

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES ■ Wednesday, June 8, 2022**

<p><u>Members Present</u> Kevin Clerici, Chair Melissa Hannah, United Parents Michael Rodriguez, BHAB Carole Shelton, Rainbow Connection</p> <p><u>Others Present</u> Vanessa Acaín, Independent Living Resource Center Clarissa Cajiau, Homeland Language Services Lorena Carrasco Reyes, Seneca Crisis Stabilization Unit Janis Gardner, BHAB Lorena Guereca, Vista Real Charter High School Amber Macias, Ventura County Office of Education Gina Petrus, Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission Chris Ridge, Ventura County Office of Education Deanna Salas, Ventura County Office of Education Daisy Sumaya, Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura Carrie Vredenburg, Probation Juvenile Services Division Suzanne Weist, Ventura County Office of Education</p>	<p><u>Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Managers/Staff Present</u> Cheryl Fox, Youth & Family Services Division Chief Aaron Boydston, Training & Workforce Development Administrative Assistant Hilary Carson, MHSA Senior Program Administrator Estela Ortega, Office of Health Equity and Cultural Diversity Administrative Assistant Joanna Peterson, Management Assistant/Zoom Engineer Vickie Poliquin, BHAB Assistant</p> <p>NEXT MEETING: August 10, 2022</p>
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Note: The committee has not yet approved these minutes. There may be additions/deletions or corrections before the minutes are accepted in final form.

	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS	RESPONSIBLE
I.	Call to Order Chair Clerici called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM.		
II.	Approval of the Agenda Mr. Clerici asked the Committee to review and approve today's agenda. Mr. Rodriguez moved to approve; Ms. Hannah seconded. The motion carried unanimously.	Agenda approved as written. M/S/C	
III.	Approval of the April 13, 2022 Minutes Mr. Clerici asked the Committee for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2022, meeting. Mr. Rodriguez moved to approve; Ms. Hannah seconded. The motion carried unanimously.	Meeting minutes approved as written. M/S/C	
IV.	Welcome and Introductions Mr. Clerici welcomed all attendees. All attendees introduced themselves.		
V.	Chair Announcements Mr. Clerici expressed appreciation to members of the Committee for their patience while the details of hosting the first BHAB "hybrid" meeting are worked out during the regular Committee meeting, which he agreed to utilize as a testing site to ensure new equipment is functional for future hybrid BHAB meetings, including the larger General meeting.		
VI.	Public Comments Janis Gardner thanked Mr. Clerici and VCBH staff for hosting the BHAB's first hybrid meeting.		
VII.	Presentation: Ventura County Office of Education Wellness Centers Mr. Clerici provided an introduction and the background for the Ventura County Office of Education's high school Wellness Centers presentation. Deanna Salas, Administrative Assistant with the Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE) Wellness Centers, introduced herself and noted that the version of the PowerPoint presentation provided in advance with the agenda was updated to include two additional videos and two additional slides. The updated version will be available for members of the public upon request and included with the meeting minutes (attached). Amber Macias, Operations Specialist with the Wellness Centers, introduced herself and Suzanne Weist, Comprehensive Health & Prevention Programs Coordinator with VCOE. Ms. Weist		

