

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
Prevention Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 25th, 2023, 3:15 – 4:30 PM
Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH)
1911 Williams Drive, Ste 200, Lake Shasta Conf. Room (2nd floor) Oxnard, CA 93036
In-Person & Virtual meetings via ZOOM

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The Ventura County Behavioral Health Advisory Board Prevention 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.)

Mission Statement: “To promote measures which prevent mental illness and/or substance use issues from becoming destabilizing components in the lives of Ventura County residents. Our aim is to collaborate and help support education, prevention, and early intervention efforts with particular emphasis on community health, engagement and the interaction of mental health and substance use challenges.”

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order – Welcome and Introductions
- 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 July 25, 2023, Agenda – **ACTION** (Roll Call)
- V. Approval of the March 14, 2023, Minutes – **ACTION** (Roll Call)
- VI. Chair Announcements
- VII. Public Comments (**3 minutes each**)
- VIII. Time Certain Presentation - **3:45 p.m.** – “What You Need to Know About Fentanyl & Opioids” – Erika Fernandez, Community Services Coordinator, Substance Use Services
- IX. Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Staff Updates (**3 minutes each**)
 - A. Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)/Prevention Early Intervention (PEI)
 - B. Dan Hicks, Substance Use Services (SUS) Prevention Services Manager
- X. Prevention Committee Annual Report Discussion – **ACTION** (Roll Call)
- XI. BHAB Member, Provider and Stakeholder Comments – (please use raise hand feature) (**3 minutes each**)
- XII. VCBH Contracts Review (February, March, April, May, & June 2023)
- XIII. Old Business - (**4:15**)

- XII. New Business
 - A. Future Presentations - Discussion
- XIII. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING: September 26th, 2023

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

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Date	Contractor	Amount	Term	Description
2/7/2023	Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE)	\$5,613,388	December 8, 2020 through December 31, 2026	<p>Fourth Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with VCOE for Wellness Center Services. On December 8, 2020, Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) entered into an MOA with VCOE in order to provide Wellness Center services. Though VCBH was awarded \$5,999,930 in total grant funding, only \$4,475,228 was paid to VCOE to support services. In order to support the project, VCBH needed to: hire one (1) Wellness Clinician and one (1) Community Service Coordinator, secure evaluation services via Evalcorp (VCBH provider), and cover administration costs. Therefore, a total of \$1,524,702 were retained by VCBH. Pursuant to the separate MOA with VCOE, this additional funding will be used by VCOE to expand Wellness Center services to existing school locations within Ventura County. Additionally, new Wellness Centers will be established in two (2) new high schools, Foothill Technology High School and Pacific High School. The additional funds will also support the existing Wellness Center grant services by expanding on the existing service model to support early identification and linkage to services to help mitigate the progression of mental illness. Annually, VCOE has noted 28,000 visits to the Wellness Centers to seek mental health services and supports. It is expected that 3,500 students will be impacted through the program's awareness, education, and outreach services through the use of this new funding. The Fourth Amendment to the MOA with VCOE adds the funding for the services described above and extends the term of the MOA for an additional one year and six months from December 8, 2020 to December 31, 2026. Source of Funding is Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) Grant.</p>
2/7/2023	California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA)	\$207,590	February 7, 2023 through June 30, 2024	<p>First Amendment to the Participation Agreement with CalMHSA for Behavioral Health Quality Improvement Program Services. California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) is a DHCS initiative to reform and transform the Medi-Cal program and, in turn, improve the quality of life and health outcomes of Medi-Cal members. Over the course of several years, CalAIM will implement a broad delivery system, program and payment reform across the Medi-Cal system, and build upon the successful outcomes of various pilot programs to completely transform the delivery of behavioral health services for Medi-Cal beneficiaries. To support various CalAIM initiatives over the next five years (2022-2027), VCBH entered into a Participation Agreement with CalMHSA for Behavioral Health Quality Improvement Program (BHQIP) services. CalMHSA, is a Joint Powers Authority created by California counties in 2009 to jointly develop and fund mental health services and education programs for members. Under the Participation Agreement, CalMHSA is assisting participating members, including Ventura County and VCBH, in operationalizing the CalAIM BHQIP requirements and deliverables that fall under the following categories: (1) payment reform, (2) policy changes, and (3) data exchange. Through the Participation Agreement, CalMHSA is: (1) developing a training package for county employees, including the operationalization of policy changes, (2) drafting boilerplate language for provider contracts, (3) conducting a landscape analysis of documentation audit practices and drafting updated Utilization Management protocols, (4) facilitating data exchange between the county and Managed Care Plan to improve care coordination activities and inform process improvement projects, and (5) providing project management resources as needed. The First Amendment to the Participation Agreement with CalMHSA revises the Participation Agreement to provide the opportunity for member counties to engage support from additional Subject Matter Experts at established hourly rates. Under the First Amendment to the Participation Agreement, counties are able to request the following type of assistance: (1) Fiscal/Payment Reform Subject Matter Expert Services at an hourly rate of \$200 per hour, (2) Interoperability Subject Matter Expert Services at an hourly rate of \$200 per hour, (3) Data Analytics Subject Matter Expert Services at an hourly rate of \$200 per hour, and (4) Ad Hoc Services for services not otherwise specified in the Agreement, but that would aid in support of CalAIM implementation, at a rate of \$200 per hour. Once the First Amendment to the Participation Agreement is signed, the hours/funding remaining from the initial BHQIP Participation Agreement, for project management and clinical services hours, will be combined into a single flexible spending account to utilize for the new services and project management and clinical services. There are approximately 234 hours (\$46,812.50) remaining on the BHQIP Participation Agreement from the project management and clinical service hours that will be transferred to a flexible spending account under the First Amendment. No additional hours are being requested and no additional dollars will be paid to CalMHSA through this First Amendment beyond the existing total maximum amount of \$207,590. Source of Funding is BH-QIP Funds.</p>
2/7/2023	CalMHSA	\$77,463	January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024	<p>First Amendment to the Participation Agreement with CalMHSA for Peer Support Specialist Certification Services. CalMHSA, a Joint Powers Authority created by California counties in 2009 to jointly develop and fund mental health services and education programs for members, entered into participation agreements with interested counties to provide them with a Peer Support Specialist Certification program. A Peer Support Specialist is an individual who has self-identified as having personal lived experience with the process of recovery from mental illness or substance use disorder, either as a consumer of these services or as a parent, caregiver or family member of the consumer. Peer Support Services are defined as culturally competent individual and group services that promote recovery, resiliency, engagement, socialization, self-sufficiency, self-advocacy, development of natural supports, and identification of strengths through structured activities such as group and individual coaching to set recovery goals and identify steps to reach the goals. Peer Support Services aim to prevent relapse, empower beneficiaries through strength-based coaching, support linkages to community resources, and to educate beneficiaries and their families about their conditions and the process of recovery. The Peer Support Specialist Certification program was developed in response to Senate Bill 803, Beall (SB 803) which tasked the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to establish statewide standards and requirements for Medi-Cal peer support specialists. On July 22, 2021, DHCS released Behavioral Health Information Notice 21-041, establishing statewide requirements for peer support specialist certification and has since worked with CalMHSA to implement and administer all components of the Peer Support Specialist Certification Program. On February 7, 2022, the Board approved a Participation Agreement with CalMHSA for Peer Support Specialist Certification program services. The Participation Agreement's initial term was considered a pilot program that covered the 12-month period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, in the amount of zero dollars. CalMHSA requested the Participation Agreement be amended to: (1) extend the term of the agreement by an additional two years through December 31, 2024 and (2) include payment provisions now that the program has launched. The First Amendment to the Participation Agreement requires VCBH to remit payment to CalMHSA of an initial administrative fee of \$9,713 and \$67,750 for Peer Support Specialist certification services, for a total "not to exceed" amount of \$77,463. The "not to exceed" amount reflects VCBH's best projection of the services needed at this time and costs involved to continue to onboard peer support specialists in various VCBH programs. Source of Funding is Proposition 63 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds.</p>

2/28/2023	Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities	\$0	indefinite	Resolution Authorizing Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (LPS) Designated Psychiatric Facilities in Ventura County to Petition for Additional 30-Day Involuntary Holds of Persons Determined to be Gravely Disabled for Mental Health Assessment and Treatment, Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 5270.10 et seq. The proposed resolution provides additional options and ultimately flexibility in helping treat individuals who are Gravely Disabled. Specifically, pursuant to WIC 5270.10 et seq., the resolution would authorize LPS designated inpatient psychiatric facilities in Ventura County to petition the superior court to hold gravely disabled individuals for up to two additional 30-day periods for continued treatment. In order to protect the civil liberties of individuals involuntarily held, WIC 5270.10 et seq. authorizes the use of these additional psychiatric holds only for as long as the individual remains gravely disabled and subject to continued court oversight. Presently, there are two LPS designated inpatient psychiatric facilities in Ventura County, namely the Ventura County Medical Center Inpatient Psychiatric Unit and Vista Del Mar Hospital. WIC Section 5270.10 et seq. has been available for adoption by California counties since 1989. Staff's research suggests that Ventura County is among the last counties of any significant size not to have adopted it. It has been implemented for years throughout the State, most notably in both Santa Barbara County and Los Angeles County. Unlike the 72-hour and the 14-day holds authorized by WIC Sections 5150 and 5250, the authority to use the additional involuntary holds under WIC Section 5270.10 et seq. is not automatic. Instead, in order to use the additional 30-day holds, county boards of supervisors must elect to authorize their use by adopting a resolution that finds: (1) that any additional costs incurred by the county in the implementation of the additional 30-day holds are funded either by (i) new funding sufficient to cover the costs incurred by the county's election to use the additional 30-day hold; (ii) funds redirected from cost savings resulting from the use of the additional 30-day hold; or (iii) a combination thereof and (2) that no current service reductions will occur as a result of the use of such additional 30-day holds. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 5270.12.) With the use of the additional 30-day involuntary holds authorized by WIC Section 5270.10 et seq., VCBH staff anticipates that there will be less need and use of conservatorships (including temporary conservatorships) such that costs associated with establishing and managing conservatorships will be reduced and redirected to cover the costs of implementing the use of the additional 30-day holds.
2/28/2023	Maxim Healthcare Services Holdings, Inc. (Maxim)	\$1,000,000	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	Amendment to the Temporary Staffing and Recruiting Services Agreement with Maxim. On June 21, 2022, the Board approved three (3) agreements for medical personnel temporary staffing and recruiting services with Maxim, Medix Staffing Solutions, Inc. (Medix), and TheKey of California, LLC for a combined maximum contract amount of \$1,300,000. VCBH received authorization for an additional increase of \$950,000 for a revised combined contract maximum amount of \$2,250,000 to address current VCBH staffing vacancies and ensure continued service provision to meet the needs of the consumers served by VCBH through the end of FY 2022-23 (June 30, 2023). There is also an existing variable pool of \$340,000 which is authorized for flexibility to increase the contract maximums based on services provided through fiscal year end. Given the approved combined increase, the Maxim agreement is being increased from \$600,000 to \$1,000,000 (\$400,000 increase). Currently, the VCBH staffing vacancy rate is 26.1%. These contractors have proven to be a vital source of staffing services during the ongoing staffing shortage. Source of Funding is Short Doyle Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation (SD/MC FFP), Drug Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation (DMC-ODS FFP), State General Fund, and 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C), and 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C) funds.
2/28/2023	Medix Staffing Solutions, Inc. (Medix)	\$850,000	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	Amendment to the Temporary Staffing and Recruiting Services Agreement with Medix. On June 21, 2022, the Board approved three (3) agreements for medical personnel temporary staffing and recruiting services with Maxim, Medix, and TheKey of California, LLC for a combined maximum contract amount of \$1,300,000. VCBH received authorization for an additional increase of \$950,000 for a revised combined contract maximum amount of \$2,250,000 to address current VCBH staffing vacancies and ensure continued service provision to meet the needs of the consumers served by VCBH through the end of FY 2022-23 (June 30, 2023). There is also an existing variable pool of \$340,000 which is authorized for flexibility to increase the contract maximums based on services provided through fiscal year end. Given the approved combined increase, the Medix agreement is being increased from \$300,000 to \$850,000 (\$550,000 increase). Currently, the VCBH staffing vacancy rate is 26.1%. These contractors have proven to be a vital source of staffing services during the ongoing staffing shortage. Source of Funding is Short Doyle Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation (SD/MC FFP), Drug Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation (DMC-ODS FFP), State General Fund, and 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C), and 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C) funds.
2/28/2023	Reality Improv Connection, Inc.	\$399,920	July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	Seventh Amendment to the Agreement with Reality Improv Connection, Inc. for the Provision of Substance Use Services (SUS) Prevention Related Services. Reality Improv Connection, Inc. provides informational and educational engagement projects for youth, young adults, and parents. These projects address underage and binge drinking, impaired driving, prescription and illicit drug use, and examine a range of health disparities using school and community-based workshops, performances, and new media (podcasts, blogs, e-news, and text). Media and health promotion efforts include all suppressing opioid overdose, consequences of early and frequent cannabis use, and the risks of vaping, along with a range of pro-social and collaborative mental wellness activities, consistent with the SAMHSA Strategic Prevention Framework. In the first six months of FY 2022-23, Reality Improv Connection, Inc. documented 4,925 unduplicated youth and young adults participating in prevention content across 248 different workshops and presentations. Giving special attention to those from higher-need school communities, Reality Improv Connection, Inc. significantly expanded the use of interactive and immersive technologies for substance use prevention and health promotion, recording 13,414 plays of educational games online, and assisted young people in developing digital health messaging for use in reaching diverse audiences, using high-quality audio and video. The Seventh Amendment to the Agreement with Reality Improv Connection, Inc. is for a one-year term (July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023) and represents an increase of \$101,019 to the maximum agreement amount from the prior fiscal year to increase opioid overdose prevention efforts, especially among vulnerable youth and young adult populations, by adding new staff positions in support of these efforts. Capacity expansion also includes: (1) a new and larger digital media studio space, (2) production assistance for prevention audio and video content, and (3) assistance with editing, organization, and storage of public service announcements (PSAs) and other digital assets. Additionally, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant American Rescue Plan Act (SABG ARPA) supplemental funding will be used for continued support of online services, with upgraded software to offer Zoom Webinar and the 3-D interactive "BRITeworld" platform; aiding large-scale interactive events and increasing use of prevention content countywide. Source of Funding is Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG) and SABG American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

