

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**FROM: Director of Mental Health**

**SUBMITTAL DATE:  
November 5, 2003**

**SUBJECT: Ratification of the Consent to Assignment of Vista Knoll Specialized Care to the Ensign Group**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Supervisors:  
Ratify the Consent to Assignment of Vista Knoll Specialized Care to The Ensign Group effective October 1, 2003.**

**BACKGROUND: On June 3, 2003, item 3.19; the Board approved the FY 2003/04 contract renewal of the agreement with Vista Knoll Specialized Care, providing skilled nursing services for mentally ill clients. This contract was approved for a 1-year period, with the option to renew for up to two additional years.**

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Departmental Concurrence

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*[Signature]*  
John J. Ryan, Director  
Department of Mental Health

**FINANCIAL DATA**

Current F.Y. Total Cost:  
Current F.Y. Net County Cost:  
Annual Net County Cost:

In Current Year Budget:  
Budget Adjustment:  
For Fiscal Year:

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:**

Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30   
Requires 4/5 Vote

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

**APPROVE**

**County Executive Office Signature**

*[Signature: Dan Marting]*

FORM APPROVED  
COUNTY COUNSEL  
NOV 18 2003

Dept's Recomm.:  Consent  Policy   
Per Exec. Ofc.:  Consent  Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 3.19 6/3/03

District: ALL

Agenda Number:

3.10

**SUBJECT:** Ratification of the Consent to Assignment of Vista Knoll Specialized Care to The Ensign Group.

**BACKGROUND:** (Continued)

Vista Knoll Specialized Care (Vista Knoll) facility is a State licensed Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) serving clients within the age range of 18-24. Treatment services include: Self-help skills training, behavioral intervention training, inter-personal relationships, pre-vocations preparation services (i.e. homemaking, work activity and vocational planning) and discharge planning. The purpose of this program is to establish a level of understanding and wellness in clients to enable their movement into a lower level of care or self-sufficient level of care. This program provides an alternative to State hospitalization and the next step down in level of care from the Institutes for Mental Disease facilities.

Sun Healthcare, Inc. has chosen to transfer ownership of Vista Knoll to the Ensign Group effective October 1, 2003. The change in ownership will have no effect on the day-to-day functioning, programming, personnel, or services provided to the clientele.

Vista Knoll is the only SNF that provides services to the Riverside County Department of Mental Health. The approval of the Consent to Assignment will allow Riverside County Department of Mental Health to maintain the current level of treatment provided, reducing the need for State hospitalization services.