requests for Board action on legislative issues shall be reviewed by and coordinated with the County Executive Officer/County legislative staff.
- G. The County Executive Officer/County legislative staff will maintain a file to track the progress of bills on which the Board has adopted a formal position and will report regularly on the status of pending bills.

### 4. COORDINATION OF STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

In order to maintain a presence in Washington D.C. and Sacramento, the County contracts for federal and state representation to advocate official County positions on pending federal and state legislation and administrative and/or regulatory proceedings. The federal and state advocates will coordinate advocacy activities with the County Executive Officer/County legislative staff.

- A. It is the primary responsibility of the Senior Deputy Executive Officer for Government Affairs and County legislative staff, in coordination with the Washington D.C. and Sacramento advocates, to advance the official County position on bills as they progress through the legislative process. However, this advocacy may require and include the participation of Board members, the County Executive Officer, agency/department heads, and other designated County staff as appropriate.
- B. Advocacy activities may include direct interaction with members of the Legislature and their staffs, legislative committees and their staffs, the Administration, state and federal agencies, statewide organizations (e.g., California State Association of Counties (CSAC), Urban Counties of California (UCC), and League of California Cities), as well as local or regional governmental decision-making bodies.
- C. An agency/department **may not** take any action that would imply the County's support or opposition to any pending legislation in the absence of, or inconsistent with, adopted Board positions.
- D. Any time a County employee appears before a state, federal, or local body to express a personal opinion or make a public comment, that individual must state for the record that he or she are speaking as a private citizen, and **not** as an employee of the County or a representative of the agency/department for which he or she works. Further, written personal opinions shall not appear on County or department stationery.
- E. These procedures do not apply to elected officials who have been independently elected to represent the County and its residents. However, elected agency/department heads are encouraged to continue the past practice of open communication with the County Executive Officer/County legislative staff on important state and federal issues. In addition, the support of the elected officials on behalf of County policy positions can be a persuasive factor when dealing with state and federal representatives, and efforts to maintain this cooperative spirit will be given a high priority by the County Executive Officer/Senior Deputy Executive Officer and County legislative staff.

The following procedures address appropriate advocacy efforts on behalf of Ventura County.

- A. Testimony
  - 1) In general, it shall be the primary responsibility of the Senior Deputy Executive Officer, County legislative staff, or the County's contract advocates to represent the County in Sacramento and Washington D.C. for the purpose of conveying County support or opposition to specific measures, as well as how those measures affect Ventura County.
  - 2) The Senior Deputy Executive Officer or County legislative staff shall coordinate with the County's contract advocates the scheduling of testimony/presentations before legislators, staff members and legislative committees.
  - 3) Other County staff who authorized or requested to testify before the Legislature on behalf of the County shall submit proposed testimony as far in advance as possible

so that the Senior Deputy Executive Officer or County legislative staff can review the material and coordinate the testimony with that of other agencies, counties, etc. as necessary.

- 4) When requests are received by an agency/department to present expert testimony (i.e., technical expertise) on an issue, it is not necessary to provide a copy of the testimony to the County Executive Office for review prior to the testimony. However, notification is required to the Senior Deputy Executive Officer or County legislative staff about the expert testimony in order to facilitate coordination of testimony with other counties or agencies, if necessary.
- 5) When an agency/department representative is requested or invited to provide expert testimony about a subject on which the Board has no formal position, it is imperative that the individual providing the testimony state for the record that he or she is providing testimony as an expert in the given field, and **not** as a representative of Ventura County.