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Board Date	Contractor	Amount	Term	Description
3/14/2023	Idea Engineering, Inc.	\$552,000	March 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024	<p>Agreement with Idea Engineering, Inc. for Digital, Social, and Media Marketing Services. Over the last ten (10) years suicide has emerged as a major public health challenge, and the prevention of suicide has become a national, State, and local priority, especially in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. In California, prevention strategies include: (1) reducing access to lethal means among those at risk of suicide; (2) improving access and delivery for mental health care; and, importantly, (3) identifying and supporting people at risk through public awareness campaigns. Media campaigns are a key strategy to reach large numbers of people in order to help understand and effectively respond to the risk. Nearly two-thirds of those who have a diagnosable mental illness do not seek treatment because of fears about stigma and discrimination. Clear portrayals of the risk of suicide and how family members and loved ones can help to counter the effects of stigma and bring more people at risk closer to available care. VCBH is ramping up efforts to improve community awareness of suicide prevention, especially among higher-risk groups within the county. In collaboration with local stakeholders, VCBH proposes launching a prevention campaign that capitalizes on high-visibility media channels, including the electronic billboard at the Ventura Auto Center, local malls and shopping centers, mobile billboards, transit systems and radio stations. The STAY suicide prevention campaign is designed to reach several high-risk groups including military and first responders, LGBTQ+, teens middle-aged men and women, and older adults. In addition, the campaign will reframe the conversation around suicide in a way that is accessible to all viewers. By asking people to stay and reach out, it gives critical time for resources to be enacted and lives to be saved. The goal of the STAY campaign is for people to give themselves time, and find the support to end their pain, not their life. Source of Funding is Proposition 63 (Mental Health Services Act).</p>

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Board Date	Contractor	Amount	Term	Description
4/11/2023	Turning Point Foundation (TPF)	\$1,230,114	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	FY 22-23 Sixth Amendment to the Agreement with TPF for Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services. TPF provides psychiatric rehabilitation-oriented services to Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) enrolled clients who have been authorized and referred by VCBH to TPF. Psychiatric rehabilitation promotes recovery, full community integration, and improved quality of life for persons who have been diagnosed with any mental health condition that seriously impairs their ability to lead meaningful lives. The Sixth Amendment to the Agreement with TPF, increases the maximum contract amount by \$45,820, to provide additional funding for: (1) staff wage increases stemming from CA minimum wage increase effective January 1, 2023, (2) cost of living adjustments, and (3) inflationary costs related to facilities maintenance and office supplies. This agreement is funded with Short Doyle/Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation (SD/MC FFP) and Realignment funding.
4/11/2023	For The Future, Inc.	\$546,458	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	FY 22-23 Seventh Amendment to the Agreements with For The Future, Inc., for Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program Services. For the Future, Inc. provides short term residential therapeutic program (STRTP) services to at risk youth within Ventura County. They operate a child-centered treatment facility that offers among other services, impulse control, behavior management skills, structured group activities and feeling identification. The Seventh Amendment to the Agreement with For the Future, Inc. increases the maximum contract amount by \$11,740, to provide funding for administration office and increased operating costs. This agreement is funded with SD/MC FFP and Realignment funding.
4/11/2023	ASC Treatment Group (Los Angeles) (ASC Los Angeles)	\$757,120	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	FY 22-23 Sixth Amendment to the Agreement with ASC Los Angeles for Adult Residential Treatment Services. ASC Los Angeles 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. The Sixth Amendment to the Agreement with ASC Los Angeles increases the maximum contract amount by \$38,306, to fund increased operating costs, including wages, office supplies, and insurance. This agreement is funded with SD/MC FFP and Realignment funding.
4/11/2023	ASC Treatment Group (Bakersfield) (ASC Bakersfield)	\$1,191,343	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	FY 22-23 Seventh Amendment to the Agreement with ASC Bakersfield for Adult Residential Treatment Services. 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. The Seventh Amendment to the Agreement with ASC Bakersfield increases the maximum contract amount by \$135,723, to fund increased operating costs, including wages, office supplies, and insurance. This agreement is funded with SD/MC FFP and Realignment funding.

4/11/2023	BH-VC OPCO SP, LLC dba Jackson House Santa Paula (Jackson House)	\$2,208,250	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	<p>FY 22-23 Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with Jackson House for Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Care Adult Short Term Crisis Residential Recovery Treatment Program Services. Jackson House provides Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Care Adult Short Term Crisis Residential Recovery Treatment Program services to Ventura County residents between the ages of 18 and 59 authorized by VCBH. Most clients will have a serious mental illness and significant functional impairment who are at risk of psychiatric hospitalization but do not require care in a locked treatment setting or who may require an intensive level of support but no longer require treatment in a locked treatment program. The Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with Jackson House increases the maximum contract amount by \$558,250, to fund increased bed days utilization by VCBH. This agreement is funded with Proposition 63 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and SD/MC FFP funding.</p>
4/11/2023	Idea Engineering, Inc	\$427,240	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	<p>FY 22-23 Third Amendment to the Agreement with Idea Engineering, Inc for MHSA Prevention and Early Intervention Services (PEI). Idea Engineering, Inc. provides MHSA PEI services support on various projects sponsored by VCBH. In order to address growing needs within the community to provide access and resources around mental health and PEI services, Idea Engineering, Inc., has partnered with VCBH on developing, disbursing, and coordinating information and promotional materials that bring awareness to mental health services. The Third Amendment to the Agreement with Idea Engineering, Inc., is being amended to cover the cost for: (1) additional promotional materials needed for the Empower Up event sponsored by VCBH and (2) additional mental wellness communication materials through fiscal year end. The additional expense will increase the maximum contract amount from \$295,000 to \$427,240 (an increase of \$132,240). This agreement is funded with MHSA funding.</p>
4/11/2023	Evalcorp	\$179,575	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	<p>FY 22-23 Fifth Amendment to the Agreement with Evalcorp for Data Collection and Analysis Services. Evalcorp provides data collection and analysis services on various projects on behalf of VCBH. Evalcorp is currently providing these services in order to support the Wellness Centers coordinated with Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE). The primary objective of the agreement is to: (1) collaborate with VCBH and VCOE to develop evaluation infrastructure and evaluation capacity, (2) implement a school-wide survey to assess the impact of the Wellness Centers on issues related to awareness of and access to school-based mental health services, (3) conduct required data monitoring for middle school Wellness Centers as needed to inform quarterly and yearly reporting requirements, (4) conduct requisite univariate and multivariate statistical analyses, (5) develop the annual evaluation reports and (6) prepare for and facilitate monthly evaluation meetings with VCBH and VCOE. The Fifth Amendment to the Agreement with Evalcorp is being amended to cover additional hours for the Senior Research Associates related to expansion of Wellness Centers throughout Ventura County. The provider has requested to increase the staff hours from 573 to 873 hours (an increase of 300 staff hours). The additional expense will increase the maximum contract amount from \$149,875 to \$179,575 (an increase of \$29,700). This agreement is funded with MHSA funding.</p>
4/11/2023	TPF	\$941,214	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	<p>FY 22-23 Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with TPF for Adult Wellness and Rehabilitation Center and Mobile Wellness Services. The primary objective of the agreement with TPF is to provide: (1) mobile wellness centers that provide Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP), (2) recovery groups, (3) linkage and access resources and (4) socialization opportunities as well as step down treatment for individuals in need through Ventura County. The Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with TPF is being amended to cover an increase in staff wages due to changes in the minimum wage requirement that went into effect on January 1, 2023. Additional funding is also needed to cover the cost to replace three (3) laptops. The additional expense will increase the maximum contract amount from \$887,749 to \$941,214 (an increase of \$53,465). This agreement is funded with MHSA funding.</p>

4/11/2023	Homeland Languages Services LLC (Homeland)	\$343,743	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	FY 22-23 Third Amendment to the Agreement with Homeland for Interpretation and Translation Services. Homeland provides interpretation and translation services for VCBH. The primary objective of the contract is to support VCBH in providing critical interpretation/translation services to members of the community who need to access services provided by VCBH. The Third Amendment to the Agreement with Homeland is being amended to cover an increase in requested translation and interpretation services. This is due in large part to clinics and other services opening up to provide in-person support. Previously due to COVID-19 protocols, utilization of these services were limited. The additional expense will increase the maximum contract amount from \$150,000 to \$343,743(an increase of \$193,743). This agreement is funded with MHSA funding.
4/11/2023	Elms Manor Corporation (Elms Manor)	\$225,000	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	FY 22-23 Third Amendment to the Agreement with Elms Manor for Augmented Board and Care Services. Elms Manor 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 to promote safety and recovery. The acuity level of these individuals is high in that they require daily assistance in one (1) or more areas of life functioning, including: attending to self-care and basic needs, attending to medical and medication needs, maintaining participation in supportive mental health/substance abuse and other recovery-based support programs, and socializing and re-integrating into the community. VCBH currently pays these providers a rate per client/per month for augmented board and care services. VCBH funding is in addition to the Social Security Insurance (SSI) that these facilities receive from clients to provide basic board and care services. If the client does not have SSI benefits, VCBH provides temporary funding to cover basic board and care services until the client receives SSI benefits. Currently, 43 clients are residing at Elms Manor. The Third Amendment to the Agreement with Elms Manor is being amended to increase the maximum contract amount from \$219,000 to \$225,000 (an increase of \$6,000) for the service period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, to cover additional SSI benefits cost. This agreement is funded with MHSA, Tobacco Settlement, and 1991 Realignment funding.
4/25/2023	Aegis Treatment Centers, LLC (Aegis)	\$6,750,000	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	FY 22-23 Seventh Amendment to the Agreement with Aegis for Outpatient Narcotic Treatment Program (NTP) Services. Aegis provides outpatient NTP services and Medications for Addiction Treatment (MAT) services for adults. Aegis currently has clinics in Oxnard, Santa Paula, Simi Valley, and Ventura with a total licensed capacity of 1,370 clients. From July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, Aegis provided services to 737 DMC clients. Since July 2022, Aegis has provided services to 734 DMC clients and estimates serving 745 DMC clients by fiscal year end. The Seventh Amendment to the Agreement with Aegis increases the contract amount by \$350,000 due to an upward trend in clients. In FY 2021-22, the contract maximum was decreased due to the reduced number of clients due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This agreement is funded with Drug Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation (D/MC FFP) and Realignment funding.

