

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.

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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 (VCPop), 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.