B. Written Correspondence

- 1) Following action by the Board of Supervisors on legislative matters, the County Executive Officer/County legislative staff shall coordinate with the Board Chair and Clerk of the Board to forward copies of such action to appropriate State and federal representatives, committees, and agencies.
- 2) Letters of support or opposition to legislation will be prepared and coordinated with departments by the Senior Deputy Executive Officer or County legislative staff in accordance with Board-adopted positions. As appropriate, and in collaboration with the County's advocates, letters of support/opposition will be sent to appropriate State and federal representatives, committees, and agencies.
- 3) Written correspondence on behalf of the County to elected officials at the federal, State or local level shall be transmitted over the signature of the Board Chair, the County Executive Officer, or County advocates.
- 4) Agency/department heads may also sign and send support/opposition letters reflecting the County's position on a particular piece of legislation; **however, such letters must include a reference to the date of the Board's adoption of the policy position on the bill.** Copies of such support/opposition letters must be transmitted to the County Executive Officer/County legislative staff.

C. Other Contact with State and Federal Representatives

- 1) County staff planning trips to Sacramento or Washington D.C. to meet with state or federal representatives, committees, and/or agencies shall notify County legislative staff of their intended appearance, specifying the general purpose of the visit and whom they plan to see.

Although issues to be discussed may appear minor or administrative in nature, advance notification of such appearances may allow legislative staff to provide the department with information that will enhance the meeting.

- 2) Any written material that is to be presented to a state or federal representative, committee, or agency of a legislative or policy nature should be provided to the County Executive Officer/County legislative staff in advance of such presentation. This will permit the County Executive Officer/County legislative staff to review the material to insure that the information does not contain inconsistencies with adopted Board policy.
- 3) It is important that the County Executive Officer/County legislative staff be informed as to what occurred at or as a result of the meeting in the event that questions are raised at a later date by a Board member.
- 4) From time to time legislator, as well as officials of state and federal agencies, may request/schedule meetings or visits to County Agencies or Departments. It is important that advance notification of these visits/meetings be provided to the Chair of the Board, County Executive Officer and County legislative staff. If appropriate and when convenient, a Board member or representative of the County Executive Office may wish to participate in the meeting/visit.

D. Professional Organizations - Requests for Advocacy

From time to time professional organizations representing various functions of County Agencies/Departments may take a position on a particular piece of State or federal legislation and request letters of support/opposition for that organization's position.

Before writing letters in support of a professional organization's position or engaging in other related advocacy activities, agencies/departments shall contact County legislative staff to:

- discuss the requested action;
- determine whether there is existing County policy on the issue; and
- verify that it does not conflict with adopted Board policy or adversely impact other County operations.

E. Advisory Groups - Advocacy Activities

Some agencies/departments work directly with and coordinate activities with an advisory board, committee, or council.

Before writing letters of support or opposition or engaging in other related advocacy activities, advisory groups shall contact County legislative staff to:

- discuss the requested action;

- determine whether there is existing County policy on the issue; and
- verify that it does not conflict with adopted Board policy or adversely impact other County operations.

Whenever an advisory group takes a position on pending legislation, written correspondence should be signed by the chair of the advisory group and must state that the position reflects the policy of that advisory group, not the County Agency/Department or the Board of Supervisors. If the Board of Supervisors has taken a position on the legislation, that position should be noted within the correspondence, with reference to the date of adoption.

