

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
General Meeting
Monday, May 18, 2020, 1:00 – 2:30 PM
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

Zoom Participation

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Welcome and Introductions
- IV. Approval of the Agenda – **ACTION** (Roll Call)
- V. Approval of the April 27, 2020 Minutes – **ACTION** (Roll Call)
- VI. Chair’s Report (5 min.)
- VII. Public Comments (3 min. per speaker)
- VIII. Crisis Residential Treatment Center (CRT) Update – Don Cleland, Regional Director and Lilia Simakova, Program Director (15 min.)
- IX. Director’s Report – Dr. Sevet Johnson (10 min.)
- X. Board Members Comments and Announcements (3 min. per speaker)
- XI. Secretary’s Report – Dr. Gina Petrus (3 min.)
- XII. New Business
 - A. Proposal to Hold BHAB Committee Meetings via Zoom - Discussion
 - B. Nominating Committee Announcement of New Slate of Officers – Claudia Arman
- XIII. Old Business
 - A. Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Changes – Additional Revisions to Bylaws - Discussion, **ACTION** (Roll Call)
- XIV. Contracts
 - A. Board of Supervisors Approved Agreements – April 21, 2020
 1. FY 2019-20 All Languages Interpreting and Translating, Inc. (ALIT) Second Amendment to the Agreement for Translating and Interpreting Services.
 2. FY 2019-20 K & M Enterprises Research and Fund Development, Inc. (K & M Enterprises) Second Amendment to the Agreement for Grant Development and Writing Services.
- XV. Adjourn

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Most Current Bylaws 03-19-19

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- A. Officers, Member-At-Large and Member Emeritus
 - 1) The officers of the BHAB shall be Chairperson, 1st Vice-Chairperson, 2nd Vice-Chairperson and Secretary.
 - 2) The officer and the Member Emeritus positions shall be voted upon at the June BHAB meeting. Elected officers and the Member Emeritus will serve for a term of one year or until their successors have been duly elected.
 - 3) No individual shall serve more than two consecutive years in any of the officer positions unless there are no other members elected to fill the position.
 - 4) One member shall serve as the Member-At-Large. The Member-At-Large will learn the process of BHAB leadership while attending Executive Committee and regular meetings. The Member-At-Large will be appointed by the Chairperson with the confirmation of the BHAB. The Member-At-Large must be a member of the BHAB. The Member-At-Large will serve on a six-month rotating basis.
 - 5) The immediate past Chairperson of the BHAB may continue to serve on the Executive Committee as a Member Emeritus, if elected. The position of Member Emeritus is intended to ensure continuity on the Executive Committee by assisting during the transition of the newly-elected Chairperson and provide for the sharing of experience and knowledge with the Executive Committee.
 - a) The Member Emeritus must be a current member in good standing of the BHAB.

If the immediate past Chairperson's three-year term on the BHAB expires upon completion of his/her year as Chairperson, s/he will need to be reappointed to a new three-year term as a member of the BHAB before s/he can assume the role of Member Emeritus.

B. Qualifications of Officers

- 1) Must have been a member of the BHAB for at least one year, or if a member for less than a year, must be elected by a two-thirds vote of the BHAB.
- 2) Must possess good leadership qualities.
- 3) Must be able to devote sufficient time to carry on the duties of their elected positions.

C. Election of Officers

- 1) During the April meeting, the Chairperson shall appoint, and the BHAB shall confirm, a Nominating Committee of not less than three (3) BHAB members.
- 2) At the May meeting, the Nominating Committee shall present a slate of candidates. Nominations from the floor also may be accepted.
- 3) During the June meeting, the election shall be conducted by the Chair of the Nominating Committee in accordance with the Brown Act.
- 4) The Officers elected at the June meeting will take their respective offices on July 1st.
- 5) Notwithstanding the normal election process detailed in paragraphs C.1. through C.4. above, when circumstances warrant it, an election may be held at any time during the year. Circumstances which would warrant a special election include, but are not limited to: one or more of the officers wishing to resign as an officer; or the membership of one or more of the officers has terminated.

D. Duties

- 1) Duties of the Chairperson shall include:
 - a) Administer operation of the BHAB and preside at all meetings.
 - b) Call special meetings as necessary.
 - c) Appoint committee and workgroup chairs from the ranks of the BHAD membership.
 - d) Establish meeting agendas.
 - e) Maintain consultation with the Director.
 - f) Produce and forward reports, including an annual report, to the County's Board of Supervisors.

