

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

Prevention Committee Meeting Minutes

Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH)

1911 Williams Dr, Training Room (first floor) · Oxnard, CA 93036

IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 3:15 PM – 4:30 PM

Members Present:

Janis Gardner, Chair BHAB Prevention Committee

Mark Stadler, Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)

Scott Walker, Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)

Claudia Armann, BHAB Member

Patricia Mowlavi, BHAB Member

Melissa Hannah, BHAB Member

Liz Warren, BHAB Member

Guests:

Priscila Hazrun, Spanish Interpreter

Kristin Miller, City of Simi Valley

Connor Kubeisy, Simi Valley Resident

Amy Duganne, BRITE Consultant

Gabe Teran, Oxnard City Councilmember

Carmen Wytttenbach, VCAPS

Yaderi Salazar Ortega, VCPH

Jackie Miles, Senior Deputy VCISO

Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Staff Present:

Daniel Hicks, Manager, SUS Prevention

Raena West, Substance Use Services Division Chief

Greg Bergan, MHSA

Jakeline De Leon, Management Assistant/Zoom Engineer

- I. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 3:15 PM by Chair Janis Gardner. All attendees introduced themselves. Priscila Hazrun, Spanish Interpreter, introduced herself and provided instruction on the interpretation services available for the meeting.
- II. **Approval of the January 10, 2023, Agenda** – The Behavioral Health Advisory Board Prevention Committee agenda for January 10, 2023, was approved (Warren/Armann/Passed). It was motioned to approve as written.
- III. **Approval of the November 8, 2022, Minutes** – The Behavioral Health Advisory Board Prevention Committee minutes for November 8, 2022, were approved (Armann/Mowlavi/Passed). The minutes were approved as written.
- IV. **Chair Announcements** – Chair Gardner announced the Ventura County Sheriffs’ Narcotics detectives seized more than a million dollars’ worth of illegal drugs during a 2 month investigation from a trafficking organization that was based in Mexico. Fentanyl overdoses have surged the leading cause of death among adults between the ages of 18 and 45. The District Attorney’s office will have a specialized prosecution team that will handle alcohol and drug impaired driving cases, this was available to the District Attorney’s office through a grant of 427,000 dollars and the grant was through the CA Office of Traffic Safety.
- V. **Public Comments** – Mr. Teran commented the Oxnard Union High School District partnered with him to do some targeted prevention work in the months of September and November. In September they trained all their wellness peers at their school sites. There were about 140 to 150 students in safe talk (Suicide Alertness for Everyone) regarding Suicide Prevention; recognizing someone who may be having thoughts of suicide, asking them directly about it and connecting with someone or a resource that will help them through the crisis. Afterwards, in November, Mr. Teran visited their wellness centers to do presentations on Fentanyl, naloxone, opioid overdose, opioid reversal, substance use, and how opiates affect the brain. Oxnard Union also passed a policy to have naloxone on all their campuses soon.
- VI. **Prevention Committee Member Comments** – Ms. Warren commented the DEA government reported that in 2022, 10,800 pounds of fentanyl powder was seized, 50.6 million tablets, and 379 million fatal doses.

VII. Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Staff Updates

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)/Prevention Early Intervention (PEI)

– Mr. Bergan provided an update for MHSA. For the Community Planning Process, they held in person and Zoom concluded last month. There were about 100 individuals that participated over the 5 events. The community feedback will be analyzed, and a preliminary plan will be circulated in February and March. Any feedback can still be provided for the MHSA 3-year plan through the Community Health Needs Assessment Survey. The survey closes January 25th, and it can be found on the VCBH website or wellnesseveryday.org. The results of the Community Planning Process will be shared in February. The Suicide Prevention meeting will be February 1st at 2PM and it will be a hybrid meeting to take place in person in the training room or via Zoom. To join, individuals can contact mhsa@ventura.org and the meeting will be led by Monica Neece, the Suicide Prevention Coordinator. Ms. Warren suggested to share this committee information through the Behavioral Health Advisory Board administration.

