



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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: May 22, 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 and 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"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Timothy D. Durick, Psy.D. PHONE: 624-8000				

SUBJECT: Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Superior Court of California, County of Tulare

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Superior Court of California, County of Tulare in the amount not to exceed \$20,656 to provide monitoring and evaluation of clients in Mental Health Court. The Tulare County Probation Department and the Tulare County Mental Health Branch have agreed to partner with the Superior Court to provide comprehensive substance abuse treatment, random and frequent drug testing, incentives and sanctions, clinical case management and ancillary services retroactive from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. This agreement is retroactive due to inadvertent delays in processing for approval. It was impracticable for the Board to take action prior to July 1, 2017 due to the time needed to process, prepare, and submit the agenda item;
2. Find that the Board had authority to enter into the proposed Memorandum of Understanding as of July 1, 2017 and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding on that date; and
3. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign three (3) copies of the Memorandum of Understanding.

SUMMARY:

The Superior Court of California, County of Tulare (Superior Court) receives funds from the Judicial Council of California through the Substance Abuse Focus Grant Program (SAFG), to implement, enhance, or expand collaborative justice courts. The Tulare County Probation Department and the Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Mental Health Branch, collaborates with the Superior Court to operate the Mental Health Court

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program (MHC). The MHC is a problem-solving court that combines judicial supervision with community mental health treatment and other support services in order to reduce criminal activity and improve the quality of life of the participants. The MHC was established to make effective use of limited criminal justice and mental health resources. It is utilized to connect individuals with treatment and social services in the community to improve outcomes for offenders with mental illness in the criminal justice system. The MHC also responds to public safety concerns, addresses jail overcrowding, and addresses the disproportionate number of people in the criminal justice system who have a mental illness.

Through this Memorandum of Understanding, the Mental Health Branch will be able to use SAFG Funds to provide services to approximately one hundred and nine (109) consumers.

This agreement has been approved as to form by County Counsel. The following term deviates from the standard County protocol: this Memorandum of Understanding includes mutual indemnification language.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The Superior Court of California, County of Tulare will reimburse the Tulare County Probation Department and the Tulare County Mental Health Branch up to \$20,656 for services provided to Mental Health Court consumers. There is no additional net 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 to promote and encourage the provision of quality supportive services for individuals in Tulare County. The SAFG will benefit the residents of Tulare County by improving access to services through bus passes, and quality of life through additional healthcare services at no cost to the consumers.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Timothy D. Durick, Psy.D.
Director of Mental Health

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

Attachment(s) Memorandum of Understanding

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE A)
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING) **Resolution No.** _____
WITH THE SUPERIOR COURT OF) **Agreement No.** _____
CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF TULARE)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

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

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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