- g) Represent the BHAB and perform other duties ordinarily performed by a Chairperson.
- 2) Duties of the 1st Vice-Chairperson shall include:
 - a) Exercise all the responsibilities of the Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson.
 - b) Meet all responsibilities delegated by the Chairperson and mutually agreed upon.
 - 3) Duties of the 2nd Vice-Chairperson shall include:
 - a) Fulfill the responsibilities of the Chairperson or the 1st Vice-Chairperson due to absence as needed.
 - 4) Duties of the Secretary shall include:
 - a) Perform the usual duties pertaining to secretaries.
 - b) Maintain a record of attendance of members, including unexcused absences and BHAB resignations, and promptly report this information to the Executive Committee.
 - c) Monitor and maintain a list of the members' dates of appointment and terms of expiration.
 - d) At the direction of the Executive Committee, draft letters to BHAB members who are in non-compliance of the attendance standard.

ARTICLE VI

COMMITTEES

All committees shall comply with the requirements of the Brown Act. Voting must be in public and notice of a committee meeting shall be given in accordance with the Brown Act. Members of the committee shall have one vote. A quorum shall be as defined under Article IV(A)(6).

A. Executive Committee

- 1) The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the Chairperson, 1st and 2nd Vice-Chairpersons, Secretary, Member-At-Large and Member Emeritus.
 - a) Each member is entitled to one vote.
 - b) Quorum for the Executive Committee shall be 50% of the members currently in office.
- 2) Duties of the Executive Committee

- a) Carry out any responsibilities delegated by the BHAB.
- b) Act in emergencies in any way it deems necessary when there is not time for the entire BHAB to act. Any such action taken will be consistent with the Brown Act.
- c) Comply with the requirements of the Brown Act.
- d) Assist the Chairperson in creating the BHAB regular meeting agenda.

B. Nominating Committee

- 1) The Chairperson shall appoint and the BHAB shall confirm a Nominating Committee of not less than three (3) BHAB members to serve on the Nominating Committee.
- 2) The Nominating Committee shall select a slate of officers for the coming year, secure the verbal consent of those selected, present the slate of officers, and conduct the elections.
- 3) Comply with the requirements of the Brown Act.

For the following committees, the Chairperson shall appoint a BHAB member as chair of the committee. It is at the discretion of the committee chair to determine who may be a member of the committee, who may vote, and how many individuals shall be on the committee.

C. Youth and Family Committee

Chaired by an appointed BHAB member, and reporting directly to the BHAB, this committee shall advocate for services and supports for youth with mental health and substance use disorders, including housing, and shall:

- 1) Advise and make recommendations to the BHAB regarding youth and family VCBH programs.
- 2) Comply with the requirements of the Brown Act.

D. Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) Committee

Chaired by an appointed BHAB member, and reporting directly to the BHAB, this committee shall advocate for the mental health, wellness and recovery of youth ages 16 through 25 and for other services and supports, including housing, and shall:

- 1) Advise and make recommendations to the BHAB regarding efforts to empower TAY to become healthy and productive adults.

2) Comply with the requirements of the Brown Act.

E. Adult Services Committee

Chaired by an appointed BHAB member, and reporting directly to the BHAB, this committee shall advocate for a full continuum of care that supports the wellness and recovery of individuals with mental health and substance use issues and for other supports, including housing, and shall:

1) Advise and make recommendations to the BHAB regarding services and supports for this population.

2) Comply with the requirements of the Brown Act.

F. Prevention Committee

Chaired by an appointed BHAB member, and reporting directly to the BHAB, this committee shall advocate for greater community awareness of behavioral health risks for individuals with mental illness, a dual diagnosis or substance use disorder and shall:

1) Advise and make recommendations to the BHAB regarding its efforts to prevent the onset and exacerbation of behavioral health disorders.

2) Comply with the requirements of the Brown Act.

ARTICLE VII

WORKGROUPS

The Chairperson appoints the chair of each workgroup. It is at the discretion of the chair of each workgroup to determine (1) who may become a member of the workgroup, (2) who on the workgroup may vote, and (3) how many members shall be on the workgroup. Each member on the workgroup shall have one vote. Workgroups are not required to comply with the Brown Act. Workgroups are not required to vote and can make recommendations to the BHAB without proceeding by way of a vote. However, to the extent that votes are taken, each member of the workgroup shall have one vote and votes are not required to be made in public. All workgroups are time-limited until the agreed-upon task is complete.