4/25/2023	HealthRight 360	\$3,554,873	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	<p>FY 22-23 Tenth Amendment to the Agreement with HealthRight 360 for Residential Treatment Services. HealthRIGHT 360 provides three levels of residential treatment services and one level of withdrawal management treatment services for women and their children. The three levels of residential treatment services include: (1) clinically managed low-intensity residential services, (2) clinically managed population-specific high-intensity residential services for adults only, and (3) clinically managed residential services with high intensity for adults and medium intensity for adolescents. HealthRIGHT 360's satisfactory discharge rate is 55%. From July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, HealthRIGHT 360 served 151 residential and 109 withdrawal management clients and 68 of those clients received MAT services. Since July 2022, HealthRIGHT 360 served 119 residential and 61 withdrawal management clients and 49 of those clients received MAT services. HealthRIGHT 360 estimates serving 160 residential and 115 withdrawal management clients and 70 of those clients will receive MAT services by the end of the fiscal year. The Tenth Amendment to the Agreement with HealthRIGHT 360, increases the contract amount by \$638,759 due to: (1) increased staffing costs related to the withdraw management modality, from prior year, as well as the addition of staff and salary increases to attract and retain staff and (2) increased costs related to additional bed utilization particularly in the level 3.5 residential modality. This agreement is funded with D/MC FFP, State General Fund, Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) discretionary, 2011 Realignment, CalWORKS, Judicial Council of California (JCC) and AB 109 funding.</p>
4/25/2023	Idea Engineering, Inc.	\$404,500	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	<p>FY 22-23 Ninth Amendment to the Agreement with Idea Engineering, Inc. for Substance Use Services (SUS) Prevention Services. Idea Engineering, Inc. provides VCBH with SUS Prevention communication materials and public messaging campaign services, including custom and localized public service announcements to support various program priorities (e.g., prescription drug abuse prevention initiatives, impaired driving prevention, opioid overdose prevention and rescue efforts) using a range of media channels. Traditional print media and internet-based digital messaging services are directed to youth and adults. Marketing, media and prevention messaging services reach targeted groups locally, consistent with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Strategic Prevention Framework. In the first three quarters of FY 2022-23, Idea Engineering Inc. developed messaging themes covering topics such as "fentanyl can be found in any street drug" and "You Can Save A Life" using naloxone overdose rescue strategies. Messages focused on prescription drug misuse prevention, fentanyl and methamphetamine awareness, and access to care messaging were created and delivered with strong local impressions. The Fentanyl and Fake Pills October 2022 campaign alone garnered 588,343 impressions via targeted website ads, 824,600 radio impressions, and 17,050,000 transit impressions via 40 buses, for a total of 18,462,943 impressions. The Ninth Amendment to the Agreement with Idea Engineering, Inc. increases the contract amount by \$30,000 to expand awareness campaigns about current trends in illegal drug use among older school-aged youth and inform parents of these youth about new forms of opioid and stimulant risks. This agreement is funded by Vehicle Fines, Statham and SABG American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.</p>

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5/16/2023	Amada Enterprises, Inc.	\$3,057,000	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	<p>FY 2022-23 Amada Enterprises, Inc. Sixth Amendment for Institution for Mental Disease (IMD) and Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) services. Amada Enterprises, Inc. provides business under the name View Heights Convalescent Hospital and Wellness Center. It is designated as an IMD and provides SNF services for seriously mentally ill clients who require a high level of care due to severity of their illnesses. Clients receive the following services at View Heights Convalescent Hospital and Wellness Center: (1) medication management, (2) care and supervision, (3) daily activities, and (4) food services.</p> <p>The Sixth Amendment to the agreement with Amada Enterprises, Inc., increases the maximum contract amount by \$184,000, to provide additional funding for the placement of two clients in addition to the existing twenty-four clients. This agreement is funded with Tobacco Settlement, Realignment and other County Resources funding.</p>
5/16/2023	Telecare Corporation (Telecare) (La Paz)	\$844,000	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	<p>FY 2022-23 Telecare Second Amendment for SNF and Involuntary Medication Orders (IMO) services. Telecare La Paz provides 24-hour SNF and IMO services for mentally ill clients who require a high level of care due to severity if illnesses. In addition to the SNF and IMO services, clients placed at Telecare's La Paz Geropsychiatric Center receive the following series: (1) medication management, (2) care and supervision, (3) daily activities, (4) food services.</p> <p>The Second Amendment to the agreement with Telecare increases the maximum contract amount by \$244,000, to provide funding for the placement of one client in addition to the existing seven Medi-cal clients and one client in addition to the existing six Non-Medi-cal clients. This agreement is funded by Tobacco Settlement, Realignment and other County Resources funding.</p>
5/16/2023	California Psychiatric Transitions Inc. (CPT)	\$703,000	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	<p>FY 2022-23 CPT Third Amendment for SNF and IMO services. CPT provides 24-hour Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) and Involuntary Medication Orders (IMO) services for clients experiencing severe and treatment resistant mental illness. CPT assists clients develop emotional, social and intellectual skills needed to live, learn, and work in the community through the life skill training, money management, training on accessing community services, transitional programs, and discharge planning.</p> <p>The Third Amendment to the agreement with CPT increases the maximum contract amount by \$291,000, to fund one client in addition to the existing two clients and to cover increased program operational costs. This agreement is funded by Tobacco Settlement, Realignment and other County Resources funding.</p>

5/16/2023	Seneca Family of Agencies (Seneca) (Crisis Stabilization Unit- (CSU))	\$3,888,858	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	<p>FY 2022-23 Seneca Family of Agencies Fifth Amendment for CSU services. Seneca provides CSU program services for VCBH. The Seneca CSU is the front-end of the continuum of care for childrens mental health crisis services in Ventura County, providing a multi-disciplinary risk assessment to youth experiencing a mental health crisis and interventions to promote stabilization, family involvement , and safety planning to access the least restrictive, most appropriate level of care. The Seneca CSU provides mental health interventions that are necessary to divert minors from hospitalization and safely discharge the minors to community services. The Seneca CSU is certified by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). The primary objective of any CSU is to promptly evaluate and/or stabilize minors presenting with acute symptoms or distress without hospital admission. In FY 2022-23, the Seneca CSU provided crisis stabilization services to 102 youth (July-January). Of those, 47% avoided hospitalization.</p> <p>The Fifth Amendment to the agreement with Seneca CSU, increases the maximum contract amount by \$152,879 to reimburse Seneca for increased costs in psychiatric services and staff wages during FY 2022-23. This agreement is funded by Short Doyle/Medi-cal, Federal Financial Participation (SD/MC FFP), and Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding.</p>
5/16/2023	Seneca (Comprehensive Assessment and Stabilization Services (COMPASS))	\$1,867,553	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	<p>FY 2022-23 Seneca Fifth Amendment for COMPASS services. Seneca also provides COMPASS program services for VCBH. The COMPASS program is a six bed Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) licensed through California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and certified through DHCS. The program is designed to provide voluntary residential treatment for minors who are not able to be stabilized in less than 24 hours but who do not meet criteria required under Welfare and Institutions Code section 5585.50 for psychiatric hospitalization. On average, these youth will typically stay at the STRTP for ten days. The focus of this program is to stabilize the minor to assure safety, develop safety planning with the family, introduce therapeutic and psychiatric interventions and establish linkages to aftercare treatment, reducing the likelihood of recurring crisis situations and potential psychiatric hospitalization. Seneca staff also provide transitional community-based services to promote a successful transition from the COMPASS program back to minors' homes. Such services can be provided up to 60 days from the date of discharge. In FY2022-23, the Seneca COMPASS program provided continued stabilization through residential and outpatient mental health services to six youth (July through January).</p> <p>The Fifth Amendment to the agreement with Seneca COMPASS, increases the maximum contract amount by \$117,800 to reimburse Seneca for increased costs in staff wages during FY 2022-23. This agreement is funded by SD/MC, FFP and MSHSA funding.</p>
5/16/2023	Interface Children and Family Services (Interface)	\$1,158,008	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	<p>FY 2022-23 Interface Children and Family Services Fifth Amendment for Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Care Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) services. Interface provides Medi-Cal specialty mental health care EPSDT 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. In FY 2022-23 Interface has provided EPSDT program services to 263 unduplicated clients (July through February). Per contractual changes earlier this fiscal year, Interface is focusing efforts in Oxnard and has recently reopened services in Santa Paula.</p> <p>The Fifth Amendment to the agreement with Interface EPSDT, increases the maximum contract amount by \$94,505 to increase Salaries and Benefits (5%) and increase indirect costs (from 10% to 15%). . This agreement is funded by SD/MC, FFP and Realignment funding.</p>

5/16/2023	Telecare (Vista)	\$888,596	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	<p>FY 2022-23 Telecare Vista Seventh Amendment for Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) program services. Telecare Vista 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. Throughout FY 2022-23 (July through April), Vista served 49 unduplicated clients and maintained an average daily client count of approximately 36.</p> <p>The Seventh Amendment to the agreement with Telecare Vista, increases the maximum contract amount by \$55,351 due to increases in salaries and benefits. This agreement is funded by SD/MC, FFP and MHSA funding.</p>
5/16/2023	Telecare (Horizon View)	\$3,190,796	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	<p>FY 2022-23 Telecare Horizon View Sixth Amendment for Locked Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC) services. Telecare provides locked MHRC services at Horizon View for individuals who have a history of severe mental illness who cannot be properly treated at lower levels of care. These consumers are: (1) Medi-Cal eligible, (2) 18 years or older, and (3) on conservatorship pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 5350, et seq. (the "Lanterman Petris-Short Act") and are transferring from an acute psychiatric hospital, a state hospital, or another locked MHRC. Consumers receive supervision, guidance, and personal assistance in performing their daily living activities. In addition, structured day and evening services are also provided to assist consumers in acquiring living skills, accessing community resources, and accessing educational/vocational resources. Throughout FY 2022-23, Horizon View served 35 unduplicated clients and maintained an average daily client count of approximately 13.</p> <p>The Sixth Amendment to the agreement with Telecare Horizon View, increases the maximum contract amount by \$295,588 due to the program's use of overtime and registry to fill in behind vacancies and inflationary pressure on food prices. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP and Realignment funding.</p>
5/23/2023	One Step A La Vez	\$264,211	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 One Step A La Vez Agreement for Prevention and Early intervention (PEI) Services . One Step A La Vez provides PEI Services. They work to provide the following strategies: a) provide access and linkage to services for people with severe mental illness, b) improve timely access to services for underserved populations, c) Stigma and discrimination reduction. Goals for the program include: a) increase interagency collaboration and partnerships, b) connect community members to appropriate mental health resources, c) mental health education and stigma reduction through leadership, d) increase awareness and knowledge regarding mental health in the Latino community in Fillmore, e) increase sensitivity in the community to the issues faced by the Latino community in the Fillmore area, f) increasing early help-seeking among people with mental illness. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23, One Step A La Vez served 97 clients in core program services and 127 were reached through outreach services. The proposed FY 2023-24 Agreement with One Step a La Vez is for a one-year term (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024) and represents a consolidation of the FY 2022-23 PEI and outreach Agreements that were previously separate and distinct.</p> <p>The agreement with One Step A La Vez will increase the maximum contract amount by \$129,706 which reflects the two combined budgets from the prior fiscal year to fund: 1) meals for youth that will help to increase participation in the Teen Center, 2) mental health workshops and community speakers to promote and educate youth on stigma, discrimination reduction, suicide prevention, and awareness of community resources, and 3) salary increases related to one full-time coordinator, two part-time assistants, and site manager and an increase in hours for an existing operations director. This agreement is funded by MHSA funding.</p>

