

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
General Meeting**

Monday, December 19, 2022, 1:00 – 3:30 PM
Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH)
1911 Williams Drive, Training Room (first floor) • Oxnard, CA 93036

IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

Zoom Participation

The following information referenced below and at the end of the agenda is provided to you in support of your attending the upcoming BHAB General Meeting via Zoom:

Join the Zoom meeting in the following way:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83332714732?pwd=bE43OUJqRHhHa0ExSIR5L1VLMWMyQT09>

Meeting ID: 833 3271 4732

Password: 149553

Dial-In: 669-900-9128

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Board Member Roll Call
- III. Welcome and Introductions
- IV. Approval of the Agenda – **ACTION** (Roll Call)
- V. Approval of the November 21, 2022, Minutes – **ACTION** (Roll Call)
- VI. Public Comments (3 min. per speaker)
- VII. Chair Comments (10 min.)
- VIII. Director’s Report – Scott Gilman (10 min.)
- IX. Board Member Comments and Announcements (10 min.)
- X. BHAB Committee Reports (5 min each)
 - A. Youth & Family Services Committee (October 12 & December 14) – Kevin Clerici, Chair
 - B. Disparities Reduction Committee (November 1) – Marlen Torres, Chair
- XI. Old Business
 - A. Needs Assessment – Status Update – Michael Rodriguez, Chair (5 min.)
- XII. New Business
 - A. Freeway Overpass Suicides and Suicide Attempts Data Request – Michael Rodriguez, Chair – (10 min.)
 - B. January and February 2023 General Meeting Dates (4th Monday due to holidays) – Michael Rodriguez, Chair (3 min.)
 - C. Presentation Requests
 - D. Recognition Award Recommendations

XIII. Contracts

Board of Supervisors Approved Agreements – November 1, 2022

1. Interface Children & Family Services (Interface) - Third Amendment to the Agreement with Interface for Early and Periodic Screening Diagnostic Treatment (EPSDT) Program Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services.
2. Interface - Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with Interface for EPSDT Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services.
3. California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) - Participation Agreement with CalMHSA for Statewide Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Services.

XIV. Public Comments (3 min. per speaker)

XV. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Monday, January 23, 2023 (4th Monday due to January 16 Holiday)

All agenda reports and supporting data, including those filed in accordance with Government Code Section 54957.5 (b) (1) and (2) are available from the Behavioral Health Advisory Board Assistant at bhabadmin@ventura.org or in person at Ventura County Behavioral Health, 2nd Floor, 1911 Williams Drive, Oxnard, California. The same materials will be available and attached with each associated agenda item, when received, at the following website: www.vcbh.org/en/behavioral-health-advisory-board-meetings.

Welcome to the meeting of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board of the County of Ventura. The following information is provided to help you understand, follow, and participate in the Board meeting:

Join the Zoom meeting by clicking the link provided on the agenda at the scheduled time and date. Zoom will initially start with a **waiting room** — you will be admitted into the meeting room when the meeting starts. All participants are muted upon entry to minimize any unintended disruption of background sounds. Please keep yourself on mute unless you are speaking.

Note: The meeting is recorded.

Public Comments

- The Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) welcomes comments from the community, consumers and family members.
- The BHAB operates under the Brown Act. This requires that all meetings be open meetings, with the agenda and minutes posted. A public comment period will be provided on all meeting agendas.
- Due to confidentiality laws, the Board is unable to respond directly to a public comment or to discuss client-specific issues without proper releases from the individuals concerned.
- At all BHAB meetings, the BHAB Assistant provides a Grievance Form for individuals who have concerns. The form is reviewed promptly by VCBH Quality Management. Individuals can also contact the BHAB Assistant to request a VCBH Grievance Form outside a BHAB meeting or call 1-888-567-2122.
- Individuals who have further concerns are welcome to return to the BHAB for assistance.