VIII. Prevention Committee membership, stakeholder, and community outreach planning discussion

– This item is meant to discuss how the committee can provide information to the stakeholders and contractors, therefore they can attend the committee. Mr. Hicks commented in respect to participation, the 9th and 10th of the month are difficult due to them being due dates for all data reporting, monthly reports, and he invites the chair to consider the timing for an afternoon meeting away from the 10th of the month. Ms. Warren commented she agrees with Mr. Hicks and revisiting the time change as well as the day of the week. Ms. Warren commented she would also like to hear from line staff and get them involved. Chair Gardner mentioned she will be reaching out to all attendees via email regarding the time frames and the Prevention meeting schedule.

IX. Time Certain Presentation – Division Chief Raena West introduced herself. Mr. Hicks shared his screen and presented a PowerPoint on the “Adaptation and Innovation in the Age of COVID: Ventura County’s Strategic Prevention Efforts”. The PowerPoint presentation will be attached to these minutes.

X. Provider and Stakeholder comments – Ms. Miller commented their Youth Council is doing a county wide program on January 20th, it will be a Youth Town Hall and there are currently 475 middle and high school students registered to attend. The panel discussion will have social media expertise, the impact on mental health, peer pressure and how it impacts discrimination. Middle or high school students that would like to attend can go on their own or

as a class. It will be held at the Reagan Library. Chair Gardner asked Ms. Miller to share the information via email to distribute to the committee. Mr. Stadler commented Scott Walker will continue to work for the county and can still be a resource. He also shared his appreciation for Scott Walker and his work.

XI. VCBH Contracts Review – The committee reviewed the October and November VCBH contracts. No comments were made about the contracts.

XII. Old Business – None.

XIII. New Business

A. Future Presentations – Chair Gardner informed all attendees if anyone would like to present or know of anyone who may want to present, to please send the request to Ms. De Leon at bhabadmin@ventura.org.

XIV. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 4:36PM by Chair Janis Gardner.



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ADAPTING EFFORTS DURING COVID: PREVENTION SERVICES UPDATE 2020-22

Dan Hicks
January 2023

Prevention Services - Working Upstream



Sustained & Expanded Efforts

- Socially-distanced, protected efforts in-person, per policies
- New digital outreach
- Expanded Overdose Rescue training and naloxone kits

Strategic Prevention Plan – the Challenge

The very nature of alcohol and drug prevention involves

- Collaboration, working together, gatherings with purpose
- Decreasing social isolation, increasing protective factors
- Promoting awareness of risks, build positive social norms

Challenge = COVID 19 health orders were exact opposite:

- Stay-at-home orders, suspended meetings, schools close
- “Social Distancing,” no face-to-face, health fairs, etc.
- We needed to adapt and innovate to meet local need

Locally-developed multi-year Strategic Prevention Plan

Addressing Health Disparities, Opioids & Illicit Drugs, Fentanyl
Marijuana Harms, Underage & Binge Drinking, DUI prevention

Adapting services during the pandemic

FIRST OFF: Kudos to VCBH and HCA – Prevention is a Priority

- Some counties shut down Prevention efforts, “non-essential”
- All staff agreed to terms of disaster response

Within 2 weeks

- All prevention staff to tele-work agreements
- Some staff re-deployed to transport, hospital screening, other

Within 30 days

- GoToMeeting and Zoom allowed “regular” staff operations
- “Healthy Choices” campaign developed
- “Community Connections” newsletter series launched