ARTICLE VIII

CONFLICT OF INTEREST



No member of the BHAB, or his or her spouse, shall be an employee or part-time employee of VCBH or the State Department of Health Care Services, or an employee or paid member of the governing body of any firm or agency contracting with VCBH unless the member is a consumer of mental health services who, or whose spouse, does not have any interest, influence, or authority over a financial or contractual matter concerning his or her employer. Such consumer member must abstain from voting on any financial or contractual issue concerning his or her employer.

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PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Except where state law or regulations, County ordinances, County Counsel opinions or these bylaws apply, the current edition of Rosenberg's Rules of Order shall govern the procedures of the BHAB.

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AMENDMENTS

Any proposed amendment to these bylaws must be approved at a regular meeting by a 2/3 vote of the membership existing at the time, provided that notice of the proposed amendment was given in advance, with the proposal to amend the bylaws to occur at a regular meeting. This would be accomplished by a two-thirds vote of those present at the meeting, provided that such proposed amendment has been properly noticed per the Brown Act. Should the proposed amendment be approved by BHAB members, it must be approved by the Board of Supervisors before it is in effect.

Approval by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors on 3/19/19


Board of Supervisors, Chair

ATTEST: MICHAEL POWERS
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura, State of California

By: 
Deputy Clerk of the Board



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Proposed Revised Bylaws – Article II Purpose and Authority
(Redline version)

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- 3) The agenda shall be posted in the main lobby of VCBH at 1911 Williams Drive, Oxnard.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS, MEMBER-AT-LARGE AND MEMBER EMERITUS

- A. Officers, Member-At-Large and Member Emeritus
- 1) The officers of the BHAB shall be Chairperson, 1st Vice-Chairperson, 2nd Vice-Chairperson and Secretary.
 - 2) The officer and the Member Emeritus positions shall be voted upon at the June BHAB meeting. Elected officers and the Member Emeritus will serve for a term of one year or until their successors have been duly elected.
 - 3) No individual shall serve more than two consecutive years in any of the officer positions unless there are no other members elected to fill the position.
 - 4) One member shall serve as the Member-At-Large. The Member-At-Large will learn the process of BHAB leadership while attending Executive Committee and regular meetings. The Member-At-Large will be appointed by the Chairperson with the confirmation of the BHAB. The Member-At-Large must be a member of the BHAB. The Member-At-Large will serve on a six-month rotating basis.
 - 5) The immediate past Chairperson of the BHAB may continue to serve on the Executive Committee as a Member Emeritus, if elected. The position of Member Emeritus is intended to ensure continuity on the Executive Committee by assisting during the transition of the newly-elected Chairperson and provide for the sharing of experience and knowledge with the Executive Committee.
 - a) The Member Emeritus must be a current member in good standing of the BHAB. If the immediate past Chairperson's three-year term on the BHAB expires upon completion of his/her year as Chairperson, s/he will need to be reappointed to a new three-year term as a member of the BHAB before s/he can assume the role of

Member Emeritus.

B. Qualifications of Officers

- 1) Must have been a member of the BHAB for at least one year, or if a member for less than a year, must be elected by a two-thirds vote of the BHAB.
- 2) Must possess good leadership qualities.
- 3) Must be able to devote sufficient time to carry on the duties of their elected positions.

C. Election of Officers

- 1) During the April meeting, the Chairperson shall appoint, and the BHAB shall confirm, a Nominating Committee of not less than three (3) BHAB members.
- 2) At the May meeting, the Nominating Committee shall present a slate of candidates. Nominations from the floor also may be accepted.
- 3) During the June meeting, the election shall be conducted by the Chair of the Nominating Committee in accordance with the Brown Act.
- 4) The Officers elected at the June meeting will take their respective offices on July 1st.
- 5) Notwithstanding the normal election process detailed in paragraphs C.1. through C.4. above, when circumstances warrant it, an election may be held at any time during the year. Circumstances which would warrant a special election include, but are not limited to: one or more of the officers wishing to resign as an officer; or the membership of one or more of the officers has terminated.

D. Duties

- 1) Duties of the Chairperson shall include:
 - a) Administer operation of the BHAB and preside at all meetings.
 - b) Call special meetings as necessary.
 - c) Appoint committee and workgroup chairs from the ranks of the BHAD membership.
 - d) Establish meeting agendas.
 - e) Maintain consultation with the Director.
 - f) Produce and forward reports, including an annual report, to the County's Board of Supervisors.
 - g) Represent the BHAB and perform other duties ordinarily performed by a Chairperson.