Public comments may be provided using one of the following options:

1. Email or Mail Public Comment in Advance of the Meeting

To make a written public comment, you must send an email to bhabadmin@ventura.org, with the specific agenda item or topic, if a general comment, by no later than 10:00 AM on the day of the BHAB meeting. Your written public comment may also be mailed to the following address and must be received by the BHAB Assistant no later than 10 AM on the day of the meeting:

BHAB Assistant, 1911 Williams Drive, Suite 200, Oxnard, CA 93036

Please indicate in the subject line the agenda item number (e.g., Item No. 9) on which you are commenting. Your written public comment sent via email or regular mail will be distributed to the BHAB Members and placed into the item's record of the meeting.

Or

2. Video Public Comment using Zoom

You may use the raise hand feature when the Chair invites public comments in the following ways:

If you are running an older version of Zoom, you can raise your hand by clicking on the Participant button at the bottom of the Zoom screen and then click on the raise hand feature in that participant window.

If you are running the most current version of Zoom (5.4.9 and above) you can raise your hand by clicking on the Reactions button and then clicking on raise hand feature. Your hand will appear in the upper left-hand corner of your individual Zoom window as well as the participant window.

Call-In Public Comment using Zoom

If you are joining the meeting by telephone only, you can join the comment queue by pressing *9. When it is your turn to make your comment, press *6 to unmute and then again to mute yourself after speaking.

Note: Your raised hand will appear TO THE HOST in the order it was received.

Comments are taken in the order they are received in the queue/participant window. When it is your turn to make a comment, you will be asked to unmute yourself. **Public comments on agenda items can be made prior to or during consideration of agenda items and are limited to 3 minutes per speaker.** Public comment periods are limited to no more than (20) minutes total for all speakers. The assigned timekeeper will track each public comment time. When your time is up, the timekeeper will interrupt to let you know that you have reached the 3-minute maximum. At the end of the three minutes, the next person in the comment queue will be invited to speak.

REMINDER: In order to minimize distractions during public meetings, all personal communication devices should be turned off or put in a non-audible mode.

DeLeon, Jakeline

From: pete lafollette <plafollette@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 10:47 AM
To: Poliquin, Victoria
Subject: addendum/Pete LaFolletteNOV 21/Public Comment/CARE Court

WARNING: If you believe this message may be malicious use the Phish Alert Button to report it or forward the message to Email.Security@ventura.org.

Here is an example of how Care Court is already having negative impact. A local middle age woman well into recovery largely from her own engagement, is now terrified her relatives will turn disagreement over her chosen methodology into "Gas Lighting" where she will be forced back into a facility and prescribed medication not of her choosing or of proven benefit of her recovery path. PL

----- Forwarded Message -----

Good morning, Mr. Lafollette.

Sending you an acknowledgement of your written Public Comment for today's BHAB General meeting. You are welcome to read your public comment at today's meeting or if you are not present at the meeting, your Public Comment will be read aloud and made a part of the record of the meeting as an attachment to the meeting minutes.

Vickie Poliquin
Management Assistant
Behavioral Health Administration
1911 Williams Drive, Suite 200, Oxnard, CA 93036
Office: 805.981.1881/E-Mail: Victoria.poliquin@ventura.org

This email and its attachments may contain privileged and confidential information and/or protected health information (PHI) intended solely for the use of the recipient(s) named above. If you are not the recipient, or the employee or agent responsible for delivering this message to the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any review, dissemination, distribution, printing or copying of this email message and/or any attachments is strictly prohibited. If you have received this transmission in error, please notify the sender immediately and permanently delete this email and any attachments.

From: pete lafollette <plafollette@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 20, 2022 4:00 PM
To: bhabadmin <bhabadmin@ventura.org>
Subject: NOV 21 General Mtg Public Comment/CARE Court

WARNING: If you believe this message may be malicious use the Phish Alert Button to report it or forward the message to Email.Security@ventura.org.

I am sending you this email to provide you with an update on SB 1338, CARE Court.

August 2022 the SB 1338, CARE Court Bill was heard on the Assembly Floor and was passed by a vote of 62-2. Only Assemblymembers Kalra and Stone voted against the bill.

