

Ventura County Behavioral Health
 Board Letter Summary of Contracts for September 2021

Board Date	Contractor	Amount	Term	Description
9/14/2021	California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA)	\$81,186	July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	<p>Statewide Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Services Participation Agreement. CalMHSA is a Joint Powers Authority, an independent government agency created by California counties and cities, focused on the efficient delivery of California mental health projects for its members. Through the Participation Agreement for Statewide PEI, CalMHSA collaborates with participating members to promote mental health and wellness, suicide prevention, and health equity to reduce the likelihood of mental illness, substance use, and suicide among Californians, particularly among diverse and underserved communities. Specifically, the program will: (1) implement social media and public education activities to expand and develop emotional wellbeing for California's communities, (2) expand stakeholder partnership networks and promote grassroots stakeholder engagement, (3) increase outreach and dissemination of programs and resources, including mental health educational materials, (4) support and engage a network of mental health leaders and advocates to outreach and disseminate resources and programs, with priority of increasing help-seeking behaviors among younger age individuals, (5) provide resource, technical assistance, and capacity building support to County Behavioral Health Agencies and their partners to support local PEI and leverage resources, (6) implement the annual Directing Change Program, which educates young people about critical health topics like suicide prevention and mental health and wellbeing through the medium of film and art, and (7) provide data and evaluation of the reach of programs within counties and statewide. CalMHSA acts as the fiscal and administrative agent for the program and contracts with subject matter experts to support the goals and efforts of the program. Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) is required to transfer funding in the amount of \$81,186 to CalMHSA.</p>
9/14/2021	Seneca Family of Agencies (Seneca)	\$0	July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.	<p>Fourteenth Amendment for Children's Stabilization Unit (CSU) Services with Seneca. Seneca provides CSU program services for VCBH. The CSU is the front-end of the continuum of care for children's mental health crisis services in Ventura County, providing a multi-disciplinary risk assessment to youth experiencing a mental health crisis and interventions to promote stabilization, family involvement, and safety planning to access the least restrictive, most appropriate level of care. The CSU provides mental health interventions that are necessary to divert minors from hospitalization and safely discharge the minors to community services. The CSU is certified as a Crisis Stabilization Unit. Crisis stabilization means a service lasting less than 24 hours. The primary objective of the CSU is to promptly evaluate and/or stabilize minors presenting with acute symptoms or distress without hospital admission. In FY 2020-21, additional costs arose to keep Seneca facilities in compliance with COVID regulations. Supplemental costs included those for cleaning supplies, sanitation procedures, and cleaning crews, as well as treatment materials and personal protective equipment for clients. This amendment increases budget line items Building Management and Treatment Supplies by \$3,600 each and decreases Staff Travel and Airfare by \$4,500 and \$2,700, respectively. These adjustments do not affect the contract maximum. This agreement is funded with Short Doyle Medi-Cal Financial Participation (SD/MC FFP) and Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding.</p>

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9/14/2021	Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)	\$0	July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024	
9/14/2021	DHCS	\$109,062,000	July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024	<p>Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Standard Agreement #21-10037. The Standard Agreement with DHCS is for the purpose of identifying and providing covered DMC-ODS services for substance use disorder (SUD) treatment for Medi-Cal beneficiaries within VCBH's service area. The Standard Agreement with DHCS is the established mechanism for the County to receive federal and state allocated funds for the array of SUD services that are provided under the DMC-ODS waiver. This Agreement specifies the conditions and requirements that VCBH must meet to receive federal and state allocated funds. Specifically, the Agreement details the: (1) program offerings and system access requirements, (2) program integrity requirements, (3) beneficiary protection requirements, (4) data and information submission requirements, (5) approved county proposed rates for all services, (6) revenue and expenditure reporting requirements, (7) funding usage and reimbursement requirements, (8) audit and record requirements, (9) various requirements associated with conducting business with the State of California, (10) information confidentiality and security requirements, (11) privacy and information security provisions (as defined under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and California Information Practices Act) and (12) Social Security Administration and DHCS Information Exchange Agreement requirements. The Source of Funding is Drug Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation Funds-93.778 and State General Fund.</p>