Ventura County Behavioral Health  
 Board Letter Summary of Contracts for July

Board Date	Contractor	Amount	Term	Description
7/23/2019	Aegis Treatment Centers, LLC (Aegis)	\$6,984,014	7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020	VCBH is contracting with Aegis to provide outpatient opioid/narcotic treatment program and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for adults. Utilization of opioid/narcotic treatment program services has increased as more clients become eligible and care coordination efforts and referrals have increased. The contract term is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The maximum amount is \$6,984,014 and was increased to provide a one-time payment for FY 2018-19 services.
7/23/2019	Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE)	\$30,783	7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020	VCBH is contracting with VCOE to provide on-site alcohol and drug program services for students in the Recovery Classroom program at Gateway Community School under a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). The contract term is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 for a maximum amount of \$30,783.
7/23/2019	Catalyst Ventura Church	\$432,905	7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020	VCBH is contracting with Catalyst Ventura Church to provide services through its Ignite program, an after-school program serving at-risk teens ages 13-19 in Santa Paula. The contract term is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 for a maximum amount of \$432,905.
7/23/2019	One Step a La Vez	\$389,248	7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020	VCBH is contracting with One Step a La Vez through its afterschool program serving at-risk youth ages 13-19 in Fillmore. The contract term is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 for a maximum amount of \$389,248.
7/23/2019	Idea Engineering, Inc.	\$43,100	7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020	VCBH is contracting with Idea Engineering, Inc. to develop a media campaign on suicide prevention for the Bartenders as Gatekeepers program. The contract term is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 for a maximum amount of \$43,100.
7/23/2019	Golden Ventura CRT, LLC (GVCRT)	\$0	7/1/2018 to 6/30/2019	VCBH is contracting with GVCRT to provide short-term crisis rehabilitation treatment (CRT) services used by patients to avoid acute hospitalization and to assist in stepping down from acute hospital stays. VCBH previously contracted with Golden State Health Centers (GSHC), but they requested a name change to GVCRT, for the contract term of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. No cost is associated with this change.
7/23/2019	Golden Hillmont House MHRC, LLC (GHHMHRC)	\$0	7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020	VCBH is contracting with GHHMHRC to provide housing and support at to enable individuals with severe, persistent mental illness to transition to independent or supported-living arrangements. VCBH previously contracted with GSHC, but they requested a name change from GSHC to GHHMHRC for the contract term of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. No cost is associated with this change.

7/23/2019	Senior Planning Elder Care Services (SPECs)	\$550,000	7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020	VCBH is contracting with SPECs to provide certified and/or licensed temporary staff to fill vacation positions from fiscal year (FY) 2018-19. VCBH exceeded the FY 2018-19 contract amount due to vacancies in 12 clinical positions, which are currently under recruitment. The FY 2019-20 budget was increased by \$50,000 to a maximum amount of \$550,000 to cover the overage.
7/23/2019	La Siesta Guest Home	\$222,407	7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020	VCBH is contracting with La Siesta Guest Home for augmented board and care services. This contractor provided a higher level of service than anticipated in FY 2018-19, exceeding their maximum agreement amount. The FY 2019-20 contract was increased to \$222,407 (an increase of \$11,300) to cover the overage.
7/23/2019	Hickory House	\$250,200	7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020	VCBH is contracting with Hickory House for augmented board and care services. This contractor provided a higher level of service than anticipated in FY 2018-19, exceeding their maximum agreement amount. The FY 2019-20 contract was increased to \$250,200 (an increase of \$5,000) to cover the overage.
7/30/2019	All Languages Interpreting and Translating, Inc. (ALIT)	\$335,000	7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020	VCBH is contracting with ALIT to provide interpretation and translation services in clinics, meetings, and community behavioral health forums. A decrease in billable hours for interpretation the first six months of FY 2018-19 represents a decrease of \$105,000, which VCBH will use to expand a pilot program in East County and to add a new interpreter no show fee of \$100 to cover VCBH's cost of the loss of revenue associated with interpreter no shows. The maximum contract amount is \$335,000 and the contract term is July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.
7/30/2019	Turning Point Foundation (TPF)	\$539,771	7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020	VCBH is contracting with TPF to provide wellness through non-clinical groups and activities, increase community integration of residents, and help residents learn independent living skills. A salary rate increase in the amount of \$2,427 to support peer positions working with the VCBH Rapid Integrated Support and Engagement (RISE) program and \$541 to support Quality of Life (QLI) peer positions will maintain continuity of peer services to the RISE and QLI teams. The term of the contract is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, and new contract maximum is \$539,771.
7/30/2019	National Alliance on Mental Illness Ventura County (NAMI)	\$158,423	7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020	VCBH is contracting with NAMI to provide mental health supportive services to individuals with mental health issues, their families, and other mental health service providers. The third amendment increased the maximum contract amount \$29,209 to a maximum of \$158,423 to fund an increase in the number of clients served and expansion of services in Spanish. The contract term is July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