5/23/2023	Promotoras Y Promotores Foundation (PYPF)	\$250,000	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 PYPF Agreement for PEI services. PYPF provides PEI services, targeting immigrant Latina women and their family, who are at risk of experiencing early signs of depression. Promotoras Y Promotores Foundation's primary focus is in the Santa Clara Valley but their secondary focus includes other Ventura County cities as well. Through this Agreement, PYPF will increase awareness and education about depression, make appropriate referrals to community resources, and reduce stigma associated with mental health services. In FY 2022-23, Promotoras Y Promotores Foundation served 121 individuals, which resulted in several receiving housing opportunities and 70 individuals referred to mental health care and/or social support services.</p> <p>The agreement with PYPF represents a decrease of \$4,600 due to the provider consolidating both services under one agreement. This agreement is funded with MHSA funding.</p>
5/23/2023	Turning Point Foundation (Turning Point) (RISE Program)	\$321,907	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Turning Point RISE Program Agreement for Outreach and Engagement services. Turning Point RISE Program provides outreach and engagement services in order to address needs within the county to educate, support and mitigate the effect of mental illness for individuals who may be in crisis. Turning Point Foundation RISE staff are trained and encouraged to incorporate their lived experience to develop strategies and engage individuals in services who may be hesitant to engage in service activities. In FY 2022-23, the RISE program provided 949.71 units of service for RISE clients.</p> <p>The agreement with Turning Point RISE Program increases the maximum contract amount by \$30,295 due to the rising costs of living and for the provider to offer competitive wages to retain staff. This agreement is funded with MHSA funding.</p>
5/23/2023	Turning Point Foundation (Adult Wellness and Recovery Centers - (AWRC))	\$1,028,803	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Turning Point Agreement for AWRC services. Turning Point Foundation Wellness Centers operates AWRC in Oxnard, COVID-19 Vulnerable Persons Project locations, in additional mutually agreed upon service provision locations within Ventura County, and through online service methods. The AWRC programs focus on outreach to and engagement with individuals with serious and persistent mental illness who have been unserved or underserved by the traditional mental health system. The AWRC's use group and 1:1 interaction, engage clients in various programs, and serve as portals to other mental health, medical, dental, housing, and employment services. As an extension of the on-site wellness centers, Turning Point Foundation also provides mobile wellness center services. The mobile wellness services provide WRAP and recovery groups and socialization opportunities at board and cares, assisted living facilities, and VCBH clinics. The staff also serve as a bridge for participants who may need accompaniment support to step down from a higher level of treatment or who might not be comfortable participating in clinical treatment. In FY 2022-23, the Wellness Centers provided services to 563 individuals, assisted 201 individuals with WRAP services to address their mental health needs, and worked with 646 individuals from several local board and care facilities to access socialization and wellness activities.</p> <p>The agreement with Turning Point Wellness Centers increases the maximum contract amount by \$87,589 due to the rising costs of living and for the provider to offer competitive wages to retain staff. This agreement is funded with MHSA funding.</p>
5/23/2023	United Parents (Respite)	\$229,553	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2023	<p>FY 2023-24 United Parents Respite Agreement for Respite services. United Parents Respite provides respite services (short-term, is for a one-year term (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024) and proposes an \$87,589 increase to the maximum contract amount from the prior fiscal year due to the rising costs of living and for the provider to offer competitive wages to retain staff.</p> <p>The agreement with United Parents Respite increases the maximum contract amount by \$3,821 due to salaries and benefits cost of living adjustments. This agreement is funded with Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) funding.</p>

5/23/2023	Pacific Clinics Wellness and Recovery Center (TAY Tunnel)	\$1,820,187	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2026	<p>FY 2023-25 Pacific Clinics Wellness and Recovery Center TAY Tunnel Fourth Agreement for Wellness Recovery Center (WRC) services . Pacific Clinics Wellness and Recovery Center TAY Tunnel manages a WRC for young adults ages 18 to 25, in an area accessible to transitional age youth (TAY) that is, at a minimum, representative of the demographics of the population to be served and will serve as the focal point for peer-to-peer recovery services, such as Wrap's and referrals for services. Bilingual staff with lived experience, engage and empower TAY individuals to take an active role in creating a positive lifestyle within a supporting , safe, and understanding environment. More specifically, staff design achievement plans and WRAP's, aid in employment services, health navigation, and linkages to community resources. In FY 2022-23, Pacific Clinics worked with 90 individuals, which resulted in several receiving housing opportunities and 20 assisted in acquiring active employment.</p> <p>The Fourth Amendment to the agreement with Pacific Clinics Wellness and Recovery Center TAY Tunnel is for a three-year term and proposes a \$47,787 increase to the maximum contract amount due to: 1) a slight increase in the employee benefit rate from 25% to 28%, 2) a 15% increase in rent as a result of a proposed new location, and 3) other program increases that are related to inflation. This agreement is funded with MHSA funding.</p>
5/23/2023	Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE)	\$6,000,000	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2026	<p>FY 2023-24 VCOE Agreement for PEI services. VCOE provides PEI services and outreach and engagement to reduce stigma and discrimination about mental illness throughout Ventura County. Through VCOE's partnership with the Local Educational Agencies (LEA), mental health screenings, referrals, and mental health services for at-risk students are provided. VCOE contracted school districts also provide education and training for school personnel, students and family outreach and engagement to reduce stigma and discrimination about mental illness. In FY 2022-23, approximately 132,160 individuals received core services, and approximately 32,171 individuals were referred to mental health care and/or social support services.</p> <p>The agreement with VCOE is for a three-year term and represents no change in the annual maximum contract amount from year to year (\$2,000,000 per fiscal year). However, since the proposed new Agreement is now for a three-year term, the new maximum contract amount is \$6,000,000. This agreement is funded with MHSA funding.</p>
5/23/2023	Amada Enterprises, Inc. (View Heights)	\$3,250,795	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 View Heights Amendment for 24-hour IMD services. View Heights provides 24-hour IMD 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: (1) medication management, (2) care and supervision, (3) daily activities, and (4) food services. Throughout FY 2022-23, View Heights served 29 unduplicated clients and maintained an average of over 25 clients per month increasing from 20 clients to a current count of 29 clients.</p> <p>The agreement with View Heights represents a 3% increase in services rates (Tier 1 from \$226.60 to \$233.40/day, Tier 2 from \$357.41 to \$368.13/day, Tier 3 from \$391.40 to \$403.14/day, Tier 4 from \$427.45 to \$440.27, 1:1 from \$30.90 to \$31.83/hour, Ancillary from \$209.88 to \$216.18/day, and Bed Hold from \$204.19 to \$210.32), an increase in the number of clients that will be served, an increase in the maximum contract amount by \$193,795, and necessary contract updates. Through the proposed FY 2023-24 agreement with View Heights, an average of 25 clients can be supported throughout FY 2023-24. This agreement is funded with Tobacco Settlement; 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C); 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C); and County General Funding.</p>

5/23/2023	CPT	\$887,124	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 CPT Fourth Amendment for MHRC services. CPT is a locked MHRC that includes a Disruptive Behavioral Unit (DBU) that Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) utilizes for court-ordered locked restoration of competence services as well as VCBH clients who require a high level of services in a controlled environment. For VCBH clients, the goal is to stabilize and improve behavior to transition clients to a lower and less restrictive level of care. CPT has successfully stabilized and transitioned several clients who have either moved to a lower level of care at CPT or within the County. Throughout FY 2022-23, CPT served one (2) unduplicated client and maintained an average of approximately one (2) client per month.</p> <p>The Fourth amendment to the agreement with CPT represents an increase in rates (MHRC from \$460.00 to \$485.00/day, DBU from \$910.00 to \$960.00/day, Diversion from \$660.00 to \$690.00/day, and 1-1 from \$52.00 to \$55.00/hour) an increase in the maximum an increase in rates (MHRC from \$460.00 to \$485.00/day, DBU from \$910.00 to \$960.00/day, Diversion from \$660.00 to \$690.00/day, and 1-1 from \$52.00 to \$55.00/hour) an increase in the maximum contract amount of \$184,124, and necessary contract updates. This agreement is funded with Tobacco Settlement; 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C); 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C); and County General Fund Funding.</p>
5/23/2023	Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc. (Crestwood-Bakersfield) (Bridge)	\$268,000	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Crestwood-Bakersfield Bridge Second Amendment for 24-hour Adult Residential Mental Health Facility services. Crestwood-Bakersfield Bridge provides 24-hour adult residential facility services for adults who have been diagnosed with a severe mental illness. Crestwood-Bakersfield Bridge program provides clients discharged/diverted from various IMDs/facilities with a supervised supportive community-based living environment where they can learn the skills necessary to develop more independence and to function in the community, with the goal of being able to live in a less restrictive environment upon discharge from the program. Throughout FY 2022-23, Crestwood-Bakersfield Bridge served four (4) unduplicated clients and maintained an average of approximately two (2) clients per month.</p> <p>The Second amendment to the agreement with Crestwood-Bakersfield Bridge represents an increase in the bed hold rate from \$230.00/day to \$241.00/day. The overall contract maximum is decreasing by \$32,000. Through the proposed second amendment to the agreement with Crestwood-Bakersfield Bridge, an average of three (3) clients can be supported throughout FY 2023-24. This agreement is funded with Tobacco Settlement; 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C); 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C); and County General Fund Funding.</p>
5/23/2023	Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc. (Crestwood-Bakersfield) (MHRC)	\$402,000	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Crestwood-Bakersfield MHRC Third Amendment for MHRC services. Crestwood-Bakersfield MHRC 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 Crestwood -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 2022-23, Crestwood-Bakersfield MRCH served four (4) unduplicated clients and maintained an average of approximately two (2) clients per month.</p> <p>The Third amendment to the agreement with Crestwood-Bakersfield MHRC represents an increase in rates (Level 3 from \$319.00/day to \$330.00/day, Level 2 from \$354.00/day to \$366.00/day, Level 1 from \$389.00/day to \$403.00/day, and 1:1 from \$720.00/day to \$745.00/day), representing a decrease in the maximum contract amount of \$102,000, and necessary contract updates. Through the proposed third amendment to the agreement with Crestwood-Bakersfield MHRC, an average of three (3) clients can be supported throughout FY 2023-24. This agreement is funded with Tobacco Settlement; 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C); 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C); and County General Fund funding.</p>

5/23/2023	Parkside Healthcare, Inc. DBA Parkside Health and Wellness Center (Parkside)	\$1,401,600	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Parkside Third for Amendment for 24-hour SNF and Mental Health Recovery Center services. Parkside provides 24-hour SNF and Mental Health Recovery Center services for seriously mentally ill clients who require a high level of care due to the severity of their illnesses. Clients placed at Parkside receive the following services: (1) medication management, (2) care and supervision, (3) daily activities, and (4) food services. Throughout FY 2022-23, Parkside served 22 unduplicated clients and maintained an average of approximately 19 clients per month and their estimated average client count increased from 14 to 19.</p> <p>The Third amendment to the agreement with Parkside represents an increase in rates (Medi-Cal from \$170.00/day to \$180.00/day, non-Medi-Cal from \$405.00/day to \$450.00/day, "Bed Hold" from \$395.00/day to \$420.00/day), for an increase in the maximum contract amount of \$30,600. Through the proposed third amendment to the agreement with Parkside, an average of 19 clients can be supported throughout FY 2023-24. This agreement is funded with Tobacco Settlement; 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C); 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C); and County General Fund funding.</p>
5/23/2023	Sylmar Health & Rehabilitation Center, Inc. (SHRC)	\$2,002,684	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 SHRC Third Amendment for IMD services. SHRC is an IMD that facilitates recovery 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)). Throughout FY 2022-23, SHRC served 19 unduplicated clients and maintained an average of approximately 16 clients per month.</p> <p>The Third amendment to the agreement with SHRC will increase the maximum contract amount by \$208,684 which indicates that an average of 16 clients can be supported throughout FY 2023-24. This agreement is funded with Tobacco Settlement; 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C); 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C); and County General Fund Funding.</p>
5/23/2023	Telecare La Paz	\$951,831	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Telecare La Paz Third Amendment for 24-hour SNF and IMD services. La Paz provides 24-hour SNF and IMD services for seriously mentally ill clients who require a high level of care due to the severity of their illnesses. Clients placed at Telecare's La Paz Geropsychiatric Center receive the following services: (1) medication management, (2) care and supervision, (3) daily activities, and (4) food services. Throughout FY 2022-23, Telecare La Paz served seven (7) unduplicated clients and maintained an average of approximately seven (7) clients per month.</p> <p>The Third amendment to the agreement with Telecare represents a 5% increase in rates (Medi-Cal Enhanced from \$167.01/day to \$168.61/day, Non-Medi-Cal \$212.72/day to \$214.76/day, 1:1 \$40.71 to \$42.75/hour, Bed Hold \$365.11 to \$383.37/day), an increase in the maximum contract amount by \$107, 831, and necessary contract updates. Through the proposed third amendment to the agreement with Telecare La Paz, an average of seven (7) clients can be supported through FY 2023-24. This agreement is funded with Tobacco Settlement; 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C); 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C); and County General Fund funding.</p>