Video of the Vote

https://url.avanan.click/v2/___https://www.assembly.ca.gov/media/assembly-floor-session-20220830/video___.YXAzOnZlbnR1cmE6YTpvOjlxMzg1NjNmNTUyMWU2MzJhNzQ3YmUzYzAyYmQwYzVlOjY6MjAwMjoxZTJkNWQ0NzVkYWxMzZmzMzA1OGNIOWQ3OTQ5MzAyZDY1ZWU5Y2FkMTg3NDI2MDQxNDVhOVRmMjk2YWRIOnQ6VA

A video of the vote can be found by clicking on the link above. The discussion on CARE Court begins at 9:42 on the video time stamp and the bill is presented by Assemblymember Gibson.

Content Warning

Watching this video may upset you. The language and statements made by members of the Legislature is upsetting. There are references to SB 1338 being a "great bill," "doing the Lords work," and the "first step" in more bills like CARE Court. Please keep your own mental health in mind if you watch this video and be warned that the video may trigger you.

Next Steps

Now that the bill has passed the Assembly, it went to the Senate Floor for Concurrence in the Assembly amendments, with "unanimous" support for SB 1338 in Senate and that vote took place AUG 31 as the Legislative Session ended at Midnight.

After that, the bill went to Governor Newsom's desk. The Governor has never vetoed his own Legislative proposal and we anticipate this becoming law very soon.

Questions, Comments, or Concerns

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. We have opposed this bill since its inception and will continue to do so. A more thorough report on the bill will be discussed at ongoing policy meetings.

Pete LaFollette
Client Network/CalVoice
657.888.3143

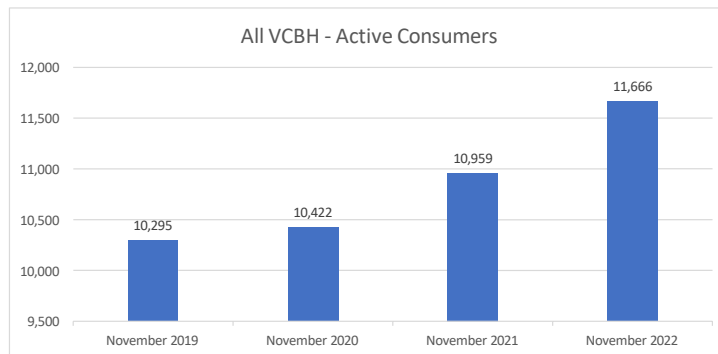
Ventura County Behavioral Health Director's Update

BHAB General Meeting 12.19.22

VENTURA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
Total Active Consumers Trend
12/6/2022

All VCBH SUS - County & Contractor MH Adult - County & Contractor MH Y&F - County & Contractor VCBH STAR Adult Crisis	VCBH Treatment Programs County & Contractor Includes outpatient and residential
---	--

	All VCBH	SUS	MH Adult	MH Youth and Family	VCBH STAR	VCBH Crisis
November 2019	10,295	1,295	5,019	3,689	348	527
November 2020	10,422	1,033	5,504	3,711	350	536
November 2021	10,959	1,056	5,540	3,759	768	566
November 2022	11,666	1,075	5,960	4,054	997	426
Change from 2019 to 2022	1,371	-220	941	365	649	-101
	13%	-17%	19%	10%	186%	-19%



1. Community Care Expansion (CCE) Preservation Program Award - I am pleased to announce that VCBH received an award from the State in the amount of \$2,096,756 to improve our licensed board and cares that serve clients with only social security disability income.

- There are 8 licensed board and cares (including 2 Residential Care for the Elderly – “RCFE”) that are eligible to receive the funds. These facilities are currently at risk of closing and need repair and support.
- \$1,533,389 will go towards capital improvements (brick and mortar).
- \$563,367 will go towards gaps in operating budgets.

Some of the capital improvements we are looking at funding include new plumbing and electrical, new kitchen and bathrooms, new flooring, and landscaping. We plan to go out to bid (RFP) for this work.

The operating expenses will be offered to our board and care operators using a per client per month formula. Currently the 8 licensed facilities house and provide 24-hour care for over 200 clients per year.

2. Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) Round 2: Planning Grant

Staff are continuing to assess the CSU/PHF needs and visit potential sites that meet the site specifications outlined in our grant application. The County (CEO's Office) continues to evaluate a short-list of potential locations and identify new locations in collaboration with city officials from Simi, Moorpark, and Thousand Oaks.

3. Section 5270

We plan to seek approval of Section 5270.1 that authorizes by a resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors that upon the completion of a 14-day period of intensive treatment the person may be certified for an additional period of not more than 30 days of intensive treatment under the following conditions: (a) The professional staff of the facility treating the person has found that the person remains gravely disabled as a result of a mental disorder or impairment by chronic alcoholism and, (b) the person remains unwilling or unable to accept treatment voluntarily.

4. Adult Services Division:

- Hiring for the BHCIP-grant funded Mobile Crisis Outreach for TAY (MCOT) is nearing completion and this three-person team is expected to be operational in January. The MCOT staff consists of a Behavioral Health Clinician, Community Services Coordinator, and Peer Specialist. Calls received by the Crisis Team (i.e., Monday through Friday 8AM to 5PM) and deemed appropriate will be routed to MCOT for specialized crisis response with attention to the specific risk factors associate with this age group.
- Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) team will be hosting an additional Community Planning Process Meeting. Come and hear what the community has to say about mental health. We welcome you to participate in the Community Planning Process and will be reviewing the results of the Ventura County Community Health Needs Assessment. Food, childcare, and translation will be provided with registration. (See attached fliers)

Details:

- December 21, from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm, Mountain Vista Elementary School
918 5th St, Fillmore, CA 93015
Register here: <https://mhsa-fillmore.eventbrite.com>

- VCBH currently has four No Place Like Home (NPLH) projects at various stages of development with three different partners. In total there is the potential for 105 units that would be available for VCBH clients. These NPLH projects include Rancho Sierra Sr. Apartments (Many Mansions) in Camarillo; and in Oxnard, 2nd & B Street (Community Development Partners), Cypress Place Phase II (People’s Self-Help Housing), and Casa Aliento (Community Development Partners).

5. Substance Use Services (SUS) Division:

Prevention:

1. Fentanyl & Fake Pills Campaign Results:

IMPRESSIONS:	Targeted Website Ads	588,343
	Radio	824,600
	Transit	17,050,000 (40 buses)
	TOTAL	18,462,943

2. Institutional Training and Overdose Rescue Kits for Schools. In collaboration with local school districts, Prevention Services has completed training for many school nurses and staff. Additional trainings are upcoming in collaboration with contractor *GiveAnHour*.

Districts having implemented or currently pursuing the “Institutional Kit Program” include:

- Oxnard Union High School District,
- Fillmore Unified,
- Conejo Valley Unified,
- Moorpark Unified, and
- Santa Paula Unified.

Schools can get help with training and OD rescue kits from VCBH. The Overdose Prevention training and Institutional Kit Program now includes the community colleges, California Lutheran University, and CSU Channel Islands, as well.

Questions about OD Rescue Kits can be directed to the NO-OD phone line [**\(805\) 667-6663**](tel:8056676663)

For more information, visit www.VenturaCountyResponds.org

SUS Treatment Services:

- With American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, SUS Treatment Clinics are revamping group rooms to hybrid group rooms to improve access to treatment services. Hybrid group rooms will allow those that have barriers to attend in-person groups participate via telehealth. Across 7 clinics, including DUI, 16 group rooms are being converted. The response from clients in hybrid groups has been positive and clients want to participate in person when possible, for the comradery and universality of being with other people experiencing the same issues.

DUI Program:

- New enrollments this month is 152 (down from the prior month of 203).
- Sites continue to maintain a high census of 1,443 and are preventing DQs, have timely completions, and no late masts.
- DUI programs are short front office staff at every site, and this impacts the ability to answer the phones, take payments, and give collections as quickly as needed
- There is a strong indication that court referrals are going to increase in January

6. Youth and Family (Y&F) Services Division:

Initiatives and Progress

- The Y&F Division continues to operationalize the Opeeeka – PCIS platform. The goal is to have ease of access and use of clinical information for staff and the ability for management to use the data to support and inform overall operations and partnerships.