Healthy Habits Campaign Launches

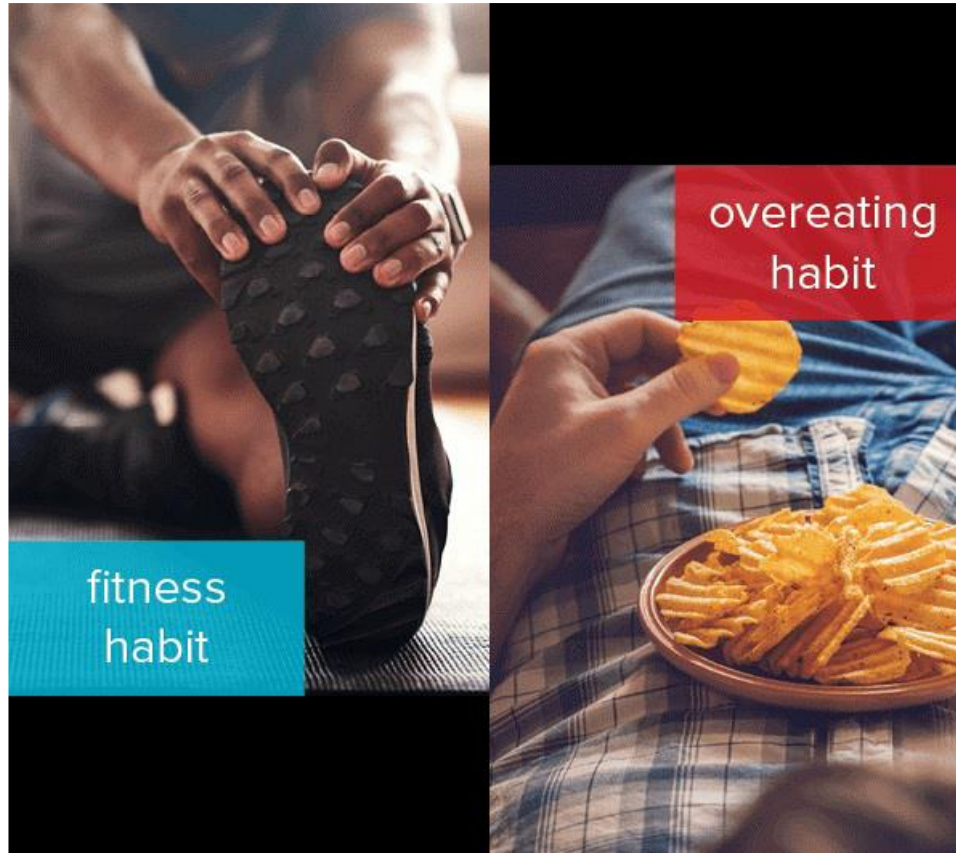
What habits are we building?



Healthy Habits Campaign Launches



Healthy Habits Campaign – Reset Time!



What do we do now? Adapting in COVID

NEXT: Staff and Contractors *really* stepped up!

- Community Connections newsletter links CBOs, collaborators
- BRITE launches/expands 3-D interactive platform BRITEworld
- Redleaf & VCOE offer BRRIM training online using Canvas
- Schools, include VUSD, work within protocols to sustain effort

Overdose Prevention efforts sustained *and* expanded

- Overdose Prevention Program *EXPANDS* kit training for sites
- NO-OD begins distance training, USPS for those who qualify
- Expanded Naloxone distribution from 35 sites, to 52+ (!)
- Media campaigns– both broad and targeted– launched

Overdose Prevention Program – Expanded



SAFE CHOICES

One-Stop Center
Medical clinic,
food stamps
and more
1-805-652-6694

Help for addiction
Access Line:
1-844-385-9200
Confidential
Toll-free • 24/7

Syringe replacement & fentanyl test strips
1-805-652-6112

Get a Narcan® (naloxone) Rescue Kit
1-805-667-6663
Confidential • Free

Emergency
Call 9-1-1
Suicide Prevention Lifeline
1-800-273-8255

2-1-1 Ventura County
Housing, job,
runaway and
other resources
Call 2-1-1
211ventura.org

 www.SafeChoicesVC.org

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**NO
OD**

**Could someone
you care about
overdose?**

**Call about a
Rescue Kit:
1-805-667-6663
Confidential • Free**

Media Campaigns

Highlights from our Prevention campaigns

Our community has been increasingly impacted by high-risk substances such as meth and fentanyl. Substance use issues can impact anyone. Our message to the community:

If you or someone you know is struggling, help is available.

- **Fentanyl is Forever Campaign** www.fentanylventuracounty.org
- **Meth - Don't Buy the Lie Campaign** www.talkingaboutmeth.org
- **Just Not Worth It Campaign** www.justnotworthitvc.org

SUS Treatment Services



ACCESS LINE

1-844-385-9200

Toll-free • 24/7

Fentanyl is Forever

Fentanyl is Forever – The Family Video

<https://vimeo.com/644975809>

See:

www.FentanylVenturaCounty.org



Spanish Language Resources



Esta semana,
la naloxona
salvó a
la hermana
de alguien.

