

**Ventura County Behavioral Health**  
**Board Letter Summary of Contracts for April 2022**

Board Date	Contractor	Amount	Term	Description
4/26/2022	Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. (AHP)	\$633,390	September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025	<b>Subcontract Agreement with AHP for Crisis Care Mobile Unit (CCMU) Program Grant Funding.</b> California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) utilized \$150 million in funding received from the State's Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) and \$55 million received from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) to solicit applications for funding to support and expand behavioral health mobile crisis and non-crisis services. On December 14, 2021, the Board approved Ventura County Behavioral Health's (VCBH) submission of a CCMU Grant Program application to the DHCS for funds to support and expand behavioral health mobile crisis and non-crisis services. VCBH originally requested and received authorization to accept the grant funding and execute an agreement with DHCS. DHCS has contracted with AHP to serve as the administrative entity that manages the grant funding and engages in subcontract agreements with the various grantees, including VCBH. Due to this arrangement, VCBH is now seeking approval to accept the grant funding from and sign an agreement with AHP instead of DHCS. This agreement is funded with Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP), Coronavirus Response and Relief Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), Short-Doyle Medi-Cal (SD/MC) Federal Financial Participation (FFP), and Proposition 63 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds.
4/26/2022	Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)	\$129,586	July 1, 2022 through March 31, 2024	<b>Pilot Program to Provide Contingency Management (CM) Services for Medi-Cal Beneficiaries with Stimulant Use Disorder (StimUD); Behavioral Health Quality Improvement Program (BH-QIP) Start-up Funding from DHCS.</b> On January 3, 2022, DHCS released a Request for Applications for counties to participate, oversee, and manage the administration of a pilot program to provide CM services for Medi-Cal beneficiaries who reside in the county and who meet state and federal requirements. On February 10, 2022, VCBH submitted an application to participate in the pilot program. On March 1, 2022, VCBH received approval from DHCS to participate in Phase 1 of the CM services pilot program. DHCS is piloting Medi-Cal coverage of CM to expand access to individuals with StimUD. CM is an evidence-based practice that recognizes and reinforces individual positive behavior change by providing motivational incentives for non-use of stimulants, as evidenced by negative drug tests. CM repeatedly has demonstrated robust outcomes, including reduction or cessation of drug use for individuals with StimUD and longer retention in treatment. CM supports DHCS' goals by addressing the ongoing and shifting SUD crisis in California and improving the health and wellbeing of Medi-Cal beneficiaries diagnosed with StimUD. The VCBH CM pilot program application identified six certified DMC-ODS County clinics and one contracted provider, Dennis M. Giroux & Associates, Inc. (Alternative Action Program), to participate in the pilot program. The six County clinics include: (1) Fillmore, (2) Oxnard, (3) Simi Valley, (4) Thousand Oaks, (5) Ventura and (6) A New Start for Moms (ANSFM). DHCS has allotted \$5,638,000 in BH-QIP funding for CM pilot counties for start-up costs of which VCBH will receive \$129,586. Of the allotted funds, counties are to retain up to 15% for administrative costs and the remainder is to be used among County clinics and providers to cover start-up costs to: (1) orient and train a CM coordinator, (2) complete staff recruitment and hiring costs, (3) make changes to provider information and billing systems, (4) address technology costs such as hard-ware or software, and (5) purchase other supplies or equipment needed to carry out CM. The term of the CM pilot program is July 1, 2022 through March 31, 2024. Start-up funds are required as activities described above are to occur in advance of the term of the pilot program. VCBH is also adding the following six (6) new regular full time equivalent (FTE) position allocations: (1) five (5) Community Services Worker (CSW) III FTE positions and (2) one (1) Program Administrator III FTE position. New CSW III positions will be the main point of contact for all CM program participants at each site collecting samples, inputting test results into the secure CM database, and referring participants to treatment and recovery services. One CSW III is required at each of the larger treatment sites (Oxnard, Simi Valley, Ventura, ANSFM) and a CSW III position will be shared at the two smaller treatment sites (Fillmore/Thousand Oaks). The new Program Administrator III position will plan, organize and direct the activities of the team assigned to the contingency management pilot and the implementation of peer services. This includes providing clinical support and oversight to ensure the beneficiaries are accessing necessary services efficiently and within the parameters of the pilot and overall Substance Use Treatment Services system. These positions are regular positions that will be funded by Drug Medi-Cal and 2011 Realignment funds.
4/26/2022	Dennis M. Giroux & Associates, Inc. (DMG)	\$855,845	July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	<b>Sixth Amendment to the Agreement for Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Substance Use Disorder Services (SUD) with DMG.</b> DMG provides outpatient DMC-ODS SUD treatment services to adults involved in the criminal justice system at various locations in Ventura County, including Oxnard, Ventura, and the Todd Road County Jail. The Sixth Amendment to the Agreement with DMG for the provision of DMC-ODS SUD services is being increased by \$15,735 for start-up costs to carry out CM services. This agreement is funded by State DHCS BH-QIP funds and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Block Grant funds.