Collaborations

- Ventura Region manager met with Fillmore CBO One Step A La Vez Interim Development Director to learn about their services and how the two agencies can coordinate care for any mutual clients. Potential plans are for more educational groups re: mental health services.
- The Y&F, Adult and SUS Division are working together to identify topics of interest for a SUS Training for the department. The plan is to implement the training in 2023.
- Y&F and Adult Management attended the VCOE Transition Fair in November. VCBH shared information about access, services, and referrals for mental health to parents of children exiting high school.

Training & Conferences

- 11/7/22 – Child Welfare Subsystem (CWS) clinician facilitated training to new cohort of Children and Family Services Social Workers on mental health issues and referral process for mental health services. CWS facilitates this training to our partnering agency 3-4 times per year.
- Local Promotoras in Santa Paula and Fillmore attended teams recent staff meetings. Promotoras updated & shared information about their support groups in the community as a resource for youth and their families.

7. Quality Management

- VCBH Policy Office: Latest policy updates cover BH us of interpreter services, technology user access termination, workplace violence prevention and BH emergency response during disaster incidents. The release of confidential client information policy has been significantly updated and expanded and will be rolled out for training this month.
- Utilization Review (UR): Continuing quarterly reviews and administrative exit reviews. In alignment with CalAIM changes, the focus is shifting toward training, coaching and providing support through Technical Assistance (TA) meetings. An updated review tool aligning with CalAIM documentation changes has been implemented to help provide more informative review reporting.
- Training: Mentored Internship Program (MIP) grant will begin interns recruitment in January. The training team is also making progress with identifying and providing training to potential clinical supervisors.

8. CalAIM

VCBH continues to participate in the CalAIM Behavioral Health Quality Improvement Program (BHQIP), an incentive payment program to support Behavioral Health Plans as they implement CalAIM initiatives and other approved administration priorities. To receive incentive payments, VCBH must complete tasks and submit deliverables by specific due dates. VCBH recently received notification from DHCS regarding the September 30th submission. The submission was accepted, and initial results suggest the receipt of full payment for successfully meeting all deliverables.

Peer Support Services: The submission period to submit names for the Medi-Cal Peer Support Services Specialist Program Scholarships has ended. Applicants who went through the Grandparenting pathway and signed up as early test takers have received their exam results. The Peer Certification exam is set to be available for all applicants by mid-December.

Standardized Screening and Transition of Care tools will go into effect on January 1, 2023. The Screening and Transition of Care Tools for Medi-Cal Mental Health Services aim to ensure all Medi-Cal beneficiaries receive coordinated services across Medi-Cal

mental health delivery systems and improve health outcomes. The goal is to ensure beneficiary access to the right care, in the right place, at the right time. Alongside the Screening/Transition tools, VCBH continues to meet with Gold Coast Health Plan/Beacon to improve data exchange opportunities to support care coordination, non-duplication of services, and quality reporting.

Payment Reform Fiscal/Billing department is currently working on projections based on initial rates provided by the state for outpatient services. Also working to prepare contracted providers on the upcoming payment reform changes (effective July 1, 2023). Communication has been sent out to contracted providers regarding contract changes and key documentation coding changes.



VENTURA COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
A Department of Ventura County Health Care Agency

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA) COMMUNITY PLANNING PROCESS

Come and hear what the community has to say about mental health. We welcome you to participate in the Community Planning Process and will be reviewing the results of the Ventura County Community Needs Assessment.

JOIN US IN-PERSON

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21
6:00PM – 7:30PM**

*Mountain Vista Elementary School
918 5th St., Fillmore CA 93015*



Register at: <https://mhsa-fillmore.eventbrite.com>

Or to register by email: mhsa@ventura.org

Interpretation and childcare available upon request.



