

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

Board Date	Contractor	Amount	Term	Description
2/8/2022	All Languages Interpreting and Translating, Inc. (ALIT)	\$165,000	July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	Third Amendment to the Agreement for Interpreting and Translating Services with ALIT. ALIT provides interpretation and translation services for VCBH in clinics, meetings, and community behavioral health forums. The use of interpreter services in clinics is critical to successful client outcomes because it helps to ensure that clients understand their treatment plan and how to safely administer medication. The use of interpreter services for meeting and community forums is critical for ensuring that the department can appropriately communicate to the public about the services that are available through VCBH and solicit public feedback on department initiatives. During the first five months of FY 2021-22, ALIT has billed \$69,066 out of their total contract amount of \$100,000. The FY 2021-22 Third Amendment with ALIT increases the contract amount from \$100,000 to \$165,000 (an increase of \$65,000) in order to allow for an increase in services and costs due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. This Agreement is funded with: (1) Short Doyle/Medi-Cal (SD/MC) Federal Financial Participation (FFP), (2) State General Fund, (3) 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C), (4) 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C), and (5) Mental Health Services Ac (MHSA) funding.
2/8/2022	Maxim Healthcare Services Holdings, Inc. (Maxim)	\$1,350,000	July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	Fifth Amendment to the Agreement for Medical Personnel Temporary Staffing and Recruiting Services with Maxim. Maxim provides certified and/or licensed temporary staff to help fill vacant positions due to the difficulty in finding qualified and appropriately certified and/or licensed staff. This contractor is also used to help backfill existing positions due to unexpected leaves of absence. VCBH is taking appropriate steps to expedite its recruitments for qualified and appropriately certified and/or licensed staff, however, until staff can be hired and due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, VCBH is in need of temporary staff from Maxim. VCBH uses a variety of temporary staff from Maxim, including Registered Nurses, Mental Health Associates, and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists. The current vacancy rate for VCBH is 18.5%. The FY 2021-22 Fifth Amendment to the Agreement increases the maximum contract amount from \$600,000 to \$1,350,000 to ensure proper service provision through fiscal year end. There are no other changes to the Agreement. This Agreement is funded with: (1) SD/MC FFP, (2) State General Fund, (3) 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C), (4) 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C), and (5) MHSA funding.
2/8/2022	California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA)	\$0	January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022	Participation Agreement with the CalMHSA for Peer Support Specialist Certification Services. CalMHSA, a Joint Powers Authority created by California counties in 2009 to jointly develop and fund mental health services and education programs for members, is entering into participation agreements with interested counties to bring counties together to provide them with a Peer Support Specialist Certification program. The program is in response to Senate Bill 803, Beall (SB 803) which authorized the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to establish statewide requirements for the development of Medi-Cal certification programs for peer support specialists. DHCS released Behavioral Health Information Notice 21-041 establishing the statewide requirements and is working through CalMHSA to implement and administer all components of the Peer Support Specialist Certification Program. The Peer Support Specialist Certification Program is responsive to the needs of the Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health and Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System populations and is expected to go live by May 2022. There is no cost at this time to participate in the program, however, there could be future costs in subsequent phases of the project. Under the agreement, CalMHSA acts as the fiscal and administrative agent for the program. On behalf of participating counties, CalMHSA will implement and administer all components of the Peer Support Specialist Certification program, including: (1) required data collection and submission to DHCS, (2) certification of peers, (3) exam administration, (4) investigations, and (5) approval, auditing, and monitoring of training vendors. VCBH is expected to provide necessary and legally sanctioned assistance to CalMHSA in achieving the program goals and program performance. The initial term is considered a pilot phase, however, CalMHSA is seeking a contractual agreement with DHCS for continued funding beyond this initial pilot phase.
2/8/2022	Golden Hillmont House Mental Health Rehabilitation Center, LLC.	\$0	July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	Seventh Amendment to the Agreement for Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC) Services with Golden Hillmont House MHRC, LLC. Golden Hillmont House MHRC, LLC. operates the MHRC "Hillmont House," located in Camarillo, 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 Seventh Amendment to the Agreement with Golden Hillmont House MHRC, LLC. has made the following contract language revisions: (1) removed the requirement for the contractor to produce no less than the specified amount of SD/MC FFP revenue at 100% as this requirement does not apply to this program, (2) revised utilization review monitoring from monthly to quarterly as per revised VCBH policies and procedures, and (3) updated the contractor invoice submittal procedure. There is no change to the maximum contract amount.
2/8/2022	Golden Ventura CRT, LLC.	\$0	July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	Sixth Amendment to the Agreement for Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Care Short-term Crisis Residential Recovery Treatment (CRT) Services with Golden Ventura CRT, LLC. Golden Ventura CRT, LLC. 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 Sixth Amendment to the Agreement with Golden Ventura CRT, LLC., made the following contract language revisions: (1) removed the requirement for the contractor to produce no less than the specified amount of SD/MC FFP revenue at 100% as this requirement does not apply to this program, (2) revised utilization review monitoring from monthly to quarterly as per revised VCBH policies and procedures, and (3) updated the contractor invoice submittal procedure. There is no change to the maximum contract amount.