

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Youth & Family Services Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 10:00 – 11:30 AM**  
Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH)  
1911 Williams Drive, Training Room (first floor) • Oxnard, CA 93036

**IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM**

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*The Ventura County Behavioral Health Advisory Board Youth & Family subcommittee may take action at the beginning of the meeting regarding requests for “Just Cause” or “Emergency” allowances provided that related Brown Act guidelines are met. (Guidelines are listed on the last page of this agenda.)*

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**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call to Determine Physical Quorum
- III. Roll Call of Members with Just Cause
  - a. State others present in the room over the age of 18
- IV. Approval of the Agenda – **ACTION** (Roll Call)
- V. Approval of the August 9, 2023, Minutes – **ACTION** (Roll Call)
- VI. Welcome and Introductions
- VII. Chair Announcements – Priorities for 2023
- VIII. Public Comments (3 min. per speaker)
- IX. Contracts Review – (July 2023)
- X. Presentation – Youth FSP’s: ATLAS and INSIGHTS – Jena Cameron, LMFT (20 min.)
- XI. Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Youth & Family Division Updates
  - A. Youth & Family Division – Cheryl Fox, Youth & Family Services Division Chief
  - B. Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) – Hilary Carson, Program Administrator, Innovations
  - C. Community Planning Process: Feedback Session for the California Early Psychosis Intervention Learning Health Care Network (EPI-CAL) Innovation Project – Hilary Carson, Program Administrator
- XII. Committee Members’ Comments, Activities, Updates
- XIII. Items for the Next Meeting Agenda
- XIV. Adjourn

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 13, 2023 10:00 – 11:30 AM**

**Zoom Participation Information**

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2. All participants are muted upon entry to minimize any unintended disruption of background sounds.
3. Zoom will initially start with a “**waiting room**” at the start of the meeting, you will be “admitted” into the waiting room.
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  - b. If you are joining the meeting by telephone only, you join the comment cue by pressing \*9.
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**Brown Act “Just Cause” or “Member Emergency” Allowance Guidelines for Board Members:**

Requirements: A local board/commission member may participate remotely without posting their physical location on the agenda if all the following requirements are met:

1. Quorum at Physical Location - At least a quorum of the members of the board/commission participates in person from a singular physical location clearly identified in the agenda.
2. Public Access - (Both Remote and In-Person) The public may access the meeting through:
  - A two-way audiovisual platform or
  - A two-way telephonic service and a live webcasting of the meeting
  - In-Person Public Access to the physical location.

Circumstances: One of the following circumstances applies:

1. “**Just Cause**” - The member notifies the legislative body at the earliest opportunity possible, including at the start of a regular meeting, of their need to participate remotely for just cause, including a general description of the circumstances relating to their need to appear remotely at the given meeting. The provisions of this clause shall not be used by any member of the legislative body for more than two meetings per calendar year. **Or**

2. **“Emergency Circumstances”** - The member requests to participate in the meeting remotely due to emergency circumstances and the board/commission takes action to approve the request. The board/commission shall request a general description of the circumstances relating to the member’s need to appear remotely at the given meeting. A general description of an item generally need not exceed 20 words and shall not require the member to disclose any medical diagnosis or disability, or any personal medical information.

Procedures:

1. Member Request - A member shall make a request to participate remotely at a meeting pursuant to this clause as soon as possible. The member shall make a separate request for each meeting in which they seek to participate remotely.
2. Board/Commission Response - The board/commission may take action on a request to participate remotely at the earliest opportunity. If the request does not allow sufficient time to place proposed action on such a request on the posted agenda for the meeting for which the request is made, the legislative body may take action at the beginning of the meeting.
3. Disclosure - The member shall publicly disclose at the meeting before any action is taken, whether any other individuals 18 years of age or older are present in the room at the remote location with the member, and the general nature of the member’s relationship with any such individuals.
4. BOTH Audio & Visual Participation - The member shall participate through both audio and visual technology.
5. Limits to Remote Participation - The provisions of this subdivision [of the Brown Act] shall not serve as a means for any member of a legislative body to participate in meetings of the legislative body solely by teleconference from a remote location for a period of more than three consecutive months or 20 percent of the regular meetings for the local agency within a calendar year, or more than two meetings if the legislative body regularly meets fewer than 10 times per calendar year.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**“Emergency circumstances”**: A physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending in person.

**“Just cause”** means any of the following:

1. A childcare or caregiving need (for a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner) that requires the member to participate remotely.
2. A contagious illness prevents the member from attending the meeting in person.
3. A need related to defined physical or mental disability that is not otherwise accommodated for.
4. Traveling while on official business of the Brown Act Bode or another state or local agency.
5. Just Cause is limited to two instances per calendar year.