5/23/2023	Traditions Psychology Group, Inc. (Traditions)	\$16,374,154	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Traditions Amendment for Psychiatric Physician services. Traditions provides psychiatric physician services at various clinic/program sites throughout the VCBH system.</p> <p>The agreement with Traditions represents a 4% increase in the existing in-person service rates (Adult/SUD Psychiatrist \$207.19/hour, Child/Adolescent Psychiatrist \$280.59/hour, Medical Director Psychiatrist \$290.99/hour, and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners/Physician Assistant \$202.59/hour), creation of new Telehealth services rates (Adult/SUD Psychiatrist \$259.80/hour, Child/Adolescent Psychiatrist \$269.80/hour, Medical Director Psychiatrist \$279.80/hour, and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners/Physician Assistant \$194.80/hour), an increase in the maximum contract amount by \$552,400, and necessary contract updates. This agreement is funded with 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C); 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C); Short Doyle/Medi-Cal (SD/MC) Federal Financial Participation (FFP), MHSA, and Drug Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation (DMC-ODS FFP) funding.</p>
5/23/2023	Vista Woods Health Associates LLC (Vista Woods)	\$671,435	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Vista Woods Amendment for 24-hour SNF services. Vista Woods provides 24-hour SNF services for seriously mentally ill clients who require a high level of care due to the severity of their illnesses. In addition to the SNF services, clients receive the following services: (1) medication management; (2) care and supervision; (3) daily activities; and (4) food services. Throughout FY 2022-23, Vista Woods served eight (8) unduplicated clients and maintained an average of approximately eight (8) clients per month.</p> <p>The agreement with Vista Woods represents an increase in rates (patch rate from \$170.00/day to \$180.00/day, non-Medi-Cal clients \$450.00/day and bed hold service rate from \$322.94/day to \$420.00/day), resulting in an overall decrease in the contract maximum amount by \$15,315. Through the proposed FY 2023-24 agreement with Vista Woods, an average of 11 clients can be supported throughout FY 2023-24. This agreement is funded with Tobacco Settlement; 2011 Realignment (Trust N520-719C); 1991 Realignment (Trust N510-717C); and County General Fund Funding.</p>
5/23/2023	Evalcorp	\$346,500	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Evalcorp Eighth Amendment for Research and Technical Evaluation services. Evalcorp provides critical research and technical services, assisting VCBH and its funded Prevention Services contractors in developing appropriate process and outcome measures, tailored data collection protocols, and corresponding data and performance outcome reports. Additionally, Evalcorp provides VCBH with prevention research, evaluation, data collection and analysis services including: (1) Drug trend information, including quantitative and qualitative research methods to inform: prescription drug, alcohol, methamphetamine, fentanyl and polydrug use prevention interventions, (2) overdose prevention rescue kit data integration, (3) opioid abuse prevention geo-targeting support, and (4) Place of Last Drink (POLD) survey among driving under the influence (DUI) arrestees. In the first three quarters of FY 2022-23, Evalcorp completed summative evaluation for all five (5) initiatives under the current Strategic Prevention Plan, including metrics for opioid prescribing trends locally over the last six (6) years, DUI prevention, and addressing health disparities and substance use risk among young people.</p> <p>The Eighth amendment to the agreement with Evalcorp represents a decrease of \$21,654 to the maximum agreement amount from the prior fiscal year due to operational changes which incorporate ongoing digital data collection and analysis by VCBH staff, and reduced needs associated with DUI data reporting. This Agreement is funded with Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG) and SABG American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.</p>

5/23/2023	Give An Hour	\$249,617	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Give An Hour Twelfth Amendment for Substance Use Services (SUS) Prevention services. Give An Hour supports expanded overdose crisis response with: (1) community overdose prevention training, (2) institutional overdose response expansion training, and (3) professional development and capacity building for behavioral health professionals. In the first three quarters of FY 2022-23, Give An Hour provided training and support to more than fifty (50) naloxone distribution sites, with updated training standards for overdose response educators and counselors, reaching hundreds of residents at elevated risk for opioid overdose emergency.</p> <p>The Twelfth amendment with the agreement with Give An Hour represents a decrease of \$59,427 to the maximum agreement amount from the prior fiscal year due to changes in professional development training needs and modified opportunities for training of medical doctors and other health professionals in addressing the opioid crisis. This agreement is funded by SABG, Vehicle Fines, and Statham funding.</p>
5/23/2023	Idea Engineering, Inc.	\$394,500	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Idea Engineering, Inc. Tenth Amendment for SUS Prevention services. Idea Engineering, Inc. provides VCBH with communication materials and public messaging campaign services, including custom and localized public service announcements to support various program priorities (e.g., fentanyl and other drug prevention initiatives, opioid overdose prevention and rescue efforts), and impaired driving prevention campaigns, using a range of media channels. Traditional print media and internet-based digital messaging services are directed to youth and adults. Marketing, media, and prevention messaging services reach targeted groups locally, consistent with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Strategic Prevention Framework. In the first three quarters of FY 2022-23, Idea Engineering Inc. developed messaging themes covering topics such as "fentanyl can be found in any street drug" and "You Can Save A Life" using naloxone overdose rescue strategies. Messages focused on drug misuse prevention, fentanyl risk, methamphetamine awareness, and access to care messaging were created and delivered with strong local impressions. The Fentanyl and Fake Pills October 2022 campaign alone garnered 588,343 impressions via targeted website ads, 824,600 radio impressions, and 17,050,000 transit impressions via 40 buses, for a total of 18,462,943 impressions.</p> <p>The Tenth amendment to the agreement with Idea Engineering, Inc. represents a decrease of \$10,000 to the maximum agreement amount from the prior fiscal year due to changes in operational focus on more affordable outsourced media and changes in social media option. This agreement is funded by SABG, Vehicle Fines, Statham and SABG ARPA funding.</p>

5/23/2023	Reality Improv Connection, Inc. (Reality Improv)	\$445,835	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Reality Improv Eighth Amendment for SUS Prevention services. Reality Improv provides informational and educational engagement projects for youth, young adults, and parents. These projects address underage and binge drinking, impaired driving, opioid and illicit drug use, and examine a range of health disparities using school and community-based workshops, performances, and new media (podcasts, blogs, e-news, and text). Media and health promotion efforts focus on suppressing opioid overdose, consequences of early and frequent cannabis use, and the risks of vaping, along with a range of pro-social and collaborative mental wellness activities, consistent with the SAMHSA Strategic Prevention Framework. In the first three quarters of FY 2022-23, Reality Improv Connection, Inc. documented 6,207 unduplicated youth and young adults participating in prevention content across 249 different workshops and presentations. Giving special attention to those from higher-need school communities, Reality Improv significantly expanded the use of interactive and immersive technologies for substance use prevention and health promotion, recording 21,034 plays of educational games online, and assisted young people in developing digital health messaging for use in reaching diverse audiences, through strategic use of high-quality audio and video.</p> <p>The Eighth amendment to the agreement with Reality Improv represents an increase of \$45,915 to the maximum agreement amount from the prior fiscal year to support a new digital media studio space, production assistance for prevention audio and video content, localized sharing and amplification of health content on social platforms, and assistance with organization and storage of digital public service announcements (PSAs). Additionally, ARPA supplemental funding will be used for continued support of online services, with upgraded software to offer Zoom Webinar and the 3-D interactive "BRITeworld" platform; aiding large-scale interactive events and increasing use of youth-oriented substance use prevention content countywide. This Agreement is funded by SABG and SABG ARPA funding.</p>
5/23/2023	VCOE	\$225,000	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 VCOE Tenth Amendment for SUS Prevention services. VCOE provides VCBH with: (1) substance use prevention education and outreach to students (particularly those from underserved populations), school personnel, and community partners, (2) youth mentoring services, and (3) coordination and training to support student assistance and Friday Night Live programs throughout Ventura County. The goal of these programs is to prevent and reduce underage drinking, prescription drug use, illicit opioid use, and the harms associated with cannabis and tobacco vaping/e-products. In the first three quarters of FY 2022-23, VCOE expanded the number of active Friday Night Live chapters, promoted the use of online Student Assistance Program trainings using a robust digital platform, and had strong success in attracting and retaining participation in programs and events using a combination of virtual and in-person strategies, as feasible under COVID restrictions.</p> <p>The Tenth amendment to the agreement with VCOE represents a decrease of \$148,700 to the maximum agreement amount from the prior fiscal year due to the removal of funds for Friday Night Live and Club Live set-aside monies, as well as a decrease in available funding through the California Department of Health Care Services for professional trainings on ways to support Social Emotional Learning. This Agreement is funded with SABG funding.</p>
5/23/2023	Ventura Unified School District (VUSD)	\$180,000	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 VUSD Sixth Amendment for SUS Prevention services. VUSD provides a systematic, District-level use of Brief Risk Reduction Interview and Intervention Model (BRRIM) with existing and new Student Assistance Program (SAP) staffing and resources, to provide individualized alcohol and drug prevention support services to participating students and their families. In the first three quarters of FY 2022-23, for example, VUSD convened more than 400 virtual sessions to support family engagement and student success, including appropriate referral to alcohol and drug educational and support programs within the District.</p> <p>The Sixth amendment to the agreement with VUSD represents a decrease of \$13,491 to the maximum agreement amount from the prior fiscal year due to changes in availability of specified COVID-relief funds to sustain staffing and on-site services under the Statewide Friday Night Live Partnership. This Agreement is fully funded with SABG funding.</p>

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6/6/2023	Telecare Corporation (Telecare) Casa B (Brighter Tomorrow)	\$1,018,001	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Telecare Casa B Agreement for social rehabilitation-oriented services. Telecare Casa B provides social rehabilitation-oriented services including 24-hour care and supervision of up to a maximum of 15 adult residents, ages 18 to 59 years of age in a non-institutional community setting. Clients receive services in a supervised, supportive, community-based living environment where they can learn the skills necessary to develop more independence and function in the community. Throughout FY 2022-23, Telecare Casa B served 26 unduplicated clients and maintained an average daily client census of approximately 13 clients.</p> <p>The agreement with Telecare Casa B, will increase the maximum contract amount by \$73,537 due to inflationary pressures on staff wages, California regulatory increases around minimum wage, minimum pay for exempt staff effective January 1, 2024, and inflationary pressures on direct operating costs, such as office supplies and utilities. This agreement is funded by Short Doyle Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation (SD/MC FFP), Realignment, and Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding.</p>
6/6/2023	Telecare Casa C (House of Transitions)	\$1,051,654	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2025	<p>FY 2023-24 Telecare Casa C Agreement for social rehabilitation-oriented services. Telecare Casa C provides social rehabilitation-oriented services including 24-hour care and supervision of up to a maximum of 15 adult residents, ages 18 to 59 years of age in a non-institutional community setting. Clients receive services in a supervised, supportive, community-based living environment where they can learn the skills necessary to develop more independence and function in the community. Throughout FY 2022-23, Telecare Casa C served 27 unduplicated clients and maintained an average daily client census of approximately 12 clients.</p> <p>The agreement with Telecare Casa C, will increase the maximum amount by \$62,476 due to inflationary pressures on staff wages, California regulatory increases around minimum wage, minimum pay for exempt staff effective January 1, 2024, and inflationary pressures on direct operating costs, such as office supplies and utilities. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP, Realignment, and MHSA funding.</p>
6/6/2023	Telecare Casa D (Starship)	\$1,068,096	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Telecare Casa C Agreement for social rehabilitation-oriented services. Telecare Casa C provides social rehabilitation-oriented services including 24-hour care and supervision of up to a maximum of 15 adult residents, ages 18 to 59 years of age in a non-institutional community setting. Clients receive services in a supervised, supportive, community-based living environment where they can learn the skills necessary to develop more independence and function in the community. Throughout FY 2022-23, Telecare Casa D served 27 unduplicated clients and maintained an average daily client census of approximately 13 clients.</p> <p>The agreement with Telecare Casa D, will increase the maximum amount by \$115,657 due to inflationary pressures on staff wages, California regulatory increases around minimum wage, minimum pay for exempt staff effective January 1, 2024, and inflationary pressures on direct operating costs, such as office supplies and utilities. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP, Realignment, and MHSA funding.</p>
6/6/2023	Telecare Casa E (Stonehenge)	\$892,060	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Telecare Casa E Agreement for adult residential facility program services. Telecare Casa E provides adult residential facility program services in the 15-bed Casa E facility for program residents that are between the ages of 18 to 59 years of age. While there is no limit on length of stay at this program, staff work with residents using Telecare's Recovery Centered Clinical System and begin to identify their hopes and dreams for the future with the goal of reducing residents use of acute care facilities. Throughout FY 2022-23, Telecare Casa E served 16 unduplicated clients and maintained an average daily client census of 14 clients.</p> <p>The agreement with Telecare Casa E, will increase the maximum contract amount by \$21,133 due to inflationary pressures on staff wages, California regulatory increases around minimum wage, minimum pay for exempt staff effective January 1, 2024, and inflationary pressures on direct operating costs, such as office supplies and utilities. This agreement is funded by Realignment funding.</p>

