

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

Board Date	Contractor	Amount	Term	Description
12/14/2021	California Department of Health Care Services	\$633,390	September 15, 2021 through June 30, 2025	California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Crisis Care Mobile Units (CCMU) Program Grant. VCBH submitted an application to DHCS in the amount of \$1,000,000 to expand its existing Crisis Team to establish the Transitional Age Youth Rapid Response Team (TAY-RRT). VCBH submitted a revised budget to DHCS in the amount of \$633,390 in accordance with DHCS updated requirements. The TAY-RRT is the County's second mobile crisis response team that specializes in responding to crises involving TAY. The TAY-RRT provides TAY (ages 16 - 25) with age-appropriate crisis intervention services for mental health emergencies. The team operates Monday - Friday (8am to 6pm) and serves youth and young adults throughout Ventura County. The experienced and trained team – a Behavioral Health Clinician, Community Service Coordinator, and Peer Specialist – assesses and responds accordingly, as clinically indicated, to TAY experiencing mental health crises. To carry out the grant funded activities, VCBH must hire the following three (3) positions: (1) Behavioral Health Clinician, (2) Community Service Coordinator, and (3) Peer Specialist. The grant agreement for these proposed services is pending from DHCS, however, once it is received it will be reviewed and approved by County Counsel before VCBH Director execution. Source of funding for these services is the 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.
12/14/2021	Kids to Kids	\$256,272	January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022	Kids to Kids Short Term Residential Treatment Program (STRTP) Agreement. 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. Kids to Kids 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 12 beds. This agreement is for a six-month term to cover the outpatient specialty mental health services. It is funded with SD/MC FFP and Realignment funding.
12/14/2021	Netsmart Technologies, Inc.	\$10,226,851	July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026	Netsmart Technologies, Inc. (Netsmart) 1st Amendment. Netsmart provides VCBH's Electronic Health Record (EHR) system, also known as Avatar. VCBH has contracted with Netsmart for several years to help meet the federal and state requirements of an EHR system. The EHR is the foundation of an integrated systems infrastructure that provides a secure, real-time, point-of-care, client-centered information resource for service providers. The initial implementation was focused on Practice Management, including client demographics, admissions, diagnosis, services, and discharge. The current five-year Agreement with Netsmart covers the expansion of services in the areas of secure HIPAA compliant interoperability among other healthcare and business partners, direct client services using client portal web access, and ongoing planned staff expansion. The initial release contained enough licenses to be used by 50 VCBH staff, primarily front office staff and clinic administrators. Today, there are over 900 Avatar users. Clinicians, doctors, and quality analysts now also use Avatar, performing additional operations such as clinical data collection, medication management, document scanning and display, outcomes management, research analysis, and lab order administration. The First Amendment to the FY 2021-26 Agreement with Netsmart revises the Agreement to provide for: (1) additional Avatar RADplus licenses and maintenance (100 users), (2) diagnosis content on demand, (3) OrderConnect prescriber licenses (10), and (4) Avatar hosting with disaster recovery and perceptible hosting disaster recovery. These services are needed to support the expansion of the EHR user community as more of our contracted business partners choose to adopt our Netsmart Avatar system as their own clinical EHR. The revisions will increase the maximum contract amount from a total of \$9,583,535 to \$10,226,851 (an increase of \$643,316), and services related to this increase is effective January 1, 2022. The amount of the Agreement is to be allocated as follows: Year 1 - \$2,263,498; Year 2 - \$1,867,583; Year 3 - \$1,970,836; Year 4 - \$2,010,841; Year 5 - \$2,114,093. This Agreement is funded with SD/MC FFP, 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C), Proposition 63 MHSA, and Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) FFP funding.

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12/14/2021	California Department of Housing and Community Development	N/A	N/A	<p>California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) No Place Like Home (NPLH) Round 4 Competitive Funding Application. All counties statewide may compete for post construction loans to develop permanent supportive housing for very low-income homeless persons who also have a serious mental illness. As eligible applicants, all counties may apply alone or choose to apply for NPLH funds with co-applicant development sponsors for NPLH funding. Where counties apply for NPLH funds with co-applicant development sponsors, funds will be paid directly to the development sponsor and may be used to acquire, design, construct, rehabilitate, or preserve a minimum of five (5) permanent supportive housing units and a maximum of 49% of the total units within a proposed project. The majority of units to be built in NPLH projects are not restricted to homeless and mentally ill residents and are considered simply affordable homes. Furthermore, the development sponsors are responsible for overseeing all regulatory and property management operations at the NPLH projects and to maintain the properties for 55 years. Pursuant to the NPLH legislation, VCBH will provide mental health supportive services to NPLH client tenants for up to 20 years. VCBH submitted Round 1 NPLH program applications to Housing and Community Development (HCD) in January 2019, and Round 2 NPLH program applications in January 2020, and Round 3 NPLH program applications in January 2021. VCBH is now submitting Round 4 NPLH program applications for three projects for a total of 180 units, of which 69 are NPLH units. These applicatons are due on January 19, 2022. This is funded with NPLH funding.</p>