	<p>recognized Chris Ridge, Comprehensive Health & Prevention Programs Director who in attendance and who assists with support of the Wellness Centers endeavor.</p> <p>Suzanne Weist and Amber Macias provided a comprehensive presentation of the Wellness Centers noting that they are funded in partnership with VCHB and the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) through a grant awarded in late 2020.</p> <p>Suzanne Weist and Amber Macias outlined the Wellness Center’s goals, construction, benefits of services, funding stability as well as details about the roles and responsibilities of Wellness Center staff consisting of Clinicians, Community Services Coordinators and Wellness Peers for each of the Wellness Centers located within the Oxnard Union, Ventura Unified, Fillmore Unified, Moorpark Unified and Santa Paula Unified School Districts. Informative student/Peer videos were shared. February 2022 statistical data noted approximately 13,000 Wellness Center visits with visits expected to double to 26,000 as of June 2022.</p> <p>A question/answer period ensued. Ms. Weist will provide Wellness Center contact information along with the names of the Coordinators for use by those who have questions, student referrals and to share with parent partners. Ms. Weist advised that additional Wellness Centers will be opening as the year goes on utilizing other funding streams and additional funding from MHSOAC.</p> <p>Mr. Clerici thanked the presenters and noted that VCOE will present again in a future Youth & Family Committee meeting to provide updates to the Wellness Center Program.</p> <p>Staff from VCOE provided their contact information for any further questions and for anyone interested in hosting a presentation:</p> <p><u>Suzanne Weist, Coordinator</u> <u>Amber Macias, Operations Specialist</u> <u>Deanna Salas, Admin. Asst.</u> SWeist@VCOE.org AMacias@VCOE.org DSalas@VCOE.org 805-437-1366 805-437-1390 805-437-1378</p>		
VIII.	<p>Contracts Review – March & April 2022</p> <p>Mr. Clerici summarized the purpose for reviewing approved contracts and opened the floor to questions or comments. No comments were provided.</p>		
IX.	<p>Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Youth & Family Division Updates</p> <p>A. Youth & Family Division – Cheryl Fox, Youth & Family Services Division Chief</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Thanked staff from VCOE for their collaboration with the establishment of the high school Wellness Centers including efforts for expansion and increased funding. ▪ Stephanie Moneyhun and Savannah Eden will join the Child Welfare Subsystem as their new Clinic Administrators on June 13. ▪ Ana Magbitang will transition from STAR to the Ventura/Santa Paula/Fillmore region and Juvenile Justice Programs as their new Behavioral Health Manager on June 13. ▪ Work continues in coordination with the Avatar team to implement the State mandated California Integrated Practice Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) Assessment Tool. Methods on how the information will be shared with Children & Family Services (CFS) and Probation to keep track of engagement outcomes and coordinated care for youth as well as the development of associated reports are being reviewed. ▪ Thanked Sandra Tadeo, Behavioral Health Manager, and Hilary Carson along with the MHSA team for their coordination efforts and work on the high school Wellness Centers. ▪ The Interagency Leadership Team made a presentation to the Board of Supervisors regarding Assembly Bill 2083 that formalizes collaboration across the various agencies, including Tri-Counties Regional Center, for services to youth and their families and provides an opportunity to set protocols and develop appropriate data sharing. ▪ Youth & Family leadership attended the VCOE/SBHIP Kick-off on May 10 to kick off the development of Wellness Centers at five additional school districts in collaboration with VCOE and Gold Coast through Medi-Cal funding (Beacon). The additional Wellness Centers may include middle and elementary schools. ▪ Highlighted the outcomes of VCBH’s participation in the June 4 Hiring Fair coordinated by the Health Care Agency to assist with filling vacancies. The Fair was very successful and 28 people were offered positions. Onboarding is in process and 		

	<p>specific VCBH staff were thanked for their work efforts and contributions toward the success of the Hiring Fair.</p> <p>B. Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) – Hilary Carson, Program Administrator, Innovations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ On June 4, MHSA, in collaboration with VCOE and The BRITE Program held its first community mental wellness event for youth called “Empower Up”. The event was very successful and approximately 130 people were in attendance. MHSA is planning to hold the event again next year and encouraged anyone interested in participating or planning the event to contact Hilary Carson. Videos of the performers will be posted on the Wellness Everyday website: https://www.wellnesseveryday.org. ▪ The Suicide Prevention Council is scheduled to meet later today for those interested. Topics will include planning the annual September Suicide Prevention Conference. ▪ In response to a question, statistical reports on program outcomes, numbers served and demographics for the MHSA funded high school Wellness Centers will be included in the annual MHSA Update and Addendums and within the Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Evaluation Report which are posted on the MHSA website. 		
<p>X.</p>	<p>Committee Members’ Comments, Activities, Updates</p> <p>Ms. Hannah shared the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ United Parents hosts Statewide Storytelling Webinars on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 10:30 AM to 12:00 noon. An informational flyer will be distributed. Parents and/or caregivers who are raising a child with behavioral health needs share their stories with the audience of parents and/or caregivers who have similar situations. Everyone is welcome to join this non-judgmental space, the webinars are not recorded and \$100 along with a snack box are offered to parents who participate and share their stories. ▪ United Parents will host a table and provide a CPR certified choking prevention Workshop at a Wellness Fair on June 11 at Kamala Elementary School in Oxnard hosted by First Five and the Human Services Agency. ▪ United Parents provide support groups on the 3rd Wednesday each month in both English and Spanish. <p>Mr. Rodriguez commented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Thanked Mr. Clerici and VCBH staff support for hosting the “hybrid” meeting test site in conjunction with the Youth & Family Committee meeting today to prepare for the larger Behavioral Health Advisory Board General meetings and other Committees. <p>Cheryl Fox shared the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Gold Coast Wellness Centers expansion will include the following school districts: Hueneme Elementary, Santa Paula Unified, Fillmore Unified, Rio Elementary and Oxnard Union High School. 		
<p>XI.</p>	<p>Items for the Next Meeting Agenda</p> <p>No items were discussed.</p>		
<p>XII.</p>	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.</p>		



