

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
Youth & Family Services Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 8, 2021 10:00 – 11:30 AM
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the Agenda – **ACTION** (Roll Call)
- III. Approval of the October 13, 2021 Minutes- **ACTION** (Roll Call)
- IV. Welcome and Introductions
- V. Chair Announcements
- VI. Public Comments – 3 minutes per speaker
- VII. Contracts Review
- VIII. Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Youth & Family Division Updates
 - A. Youth & Family Division – Jennifer Dougherty, Youth & Family Interim Division Chief
 - B. Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) – Hilary Carson, Program Administrator, Innovations
- IX. Committee Members' Comments, Activities, Updates
- X. Items for the Next Meeting Agenda
- XI. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 9, 2022, 10:00 – 11:30 AM

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1. The meeting will be recorded.
2. All participants are muted upon entry to minimize any unintended disruption of background sounds.

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3. Zoom will initially start with a “**waiting room**” at the start of the meeting, you will be “admitted” into the waiting room.

4. During the Public Comments portion of the agenda or during any other agenda item, participants will be unmuted and allowed to comment for up to 3 minutes, for a cumulative time not to exceed 5 minutes. Comments can be shared in the following ways:
 - a. If you are joining the meeting via video/audio, you join the comment cue by clicking on the participant window at the bottom of the zoom screen and then click on the “**raise hand**” feature in that participant window.

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5. Comments will be taken in the order they are received and are allotted 3 minutes. At the end of the three minutes, you will be notified that the time has ended, be able to make a closing comment and then the mic will be opened to the next person.

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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>

<p>9/14/2021</p>	<p>Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)</p>	<p>\$0</p>	<p>July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024</p>	<p>Performance Agreement. DHCS administers the MHSA, Lanterman-Peris-Short Act (LPS Act), Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH), Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG), and Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP). Also, DHCS oversees VCBH's provision of the Bronzan-McCorquodale Act community mental health services that are provided with realignment funds as well as Substance Abuse and Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG) alcohol and drug abuse prevention, care, treatment, and rehabilitation services with SABG funds. DHCS' annual Performance Agreement specifies the conditions and requirements that VCBH must meet to receive MHSA, LPS Act, PATH, MHBG, CCP, Bronzan-McCorquodale Act and SABG funding for these programs and community mental health services. The Agreement requirements include: (1) program and funding expenditure requirements, (2) reporting and data submission requirements, (3) audit and record retention requirements, (4) dispute resolution process requirements, (5) various requirements associated with Laura's Law, prohibiting health facilities from admitting minors into psychiatric treatment with adults, and the Americans with Disabilities Act, (6) various requirements associated with conducting business with the State of California, (7) information confidentiality and security requirements, and (8) privacy and information security provisions (as defined under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and California Information Practices Act). There is no fiscal impact related to this Agreement. DHCS provides the funding for these programs through the Realignment, MHSA, SABG and DHCS allocations process, as well as all other DHCS pass-through reimbursements.</p>
<p>9/14/2021</p>	<p>DHCS</p>	<p>\$109,062,000</p>	<p>July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024</p>	<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>

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10/19/2021	BH-VC OPCO SP, LLC DBA Jackson House Santa Paula	\$611,600	November 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	<p>BH-VC OPCO SP, LLC DBA Jackson House Santa Paula Agreement (Jackson House) Jackson House is the second 24/7 Short-Term Crisis Residential Recovery Treatment Program (CRT) facility of its kind within Ventura County to provide a short-term, voluntary, and licensed social rehabilitation program. Jackson House is located in the City of Santa Paula and provides services for up to sixteen (16) adults who are experiencing increased psychiatric symptoms or a behavioral health crisis. VCBH reimburses costs incurred for clients, ages 18 years and older, who are referred by Ventura County Behavioral Health. The CRT facility services will be used by clients to avoid acute hospitalization or to assist clients in stepping down from an acute hospital stay. Treatment services include assessment, community functioning evaluation, mental health counseling (including individual and group therapy and peer support) treatment for co-occurring substance abuse disorders, Wellness and Recovery based group interventions, case management, medication services, and successful linkages to community support services with the goal of minimizing the risk of hospitalization or return to routine crisis-based care. Most clients will have a serious mental illness and significant functional impairment and be at risk of psychiatric hospitalization. These individuals do not require care in a locked treatment setting but may require an intensive level of support. Clients may also be stepping down from a locked treatment program and require an intensive level of support. Admissions to the CRT may also include persons with short-term mental health disorders who are at imminent risk of psychiatric hospitalization. Clients receive services on a voluntary basis or as authorized by a court appointed conservator. The Agreement with Jackson House is funded by Short Doyle Med-Cal Federal Financial Participation (SD/MC FFP) and Proposition 63 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds.</p>