- 2) Duties of the 1st Vice-Chairperson shall include:

- a) Exercise all the responsibilities of the Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson.
 - b) Meet all responsibilities delegated by the Chairperson and mutually agreed upon.
- 3) Duties of the 2nd Vice-Chairperson shall include:
- a) Fulfill the responsibilities of the Chairperson or the 1st Vice-Chairperson due to absence as needed.
- 4) Duties of the Secretary shall include:
- a) Perform the usual duties pertaining to secretaries.
 - b) Maintain a record of attendance of members, including unexcused absences and BHAB resignations, and promptly report this information to the Executive Committee.
 - c) Monitor and maintain a list of the members' dates of appointment and terms of expiration.
 - d) At the direction of the Executive Committee, draft letters to BHAB members who are in non-compliance of the attendance standard.

ARTICLE VI

COMMITTEES

All committees shall comply with the requirements of the Brown Act. Voting must be in public and notice of a committee meeting shall be given in accordance with the Brown Act. Members of the committee shall have one vote. A quorum shall be as defined under Article IV(A)(6).

A. Executive Committee

- 1) The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the Chairperson, 1st and 2nd Vice-Chairpersons, Secretary, Member-At-Large and Member Emeritus.
 - a) Each member is entitled to one vote.
 - b) Quorum for the Executive Committee shall be 50% of the members currently in office.
- 2) Duties of the Executive Committee
 - a) Carry out any responsibilities delegated by the BHAB.
 - b) Act in emergencies in any way it deems necessary when there is not time for the entire BHAB to act. Any such action taken will be consistent with the Brown Act.

- c) Comply with the requirements of the Brown Act.
- d) Assist the Chairperson in creating the BHAB regular meeting agenda.

B. Nominating Committee

- 1) The Chairperson shall appoint and the BHAB shall confirm a Nominating Committee of not less than three (3) BHAB members to serve on the Nominating Committee.
- 2) The Nominating Committee shall select a slate of officers for the coming year, secure the verbal consent of those selected, present the slate of officers, and conduct the elections.
- 3) Comply with the requirements of the Brown Act.

For the following committees, the Chairperson shall appoint a BHAB member as chair of the committee. It is at the discretion of the committee chair to determine who may be a member of the committee, who may vote, and how many individuals shall be on the committee.

C. Youth and Family Committee

Chaired by an appointed BHAB member, and reporting directly to the BHAB, this committee shall advocate for services and supports for youth with mental health and substance use disorders, including housing, and shall:

- 1) Advise and make recommendations to the BHAB regarding youth and family VCBH programs.
- 2) Comply with the requirements of the Brown Act.

D. Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) Committee

Chaired by an appointed BHAB member, and reporting directly to the BHAB, this committee shall advocate for the mental health, wellness and recovery of youth ages 16 through 25 and for other services and supports, including housing, and shall:

- 1) Advise and make recommendations to the BHAB regarding efforts to empower TAY to become healthy and productive adults.
- 2) Comply with the requirements of the Brown Act.

E. Adult Services Committee

Chaired by an appointed BHAB member, and reporting directly to the BHAB, this committee

shall advocate for a full continuum of care that supports the wellness and recovery of individuals with mental health and substance use issues and for other supports, including housing, and shall:

- 1) Advise and make recommendations to the BHAB regarding services and supports for this population.
- 2) Comply with the requirements of the Brown Act.

F. Prevention Committee

Chaired by an appointed BHAB member, and reporting directly to the BHAB, this committee shall advocate for greater community awareness of behavioral health risks for individuals with mental illness, a dual diagnosis or substance use disorder and shall:

- 1) Advise and make recommendations to the BHAB regarding its efforts to prevent the onset and exacerbation of behavioral health disorders.
- 2) Comply with the requirements of the Brown Act.

ARTICLE VII

WORKGROUPS

The Chairperson appoints the chair of each workgroup. It is at the discretion of the chair of each workgroup to determine (1) who may become a member of the workgroup, (2) who on the workgroup may vote, and (3) how many members shall be on the workgroup. Each member on the workgroup shall have one vote. Workgroups are not required to comply with the Brown Act. Workgroups are not required to vote and can make recommendations to the BHAB without proceeding by way of a vote. However, to the extent that votes are taken, each member of the workgroup shall have one vote and votes are not required to be made in public. All workgroups are time-limited until the agreed-upon task is complete.