For additional information, see pages 4+ of the Brown Act Guide: [calbhbc.org/brown-act](http://calbhbc.org/brown-act)

# Ventura County Behavioral Health

Board Letter Summary of Contracts for July 2023

Board Date	Contract	Amount	Term	Description
7/11/2023	Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE)	\$8,063,710	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2026	<p><b>FY 2023-26 VCOE Amendment for School-Based Wellness Center Services.</b> VCOE provides school-based Wellness Center services for Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) utilizing Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) grant funding. These school-based Wellness Centers provide service strategies within each school that increase early identification of mental health needs, reduce access barriers, and facilitate linkage to ongoing and sustained services. These Wellness Centers and the collaboration between VCBH have been held out as a model program in the state. Because of the successful MHSSA grant funded collaboration and service delivery, VCBH and VCOE developed eleven additional Wellness Centers within high schools and middle schools last fiscal year utilizing VCBH Proposition 63 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding. Through the proposed First Amendment to the Agreement with VCOE for Wellness Center services, VCBH is seeking to utilize additional MHSA funding to amend the Agreement to fund efforts to create up to a total of 32 Wellness Centers. These Wellness Centers are targeting middle and elementary schools in several existing Local Education Agencies (LEAs) as well as expanding to three new school districts (Hueneme Elementary School District, Oak Park School District, and Ventura Unified School District).</p> <p>The First Amendment to the agreement with VCOE increases the maximum contract amount by \$2,063,710, to fund the expansion of services and replace the previous Scope of Work with updated project goals and outcomes. This agreement is funded by MHSA funding.</p>



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# *ATLAS*

Achieving Together Linkage Access and Support

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Clinic Administrator

# A Full Service Partnership Program for Youth and Families

## What is a Full Service Partnership?

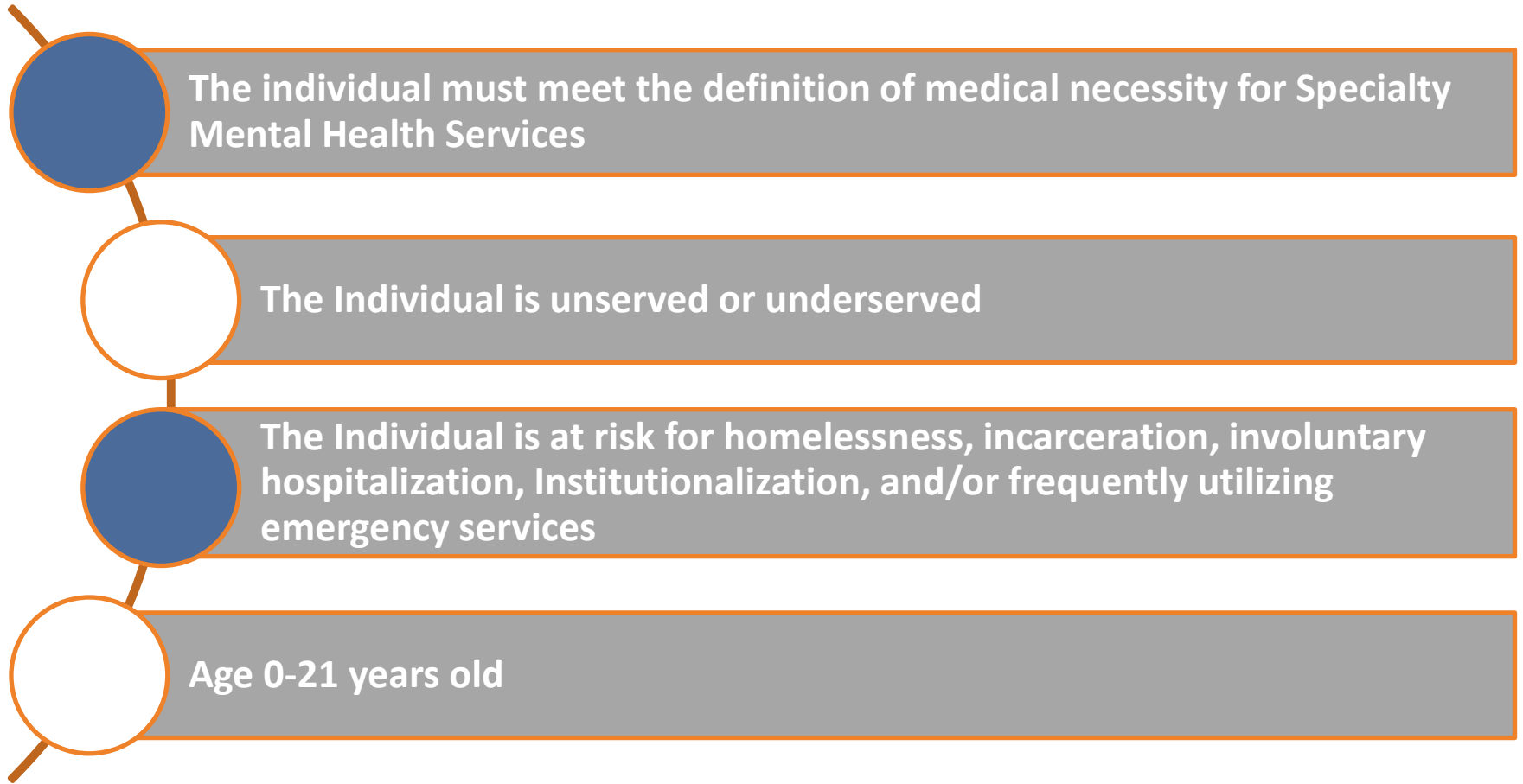
- Person Centered Care
- Collaborative, multi-disciplinary team based staffing
- High Frequency Team Meetings
- “Whatever it Takes” Model
- Culturally & Linguistically Responsive Care
- 24/7 Personal Service Coordination
- Supportive employment, housing and education services
- Basic Needs Funding - Cost of housing, healthcare treatment, food, clothing etc.
- 70-80% Field Based Services