4/26/2022	Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc.	\$300,000	July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	<b>First Amendment to the Agreement for Mental Health Rehabilitation Center Services with Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc.</b> Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc. (Bakersfield) provides mental health rehabilitation center services to seriously mentally ill clients who require a high level of care due to the severity of their illnesses. Clients placed at Bakersfield MHRC receive the following services: (1) medication management, (2) training and support with skills related to daily living activities, (3) daily rehabilitation groups, (4) individual psychotherapy, and (5) various other non-clinical services that are designed to support recovery. Throughout FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22, Crestwood served two (2) unduplicated clients and maintained an average of two (2) clients per month. In January 2022, VCBH referred an additional client who requires a higher level of care and further necessitating an increased budget. The First Amendment to the Agreement with Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc. increases the maximum amount of the agreement by \$73,824, from \$226,176 to \$300,000, due to an increase in the number of clients served and to ensure sufficient funding for clients placed through June 30, 2022. The increase funds an average of 3 clients, which represents an increase of one (1) client from the initial estimate of two (2) clients and an increased level of care. There are no rate changes. This agreement is funded with Tobacco Settlement and Realignment.
4/26/2022	ASC Treatment Group (ASC Bakersfield)	\$1,079,539	July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022;	<b>Fourth Amendment to the Agreement for Adult Residential Treatment Services with ASC Bakersfield.</b> ASC Bakersfield provides adult residential treatment services. This facility offers 24-hour staffing and a full range of clinical and rehabilitation services that are designed to assist clients in their mental health recovery. Specifically, the following clinical and rehabilitation services are provided: psychiatry and medication support, individual and group therapy, therapeutic recreation/community activities, and case management. The goal of this program is to assist clients in being able to live in a less restrictive environment upon discharge. Throughout FY 2021-22, ASC Bakersfield served 11 unduplicated clients. The Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with ASC Bakersfield increases the maximum amount of the agreement with ASC Bakersfield by \$114,489, from \$965,050 to \$1,079,539, due to a 5% salary increase across ASC Bakersfield staff and an increase in ASC Bakersfield accounting expenses required for developing cost reports, budget analyses, and supporting mandatory audits throughout FY 2021-22. This agreement is funded with SD/MC FFP, County Funds, and Realignment.

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4/26/2022	Aurora Vista Del Mar, LLC (Vista Del Mar)	\$2,000,000	July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	<b>Eighth Amendment to the Agreement for Psychiatric Inpatient Hospital Services with Vista Del Mar.</b> Vista Del Mar, located in Ventura, is an acute psychiatric inpatient hospital for adults and adolescents. VCBH has contracted with Vista Del Mar since 1997 to provide psychiatric inpatient hospital services to Medi-Cal eligible adults and uninsured adults and adolescents. To date, Vista Del Mar has provided a total of 2,350 bed days. Due to an increase in bed utilization from Ventura County patients, VCBH has projected that Vista Del Mar would exceed the maximum amount of their agreement. The Eighth Amendment to the Agreement with Vista Del Mar increases the maximum amount by \$360,000, from \$1,640,000 to \$2,000,000, to ensure funding is available to meet the increase in psychiatric inpatient hospital services through June 30, 2022. There are no rate changes. This agreement is funded with County Funds and Realignment.
4/26/2022	Evalcorp	\$164,031	July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	<b>Third Amendment to the Agreement for Data Collection and Analysis Services with Evalcorp.</b> Evalcorp provides MHPSA data collection and analysis services for VCBH. During FY 2021-22, Evalcorp has worked in collaboration with VCBH to enhance evaluation infrastructure and evaluation capacity, refine data collection tools, create new evaluation tools, conduct required data entry for providers as needed in order to inform evaluation reports, create data analysis plans and conduct requisite univariate and multivariate statistical analysis, develop the FY 2020-21 Evaluation Summary Report, provide evaluation support, consultation, and analysis for Community Services Support Programs, provide data collection related to support and consultation for the Community Program Planning Process (CPPP), and provide data analysis, reports, and presentations for MHPSA Innovation programs. The Third Amendment to the Agreement revises the: (1) scope of work for the Prevention & Early Intervention and Community Services and Support Assessment and Evaluation services, specified in Exhibit "A-1" of the Agreement, to add new VCBH MHPSA Annual Update Report review and editing services and (2) Exhibit "B-1" budget to include \$24,541 in additional funding for the new services specified in Exhibit "A-1." The Exhibit "B-1" budget will increase from \$94,500 to \$119,041, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. There is no change to the services and budget specified in Exhibits "A-2" and "B-2." This agreement is funded with MHPSA funds.