ARTICLE VIII

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No member of the BHAB, or his or her spouse, shall be an employee or part-time employee of VCBH or the State Department of Health Care Services, or an employee or paid member of the governing body

of any firm or agency contracting with VCBH unless the member is a consumer of mental health services who, or whose spouse, does not have any interest, influence, or authority over a financial or contractual matter concerning his or her employer. Such consumer member must abstain from voting on any financial or contractual issue concerning his or her employer.

ARTICLE IX

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Except where state law or regulations, County ordinances, County Counsel opinions or these bylaws apply, the current edition of Rosenberg’s Rules of Order shall govern the procedures of the BHAB.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

Any proposed amendment to these bylaws must be approved at a regular meeting by a 2/3 vote of the membership existing at the time, provided that notice of the proposed amendment was given in advance, with the proposal to amend the bylaws to occur at a regular meeting. This would be accomplished by a two-thirds vote of those present at the meeting, provided that such proposed amendment has been properly noticed per the Brown Act. Should the proposed amendment be approved by BHAB members, it must be approved by the Board of Supervisors before it is in effect.

Approval by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors on _____

Board of Supervisors, Chair

Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Changes
Additional Revisions to Bylaws

Revised Bylaws (redline version)

Proposed Amendment to the Bylaws -- Suggested Language

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

The BHAB exists under the authority of the California Legislature by its enactment of Section 5604 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. The ~~purpose of the~~ BHAB, ~~as~~ provided in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5604.2, ~~shall do~~includes, but ~~is not~~ ~~be~~ limited to, ~~all of~~ the following:

- ~~A. All appointed members to the BHAB will have the authority to vote on all issues presented to the BHAB.~~
- ~~B.A.~~ Review and evaluate the community's public mental health needs, services, facilities, and special problems in any facility within ~~the~~Ventura ~~e~~County ~~or jurisdiction~~ where mental health evaluations or services are being provided, including, but not limited to, schools, emergency departments, and psychiatric facilities.
- ~~C.B.~~ Review any ~~Ventura e~~County agreements entered into pursuant to Section 5650. The ~~BHAB~~~~local mental health board~~ may make recommendations to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors (herein referred to as Board of Supervisors)~~governing body~~ regarding concerns identified within these agreements.
- ~~D.C.~~ Advise the Board of Supervisors~~governing body~~ and the local mental-Ventura County Behavioral Health Department Director (herein referred to as dDirector) as to any aspect of the local mental health program. ~~The BHAB~~~~Local mental health boards~~ may request assistance from the local patients' rights advocates when reviewing and advising on mental health evaluations or services provided in public facilities with limited access.
- ~~E.D.~~ Review and approve the procedures used to ensure citizen and professional involvement at all stages of the planning process. Involvement shall include individuals with lived experience of mental illness and their families, community members, advocacy organizations, and mental health professionals. It shall also include other professionals that interact with individuals living with mental illnesses on a daily basis, such as education, emergency services, employment, health care, housing, law enforcement, local business owners, social services, seniors, transportation, and veterans.
- ~~F.E.~~ Submit an annual report to the Board of Supervisors~~governing body~~ on the needs and performance of ~~the~~Ventura ~~e~~County's mental health system.
- ~~G.F.~~ Review and make recommendations on applicants for the appointment of a ~~local d~~Director ~~of mental health services~~. The ~~BHAB~~board shall be included in the selection process prior to the vote of the Board of Supervisors~~governing body~~.

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H.G. Review and comment on ~~the~~Ventura eCounty’s performance outcome data and communicate its findings to the California Behavioral Health Planning Council.

H.H. This ~~article part~~ does not limit the ability of the ~~Board of Supervisors governing body~~ to transfer additional duties or authority to ~~the BHAB a mental health board~~.

H.I. ~~It is the intent of the Legislature that, as~~A part of its duties pursuant to subdivision (Aa), the ~~BHAB board~~ shall assess the impact of the realignment of services from the state to ~~the~~Ventura eCounty, on services delivered to clients and on the local community.

All appointed members to the BHAB will have the authority to vote on all issues presented to the BHAB.