7/30/2019	Kids & Families Together (KFT)	\$1,152,790	7/1/2017 to 6/30/2020	VCBH is contracting with KFT for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) services. The amendment extends the term of the agreement for a one year period for FY 2019-20 and updates contract language pursuant to the mental health agreement with the Department of Health Care Service (DHCS). The contract term is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The contract maximum is \$1,152,790.
7/30/2019	Seneca Family of Agencies (Seneca)	\$1,480,262	7/1/2018 to 6/30/2019	VCBH is contracting with Seneca for Comprehensive Assessment and Stabilization Services (COMPASS). Seneca will provide a short-term residential therapeutic program (STRTP) to provide voluntary residential treatment for minors unable to be stabilized in less than 24 hours, but who do not meet the criteria for psychiatric hospitalization. The FY 2019-20 budget reflects a \$115,127 increase (salaries and benefits, occupancy and vehicle expenses). The contract term is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The contract maximum is \$1,480,262.
7/30/2019	Seneca	\$1,595,389	7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020	VCBH is contracting with Seneca for the COMPASS program to provide short-term residential therapeutic program (STRTP) services. The contract term is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The contract maximum is \$1,595,389.
7/30/2019	Seneca	\$3,472,383	7/1/2018 to 6/30/2019	VCBH is contracting with Seneca for Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) services. This program will provide mental health interventions necessary to divert minors from hospitalization and it will safely discharge minors to community services. The contract term is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The contract maximum is \$3,472,383.
7/30/2019	Seneca	\$3,555,989	7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020	VCBH is contracting with Seneca for CSU services. This program will provide the mental health interventions necessary to divert minors from hospitalization and will safely discharge minors to community services. The contract term is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The contract maximum is \$3,555,989.

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**DATE:** August 8, 2019

**TO:** Behavioral Health Advisory Board

**FROM:** Contracts Administration

**SUBJECT:** Board of Supervisors Approved July Agreements/Board Items

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### Executive Summary

#### Board of Supervisors Approved Agreements – July 23, 2019

**1. Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP): Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 Third Amendment with Aegis Treatment Centers, LLC, (Aegis).**

*This item recommended approval for the Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Director or designee to sign the FY 2019-20 third amendment with Aegis to increase the FY 2019-20 agreement maximum to \$6,984,014 (an increase of \$50,000), and to pay for services rendered in the prior FY 2018-19. This agreement is funded with Drug Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation (DMC FFP) and 2011 Realignment funds.*

**Aegis** provides outpatient opioid/narcotic treatment program and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services for adults. With the implementation of the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) waiver in December 2018, utilization of opioid/narcotic treatment program services has increased as more clients have become eligible for expanded MAT services. Increased care coordination efforts and referrals have also increased client access to MAT across the continuum of care. Aegis currently has clinics in Oxnard, Santa Paula, Simi Valley, and Ventura with a total licensed capacity of 1,310 clients. Aegis provided services to 878 DMC clients in FY 2017-18. From July 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019, Aegis served 894 DMC clients.

The third amendment to the agreement with Aegis increases the maximum agreement amount an additional \$50,000 to \$6,984,014. This increase is needed to address the increase in clients that required services in FY 2018-19 and to make payments in FY 2019-20 for these services.

VCBH recommended approval for the VCBH Director or designee to sign the third amendment for narcotic treatment program services with Aegis, increasing the maximum agreement amount for FY 2019-20 from \$6,934,014 to \$6,984,014 (an increase of \$50,000) to pay for services rendered in FY 2018-19.

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**2. ADP: FY 2019-20 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE) at Gateway Community School.**

*This item recommended approval for the VCBH Director or designee to sign the MOA for coordination and collaboration of alcohol and drug program services with VCOE at Gateway Community school for FY 2019-20. VCOE will pay VCBH \$30,783 per year for alcohol and drug program services.*

VCOE has provided on-site alcohol and drug program services for students in the Recovery Classroom program at Gateway Community School for many years under a MOA. These on-site services are more convenient for the students and have enabled more students to access services. The MOA with VCOE ended on June 30, 2019.