6/6/2023	Telecare Horizon View	\$3,343,379	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Telecare Horizon View Agreement for locked mental health rehabilitation center (MHRC) services. Telecare Horizon View provides locked MHRC services for individuals who have a history of severe mental illness who cannot be properly treated at lower levels of care. These consumers are: (1) Medi-Cal eligible, (2) 18 years or older, and (3) on conservatorship pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 5350, et seq. (the "Lanterman-Petris-Short Act") and are transferring from an acute psychiatric hospital, a state hospital, or another locked MHRC. Consumers receive supervision, guidance, and personal assistance in performing their daily living activities. In addition, structured day and evening services are also provided to assist consumers in acquiring living skills, accessing community resources, and accessing educational/vocational resources. Throughout FY 2022-23, Telecare Horizon View served 35 unduplicated clients and maintained an average daily client count of approximately 13.</p> <p>The agreement with Telecare Horizon View, will increase the maximum contract amount by \$152,583 due to inflationary pressures on staff wages, California regulatory increases around minimum wage, minimum pay for exempt staff effective January 1, 2024, and inflationary pressures on direct operating costs, such as office supplies and utilities. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP and Realignment funding.</p>
6/6/2023	Telecare (Vista) XP2/XP3	\$981,554	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Telecare Vista Agreement for Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) program services. Telecare Vista provides Assertive Community Treatment (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. Throughout FY 2022-23, Telecare Vista served 49 unduplicated clients and maintained an average daily client census of approximately 36.</p> <p>The agreement with Telecare Vista, will increase the maximum contract amount by \$148,309 due to inflationary pressures on staff wages, California regulatory increases around minimum wage, minimum pay for exempt staff effective January 1, 2024, and inflationary pressures on direct operating costs, such as office supplies and utilities. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP and MHSA funding.</p>
6/6/2023	Telecare (Voice) AB109	\$969,553	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Telecare Voice Agreement for ACT innovative Services. Telecare Voice provides ACT Innovative Services to adult consumers who have a history with severe mental illness along with significant functional impairment. 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. Throughout FY 2022-23, Telecare Voice served at total of 85 unduplicated clients in both the High Intensity and Lite programs and maintained an average daily client census of 32 clients.</p> <p>The agreement with Telecare Voice, will increase the maximum contract amount by \$66,577 due to inflationary pressures on staff wages, California regulatory increases around minimum wage, minimum pay for exempt staff effective January 1, 2024, and inflationary pressures on direct operating costs, such as office supplies and utilities. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP and AB109 funding.</p>
6/6/2023	Guiding Our Youth	\$884,000	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Guiding Our Youth Agreement for Short Term Residential Treatment Program (STRTP) Services. Guiding Our Youth provides STRTP services to youth in two 6 bed facilities for a total of 12 beds. 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. Since July 2022, Guiding Our Youth has served 30 residential treatment youth. Providers have successfully transitioned from group home to Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs.</p> <p>The agreement with Guiding Our Youth, will increase the maximum contract amount by \$132,784 due to inflationary pressures on wages and direct operating costs. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP and Realignment funding.</p>
6/6/2023	For The Future, Inc.	\$677,000	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 For The Future, Inc. Agreement for STRTP services. For The Future, Inc. provides STRTP services for youth in one facility for a total of 6 beds. 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. Since July 2022, For The Future, Inc. has served 17 residential treatment youth. Providers have successfully transitioned from group home to Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs.</p> <p>The agreement with For The Future, Inc., will increase the maximum contract amount by \$130,542 due to inflationary pressures on wages and direct operating costs. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP and Realignment funding.</p>

6/6/2023	New Way Group Home	\$522,000	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 New Way Group Agreement for STRTP services. New Way Group provides STRTP services for youth in two 6 bed facilities for a total of 12 beds. 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. Since July 2022, New Way Group Home has served 24 residential treatment youth. Providers have successfully transitioned from group home to Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs.</p> <p>The agreement with New Way Group Home, will increase the maximum contract amount by \$25,510 due to inflationary pressures on wages and direct operating costs. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP and Realignment funding.</p>
6/20/2023	ASC Treatment Group (Bakersfield) (ASC Bakersfield)	\$1,260,454	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 ASC Bakersfield Agreement for adult residential treatment services. ASC Bakersfield provides adult residential treatment services and 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 2022-23, ASC Bakersfield served 13 unduplicated clients and maintained an average daily client count of approximately 11.</p> <p>The agreement with ASC Bakersfield, will increase the maximum contract amount by \$69,111 due to inflationary pressures on staff wages, California regulatory increases around minimum wage, minimum pay for exempt staff effective January 1, 2024, and inflationary pressures on direct operating costs, such as office supplies and utilities. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP, Realignment, and Tobacco Settlement funding.</p>
6/20/2023	ASC Treatment Group (Los Angeles) (ASC Los Angeles)	\$862,476	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 ASC Los Angeles Agreement for adult residential treatment services. ASC Los Angeles provides adult residential treatment services and 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 2022-23, ASC Los Angeles served 11 unduplicated clients and maintained an average daily client count of approximately 8.</p> <p>The agreement with ASC Los Angeles, will increase the contract amount by \$105,356 due to inflationary pressures on staff wages, California regulatory increases around minimum wage, minimum pay for exempt staff effective January 1, 2024, and inflationary pressures on direct operating costs, such as office supplies and utilities. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP, Realignment, and Tobacco Settlement funding.</p>
6/20/2023	BH-VC OPCO SP, LLC DBA Jackson House Santa Paula (Jackson House Santa Paula)	\$2,300,000	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Jackson House Santa Paula Agreement for Short-Term Crisis Residential Recovery Treatment Program (CRT) services.</p> <p>Jackson House Santa Paula provides CRT, voluntary, and licensed social rehabilitation program for up to 16 adults who are experiencing increased psychiatric symptoms or a behavioral health crisis. The CRT facility services are used by clients to avoid acute hospitalization or to assist clients in stepping down from an acute hospital stay. Treatment services include assessment, community functioning evaluation, mental health counseling (including individual and group therapy and peer support) treatment for co-occurring substance abuse disorders, Wellness and Recovery based group interventions, case management, medication services, and successful linkages to community support services with the goal of minimizing the risk of hospitalization or return to routine crisis-based care. Throughout FY 2022-23, Jackson House Santa Paula served 213 unduplicated clients and maintained an average daily client count of approximately 12.</p> <p>The agreement with Jackson House Santa Paula, will increase the maximum contract amount by \$91,750 due to inflationary pressures on staff wages, California regulatory increases around minimum wage, minimum pay for exempt staff effective January 1, 2024, and inflationary pressures on direct operating costs, such as office supplies and utilities. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP and MHPA funding.</p>
6/20/2023	Golden Hillmont House MHRC, LLC (Hillmont House)	\$2,106,433	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Golden Hillmont House MHRC Agreement for Mental Health Rehabilitation Center "Hillmont House" services. Golden Hillmont House operates the Hillmont House located in Camarillo, with a 15-bed facility that provides housing and support for up to 18 months for individuals with severe and persistent mental illness to enable them to transition to independent or supported living arrangements. The program uses a psychosocial rehabilitation model that provides a balance of activities, education, vocational services, therapy, health, and socialization to support physical, psychological, and spiritual health. Throughout FY 2022-23, Golden Hillmont House MHRC served 28 unduplicated clients and maintained a daily average client attendance of 14.</p> <p>The agreement with Golden Hillmont House MHRC, will increase the maximum contract amount by \$9,551 due to inflationary pressures on staff wages, California regulatory increases around minimum wage, minimum pay for exempt staff effective January 1, 2024, and inflationary pressures on direct operating costs, such as office supplies and utilities. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP and Realignment funding.</p>

6/20/2023	Golden Ventura CRT, LLC	\$2,163,380	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Golden Ventura CRT, LLC Agreement for 24/7 crisis stabilization services. Golden Ventura CRT provides 24/7 crisis stabilization services to Ventura County residents between the ages of 18 and 59 who are experiencing an acute psychiatric episode, or intense emotional distress, in a voluntary, unlocked, structured therapeutic environment. Golden Ventura CRT provides services that will include a range of activities that support clients in their efforts to restore, maintain and apply interpersonal and independent living skills. These services may include assessment, plan development, therapy, rehabilitation, collateral, Crisis Intervention and Medication Management. The program uses a psychosocial rehabilitation model that provides a balance of activities, education, vocational services, therapy, health, and socialization to support physical, psychological, and spiritual health. Throughout FY 2022-23, Golden Ventura CRT served 185 unduplicated clients and maintained a daily average client attendance of 12.</p> <p>The agreement with Golden Ventura CRT, will increase the contract amount by \$73,150 due to inflationary pressures on staff wages, California regulatory increases around minimum wage, minimum pay for exempt staff effective January 1, 2024, and inflationary pressures on direct operating costs, such as office supplies and utilities. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP and MHSA funding.</p>
6/20/2023	Pathpoint	\$568,000	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Pathpoint Agreement for rehabilitation services. Pathpoint provides rehabilitation services to adults who suffer from severe and persistent mental illness using an evidence-based psychiatric rehabilitation model. The model provides day treatment services that integrate peer support with licensed professional supervision as a strategy for providing self-help, rehabilitation, and recovery-oriented services. The program provides structured skill-building groups, support groups, and activities six days per week and is designed to enhance independent living skills and develop and practice coping, social, and communication skills. Throughout FY 2022-23, Pathpoint served 68 unduplicated clients and maintained an average daily attendance of 11 clients.</p> <p>The agreement with Pathpoint, will increase the contract amount by \$56,695 due to inflationary pressures on staff wages, California regulatory increases around minimum wage, minimum pay for exempt staff effective January 1, 2024, and inflationary pressures on direct operating costs, such as office supplies and utilities. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP and Realignment funding.</p>
6/20/2023	Turning Point Foundation (Turning Point) (Growing Works)	\$458,000	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Turning Point Growing Works Agreement for nursery/horticultural peer job readiness program services. Turning Point Growing Works is a nursery/horticultural peer job readiness program using established recovery principles to provide job readiness training to VCBH clients. Turning Point operates the Growing Works program based on a logic model built into the scope of work, delineating specific activities, outputs, and outcomes. Throughout FY 2022-23, Turning Point Growing Works served 42 unduplicated clients and maintained a daily average client attendance of 20 clients.</p> <p>The agreement with Turning Point Growing Works, will increase the maximum contract amount by \$22,258 due to inflationary pressures on staff wages, California regulatory increases around minimum wage, minimum pay for exempt staff effective January 1, 2024, and inflationary pressures on direct operating costs, such as office supplies and utilities. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP and MHSA funding.</p>
6/20/2023	Turning Point (REHAB)	\$1,292,000	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Turning Point REHAB Agreement for psychiatric rehabilitation-oriented services. Turning Point REHAB provides psychiatric rehabilitation-oriented services to Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) enrolled clients who are experiencing moderate or severe difficulties in functioning in at least one major life domain. Psychiatric rehabilitation services are provided as an adjunct to existing VCBH services and are specifically aimed to provide referred clients with increasing their skills and abilities in daily living skills, social skills, communication skills, self-care, household skills and budgeting skills. Turning Point REHAB utilizes a recovery model approach and develop a recovery plan for each client that encourages client's rehabilitation progress towards more structured community involvement in such things as: school, training, volunteer work or employment. Throughout FY 2022-23, Turning Point Rehab served 147 unduplicated clients and maintained a daily average client attendance of 30 clients.</p> <p>The agreement with Turning Point REHAB, will increase the maximum contract amount by \$61,886 due to inflationary pressures on staff wages, California regulatory increases around minimum wage, minimum pay for exempt staff effective January 1, 2024, and inflationary pressures on direct operating costs, such as office supplies and utilities. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP and Realignment funding.</p>
6/20/2023	Interface Children and Family Services (Interface)-Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT)	\$1,216,000	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Interface Agreement for EPSDT Medi-Cal specialty mental health care 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. In FY 2022-23 Interface has provided EPSDT program services to 242 unduplicated clients (July through April).</p> <p>The agreement with Interface, will increase the maximum contract amount by \$57,992 due to inflationary pressures on staff wages and other services and supplies. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP and Realignment funding.</p>

