

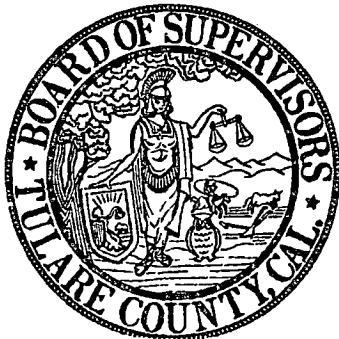
# BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE THE  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
WITH ABRAZO FOSTER FAMILY  
AGENCIES

) Resolution No. 2018-0192  
) Agreement No. 28511

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR CROCKER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SHUKLIAN, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD MARCH 20, 2018, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: SUPERVISORS CROCKER, VANDER POEL, SHUKLIAN, WORTHLEY AND ENNIS  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE



ATTEST: MICHAEL C. SPATA  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: *Michael C. Spata*  
Deputy Clerk

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1. Approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency, Child Welfare Services Division with Abrazo Foster Family Agencies to provide services on behalf of Tulare County Child Welfare Service's foster children through cooperation, collaboration, and sharing of appropriate information effective upon signature through June 30, 2019; and
2. Authorized the Chairman of the Board to sign three (3) copies each of the Memorandum of Understanding.

HHS  
Auditor  
Co. Counsel

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3/20/2018



**Health & Human Services  
Agency  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

KUYLER CROCKER  
District One

PETE VANDER POEL  
District Two

AMY SHUKLIAN  
District Three

J. STEVEN WORTHLEY  
District Four

MIKE ENNIS  
District Five

**AGENDA DATE:** March 20, 2018

Public Hearing Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>CONTACT PERSON: Anita Guerrero      PHONE: 624-8000</b>		

**SUBJECT:** Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Abrazo Foster Family Agency

- REQUEST(S):**  
That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency, Child Welfare Services Division with Abrazo Foster Family Agency to provide services on behalf of Tulare County Child Welfare Services' foster children through cooperation, collaboration, and sharing of appropriate information effective upon signature through June 30, 2019; and
  2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign three (3) copies each of the Memorandum of Understanding.

**SUMMARY:**  
The Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Child Welfare Services Division has mandates from statutory code that require placement of a child in a safe and caring foster home when a child is removed from their home due to abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation. Welfare and Institutions Code Section 16500 states, "The Legislation hereby declares its intent in providing for this statewide system of Child Welfare Services that all children are entitled to be safe and free from abuse and neglect." As part of this legislation, Child Welfare Services monitors all foster family agencies when a Tulare County foster child is placed in one of their foster homes for compliance with the delivery of services and placement regulations. Child Welfare Services meets quarterly with participating foster family agencies to ensure children are receiving quality services.

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Family Agency  
**DATE:** March 20, 2018

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) does not require a competitive Request for Proposal, as any foster family agency may request to enter into the MOU. A foster family agency must agree to the conditions in the Memorandum of Understanding and complete the process for signature through the Tulare County HHSA to enter into the MOU.

The goal of the MOU is to provide a collaborative approach for the delivery of safe, secure, and compassionate homes that meet placement regulations and court ordered case plan services for foster children in Tulare County when removed from their home. Abrazo Foster Family Agency will provide placement for approximately 50 children through June 30, 2019.

This agreement has been approved as to form by County Counsel. The following term deviates substantively from standard County boilerplate: This MOU has a term of multiple years commencing upon signature through June 30, 2019.

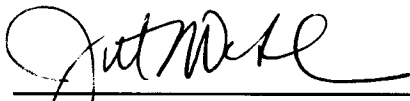
**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

There is no cost associated with this MOU. There is no additional cost to the County General Fund.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Quality of Life Initiative that will support monitoring of a foster family agency foster home for Tulare County foster children. The MOU will encourage and support an innovative provision of quality supportive services for at-risk youth and children placed in a foster family agency foster home. The quality of life for these at-risk youth and children will be improved with the support of the MOU to be safe and free from abuse and neglect while placed in a foster family agency foster home.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

  
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Juliet Webb  
Director of Human Services

cc: Auditor-Controller  
County Counsel  
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s): Memorandum of Understanding