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WELLNESS CENTER GOALS

Prevent mental illness from becoming severe and disabling

Reduce risk factors that negatively affect mental health and academic success

Improve access to school and community based mental health services

Provide safe and supportive environments where high school students can discuss concerns and needs in a confidential, nonjudgmental space

For Peers by Peers

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FIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS

IN VENTURA COUNTY

**OXNARD UNION
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**VENTURA UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**FILLMORE UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MOORPARK UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**SANTA PAULA UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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EIGHT WELLNESS CENTERS

IN VENTURA COUNTY

FILLMORE HIGH SCHOOL

https://fillmorehighschool.fillmoreusd.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=360995&type=d&pREC_ID=2179494

MOORPARK HIGH SCHOOL

<https://sites.google.com/mrpk.org/musd-wellness-center/home>

CHANNEL ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL

<https://www.channelislandshigh.us/wellness/>

HUENEME HIGH SCHOOL

<https://sites.google.com/oxnardunion.org/vikingstudentwellness/home>

OXNARD HIGH SCHOOL

<https://sites.google.com/oxnardunion.org/mrsisaac/home>

PACIFICA HIGH SCHOOL

<https://sites.google.com/oxnardunion.org/phswellnesswebsite/home>

SANTA PAULA HIGH SCHOOL

<https://sites.google.com/spunifiedsd.org/virtual-wellness-room/home>

BUENA HIGH SCHOOL

<https://sites.google.com/venturaedu.org/buenavirtualwellnesscenter/home>

WELLNESS CENTERS



TARGETED POPULATIONS

Migrant

Foster

Homeless

LBGTQ+

Low socio-economic status

Chronically absent, at risk of drop out,
suspended and expelled youth

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+ VCBH WELLNESS CENTER CLINICIAN



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Wellness Center BH
Clinician

1. Screening, assessment, and triages on site
2. Mental Health Psychoeducation presentations and workshops
3. Short-term treatment services
4. Long-term treatment referrals and linkage
5. Risk assessment and safety planning
6. Liaison with partner placement agencies and community organizations
7. Works closely with Mental health and Child protective services, law enforcement agencies, schools, employers, health and welfare to provide coordinated care

VCBH WELLNESS CENTER COMMUNITY SERVICES COORDINATOR



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Wellness Center BH
Community Services
Coordinator

1. Screens students' needs to link them with MH services and other programs
2. Links clients in accessing VCBH services, Beacon Health Services or related services
3. Presents a variety of psychoeducational MH workshops for students, parents
4. Liaison with representatives from agencies to coordinate care
5. Collaborates with a multi-disciplinary team (school staff, social worker, teachers, etc.) to support the students.

WELLNESS PEER ROLES

Provide support to
Wellness Center
Participants

Suggest ways of
managing
emotions

De-escalate
emotional
situations

Refer students to
the center and
community
resources

Promote the center
through events and
communication
plan activities

Provide mental
health education to
students

Develop and
participate in
Wellness Center
workshops

Distribute
information about
on-site resources

OUHSD – Channel Islands High School

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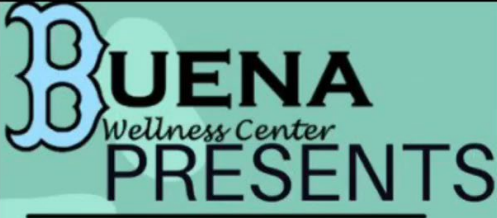
MOORPARK HIGH SCHOOL