LOS OPIOIDES MATAN. LA NALOXONA S

**“Sólo una vez
no pasa nada,
¿verdad?”**

No te la creas. Ninguna droga
te enganchará tan rápido como
la metanfetamina.

METH
No te la
creas

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**“Demetri pensó que tomar opioides
le ayudaría con su lesión.”**

**“Ahora lo extraño. El vicio
se ha apoderado
de su vida.”**

nolovale

*Le recetaron
pastillas para el
dolor y se envició.*

*Se salvó por un rato.
Pero un día ya no pudo
evadir la muerte.*



EL FENTANILO
es para **SIEMPRE**

Ventura County Responds Website

Addressing the Opioid Crisis in Ventura County



Rx Abuse Prevention & Outreach

What are Opioids?



OPIOIDS are drugs that work in the brain to provide relief from severe or chronic pain. They range from strong prescription painkillers to dangerous “street drugs” such as illegal fentanyl, fake pills, or heroin.



**DEA NATIONAL ^{Rx}
TAKEBACK**

Vaping – Educating Parents and Families



Presentations to parents and schools



Vaping FactCheck Website



VAPING
FactCheck
VENTURA COUNTY

What you need to know about teens
& vaping



VAPEO
verificado
CONDADO DE VENTURA

Lo que usted necesita saber sobre los
adolescentes y el vapeo

Campaigns with Impact

"I still love
him so much."

"Why did weed
matter more
than me?"

justnotworthit

*He wasn't an
angel, but he had
a good heart.*

*I'd do anything to
get my boy back.*

 **FENTANYL
IS FOREVER**

"He said it
would give me
an energy boost."

Meth might give
But the crash will
hurt.

METH
Don't Buy
the Lie

Collaborative media: Fentanyl & Fake Pills

Which one is fake?*



One of these pills has a deadly amount of fentanyl. Find out which.

Fake pills. Real danger.

The pill on the **left is fake.*

Fentanyl & Fake Pills Campaign • October 2022

IMPRESSIONS

Targeted Website Ads
588,343

Radio
824,600

Transit
17,050,000
(40 buses)

TOTAL
18,462,943



More Data Informed, Hybrid Services

COVID-19 forced us to re-assess and re-deploy using better data

- Embrace of hybrid models – more web-enabled than ever before

Opioid and Illicit Drug prevention now roughly 70% of efforts

- Overdose Prevention Program moved to ALL digital data collection
- Data were used to expand and site NEW services in South Oxnard
- New collaborations with community colleges and transit systems
- **We've saved more than 1,500 lives during COVID, 470 in 2022 alone**
- Expanded community awareness of VCBH treatment services
- Help to reduce stigma about substance use and mental health...

HOWEVER, “the chickens are still coming home to roost.” Stay tuned.

Ventura County Limits Website

Staying Connected & Informing the Community



Prevention - Working Upstream during COVID

Promoting Community Health

We implemented and sponsored services to foster wellness, promote health, and decrease risks of alcohol/drug problems.

Preventing Overdose and Other Harms

We engaged people and systems like never before to reduce alcohol and drug-related problems associated with lockdowns.

...all within the State-approved Strategic Prevention Plan

- SAMHSA-required processes of Assessment, Capacity-Building, Planning, Implementation, and Evaluation
- Initiatives include opioid response, impaired driving; underage and binge drinking; marijuana/vaping harms to youth; health disparities.

A primary goal remains to delay the onset of first use of drugs by youth

Stay Connected via Websites, Social Media

- VCBH.org Website <https://vcbh.org>
- Ventura County Limits Website <http://venturacountylimits.org/>
- Ventura County Responds Website <https://venturacountyresponds.org>
- COAST Data Dashboard <https://www.coastventuracounty.org>
- Marijuana FactCheck Website <https://www.mjfactcheck.org/>
- Social Determinants of Health Website <https://www.healthequityvc.org/>

Follow on the Socials

- Twitter <https://twitter.com/vclimits>
- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/venturacountylimits/>