VCBH and VCOE wish to continue this collaboration through the MOA, which establishes the working relationship between the parties and details responsibilities of each party regarding the delivery of alcohol and drug program services to students and families at Gateway Community School. Specifically, VCOE agrees to: (1) continue to allocate space to accommodate VCBH staff as they work on-site at Gateway Community School; (2) provide referrals to VCBH as appropriate; (3) communicate student information to VCBH through the referral process; and (4) provide information about VCBH and offer programs, as appropriate. VCBH will use existing staff to provide up to 35 hours per week at Gateway Community School for an alcohol and drug counselor to deliver services to approximately 16 students, including screenings and assessments, substance abuse individual and group counseling, case management, and linkage with collateral services. VCBH will provide drug and alcohol information and education to students, families and staff. VCOE will pay VCBH for counselor staff time in an amount not to exceed \$30,783 for the one-year term of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

VCBH recommended approval for the VCBH Director or designee to sign the MOA for coordination and collaboration of alcohol and drug program services with VCOE at Gateway Community School, effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

**3. FY 2019-20 Agreements with Catalyst Ventura Church, One Step a La Vez, and Idea Engineering, Inc.**

*This item recommended approval of the following three FY 2019-20 agreements with: (1) Catalyst Ventura Church, in the amount of \$432,905, (2) One Step a La Vez, in the amount of \$389,248, and (3) Idea Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$43,100. These contracts are funded with Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds.*

Conocimiento: Addressing Adverse Childhood Experiences through Core Competencies Services

Under the MHSA, counties are expected to develop innovative projects and use the information learned from such projects to improve the behavioral health care system. VCBH has developed a four-year MHSA Innovations Project titled Conocimiento: Addressing ACEs through Core Competencies. The following providers are Conocimiento contractors:

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**Catalyst Ventura Church** will provide services through its Ignite program. The Ignite program is an afterschool program serving at-risk teens ages 13-19 in Santa Paula.

**One Step a La Vez** will provide services through its afterschool program, serving teens ages 13-19 in Fillmore. This program will provide similar services as Catalyst Ventura Church to at-risk Fillmore youth.

Bartenders as Gatekeepers Program Services

The following contractor will provide Bartenders As Gatekeepers program services:

**Idea Engineering, Inc.** is developing a media campaign on suicide prevention for the Bartenders as Gatekeepers program. The amendment to the agreement will fund: (1) additional VCBH website content development, (2) the creation of additional messaging videos, and (3) the creation of educational materials for the development of a tool kit.

VCBH recommended approval for the VCBH Director or designee to sign the FY 2019-20 agreements with: (1) Catalyst Ventura Church, in the amount of \$432,905, (2) One Step a La Vez, in the amount of \$389,248, and (3) Idea Engineering, in the amount of \$43,100.

**4. FY 2019-20 First Amendments with: (1) Golden Ventura CRT, LLC (GVCRT) and (2) Golden Hillmont House MHRC, LLC (GHHMHRC).**

*This item recommended approval of two FY 2019-20 first amendments involving name changes for the: (1) short-term crisis rehabilitation treatment (CRT) center from Golden State Health Centers, Inc. (GSHC) to GVCRT and (2) mental health rehabilitation center (MHRC) from GSHC to GHHMHRC.*

The CRT facility provides 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.

The MHRC 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 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 first amendments to the agreements change the name of the contractors providing CRT and MHRC services for VCBH from GSHC to GVCRT and GHHMHRC respectively. There are no other proposed changes.

VCBH recommended approval for the VCBH Director or designee to sign the first amendments to the FY 2019-20 agreements with GVCRT and GHHMHRC.