Fentanyl & Fake Pills Campaign • October 2022

IMPRESSIONS

Targeted Website Ads
588,343

Radio
824,600

Transit
17,050,000
(40 buses)

TOTAL
18,462,943



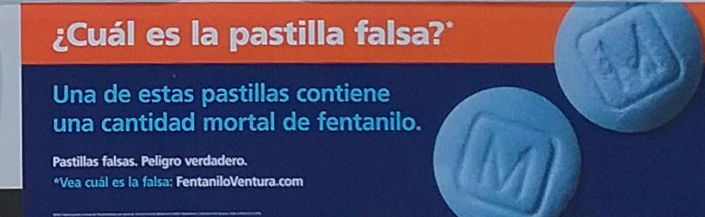
Which one is fake?

One of these pills has a deadly amount of fentanyl.

**Fake pills.
Real danger.**

FIND OUT WHICH IS FAKE

FentanylVenturaCounty.org



¿Cuál es la pastilla falsa?

Una de estas pastillas contiene una cantidad mortal de fentanilo.

Pastillas falsas. Peligro verdadero.
*Vea cuál es la falsa: FentaniloVentura.com

VENTURA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Total Active Consumers In The Month Of November

Open episodes in November 2022 with billing activity in prior 12 months

As of 12/5/2022

All VCBH	VCBH Treatment Programs
SUS - County & Contractor	County & Contractor
MH Adult - County & Contractor	Includes outpatient and residential
MH Y&F - County & Contractor	
VCBH STAR	
Adult Crisis	

**VCBH enrolled consumers only

Total Consumers With Open Episode	VCBH Program Group		SUS	MH Adult	MH Youth and Family	VCBH STAR	VCBH Crisis	CSU** IPU**	
	All VCBH							CSU**	IPU**
11,666	11,666		1,075	5,960	4,054	997	426	10	54

**VCBH enrolled consumers only

Total Consumers With Open Episode Age Group *	VCBH Program Group		SUS	MH Adult	MH Youth and Family	VCBH STAR	VCBH Crisis	CSU** IPU**	
	All VCBH							CSU**	IPU**
0-15	2,875		35		2,645	291	37		
16-25	2,349		191	844	1,239	229	72	2	11
26-59	5,104		798	3,897	170	419	256	8	41
60+	1,338		51	1,219		58	61		2
Grand Total	11,666		1,075	5,960	4,054	997	426	10	54

**VCBH enrolled consumers only

Total Consumers With Open Episode Preferred Language	VCBH Program Group		SUS	MH Adult	MH Youth and Family	VCBH STAR	VCBH Crisis	CSU** IPU**	
	All VCBH							CSU**	IPU**
English	9,870		1,020	5,087	3,302	837	374	9	49
Spanish	1,122		43	509	476	125	24		4
Mixteco	6		1	1	2	3			
Non-Threshold Language	82			65	14	5	2		
Not Reported	586		11	298	260	27	26	1	1
Grand Total	11,666		1,075	5,960	4,054	997	426	10	54

**VCBH enrolled consumers only

Total Consumers With Open Episode	VCBH Program Group						CSU**	IPU**
	All VCBH	SUS	MH Adult	MH Youth and Family	VCBH STAR	VCBH Crisis		
Latinx	6,052	585	2,692	2,549	512	146	5	26
Non-Latinx	3,994	400	2,697	793	256	152	5	24
Not Reported	1,612	90	567	711	227	127		4
Declined to State	8		4	1	2	1		
Grand Total	11,666	1,075	5,960	4,054	997	426	10	54

**VCBH enrolled consumers only

Total Active Consumers At Each Location ***	VCBH Program Group						CSU**	IPU**
	Program Service Location	All VCBH	SUS	MH Adult	MH Youth and Family	VCBH STAR		
CAMARILLO	448		94	354				
FILLMORE	182	30		156				
MOORPARK	5			5				
OXNARD	6,222	826	2,692	1,774	997	426		
SANTA PAULA	857		571	286				
SIMI VALLEY	1,323	76	734	529				
THOUSAND OAKS	1,268	58	935	294				
VENTURA	2,275	92	1,187	1,024			10	54
Outside Ventura County (Contractor)	169	145	24					
Grand Total	12,749	1,227	6,237	4,422	997	426	10	54