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

Board Date	Contractor	Amount	Term	Description
10/4/2022	Telecare Corporation (Telecare)	\$833,245	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	Sixth Amendment to the Agreement with Telecare for Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Services (Vista/XP2/XP3 Program). Telecare provides ACT program services to Ventura Innovative Services Telecare ACT (VISTA) (XP2/XP3) adult consumers who have been released from local jails. These individuals receive community-based support to ensure independent living and wellness. ACT services include: mental health treatment, psychiatric care and management, medication education, alcohol and other substance abuse treatment, life skills training, vocational training and counseling, advocacy regarding criminal justice, social services, social security issues, and linkage with peer support programs, wellness and recovery centers, and housing supports. The FY 2022-23 Sixth Amendment to the Agreement with Telecare increases the maximum contract amount by \$33,312 to a new not to exceed amount of \$833,245. This increase is due to the addition of a Peer Support Specialist (.48 Full Time Equivalent (FTE)) and a Medical Records Technician (.24 FTE). Peer Support Services have been approved by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for Medi-Cal reimbursement and are being incorporated into this agreement to align with the Full-Service Partnership (FSP) model. This agreement is funded with Proposition 63 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and Short Doyle/Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation (SD/MC FFP) funding.
10/4/2022	Telecare	\$902,976	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	Fifth Amendment to the Agreement with Telecare for ACT Services (Voice/AB109 ACT Program). Telecare provides ACT services to Assembly Bill (AB) 109 parolee consumers who have significant mental health and/or alcohol and drug issues that require treatment in order to live safely and productively in the community and reduce recidivism. ACT services include: mental health treatment, psychiatric care and management, medication education, alcohol and other substance abuse treatment, life skills training, vocational training and counseling, advocacy regarding criminal justice, social services, and social security issues, and linkage with peer support programs, wellness and recovery centers, and housing supports. Treatment needs fall into two main categories. The first category includes individuals who require high intensity ACT model wrap around support services, such as intensive case management, medication, crisis intervention, and housing/life skills support. These services are available 24/7 and 365 days per year using a "whatever it takes" approach. The second category includes individuals who require low intensity services (ACT-lite), such as case management and medication management. The FY 2022-23 Fifth Amendment to the Agreement with Telecare increases the maximum contract amount by \$36,888 to a new not to exceed amount of \$902,976. This increase is due to the addition of a Peer Support Specialist (.52 FTE) and a Medical Records Technician (.26 FTE). Peer Support Services were recently approved by DHCS for Medi-Cal reimbursement and are being incorporated into this agreement to align with the FSP model. This agreement is funded with AB 109 and SD/MC FFP funding.
10/4/2022	Ventura County Local Education Agencies (LEA) (Various)	\$0	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Template Between Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) and Various LEA for Educationally Related Social Emotional Services (ERSES). On June 30, 2011, Assembly Bill No. 114 (2010-2011 Reg. Sess.) was signed into law. Under AB 114, several sections of Chapter 26.5 of the California Government Code were amended or rendered inoperative. This ended the state mandate on county mental health agencies to provide mental health services to students with disabilities. These services were provided to special education students via the Individualized Education Program (IEP) process, and may have included such things as individual or small group counseling, collateral services, medication monitoring, case management, and residential care. Since that time, school districts and the Ventura County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) have been solely responsible for