Moorpark Unified
Wellness Mentors

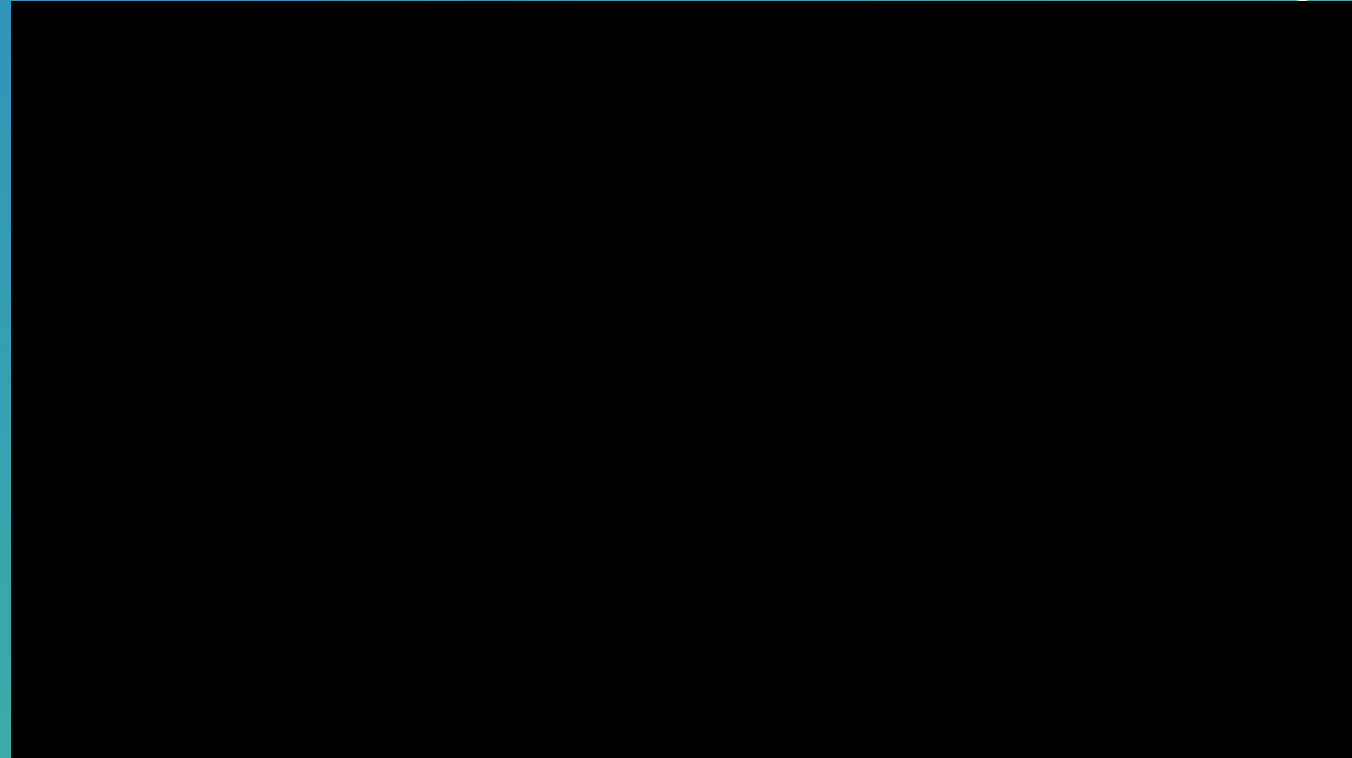
WELLNESS WEDNESDAY TIPS

Buena High School Wellness Peers



BUENA
Wellness Center
PRESENTS

Stress
Management &
Selfcare Workshops

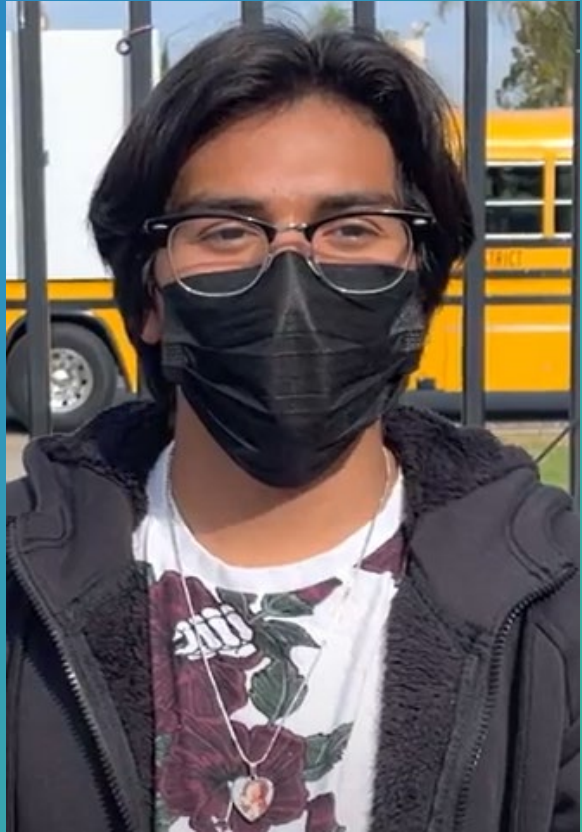
The logo for Buena Wellness Center is centered on a black rectangular background. It features a large, stylized blue letter 'B' on the left. To its right, the word 'BUENA' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below 'BUENA', the words 'Wellness Center' are written in a smaller, italicized, black font. Underneath that, the word 'PRESENTS' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. A thin horizontal line is positioned below 'PRESENTS'. At the bottom of the logo, the text 'Stress Management & Selfcare Workshops' is written in a white, sans-serif font.

LESSONS LEARNED

- Approval from Admin and IT to create a webpage
- Recruiting qualified staff including Wellness Peers
- Space issues and assembly of furniture
- Building rapport and referrals due to no in-person visits
- Buy-in from school staff
- Time for data input
- Coordinator schedule
- Clinician and CSC schedule

SUCCESSSES

- 7 of the 8 had virtual Wellness Centers up and running in 2020
- Safe space for all students
- Graduation rates have increased, and dropout rates have decreased
- Peer to Peer support
- Peers being trained to identify MH issues
- MH Campaigns are rolling out on all campuses
- Stigma of MH is being reduced
- Communities are engaging
- Wellness Centers are being created at non-grant schools including middle schools
- Sustainability options are being considered



ONE LAST WELLNESS PEER VIDEO...

- OUHSD – Channel Islands High School
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jI-mlqxVxwaoRH9krnjI0l-T7jf0SCk/view?amp;ts=619bc735>

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wellness center
Discover wellness. Discover you.



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THANK YOU FROM OUR WELLNESS CENTERS TEAM!