# ATLAS: Roles

## Whatever It Takes

	Therapy	Housing	Resources	Basic Needs	Lived Experience	24/7 Support	Case Management
<b>Teammate</b>	Mental Health Associate (3)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	Peer Specialist (1)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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# *ATLAS: Eligibility Criteria*



# ATLAS: Statistics

ATLAS Soft Launched West County in Feb 2023 & East County in August 2023

Currently ATLAS services 15 youth; 2 pending referrals

Total clients served by ATLAS since Feb 2023 has been 18



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# ***INSIGHTS***

## Juvenile Collaborative Court Program

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# *Program Development: A Collaborative Process*

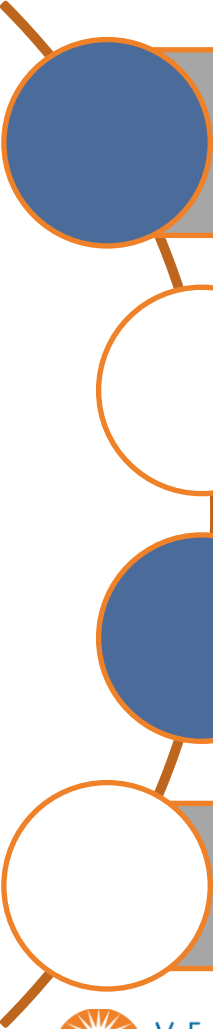
## Participating Agencies:

- Probation Department
- Behavioral Health Department
- Public Defender's Office
- District Attorney's Office
- Office of Education/SELPA
- Public Health
- Juvenile Court
- United Parents

# Insights Court



# INSIGHTS: Program Objectives



Identify probation youth who have mental health issues that may be contributing to their delinquent behaviors

Reduce number of days spent in the Juvenile Facilities and length of probation wardship

Seal Juvenile Court Records

Overarching *GOALS* of reducing incarcerations, hospitalizations, and other out of home placements and providing those support necessary for these youth to be successful in their home communities

# INSIGHTS: Collaborative Services

## Courts / Judges

- Presides over all cases
- Periodic Reviews
- Implements Incentives or Responses
- Less Formal Court Room/Incentives

## Probation

- Monitors compliance to program
- Active participation in CST reviews and ICTs
- Coordinates services and supports
- Case management support with BH
- Reports progress to the Court

## Behavioral Health

- Provides mental health services / substance abuse services and supports
- Services are trauma focused and culturally informed
- Active participation in CST reviews and ICTs
- Transitional services at discharge

# ***INSIGHTS: Collaborative Services***

## **Schools**

- Address academic needs
- Implement IEPs
- Active participation in CST reviews and ICTs