ensuring that students with disabilities receive the special education and related services needed to address their social, emotional, and behavioral needs, in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and pursuant to Education Code sections 56195 et seq. and 56205. VCOE SELPA was designated for direct receipt and distribution of funds, provision of administrative support, and coordination of implementation of the local special education plan, pursuant to Education Code section 56195.1(c)(2). Because it was designated the local agency responsible for special education and related services, during this time VCOE SELPA contracted directly with VCBH for the provision of ERSES to students with an IEP in the various LEAs (schools and school districts) within Ventura County. ERSES services may include, but are not limited to, assessments, individual therapy, group therapy, collateral services, case management, and other mental health services. Due to a recent change in law, VCOE SELPA is no longer the local agency that directly receives funding from the State for the provision of ERSES to students. Funding for these services is now channeled directly to each LEA in Ventura County. The MOU template will be used to contract with each LEA moving forward to facilitate the provision of ERSES and invoice the LEAs for costs not covered by SD/MC FFP or other insurance coverage. The MOU delineates the roles and responsibilities of each party to the MOU and clarifies processes such as invoicing and payment. All LEAs served under these MOU's will have access to bilingual and bicultural staff to meet the needs of the client population served. The source of funding for these MOU's is SD/MC FFP and LEA funding.
10/11/2022	Turning Point Foundation (TPF)	\$476,112	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with TPF Thompson Place for Augmented Board and Care Services. The TPF Thompson Place facility provides augmented board and care services for adults ages 18 to 59 with serious and persistent mental illness that has resulted in significant functional impairments requiring 24-hour care and supervision. In July 2022, VCBH negotiated a three-month extension (July 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022) of the TPF Thompson Place Agreement to allow VCBH additional time to review and analyze the TPF Thompson Place budget and to negotiate with TPF a more complete extension of the Agreement. The Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with TPF Thompson Place: (1) extends the term of the agreement through June 30, 2023, (2) increases the number of beds from of 20 to 26 beds for VCBH clients, (3) adds two (2.0) full time equivalent (FTE) Care and Supervisor Techs, (4) increases the rate per client/per month from \$1,305 to \$1,526 for augmented board and care services, and (5) increases the maximum contract amount from \$345,200 to \$476,112 (an increase of \$130,912) for the service period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The source of funding for this Agreement is Tobacco Settlement, 1991 Realignment (Trust N520-717C), and MHSA funds.
10/11/2022	Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC)	\$7,619,314	September 1, 2020 through December 31, 2026	Second Amendment to the Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) Round Three Grant Agreement with the MHSOAC. On June 17, 2022, VCBH submitted an application to the MHSOAC for \$11,623,393 in additional MHSSA Round Three grant funding to fund the expansion of Wellness Centers to several school locations within Ventura County, using the VCOE Wellness Center model. The additional funding would have allowed VCOE, through an existing MOA with VCBH, to expand existing services within all their Wellness Centers, add high school Wellness Centers, hire additional staff, and expand into two (2) new School Districts (Conejo Valley and Oak Park). On July 6, 2022, the MHSOAC approved VCBH's grant application and awarded VCBH \$1,619,384 in additional Wellness Center funding. The Second Amendment to the MHSSA grant Agreement with the MHSOAC provides VCBH with \$1,619,384 in additional Wellness Center services funding increasing the existing agreement amount from \$5,999,930 to \$7,619,314 and extends the effective date of the existing MHSSA grant agreement an additional one year and four months, for a new term of September 1, 2020 through December 31, 2026. The source of funding for this Agreement is the MHSSA Grant.