6/20/2023	Kids & Families Together (Kids & Families) (EPSDT)	\$1,193,000	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	FY 2023-24 Kids & Families Agreement for Medi-Cal specialty mental health care EPSDT services. Kids and Families provides Medi-Cal specialty mental health care EPSDT services to children and their families. Kids & Families primarily focuses on serving foster children ages 0 to 21 years who have experienced trauma and/or maltreatment and are involved with the foster care system. In FY 2022-23, Kids & Families provided EPSDT program services to 102 unduplicated clients (July through April). The agreement with Kids & Families, will decrease the maximum contract amount by \$11,017 due to lower expected direct operating costs in the program. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP and Realignment funding.
6/20/2023	New Dawn Counseling and Consulting, Inc. (New Dawn)-(EPSDT)	\$1,274,000	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	FY 2023-24 New Dawn Agreement for EPSDT Specialty Mental Health services. New Dawn provides EPSDT Specialty Mental Health services to children and their families. New Dawn is being contracted to provide mental health, case management and crisis intervention units of service. In FY 2022-23, New Dawn provided services to 135 unduplicated clients (July to April). The agreement with New Dawn, will increase the maximum contract amount by \$61,516 due to inflationary pressures on staff wages and other services and supplies. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP and Realignment funding.
6/20/2023	United Parents-Family Access and Support Team (FAST)	\$1,020,520	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	FY 2023-24 United Parents Agreement for Medi-Cal FAST services. United Parents provides Medi-Cal FAST services to children and families. The program is designed to provide short term intensive home and community based supportive services in a proactive approach with the goal of reducing the need for crisis-based interventions, hospitalizations, and out-of-home placements. Families of children diagnosed with Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) benefit from a more proactive approach that supports and teaches them strategies to prevent an escalating situation from turning into a crisis. The program's peer to peer component utilizes trained parents, recruited from the communities they will serve, to work with families to build specific skills and techniques. In FY 2022-23, United Parents provided FAST program services to 208 families, 97 families were enrolled, and 99 were discharged (July through April). The agreement with United Parents, will increase the maximum contract amount by \$59,159 due to inflationary pressures on staff wages and other services and supplies. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG), and MHSA funding.
6/27/2023	Aurora Vista Del Mar, LLC	\$2,280,000	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023	FY 2022-23 Aurora Vista Del Mar Amendment for Psychiatric Inpatient Hospital services. Aurora Vista Del Mar provides Psychiatric Inpatient Hospital services support to individuals in the community in need of psychiatric inpatient treatment services. VCBH works closely with Aurora Vista Del Mar to coordinate services within the facility and to provide long term support after discharge. The agreement with Aurora Vista Del Mar, will increase the maximum contract amount by \$390,000 to ensure that service provision through fiscal year end is funded. This agreement is funded by Realignment funding.
6/27/2023	Aegis Treatment Centers, LLC (Aegis)	\$7,040,000	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	FY 2023-24 Aegis Agreement for outpatient Narcotic Treatment Program (NTP) services. Aegis provides outpatient NTP services and Medications for Addiction Treatment (MAT) services for adults. Aegis currently has clinics in Oxnard, Santa Paula, Simi Valley, and Ventura with a total licensed capacity of 1,370 clients. From July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, Aegis provided services to 737 Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) clients. Since July 2022, Aegis has provided services to 738 DMC clients and estimates serving 745 DMC clients by fiscal year end. In FY 2023-24, Aegis estimates serving 767 DMC clients. The agreement with Aegis, will increase the maximum contract amount by \$290,000 due to inflationary pressures on medication, staff wages and other program costs. This agreement is funded by Drug Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation (DMC FFP) and Realignment funding.
6/27/2023	HealthRIGHT 360	\$3,656,650	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	FY 2023-24 HealthRIGHT 360 Agreement for three levels of residential treatment services and one level of withdrawal management treatment services. HealthRIGHT 360 provides three levels of residential treatment services and one level of withdrawal management treatment services for women and their children. The three levels of residential treatment services include: (1) clinically managed low-intensity residential services, (2) clinically managed population-specific high-intensity residential services for adults only, and (3) clinically managed residential services with high intensity for adults and medium intensity for adolescents. HealthRIGHT 360's satisfactory discharge rate is 55%. From July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, HealthRIGHT 360 served 151 residential and 109 withdrawal management clients and 68 of those clients received MAT services. Since July 2022, HealthRIGHT 360 served 169 residential and 84 withdrawal management clients and 77 of those clients received MAT services. HealthRIGHT 360 estimates serving 185 residential and 115 withdrawal management clients and 87 of those clients will receive MAT services by fiscal year end. In FY 2023-24, HealthRIGHT estimates serving 185 residential and 150 withdrawal management clients and 90 of those clients will receive MAT services. The agreement with HealthRIGHT 360, will increase the maximum contract amount by \$101,777 due to inflationary pressures on medication, staff wages and other program costs. This agreement is funded by DMC FFP, State General Fund, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG) discretionary, Realignment, CalWORKS, JCC, and AB 109 funding.

6/27/2023	Tarzana Treatment Centers, Inc. (Tarzana)	\$3,526,938	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Tarzana Agreement for multiple levels of residential Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment services. Tarzana provides multiple levels of residential SUD treatment services and residential withdrawal management treatment services for adults and youth. From July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, Tarzana served 332 inpatient withdrawal management clients with a completion rate of 69%, 178 clients adult residential clients with a completion rate of 52% and 16 youth residential clients with a 16% completion rate. Since July 2022, Tarzana served 227 inpatient withdrawal management clients with a completion rate of 66%, 136 adult residential clients with a completion rate of 53%, and 12 youth residential clients with a 34% completion rate. Tarzana estimates serving 272 inpatient withdrawal management clients, 164 adult residential clients, and 14 youth residential clients by fiscal year end. For FY 2023-24, Tarzana estimates serving 300 inpatient withdrawal management clients, 170 adult residential clients, and 20 youth residential clients. The agreement with Tarzana, will increase the maximum contract amount by \$246,522 due to inflationary pressures on medication, staff wages and other program costs. This agreement is funded by DMC FFP, State General Fund, SABG discretionary, Realignment, and AB 109 funding.</p>
6/27/2023	Western Pacific Med-Corp. (Western Pacific)	\$1,877,400	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Western Pacific Agreement for outpatient NTP/MAT services. Western Pacific provides outpatient NTP/MAT services for adults. Under the DMC-ODS, NTP's are required to have Methadone, Buprenorphine, Disulfiram, and Naloxone available. NTP's are responsible for prescribing, ordering, and monitoring services, and are reimbursed the costs of the drug and dosing. Methadone, Buprenorphine and Naloxone are used to treat opioid addiction and block the effects of opioids. Methadone, Buprenorphine and Naloxone, used in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies, provide a whole-patient approach to the treatment of opioid dependency. Western Pacific currently has a clinic in Ventura with a total licensed capacity of 450 clients. From July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, Western Pacific served 327 DMC clients. Since July 2022, Western Pacific has provided services to 382 DMC clients and estimates serving 400 DMC clients by fiscal year end. In FY 2023-24, Western Pacific estimates serving 400 DMC clients. The agreement with Western Pacific, will increase the maximum contract amount by \$77,400 due to inflationary pressures on medication, staff wages and other program costs. This agreement is funded by DMC FFP and Realignment funding.</p>
6/27/2023	Kids & Families (Therapeutic Family Support Services)(TFSS)	\$600,000	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Kids & Families Agreement for therapeutic family support services. TFSS provides therapeutic family support services to families in crisis by improving parenting and family functioning. TFSS services include therapeutic intervention and modeling to help improve parent-child interactions and ongoing attachment via licensed, unlicensed registered, or waived clinical professionals in a safe and natural environment, and consist of parent support groups, therapy sessions and visitation services with a coaching component for treatment of anxiety or other mental health disorders. Therapists provide services in the family's home to allow parents to engage with their children in situations that closely mirror the reality of home life. The TFSS program was developed in 2021. Since July 2022, 63 families have received services through TFSS. The agreement with TFSS, does not change the contract amount from the prior fiscal year. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP, Realignment, and County General funding.</p>
6/27/2023	Seneca Family of Agencies (Seneca) (Wraparound)/(Family Urgent Response Services) (FURS)	\$2,747,777	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Seneca Wraparound and FURS Amendment for intensive, family centered, strengths-based, trauma-informed planning and support services. Wraparound is an intensive, family-centered, strengths-based, trauma-informed planning and support process that takes place in a team setting, where children and families participate in partnership with practitioners to achieve goals related to safety, permanency and well-being. Wraparound shifts focus away from a traditional service-driven, problem-based approach to care, and instead follows a culturally relevant, strengths-based, needs-driven approach. FURS provides services to current and former foster youth and their foster parents/caregivers who are experiencing crisis or emotional, physical, or behavioral distress through phone response, in-person mobile response, triage services, follow-up support, and referrals to an array of services. The program is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to ensure immediate response when needs arise. Wraparound has been in existence for several years, while FURS was developed in 2021. Since July 2022, 58 families have received services through Wraparound and 41 have received services and referrals through FURS. The agreement with Seneca for Wraparound and FURS services, is shared between Human Services Agency (HSA). For Wraparound services, the net cost to the County will increase the maximum contract amount by \$49,618 due to inflationary pressures on medication, staff wages and other program costs. The agreement with FURS, will decrease the maximum contract amount by \$101,000 due to a decrease in expected level of services. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP, Realignment, and County General funding.</p>

6/27/2023	Aspiranet - Collaborative Education Services Program (COEDS)	\$2,100,000	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Aspiranet Agreement for intensive social/emotional and/or behavioral support services. Aspiranet provides intensive social/emotional and/or behavioral support through the COEDS program with the goal of assisting children to overcome psychological and social challenges that impact their ability to succeed in school. These services are offered to students who have already been receiving Educationally Related Social Emotional Services (ERSES) through the Individualized Education Program (IEP) process. Services are intensive and can be short-term or long-term depending on the students' needs and are provided in the home or community. The unduplicated client count in FY 2022-23 was 106 for the period of July through April. The agreement with Aspiranet, will increase the maximum contract amount by \$513,513 due to cost allocation to Medi-Cal services and inflationary pressures on staff wages and other services and supplies. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP, Realignment, and Local Education Agencies (LEA) funding.</p>
6/27/2023	Aspiranet – Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment Program (EPSDT)	\$892,000	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Aspiranet EPSDT Agreement for specialty mental health care services. Aspiranet EPSDT provides specialty mental health care services. Services are targeted at children younger than 21 years of age who are EPSDT Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Aspiranet has been contracted to provide mental health, case management and crisis intervention units of service. Many of the children/youth whom Aspiranet is serving have complex trauma histories which make them vulnerable to mental health challenges, circumstances and/or conditions that require a timely response. The unduplicated client count in FY 2022-23 was 78 for EPSDT for the period of July through April. The agreement with Aspiranet EPSDT, will increase the maximum contract amount by \$134,502 due to inflationary pressures on staff wages and other services and supplies. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP and Realignment funding.</p>
6/27/2023	Aspiranet - Intensive Services Foster Care Program (ISFC)	\$250,000	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Aspiranet ISFC Agreement for specialty mental health care services. Aspiranet ISFC provides specialty mental health care services. Services are targeted at children younger than 21 years of age who are EPSDT Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Aspiranet has been contracted to provide mental health, case management and crisis intervention services for youth who are at risk of being placed in a higher level of care or are transitioning from a higher level of care. ISFC offers placement in a foster home with specially trained foster parents in a setting with intensive support services to stabilize a child. The unduplicated client count in FY 2022-23 was 13 for ISFC for the period of July through April. The agreement with Aspiranet ISFC, will increase the contract amount by \$64,518 due to inflationary pressures on staff wages and other services and supplies. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP and Realignment funding.</p>
6/27/2023	Aspiranet Therapeutic Behavioral Services and Intensive Home-Based Services Program (TBS/IHBS)	\$1,568,000	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Aspiranet IHBS Agreement for one-to-one planned cognitive behavioral intervention services. Aspiranet IHBS provides TBS and IHBS which are county-wide programs providing one-to-one planned cognitive behavioral intervention for youth at home, school, or within other community settings. IHBS specifically targets youth that are court-dependent minors. The combined unduplicated client count for TBS/IHBS in FY 2022-23 was 117 for the period of July through April. The agreement with Aspiranet IHBS, will increase the maximum contract amount by \$51,420 due to inflationary pressures on staff wages and other services and supplies. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP and Realignment funding.</p>
6/27/2023	Seneca Family of Agencies (Seneca) – Crisis Stabilization Unit Program (CSU)	\$4,083,302	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Seneca CSU Agreement for VCBH services. Seneca CSU provides services for VCBH. The Seneca CSU is the front-end of the continuum of care for children's mental health crisis services in Ventura County, providing a multi-disciplinary risk assessment to youth experiencing a mental health crisis and interventions to promote stabilization, family involvement, and safety planning to access the least restrictive, most appropriate level of care. The Seneca CSU provides mental health interventions that are necessary to divert minors from hospitalization and safely discharge the minors to community services. The Seneca CSU is certified by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). Crisis stabilization means a service lasting less than 24 hours. The primary objective of any CSU is to promptly evaluate and/or stabilize minors presenting with acute symptoms or distress without hospital admission. In FY 2022-23, the Seneca CSU provided crisis stabilization services to 248 youth for the period of July through April. Of those youth, 45.8% avoided hospitalization. The agreement with Seneca CSU, will increase the maximum contract amount by \$194,444 due to inflationary pressures on staff wages and other services and supplies. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP and MHSA funding.</p>