4/26/2022	Ventura County Community College District (VCCCD)	\$0	May 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024	<b>Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with VCCCD to Establish a Cooperative Relationship in Support of the Psychological Health and Emotional Stability of VCCCD Students.</b> Through this MOU, VCCCD and VCBH will be collaborating to offer efficient and effective transitional psychological and psychiatric services to VCCCD students beyond those that VCCCD can provide in the short-term model practiced at VCCCD's Student Health Centers. The MOU with VCCCD: (1) allows VCBH to serve as the point of contact for moderate to severe mental health and substance use services for VCCCD students, (2) establishes protocols to ensure that students have continuous access to psychological, mental health, and substance use services through streamlined referrals and special workshops provided by VCBH, and (3) facilitates training for VCBH staff on contemporary trends in college mental health and related topics. This MOU is a non-financial agreement that merely memorializes the way in which VCCCD and VCBH intend to collaborate. The term of this MOU is from May 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024.
4/26/2022	Guiding Our Youth	\$875,849	May 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	<b>Agreement for Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program Mental Health Services with Guiding Our Youth.</b> The Continuum of Care Reform (CCR), signed into law in January 2017 as AB403, sought to transform foster care in California by strengthening and elevating family-based care. As part of CCR, group homes are replaced with Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTP) intended to serve children and youth whose challenging behaviors and significant emotional and developmental needs created barriers to placement in family-based care. The STRTP license category requires providers to obtain national accreditation, meet DHCS mental health standards, procure a contract with a County Mental Health Plan (MHP), and implement trauma-informed care. Guiding Our Youth provides an integrated program of specialized, intensive care and supervision, transition support services, specialty mental health services, trauma informed care, culturally relevant mental health treatment, and short-term, 24-hour care and supervision to children in two 6-bed facilities for a total of twelve (12) beds. This agreement is for a 14-month term (May 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023) and covers the outpatient specialty mental health services. This agreement is funded with SD/MC FFP and 2011 Realignment funds.
4/26/2022	For the Future, Inc.	\$234,025	July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	<b>Fourth Amendment to the Agreement for STRTP Mental Health Services with For the Future, Inc.</b> For the Future, Inc. provides STRTP services for youth. Youth receive structured group activities focused on supporting and improving behavior management skills, impulse control, feelings identification and regulation, interpersonal and relationship skills, and help in developing an internal locus of control. The structured therapeutic program includes mental health services, case management, medication support, and crisis intervention services that will be offered to youth when they return from school each day through the early evening. The FY 2021-22 Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with For the Future, Inc. increases the maximum agreement amount by \$129,032 to a new not to exceed amount of \$486,929. The increase is due to: (1) increase in salaries and benefits in order to remain fully staffed and due to an increase in health benefits, (2) an increase in rental costs due to a new lease agreement, and (3) additional services/supports in order to accommodate day-to-day operations, including IT services, an increase in Quality Assurance hours, and an increase in hours to support billing and financial consulting. This agreement is funded with SD/MC FFP and 2011 Realignment funds.
4/26/2022	AHP	\$1,000,000	April 1, 2022 through September 29, 2023	<b>Grant Agreement with AHP.</b> Through its Behavioral Health Workforce Development effort, DHCS made grant funding available to nonprofit and county behavioral health service providers to develop and implement in-house Mentored Internship Programs to assist in the treatment and recovery of patients with substance use disorder, mental health, or co-occurring disorders. The goal of the program is to build the behavioral health workforce in nonprofit and county-operated behavioral health settings to ensure that services are competently delivered by providers who reflect the diversity of the communities served. On February 18, 2022, VCBH submitted two grant applications: (1) one application for \$500,000 for mentored internship integrated care and outreach program services and (2) a second application for \$500,000 for mentored internship mental health outpatient specialty care services. Both applications were submitted to AHP, a private corporation that DHCS selected and contracted with to administer the grant application, award, and program processes. On March 10, 2022, DHCS and AHP notified VCBH that our grant applications and projects had been selected and were funded in the combined amount of \$1,000,000 for the eighteen-month term of April 1, 2022 through September 29, 2023. On March 15, 2022, VCBH submitted its acceptance of the grant awards to AHP. VCBH will use this grant funding to implement within the existing VCBH Internship Program an in-house mentored internship program designed to improve the quality of training and number of persons joining the behavioral health workforce. Specifically, this program will include and/or involve: (1) training mentors in clinical supervision, (2) creating structured protocols to support future capacity, (3) introducing the Community Services Coordinator intern position, (4) launching a structured Competence-Based Supervision model, (5) teaching core competencies, and (6) establishing a standardized clinical experience and curriculum that will create structured supervision, training, and career preparation that is uniformly practiced for all students. Funding also supports strengthening collaborative relationships with colleges to facilitate intern recruitment, mentored internship program sustainability, and department recruitment efforts. VCBH is adding one (1) new fixed term full time equivalent Program Administrator III position allocation. This position completes the following mentored internship program grant funded duties: development of grant management protocols, including establishing grant data; performance measures; fiscal and reporting frameworks, systems and timelines; adapting existing memoranda of understanding with colleges and universities to update partnership activities and develop objectives and outcomes; monitor progress to objectives; and draft and prepare progress reports. This agreement and services are funded with MHPSA and SAMHSA funds.