*** Consumers may be counted under multiple locations

**VCBH enrolled consumers only

Total Consumers With Open Episode	VCBH Program Group						CSU**	IPU**
	All VCBH	SUS	MH Adult	MH Youth and Family	VCBH STAR	VCBH Crisis		
Residence Region - City								
Conejo Valley	971	90	566	254	77	42	1	3
Conejo Valley-Newbury Park	240	28	135	64	24	10	1	1
Conejo Valley-Oak Park	29	1	8	16	5	1		
Conejo Valley-Thousand Oaks	655	58	396	161	44	30		2
Conejo Valley-Westlake Village	47	3	27	13	4	1		
Moorpark	350	22	136	174	29	10	1	1
Moorpark	350	22	136	174	29	10	1	1
Ojai	221	22	101	77	19	12		
Ojai	173	20	85	52	13	12		
Ojai-Oak View	48	2	16	25	6			
Oxnard Plains	5,207	477	2,663	1,875	455	164	2	19
Oxnard Plains-Camarillo	745	42	442	241	33	33	1	4
Oxnard Plains-Oxnard	4,062	396	2,037	1,470	372	117	1	14
Oxnard Plains-Port Hueneme	376	38	172	156	45	14		1
Oxnard Plains-Somis	24	1	12	8	5			
Santa Clara Valley	1,197	83	497	549	99	35	2	7
Santa Clara Valley-Fillmore	373	29	144	173	38	11	1	2
Santa Clara Valley-Piru	44	4	14	26	2	2		
Santa Clara Valley-Santa Paula	780	50	339	350	59	22	1	5
Simi Valley	1,322	108	655	475	112	56		1
Simi Valley	1,322	108	655	475	112	56		1
Ventura	2,065	235	1,181	552	181	85	4	20
Ventura	2,065	235	1,181	552	181	85	4	20
Not Reported	333	38	161	98	25	22		3
Not Reported	333	38	161	98	25	22		3
Grand Total	11,666	1,075	5,960	4,054	997	426	10	54

Residence cities do not reflect consumer service location.

Ventura County Behavioral Health
Board Letter Summary of Contracts for November 2022