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OXNARD
HIGH SCHOOL

Buena Wellness Center



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

Board Date	Contractor	Amount	Term	Description
3/1/2022	Amada Enterprises, Inc. (Amada)	\$2,305,000	July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	Fourth Amendment to the Agreement for the Provision of Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Services with Amada Enterprises, Inc. Amada, doing business as (DBA) View Heights Convalescent Hospital and Wellness Center, is designated as an IMD and provides SNF services for seriously mentally ill clients who require a high level of care due to the severity of their illnesses. Clients receive the following services at Amada: (1) medication management, (2) care and supervision, (3) daily activities, and (4) food services. The Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with Amada represents an increase of \$1,313,805 to the agreement maximum amount of \$991,195 due to an increase in the number of clients served and to ensure sufficient funding for clients placed through the end of FY 2021-22. The increase funds an average of 22 clients, which represents an increase of eight (8) clients from the initial estimate of 14 clients. There are no rate or other substantive changes to the Agreement. This agreement is funded with Tobacco Settlement; 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C); 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C); and other County Resources.
3/1/2022	Parkside Healthcare, Inc. (Parkside)	\$1,031,700	July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	First Amendment to the Agreement for the Provision of SNF and Mental Health Recovery Center (MHRC) Services with Parkside Healthcare, Inc. Parkside, DBA Parkside Health and Wellness Center, provides 24-hour SNF and MHRC services for seriously mentally ill clients who require a high level of care due to the severity of their illnesses. Clients receive the following services at Parkside: (1) medication management, (2) care and supervision, (3) daily activities, and (4) food services. The First Amendment to the Agreement with Parkside represents an increase of \$234,330 to the agreement maximum amount of \$797,370 due to an increase in the number of clients served and to ensure sufficient funding for clients placed through the end of FY 2021-22. The increase funds an average of 22 clients which represents an increase of eight (8) clients from the initial estimate of 14 clients. There are no rate or other substantive changes to the Agreement. This agreement is funded with Tobacco Settlement; 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C); 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C); and other County Resources.
3/1/2022	Sylmar Health & Rehabilitation Center, Inc. (SHRC)	\$1,449,000	July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	First Amendment to the Agreement for the Provision of SNF Services with Sylmar Health & Rehabilitation Center, Inc. SHRC is designated as an IMD and provides SNF services in a restricted environment. SHRC is VCBH's primary residential treatment provider for legal competence restoration services for alleged misdemeanants. SHRC also provides residential treatment for Murphy conservatees (defendants charged with a felony involving death, great bodily harm, or a serious threat to the physical well-being of another person, and for whom a conservatorship was pursued under Welfare and Institutions Code section 5008(h)(1)(B)). The First Amendment to the Agreement with SHRC represents an increase of \$329,191 to the agreement maximum amount of \$1,119,809 due to an increase in the number of clients served and to ensure sufficient funding for clients placed through the end of FY 2021-22. The increase funds an average of 14 clients, which represents an increase of four (4) clients from the initial estimate of 10 clients. There are no rate or other substantive changes to the Agreement. This agreement is funded with Tobacco Settlement; 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C); 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C); and other County Resources.
3/8/2022	Dennis M. Giroux & Associates, Inc. (DMG)	\$840,110	July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	Fifth Amendment to the Agreement for Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Substance Use Disorder Services with Dennis M. Giroux & Associates, Inc. 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. DMG uses the following evidence-based practices: matrix, seeking safety, and moral reconnection therapy. From July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, DMG served 113 clients funded through AB109 funds and 173 clients funded through DMC funds. From July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, DMG served 35 clients funded through AB109 funds and 239 clients funded through DMC funds. Since July 1, 2021, DMG has served 49 clients funded through AB109 funds and 153 clients funded through DMC funds. DMG expects to serve a total of 98 clients funded through AB109 funds and 306 clients funded through DMC funds by fiscal year-end. Additionally, DMG expects to serve 91 clients funded for the Juvenile Justice program by fiscal year-end. VCBH revised the contract with DMG to include the expansion of substance use services to youth and transitional age youth (TAY), ages 12-24, in the Juvenile Justice Facility. DMG is providing the following substance use services to youth and TAY: screening, assessment, group and individual counseling and care coordination. The Fifth Amendment to the Agreement with DMG reflects an increase of \$252,783 (of which \$59,221 is for Juvenile Justice Services) for these new services, and includes funding for: (1) the addition of a Behavioral Health Specialist in the Juvenile Justice Facility, (2) the addition of staff to support increased Medication for Addiction Treatment and outpatient services, and (3) increases in operational costs including rent, a new phone system and office expenses. These new services started April 1, 2022. This agreement is funded by Drug Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation (D/MC FFP), Realignment, and AB 109 funds.
3/8/2022	Telecare Corporation (Telecare)	\$0	July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	Various Amendments with Telecare Corporation to Make Necessary Operational, Administrative, and Invoicing Changes. Telecare Corporation operates and manages four (4) voluntary (unlocked) adult residential programs (Casa B, Casa C, Casa D, and Casa E) which are located at South Lewis Road, Camarillo, CA. Telecare's Casa B "Brighter Tomorrows," Casa C "House of Transitions," and Casa D "Starship" programs are long-term social rehabilitation facilities with fifteen (15) beds each. The duration of these programs is approximately 12 months for Transitional Aged Youth and adults (aged 18 years and older). Services are delivered in a home-like, nurturing environment to facilitate clients' growth and recovery. Clients receive supervision, guidance, and personal assistance in performing their daily activities. Structured day and evening services are also provided to assist clients in acquiring daily living skills, accessing community resources, and accessing educational/vocational resources. Telecare also operates and manages Casa E "Stonehenge" program which is a Board & Care program with fifteen (15) beds for clients aged 18 to 59 years old and there is no limit to length of stay. Telecare staff works with VCBH clients using Telecare's Recovery Centered Clinical System to identify clients' hopes and dreams of the future with the goal of reducing use of acute care facilities. The amendments to the four Agreements with Telecare Corporation make the following contract language changes: (1) updates the Program Description to add requirements for the contractor to report various data to VCBH (Milestones of Recovery Scale, Treatment Perception Survey, & Basis Plus), (2) removes the requirement for the contractor to produce no less than the specified amount of Short-Doyle Medi-Cal (SD/MC) Federal Financial Participation (FFP) revenue at 100% as this requirement does not apply to this program, (3) revises utilization review monitoring from monthly to quarterly as per revised VCBH policies and procedures, and (4) updates the contractor invoice submittal procedure. There is no change to the maximum contract amounts.