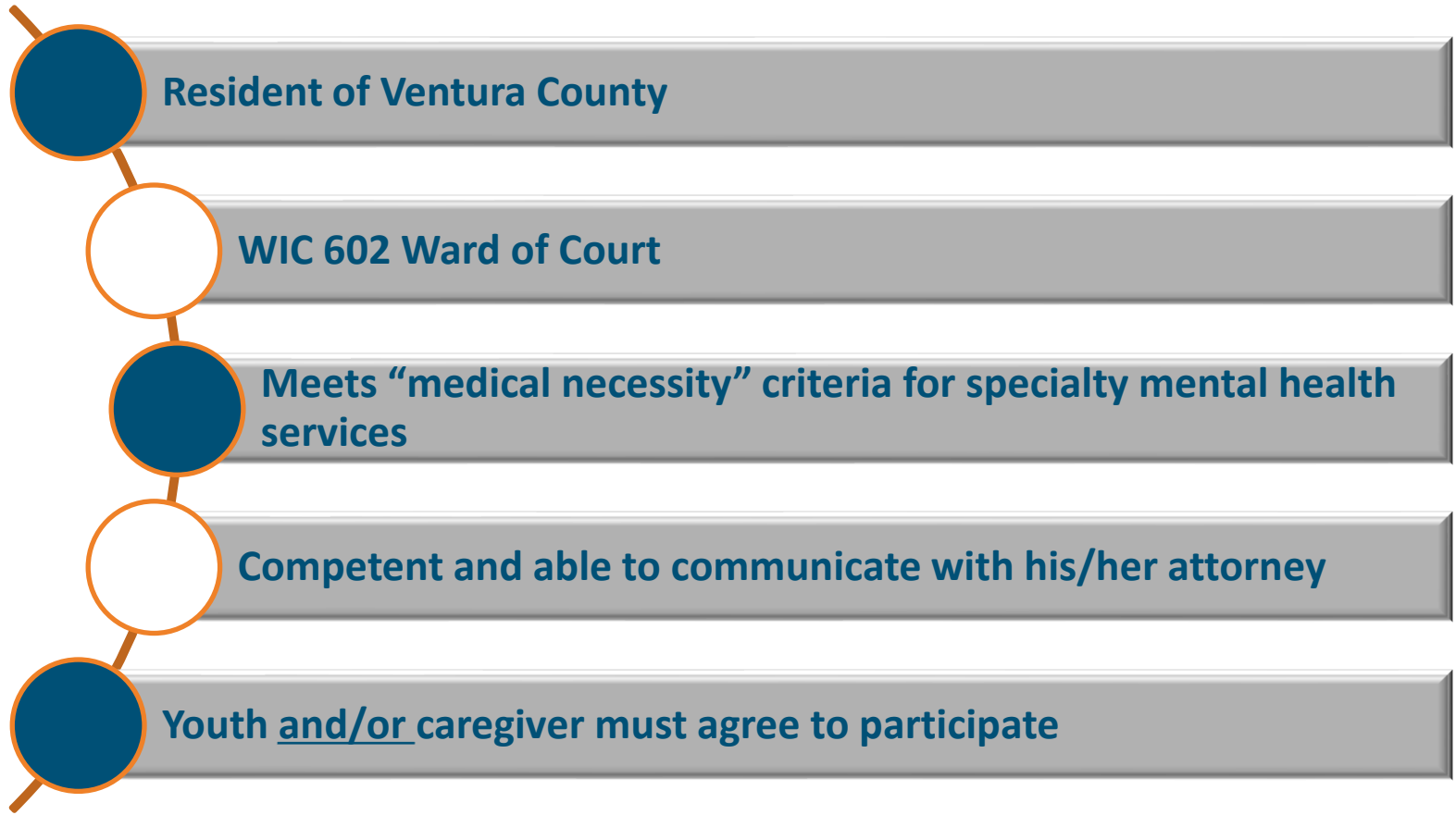
## **Attorneys**

- Support services for all court proceedings
- Active participation in CST reviews and ICTs
- Assist with legal issues / concerns

## **Public Health**

- Address health concerns, support, education
- Active participation in CST reviews

# INSIGHTS : Eligibility Criteria



# INSIGHTS: Phases

## Phase I Engage (60-90 Days)

- Weekly Court Reviews
- Attending School
- Weekly Probation reporting
- No New Violations
- Weekly Behavioral Health and Substance Use Services

## Phase II Embrace (120-180 Days)

- Bi Weekly Probation Reporting
- No New Violations
- Attending School
- Court Reporting every 2-4 Weeks
- Weekly BH & SUS Services

## Phase III Excel (60-90 Days)

- Monthly Probation Reporting
- Monthly Court Reviews
- Ongoing BH & SUS services as needed
- Recommendations to the ICT

# Insights: Statistics

**Since July 2022** – Insights has served 21 youth

## Currently 10 enrollments

Phase 1 – 7 youth

Graduates 4

Phase 2 – 0 youth

Withdraw 3

Phase 3 – 3 youth

Exited 3

## Screenings

July 2022 - January 2023

6 (non repetitive)

February 2023 – Present

19 (non repetitive)

# *Program Enhancements*

- Presentations since March 2023
- Re-education of Community
- In Person meetings
- Education of new Insights members
- Screening Form Modification
- Brochures
- Waiver → Acknowledgement
- Welcome Kits
- Info Sheets
- Decision Tools for Court Screening Team
- Parent Partner Groups
- ProSocial Activities
- Clinician meetings

*Questions?*

*Thank You!*