Board Date	Contractor	Amount	Term	Description
11/1/2022	Interface Children & Family Services (Interface)	\$1,345,805	July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	Third Amendment to the Agreement with Interface for Early and Periodic Screening Diagnostic Treatment (EPSDT) Program Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services. Interface provides EPSDT Medi-Cal specialty mental health care services to children younger than 21 years of age that are Medi-Cal beneficiaries and who meet the criteria for medical necessity as defined in California Code of Regulations, Title 9, sections 1830.205 and 1830.210. Services may include assessment, individual, group and family therapy, crisis intervention, medication management and case management. The Third Amendment decreases the total contract amount to \$1,345,805 and reduces the total unit count to 291,631 (matching actuals for FY 2021-22). In FY 2021-22, Interface's service level dropped significantly. Interface only served 311 unduplicated clients, which was significantly less than the 421 unduplicated clients they served in FY 2020-21 during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, or any other year noted; they also discontinued providing services to the Santa Paula community during this fiscal year. Interface provided 209,656 less units of service than what was required per their original contract, resulting in their not being able to fully recover their operational costs without exceeding the VCMA rates. The VCMA rates are the maximum reimbursement rates for each Specialty Mental Health service function (Mental Health Services, Case Management, Crisis Intervention, and Medication Support) that is provided through VCBH's contracted mental health service providers. VCBH limits mental health services cost reimbursement to the VCMA rates when it is time to settle each contracted providers' contract costs at the end of each agreement term. Providers' contracts contain provisional unit of service rates for each Specialty Mental Health service function that are based upon an approved operational costs budget, proposed units of service, and expected clients served. Providers are to manage and meet their contracted units of service to cover their operational costs and meet the obligations of their contract. When providers do not provide the level of units of service specified in their contract (low units of service), they do not receive payment for the level of funding during the fiscal year that is needed to fully cover their operational costs, resulting in funding shortfalls/cashflow issues. Generating a low level of units of service results in their provisional unit rates needing to be increased to a level to ensure that they recover their costs. Reasons providers do not meet the units of service requirements in their contracts vary. Specifically, Interface has struggled with obtaining and maintaining sufficient staffing levels to match the contracted units of services, and productivity levels with existing staff are lower than expected by VCBH; as such, VCBH has absorbed these additional clients, further increasing caseloads already augmented by the impacts of the pandemic. Interface did not meet their FY 2021-22 contractual obligations citing that they did not have the level of staffing needed to meet their contractual obligations. Despite not having the staffing needed to meet their contractual obligations to recover their operational costs and considering that they had a reduced service area, they did not have the budgetary cost savings that one would expect a provider to have given these two circumstances. Interface's FY 2021-22 agreement limits their reimbursement to the VCMA rates, resulting in an estimated \$211,001 shortfall in funding to this provider. To pay Interface for the actual costs or contract max, whichever is lower, the amendment authorizes VCBH to increase the unit rate for each of the contracted service categories to an amount above the VCMA rate in the Agreement. The Third Amendment to the Agreement with Interface for EPSDT Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services is decreased from the original approved amount of \$1,610,000 to \$1,345,805 (a decrease amount of \$264,195) and revises the unit of service rates to exceed the VCMA rates. This Agreement is funded with Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal (SD/MC) Federal Financial Participation (FFP); 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C).
11/1/2022	Interface	\$1,063,503	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023;	Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with Interface for EPSDT Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services. The FY 2022-23 Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with Interface for EPSDT Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services represents: (1) a reduction in the maximum contract amount from the prior fiscal year amount of \$1,345,805 to \$1,063,503 (a decrease of \$282,302), (2) a requirement that Interface re-establish service in the Santa Paula community, (3) a reduction in service area as services to be provided only in Oxnard and re-established in Santa Paula, and (4) a client to clinician ratio of 17.27 clients per clinician which is significantly less than the VCBH standard of 35 to 40 clients per clinician. The revised service levels within the Fourth Amendment are well below the levels that VCBH and its clinicians would provide were VCBH providing the services or if another contracted provider were providing the services; however, Interface cited that they expect to have the same staffing level challenges and uncertainty that they encountered in FY 2021-22 and cannot meet minimum established service levels. This agreement is funded with SD/MC FFP; 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C).
11/1/2022	California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA)	\$243,558	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2025	Participation Agreement with CalMHSA for Statewide Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Services. CalMHSA is a Joint Powers Authority, an independent government agency created by the California counties and cities, focused on the efficient delivery of California mental health projects for its members. The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) PEI component was designed to improve the awareness of, and access to, mental health services, reduce the stigma of mental illness and seeking help, and suicide prevention. The partnership between CalMHSA and its partners has been in effect since 2009, in order to further enhance statewide availability and capacity of MHSA PEI funds to be more impactful to communities in need statewide. The FY 2022-25 Participation Agreement for Statewide PEI Services continues to allow CalMHSA to collaborate with counties throughout the State in order to bring more awareness to mental health issues and services. The primary goals are to promote mental health and wellness, suicide prevention, and health equality to reduce the likelihood of mental illness, substance abuse, and suicide among Californians, specifically for underserved communities. Specifically the program will: (1) Assign a Resource Navigator/Technical Assistance (TA) Liaison to support with integration of statewide campaigns at the local level and provide on demand suicide prevention Technical Assistance, (2) Access/support with regional, local specific webinars, presentations, events, and conferences, (3) Provide on-demand suicide prevention capacity building especially for longer term projects such as developing a suicide prevention county wide strategic plan, (4) Receive Training/TA related to the Suicide Prevention Learning Collaborative, e.g. workforce training in cultural competent approaches to suicide prevention and care, and (5) Supply physical materials for Suicide Prevention Week. In order to participate in the program, VCBH is required to transfer funding in the amount of \$81,186 (which includes a 15% administrative fee in the amount of \$12,178) by July 1st of each fiscal year of the Agreement. CalMHSA is the fiscal and administrative agent for the program and contracts with subject matter experts to support the goals and efforts of the program. This agreement is funded with Proposition 63 MHSA funding.