Board Date	Contractor	Amount	Term	Description
3/22/2022	Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)	\$1,407,203	July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022 and September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025	Application to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG) Supplemental Funding Available Through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). In July 2021, DHCS requested that the County of Ventura complete an application for supplemental funding available to counties through the CRRSAA and ARPA. The CRRSAA funding is available from July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022, and the ARPA funding is available from September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025. The CRRSAA of 2021 is part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act and was signed into law on December 27, 2020, and is based on the federally declared COVID-19 public health emergency. The CRRSAA extends many of the programs and income provisions introduced as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act to provide temporary relief due to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health crisis. The ARPA of 2021 was signed into law on March 11, 2021, and provides spending and additional relief to address the continued impact of COVID-19 on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses. In August of 2021, VCBH submitted grant applications to DHCS for the MHBG supplemental funding for CRRSAA and ARPA. The DHCS-approved CRRSAA grant application has funds available in the following funding categories: (1) First Episode Psychosis Set Aside, (2) Crisis Stabilization, and (3) Early Intervention. The DHCS-approved ARPA grant application has funds available in the following funding categories: (1) Discretionary/Base Allocation, (2) General Crisis Stabilization, and (3) First Episode Psychosis (FEP) Set-Aside. The Peer Support Program utilizes Peer Support Specialists to conduct outreach to FEP clients across all community-based clinics with a specific focus on the Rapid Integrated Support and Engagement (RISE), Ventura County Power Over Prodromal Psychosis (VCPPOP), and Assist (VCBH's Assisted Outpatient Treatment or Laura's Law program) programs. Peer Support Specialists assist FEP clients in: (1) navigating the treatment system, (2) attaining appropriate services, (3) connecting with community-based resources, and (4) developing the necessary coping skills to aid in alleviating the impacts of social stigma. Through the CRRSAA and ARPA grant funds, an addition of eight (8) new regular FTE positions is allocated as follows: (1) one Behavioral Health Clinic Administrator III 1 FTE position, (2) one Community Services Coordinator 1.0 FTE position, and (3) six (6) Peer Specialist III 6.0 FTE positions. The Behavioral Health Clinic Administrator III position oversees the Peer Support Program. The Peer Support Specialists are embedded in the Peer Support Program and provide the services described above. The Community Services Coordinator is embedded in the RISE program and assigned to the two (2) CSUs in operation within Ventura County providing care coordination. These positions are regular positions funded by Proposition 63 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Funds after the expiration of the ARPA term. The telehealth expansion reduces barriers for those clients who are unable to receive in-person services and ensures greater access to behavioral health treatment throughout the adult outpatient clinic system. Increased access will be accomplished through the expansion of virtual and telehealth programming, including the purchase of video conferencing equipment for treatment and group services and the expansion of Zoom for Healthcare (or related service) licenses. On February 16, 2022, DHCS awarded VCBH a CRRSAA grant in the amount of \$476,882, for the term of July 1, 2021, through December 31, 2022, and an ARPA grant in the amount of \$930,321, for the term of September 1, 2021, through June 30, 2025. Source of Funding is MHBG, MHBG CRRSAA, and MHBG ARPA, Proposition 63 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Funds, and Short Doyle Medi-Cal Federal Participation (SD/MC FFP) funds.
3/22/2022	Evalcorp	\$347,250	July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	Fifth Amendment to the Agreement with Evalcorp, to Expand the Scope of Substance Use Prevention Services. Evalcorp provides research and evaluation services, process and performance outcome reports, tailored data collection protocols, statistical analysis, and supports opioid abuse prevention and suppression strategy guidance to address vaping and drug trends, marijuana and prescription drug initiatives, alcohol, tobacco, methamphetamine, fentanyl and polydrug use. The Fifth Amendment allocates CRRSAA and ARPA supplemental funding during FY 2021-22 to Evalcorp to work closely with VCBH, Ambulatory Care Department, Public Health Department and Emergency Medical Services Division, as well as the Ventura County Sheriff's Office to improve the quality, consistency, and integration of local and state data to monitor community-level conditions/outcomes. Additionally, the Fifth Amendment requires Evalcorp to prepare a preliminary report on: (1) local trends in fatal and non-fatal overdose metrics, (2) indicators of effectiveness for county data collection and reporting efforts, and (3) targets for increased programmatic impacts in response to the opioid abuse epidemic. This agreement is funded with Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG), SABG CRRSAA and SABG ARPA funds.