6/27/2023	Seneca- Comprehensive Assessment and Stabilization Services (COMPASS)	\$1,960,932	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Seneca COMPASS Agreement for VCBH program services. Seneca COMPASS provides VCBH program services. The COMPASS program is a six bed Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) licensed through California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and certified through DHCS. The program is designed to provide voluntary residential treatment for 2 minors who are not able to be stabilized in less than 24 hours but who do not meet criteria required under Welfare and Institutions for psychiatric hospitalization. On average, these youth will typically stay at the STRTP for 30 days. The focus of this program is to stabilize the minor to assure safety, develop safety planning with the family, introduce therapeutic and psychiatric interventions and establish linkages to aftercare treatment, reducing the likelihood of recurring crisis situations and potential psychiatric hospitalization. Seneca staff also provide transitional community-based services to promote a successful transition from the COMPASS program back to minors' homes. Such services can be provided up to 60 days from the date of discharge. In FY 2022-23, the Seneca COMPASS program provided continued stabilization through residential and outpatient mental health services to 14 youth for the period of July through April.</p> <p>The agreement with Seneca COMPASS, will increase the maximum contract amount by \$93,379 due to inflationary pressures on staff wages and other services and supplies. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP and MHSA funding.</p>
6/27/2023	Seneca- Mobile Response Team (MRT)	\$1,024,813	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Seneca MRT Agreement for crisis response services. Seneca MRT provide crisis response services to Youth and Family Division enrolled clients during business hours. Crisis services will include immediate phone response, triage services, mobile response, follow-up support and referrals. Mobile Response services through the MRT program will be comprised of trauma informed and culturally responsive interventions to youth who are experiencing a crisis, or emotional, physical, and behavioral distress. MRT will alleviate the ongoing need of VCBH clinicians to respond to their own client's crisis during business hours. The MRT program is a new program which started on May 15, 2023 through June 30, 2023.</p> <p>The agreement with Seneca MRT, will increase the maximum contract amount by \$909,468 which represents an increase of 2% from the prior year contract of only six weeks. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP and MHSA funding.</p>
6/27/2023	Casa Pacifica Center for Children and Families (Casa Pacifica) - STRTP	\$1,348,547	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Casa Pacifica STRTP Agreement for residential/campus EPSDT services. Casa Pacifica provides residential/campus EPSDT services through the STRTP. The STRTP provides integrated specialized and intensive care and supervision, services and supports, treatment and short-term, 24-hour care to children and non-minor dependents. The unduplicated client count in FY 2022-23 was 20 for the period of July through April.</p> <p>The agreement with Casa Pacifica STRTP, will decrease the maximum contract amount by \$204,981 due to downsize in program capacity. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP and Realignment funding.</p>
6/27/2023	Casa Pacifica – Non-Public Schools Program (NPS)	\$501,618	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Casa Pacifica NPS Agreement for Mental health related services. Casa Pacifica NPS provides Mental health related services identified on students' Individualized Education Program (IEP) and other Medi-Cal specialty mental health services as indicated through the NPS program. The unduplicated client count in FY 2022-23 was 31 for NPS July through April.</p> <p>The agreement with Casa Pacifica NPS, will increase the maximum contract amount by \$45,602 due to inflationary pressures on staff wages and other services and supplies. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP and Realignment funding.</p>
6/27/2023	Casa Pacifica -TBS/IHBS	\$2,466,671	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Casa Pacifica Agreement for TBS and IHBS services. Casa Pacifica provides TBS and IHBS which is a county-wide program providing a one-to-one planned cognitive behavioral intervention for youth at home, school, or within other community settings. IHBS specifically targets youth that are court-dependent minors. The combined unduplicated client count for TBS/IHBS in FY 2022-23 was 126 for the period of July through April.</p> <p>The agreement with Casa Pacifica TBS/IHBS, will increase the maximum contract amount by \$224,243 due to o inflationary pressures on staff wages and other services and supplies. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP and Realignment funding.</p>
6/27/2023	Casa Pacifica -ISFC	\$218,508	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 Casa Pacifica Agreement for ISFC specialty mental health care services. Casa Pacifica provides ISFC specialty mental health care services. Services are targeted at children younger than 21 years of age who are EPSDT Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Casa Pacifica has been contracted to provide mental health, case management and crisis intervention units of service for youth who are at risk of being placed in a higher level of care or are transitioning from a higher level of care. ISFC offers placement in a foster home with specially trained foster parents in a setting with intensive support services to stabilize a child. The unduplicated client count in FY 2022-23 was 3 for ISFC for the period of July through April.</p> <p>The agreement with Casa Pacifica ISFC, will increase the maximum contract amount by \$19,864 due to inflationary pressures on staff wages and other services and supplies. This agreement is funded by SD/MC FFP and Realignment funding.</p>

6/27/2023	Gold Coast Health Plan (Gold Coast)	\$0	July 1, 2023 until the next renewal contract	FY 2023-24 Gold Coast Memorandum of Understanding for Data Sharing Arrangements. The Gold Coast Memorandum of Understanding is for Data Sharing Arrangements to Promote Care Delivery and Coordination with the Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission. Launched in 2022, the CalAim initiative is intended to transform Medi-Cal by integrating the care coordination and case management services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries across multiple service settings and provider types. To achieve this integration, health care providers, health plans, and social services organizations are required to exchange a broad range of administrative, clinical, social, and human services data in compliance with state and federal law. This MOU provides a data sharing framework to support these efforts.
6/27/2023	Elms Manor Corporation	\$394,004	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	FY 2023-24 Elms Manor Corporation Agreement for augmented board and care services. Elms Manor Corporation provides augmented board and care services for adults ages 18 to 59 years with serious and persistent mental illness that has resulted in significant functional impairments requiring 24-hour care and supervision to promote safety and recovery. The acuity level of these individuals is high in that they require daily assistance in one or more areas of life functioning, including: attending to self-care and basic needs, attending to medical and medication needs, maintaining participation in supportive mental health/substance abuse and other recovery-based support programs, and socializing and re-integrating into the community. Currently, 43 clients are residing at Elms Manor Corporation. The agreement with Elms Manor Corporation, will (1) increase the maximum contract amount by \$394,004, (2) increase the rate per client/per month from \$375 to \$394 for augmented board and care services, and (3) add a new rate of \$300 per client/per month for Community Care Expansion (CCE) Preservation Program Operating Subsidy Payment (OSP) Funds. CCE Preservation Program was established by Assembly Bill (AB) 172 to fund and promote the sustainability of ARFs and RCFEs, to cover eligible facilities' operating deficits and to address historic gaps in the long-term care continuum in the State of California (CA). OSP funds are available to cover costs not covered by existing revenue and may not be used to supplant existing funding. This agreement is funded by Tobacco Settlement, Realignment, CCE, MHSA, and County General funding.
6/27/2023	Sunrise Manor, LLC	\$358,160	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	FY 2023-24 Sunrise Manor, LLC Agreement for augmented board and care services. Sunrise Manor, LLC provides augmented board and care services for adults with serious and persistent mental illness that has resulted in significant functional impairments requiring 24-hour care and supervision to promote safety and recovery. The acuity level of these individuals is high in that they require daily assistance in one or more areas of life functioning, including: attending to self-care and basic needs, attending to medical and medication needs, maintaining participation in supportive mental health/substance abuse and other recovery-based support programs, and socializing and re-integrating into the community. Currently, 47 clients are residing at Sunrise Manor, LLC. The agreement with Sunrise Manor, LLC, will (1) increase the maximum contract amount by \$358,160, (2) increase the rate per client/per month from \$205 to \$215 for augmented board and care services, and (3) add a new rate of \$300 per client/per month for CCE Preservation Program OSP Funds. CCE Preservation Program was established by Assembly Bill (AB) 172 to fund and promote the sustainability of ARFs and RCFEs, to cover eligible facilities' operating deficits and to address historic gaps in the long-term care continuum in the State of California (CA). OSP funds are available to cover costs not covered by existing revenue and may not be used to supplant existing funding. This Agreement is funded by Tobacco Settlement, Realignment, CCE, MHSA, and County General funding.
6/27/2023	Turning Point Foundation – Oak Place (TPF Oak Place)	\$693,360	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	FY 2023-24 TPF Oak Place Agreement for augmented board and care services. TPF Oak Place facility provides augmented board and care services for adults ages 18 to 59 years with serious and persistent mental illness that has resulted in significant functional impairments requiring 24-hour care and supervision to promote safety and recovery. The acuity level of these individuals is high in that they require daily assistance in one or more areas of life functioning, including: attending to self-care and basic needs, attending to medical and medication needs, maintaining participation in supportive mental health/substance abuse and other recovery-based support programs, and socializing and re-integrating into the community. Currently, 36 clients are residing at TPF Oak Place. The agreement with TPF Oak Place, will (1) increase the contract amount by \$693,360, and (2) add a new rate of \$300 per client/per month for CCE Preservation Program OSP Funds. CCE Preservation Program was established to fund and promote the sustainability of ARFs and RCFEs, to cover eligible facilities' operating deficits and to address historic gaps in the long-term care continuum in the State of CA. OSP funds are available to cover costs not covered by existing revenue and may not be used to supplant existing funding. This agreement is funded by Tobacco Settlement, Realignment, CCE, MHSA, and County General funding.

				<p>FY 2023-24 TPF Thompson Place Agreement for augmented board and care services. TPF Thompson Place facility provides augmented board and care services for adults ages 18 to 59 years with serious and persistent mental illness that has resulted in significant functional impairments requiring 24-hour care and supervision to promote safety and recovery. The acuity level of these individuals is high in that they require daily assistance in one or more areas of life functioning, including: attending to self-care and basic needs, attending to medical and medication needs, maintaining participation in supportive mental health/substance abuse and other recovery-based support programs, and socializing and re-integrating into the community. Currently, 26 clients are residing at TPF Thompson Place. The agreement with TPF Thompson Place, will (1) increase the maximum contract amount by \$569,712, and (2) add a new rate of \$300 per client/per month for CCE Preservation Program OSP Funds. CCE Preservation Program was established to fund and promote the sustainability of ARFs and RCFEs, to cover eligible facilities' operating deficits and to address historic gaps in the long-term care continuum in the State of (CA). OSP funds are available to cover costs not covered by existing revenue and may not be used to supplant existing funding. This Agreement is funded by Tobacco Settlement, Realignment, CCE, MHSA, and County General funding.</p>
6/27/2023	Turning Point Foundation – Thompson Place (TPF Thompson Place)	\$569,712	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	<p>FY 2023-24 HCFVC Agreement for administration and disbursement services. HCFVC is a non-profit public benefit corporation whose exclusive purpose is to provide financial and other forms of support for the benefit of the Ventura County Health Care Agency. HCFVC provides administration and disbursement services for the following VCBH activities: (1) MHSA funded Full-Service Partnership (FSP) and Rapid Integration Support and Engagement (RISE) program basic needs payment services for clients, such as clothes, food, and housing, in immediate crisis and for FSP "Whatever It Takes" purposes. HCFVC will serve as the fiscal agent for these funds and make payments to VCBH selected service providers in line with established policies and timeframes. At no time will payment be made directly to a client and (2) Mentored Internship Program (MIP) Grant funded internship stipends for undergraduate and graduate students, pursuing a degree in clinical behavioral health fields at an Educational Institution with which VCBH has a Memorandum of Understanding, who are receiving their practicum experience at VCBH. The agreement with HCFVC, will (1) decrease Intern services to 6 months due to pending MIP 2 Grant Funds, (2) increase FSP funds to enable VCBH to meet State mandates for spending and staff training to enable a more thorough understanding of the requirements under these services, (3) decrease the maximum contract amount by \$17,924. This agreement is funded by MHSA and MIP Grant funding.</p>
6/27/2023	Health Care Foundation for Ventura County, Inc. (HCFVC)	\$281,380	July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024	