Ventura County Behavioral Health
Board Letter Summary of Contracts for April 2020

Board Date	Contractor	Amount	Term	Description
4/21/2020	All Languages Interpreting and Translating, Inc. (ALIT)	\$0	7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020	<p>The Second Amendment to the Agreement with ALIT added two telephone interpreting service rates to the agreement. These rates were added to the agreement as a result of the COVID-19 state and local emergency. The decision to use telephone interpreting services rather than the preferred in-person interpreting services was made to ensure the health and safety of our clients, clinicians, and interpreters. ALIT, an experienced interpreting and translating service provider for the County, agreed to immediately offer telephone interpreting services at a rate of \$1.10 per minute for clients who speak Spanish and \$1.25 per minute for all other languages. VCBH authorized these rates as of March 19, 2020 to facilitate services during the COVID-19 emergency.</p>
4/21/2020	K & M Enterprises Research and Fund Development, Inc. (K & M Enterprises)	\$15,000	7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020	<p>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 submitting two grant applications with a very short submittal deadline. The first grant application was to the California Department of State Hospitals pre-trial felony mental health diversion program which would provide an alternative to incarceration of individuals who are arrested and jailed due to behaviors caused by mental illness and/or conditions of homelessness. If awarded, the grant will amount to \$2,428,000 over three years. The second grant application was related to the Mental Health Student Services Act which would establish additional mental health partnerships between VCBH and local educational entities. If awarded, the grant will amount to \$6,000,000 over four years. The agreement maximum with K & M Enterprises is currently \$24,000, but the cost for both grant applications is approximately \$30,000 and there is an additional opportunity to draft another grant application during FY 2019-20, which will bring the agreement maximum amount to \$39,000. There is no change to the service rate from the previous year.</p>

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 8, 2020
TO: Behavioral Health Advisory Board
FROM: Contracts Administration
SUBJECT: Board of Supervisors Approved April Agreements/Board Items

Board of Supervisors Approved Agreements – April 21, 2020

1. FY 2019-20 All Languages Interpreting and Translating, Inc. (ALIT) Second Amendment to the Agreement for Translating and Interpreting Services.

This item recommended approval for the Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Director or designee to sign the FY 2019-20 ALIT Second Amendment to the Agreement for translating and interpreting services, adding a telephone interpreting service rate, effective March 19, 2020. There is no proposed fiscal impact related to this recommendation.

The Second Amendment to the Agreement with ALIT added two telephone interpreting service rates to the agreement. These rates were added to the agreement as a result of the COVID-19 state and local emergency. The decision to use telephone interpreting services rather than the preferred in-person interpreting services was made to ensure the health and safety of our clients, clinicians, and interpreters.

ALIT, an experienced interpreting and translating service provider for the County, agreed to immediately offer telephone interpreting services at a rate of \$1.10 per minute for clients who speak Spanish and \$1.25 per minute for all other languages. VCBH authorized these rates as of March 19, 2020 to facilitate services during the COVID-19 emergency.

VCBH recommended approval for the VCBH Director or designee to sign the FY 2019-20 Second Amendment to the Agreement with ALIT for translating and interpreting services.

2. FY 2019-20 K & M Enterprises Research and Fund Development, Inc. (K & M Enterprises) Second Amendment to the Agreement for Grant Development and Writing Services.

This item recommended approval for the VCBH Director or designee to sign the Second Amendment to the Agreement with K & M Enterprises for grant development and writing services, increasing the maximum contract amount from \$24,000 to \$39,000 (an increase of \$15,000), effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. This Agreement is funded by 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C) funds.

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 submitting two grant applications with a very short submittal deadline. The first grant application was to the California Department of State Hospitals pre-trial felony mental health diversion program which would provide an alternative to incarceration of individuals who are arrested and jailed due to behaviors caused by mental illness and/or conditions of homelessness. If awarded, the grant will amount to \$2,428,000 over three years. The submission of this application was approved by the Board on January 21, 2020. The second grant application was related to the Mental Health Student Services Act which would establish additional mental health partnerships between VCBH and local educational entities. If awarded, the grant will amount to \$6,000,000 over four years. The submission of the application was approved by the Board on February 25, 2020.

The agreement maximum with K & M Enterprises is currently \$24,000, but the cost for both grant applications is approximately \$30,000 and there is an additional opportunity to draft another grant application during FY 2019-20, which will bring the agreement maximum amount to \$39,000. There is no change to the service rate from the previous year.

VCBH recommended approval for the VCBH Director or designee to sign the FY 2019-20 Second Amendment to the Agreement with K & M Enterprises for grant development and writing services.