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11/1/2022	Interface Children & Family Services (Interface)	\$1,345,805	July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022	Third Amendment to the Agreement with Interface for Early and Periodic Screening Diagnostic Treatment (EPSDT) Program Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services. Interface provides EPSDT Medi-Cal specialty mental health care services to children younger than 21 years of age that are Medi-Cal beneficiaries and who meet the criteria for medical necessity as defined in California Code of Regulations, Title 9, sections 1830.205 and 1830.210. Services may include assessment, individual, group and family therapy, crisis intervention, medication management and case management. The Third Amendment decreases the total contract amount to \$1,345,805 and reduces the total unit count to 291,631 (matching actuals for FY 2021-22). In FY 2021-22, Interface's service level dropped significantly. Interface only served 311 unduplicated clients, which was significantly less than the 421 unduplicated clients they served in FY 2020-21 during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, or any other year noted; they also discontinued providing services to the Santa Paula community during this fiscal year. Interface provided 209,656 less units of service than what was required per their original contract, resulting in their not being able to fully recover their operational costs without exceeding the VCMA rates. The VCMA rates are the maximum reimbursement rates for each Specialty Mental Health service function (Mental Health Services, Case Management, Crisis Intervention, and Medication Support) that is provided through VCBH's contracted mental health service providers. VCBH limits mental health services cost reimbursement to the VCMA rates when it is time to settle each contracted providers' contract costs at the end of each agreement term. Providers' contracts contain provisional unit of service rates for each Specialty Mental Health service function that are based upon an approved operational costs budget, proposed units of service, and expected clients served. Providers are to manage and meet their contracted units of service to cover their operational costs and meet the obligations of their contract. When providers do not provide the level of units of service specified in their contract (low units of service), they do not receive payment for the level of funding during the fiscal year that is needed to fully cover their operational costs, resulting in funding shortfalls/cashflow issues. Generating a low level of units of service results in their provisional unit rates needing to be increased to a level to ensure that they recover their costs. Reasons providers do not meet the units of service requirements in their contracts vary. Specifically, Interface has struggled with obtaining and maintaining sufficient staffing levels to match the contracted units of services, and productivity levels with existing staff are lower than expected by VCBH; as such, VCBH has absorbed these additional clients, further increasing caseloads already augmented by the impacts of the pandemic. Interface did not meet their FY 2021-22 contractual obligations citing that they did not have the level of staffing needed to meet their contractual obligations. Despite not having the staffing needed to meet their contractual obligations to recover their operational costs and considering that they had a reduced service area, they did not have the budgetary cost savings that one would expect a provider to have given these two circumstances. Interface's FY 2021-22 agreement limits their reimbursement to the VCMA rates, resulting in an estimated \$211,001 shortfall in funding to this provider. To pay Interface for the actual costs or contract max, whichever is lower, the amendment authorizes VCBH to increase the unit rate for each of the contracted service categories to an amount above the VCMA rate in the Agreement. The Third Amendment to the Agreement with Interface for EPSDT Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services is decreased from the original approved amount of \$1,610,000 to \$1,345,805 (a decrease amount of \$264,195) and revises the unit of service rates to exceed the VCMA rates. This Agreement is funded with Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal (SD/MC) Federal Financial Participation (FFP); 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C).
11/1/2022	Interface	\$1,063,503	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023;	Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with Interface for EPSDT Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services. The FY 2022-23 Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with Interface for EPSDT Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services represents: (1) a reduction in the maximum contract amount from the prior fiscal year amount of \$1,345,805 to \$1,063,503 (a decrease of \$282,302), (2) a requirement that Interface re-establish service in the Santa Paula community, (3) a reduction in service area as services to be provided only in Oxnard and re-established in Santa Paula, and (4) a client to clinician ratio of 17.27 clients per clinician which is significantly less than the VCBH standard of 35 to 40 clients per clinician. The revised service levels within the Fourth Amendment are well below the levels that VCBH and its clinicians would provide were VCBH providing the services or if another contracted provider were providing the services; however, Interface cited that they expect to have the same staffing level challenges and uncertainty that they encountered in FY 2021-22 and cannot meet minimum established service levels. This agreement is funded with SD/MC FFP; 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C).
11/1/2022	California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA)	\$243,558	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2025	Participation Agreement with CalMHSA for Statewide Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Services. CalMHSA is a Joint Powers Authority, an independent government agency created by the California counties and cities, focused on the efficient delivery of California mental health projects for its members. The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) PEI component was designed to improve the awareness of, and access to, mental health services, reduce the stigma of mental illness and seeking help, and suicide prevention. The partnership between CalMHSA and its partners has been in effect since 2009, in order to further enhance statewide availability and capacity of MHSA PEI funds to be more impactful to communities in need statewide. The FY 2022-25 Participation Agreement for Statewide PEI Services continues to allow CalMHSA to collaborate with counties throughout the State in order to bring more awareness to mental health issues and services. The primary goals are to promote mental health and wellness, suicide prevention, and health equality to reduce the likelihood of mental illness, substance abuse, and suicide among Californians, specifically for underserved communities. Specifically the program will: (1) Assign a Resource Navigator/Technical Assistance (TA) Liaison to support with integration of statewide campaigns at the local level and provide on demand suicide prevention Technical Assistance, (2) Access/support with regional, local specific webinars, presentations, events, and conferences, (3) Provide on-demand suicide prevention capacity building especially for longer term projects such as developing a suicide prevention county wide strategic plan, (4) Receive Training/TA related to the Suicide Prevention Learning Collaborative, e.g. workforce training in cultural competent approaches to suicide prevention and care, and (5) Supply physical materials for Suicide Prevention Week. In order to participate in the program, VCBH is required to transfer funding in the amount of \$81,186 (which includes a 15% administrative fee in the amount of \$12,178) by July 1st of each fiscal year of the Agreement. CalMHSA is the fiscal and administrative agent for the program and contracts with subject matter experts to support the goals and efforts of the program. This agreement is funded with Proposition 63 MHSA funding.