3/22/2022	Idea Engineering, Inc.	\$366,000	July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	Fifth Amendment to the Agreement with Idea Engineering, Inc. Idea Engineering, Inc. provides communication materials and graphic design services to support prescription drug abuse and heroin prevention initiatives, opioid overdose prevention and rescue efforts, methamphetamine and fentanyl awareness, stigma reduction, access-to-care messaging and impaired driving prevention. This includes a range of media channels including traditional print media, internet based digital messaging services, and population-specific marketing and media services. The Fifth Amendment allocates ARPA supplemental funding for FY 2021-22 to Idea Engineering to collaborate with VCBH and identified school and community organizations to develop awareness campaigns about current trends in illegal drug use, including opioids, methamphetamine and other stimulants, among school-aged youth and young adults in traditional, non-traditional and continuation high schools, using specialized campaign development services, opioid-specific message design, communications materials to targeted audiences, and dissemination planning in cooperation with school systems. This agreement is funded with Vehicle Fines and Statham funds, and SABG ARPA funds.
3/22/2022	Reality Improv Connection, Inc.	\$234,025	July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with Reality Improv Connection, Inc. Reality Improv Connection, Inc. provides informational and educational engagement projects for youth, young adults, and parents. These efforts address underage and binge drinking, impaired driving, prescription drug abuse, and health disparities using school and community-based workshops, performances, and new media (podcasts, blogs, e-news, and text messaging). Media and health promotion efforts focus on suppressing opioid overdose, marijuana abuse and the risks of vaping, as well as the importance of safe drug disposal, consistent with the SAMHSA Strategic Prevention Framework. The Fourth Amendment allocates ARPA supplemental funding for FY 2021-22 to Reality Improv Connection, Inc. to engage 500-1,000 individuals in primary prevention online content, with special attention for those from higher-need school communities, maximizing interactive/immersive technologies, and use upgraded software to offer Zoom Webinar and the 3-D interactive "BRITeworld" platform; aiding large-scale interactive events and increasing use of online prevention content countywide. This agreement is funded with SABG and SABG ARPA funds.

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4/26/2022	Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. (AHP)	\$633,390	September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025	Subcontract Agreement with AHP for Crisis Care Mobile Unit (CCMU) Program Grant Funding. 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	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. 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	Sixth Amendment to the Agreement for Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Substance Use Disorder Services (SUD) with DMG. 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	First Amendment to the Agreement for Mental Health Rehabilitation Center Services with Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc. 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;	Fourth Amendment to the Agreement for Adult Residential Treatment Services with ASC Bakersfield. 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	Eighth Amendment to the Agreement for Psychiatric Inpatient Hospital Services with Vista Del Mar. 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	Third Amendment to the Agreement for Data Collection and Analysis Services with Evalcorp. 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	Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with VCCCD to Establish a Cooperative Relationship in Support of the Psychological Health and Emotional Stability of VCCCD Students. 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	Agreement for Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program Mental Health Services with Guiding Our Youth. 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	Fourth Amendment to the Agreement for STRTP Mental Health Services with For the Future, Inc. 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	Grant Agreement with AHP. 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.