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**5. FY 2019-20 Third Amendment with Senior Planning Elder Care Services (SPECS).**

*This item recommended approval for the VCBH Director or designee to sign the FY 2019-20 third amendment for additional medical personnel staffing and recruiting services with Senior Planning Elder Care Services, in the amount \$550,000 (an increase of \$50,000), for services provided in FY 2018-19. This agreement is funded with Tobacco Settlement and 1991 Realignment funds.*

**SPECS** provides certified and/or licensed temporary staff to help fill vacant positions due to difficulty in recruiting qualified and appropriately certified and/or licensed staff, as well as backfilling leaves of absence (LOA). VCBH's combined vacancy and LOA rate ranges between 9% and 20% and VCBH uses temporary staff to fill those vacancies. SPECS temporary staff help VCBH maintain continuous services to clients until permanent VCBH staff can be hired, using a variety of temporary staff from SPECS, including registered nurses, mental health associates, and licensed marriage and family therapists.

The third amendment increased the SPECS agreement budget maximum to allow payment for services provided in FY 2018-19. The additional increase for FY 2018-19 is due to vacancies in twelve clinical positions providing services for the Triage Grant, Juvenile Justice Program and CalWorks. These positions are currently under recruitment and the services must be provided for continuity of care and to fulfill grant requirements. Except for the increase to the agreement budget maximum, all other terms and conditions remained the same.

VCBH recommended approval for the VCBH Director or designee to sign the third amendment for medical personnel staffing and recruiting services with SPECS, to increase the agreement maximum for FY 2019-20 from \$500,000 to \$550,000 (an increase of \$50,000), to pay for services provided during FY 2018-19.

**6. FY 2019-20 Eleventh Amendments with La Siesta Guest Home and Hickory House.**

*This item recommended approval for the purchasing agent or designee to sign FY 2019-20 eleventh amendments with: (1) La Siesta Guest Home, increasing the maximum contract amount from \$211,107 to \$222,407 (an \$11,300 increase) and (2) Hickory House, increasing the maximum contract amount from \$245,200 to \$250,200 (an increase of \$5,000), for services rendered in FY 2018-19. This agreement is funded with Tobacco Settlement and 1991 Realignment funds.*

**La Siesta and Hickory House** provided a higher level of service than anticipated in FY 2018-19, which resulted in the contractors exceeding their maximum agreement amounts. In FY 2018-19, La Siesta served 384 clients and Hickory House served 396 clients. The amendments with La Siesta and Hickory House are needed to increase the FY 2019-20 maximum agreement amounts to provide payments for services provided during FY 2018-19.

VCBH recommended approval for the Purchasing Agent or designee to sign the FY 2019-20 eleventh amendments with: (1) La Siesta, in the amount of \$222,407 (an increase of \$11,300) and (2) Hickory House, in the amount of \$250,200 (an increase of \$5,000), to pay for services rendered in FY 2018-19.

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**Board of Supervisors Approved Agreements – July 30, 2019**

**1. FY 2019-20 Amendments with All Languages Interpreting and Translating, Inc., (ALIT), Turning Point Foundation for Quality of Life Improvement (QLI), and National Alliance on Mental Illness Ventura County (NAMI).**

*This item recommended approval for the VCBH Director or designee to sign the FY 2019-20 amendments with: (1) ALIT for translating and interpreting services, in the amount of \$335,000, (2) Turning Point Foundation for QLI services, in the amount of \$539,771, and (3) NAMI for Mental Health Services Act services, in the amount of \$158,423. These contracts are funded with MHSA, Short-Doyle Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation (SD/MC FFP), and Realignment funds.*

**ALIT** provides interpretation and translation services for VCBH in clinics, meetings and community behavioral health forums. The use of interpreter services in these settings is critical to successful client outcomes and for the department to appropriately communicate available services to the public and to solicit public feedback. In FY 2017-18, ALIT provided 5,835 billable hours of interpretation services. In the first six months of FY 2018-19, ALIT provided 2,720 billable hours of interpretation services. The first amendment to their agreement represents a decrease of \$105,000, which VCBH will be using to expand a pilot program in the East County with another interpreting contractor and the addition of a new interpreter no show fee of \$100 to cover VCBH's cost of the loss of revenue associated with interpreter no shows.

**Turning Point Foundation's** QLI program focuses on individuals with serious and persistent mental illness living in board and care/supported housing facilities. The goal of the QLI program is to promote wellness through non-clinical groups and activities, increase community integration of the residents, and to help residents learn independent living skills and coping tools to promote recovery. The third amendment includes salary rate increases in the amount of \$2,427 to support peer positions working with the VCBH Rapid Integrated Support and Engagement (RISE) program and \$541 to support QLI peer positions. To maintain continuity of peer services to the RISE and QLI teams, VCBH agreed to approve a salary rate increase for the four (4) peer positions under the QLI contract.

**NAMI** provides mental health supportive services to individuals with mental health issues, their families and other mental health service providers. In FY 2017-18, NAMI served a total of 928 individuals through its programs. The third amendment to the agreement is increasing the maximum contract amount \$29,209 over the prior year maximum agreement amount to increase the number of clients served, expand staff capabilities to provide all community programs in Spanish, expand the In Our Own Voice program, and extend the Family and Friends program.

VCBH recommended approval for the VCBH Director or designee to sign the FY 2019-20 amendments with: (1) ALIT for translating and interpreting services, in the amount of \$335,000, (2) Turning Point Foundation for QLI services, in the amount of \$539,771, and (3) NAMI for mental health services, in the amount of \$158,423.

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**2. FY 2019-20 Amendments with Kids & Families Together (KFT) and Seneca Family of Agencies (Seneca).**

*This item recommended approval for the VCBH Director or designee to sign the: (1) FY 2019-20 second amendment with KFT for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) services, in the amount of \$1,152,790, (2) FY 2018-19 eighth amendment with Seneca for Comprehensive Assessment and Stabilization Services (COMPASS), in the amount of \$1,480,262, (3) FY 2019-20 ninth amendment with Seneca for COMPASS services, in the amount of \$1,595,389, (4) FY 2018-19 eighth amendment with Seneca for Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) services, in the amount of \$3,472,383, and (5) FY 2019-20 ninth amendment with Seneca for CSU services, in the amount of \$3,555,989. These agreements are funded with MHSA and SD/MC FFP funds.*

**KFT** provides EPSDT Medi-Cal specialty mental health care services to children and their families. The second amendment to the agreement with KFT for specialty mental health care services will: 1) extend the term of agreement for a 1-year period for FY 2019-20 and 2) update contract language related to compliance pursuant to the mental health agreement with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

**Seneca** contracts with VCBH through two agreements for the operation of CSU and COMPASS programs. The CSU provides mental health interventions necessary to divert minors from hospitalization and which safely discharge the minors to community services. COMPASS is a short-term residential therapeutic program (STRTP) designed to provide voluntary residential treatment for minors unable to be stabilized in less than 24 hours but who do not meet the criteria for psychiatric hospitalization.

VCBH, with delegated authority, extended the term of each agreement for FY 2018-19. Seneca requested operating budget revisions which resulted in a \$53,754 decrease for COMPASS and a \$182,708 increase for CSU for FY 2018-19. VCBH also requested extension of the terms of both agreements for FY 2019-20. The FY 2019-20 COMPASS budget reflects a \$115,127 increase (salaries and benefits, occupancy and vehicle expenses) and CSU reflects a \$116,394 decrease in costs from the FY 2018-19 budget revision.

VCBH recommended approval for the VCBH Director or designee to sign the: (1) FY 2019-20 second amendment with KFT for EPSDT specialty mental health services, in the amount of \$1,152,790, (2) FY 2018-19 eighth amendment with Seneca for Comprehensive Assessment and Stabilization Services (COMPASS), in the amount of \$1,480,262, (3) FY 2019-20 ninth amendment with Seneca for COMPASS services, in the amount of \$1,595,389, (4) FY 2018-19 eighth amendment with Seneca for Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) services, in the amount of \$3,472,383, and (5) FY 2019-20 ninth amendment with Seneca for CSU services, in the amount of \$3,555,989.