



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

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AGENDA DATE: June 5, 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"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Timothy D. Durick, Psy.D. PHONE: 624-8000

SUBJECT: Approve an agreement with Arie R. Whisenhunt, M.D.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with Arie R. Whisenhunt, M.D., for the provision of psychiatric services in the amount not to exceed \$620,000 (\$310,000 per Fiscal Year 2018/2019 and 2019/2020), effective from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2020; and
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign three (3) copies of the agreement.

SUMMARY:

The Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency, Mental Health Branch, provides mandated psychiatric services to consumers who are part of the Mental Health Plan. With the countywide shortage of specialty psychiatric providers, it is essential that the County continues to be able to use contracted psychiatrists. Contracted psychiatrists perform services in a manner consistent with the level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by other like professionals practicing in the State of California. This contract will provide telepsychiatry coverage for the Tulare County Mental Health outpatient clinics.

The shortage of psychiatrists in the county has limited the options with whom to enter into an agreement; therefore it is recommended to continue the agreement with Arie R. Whisenhunt, M.D., who has provided competent psychiatric services as required by Tulare County for over ten years. It is anticipated that in Fiscal Years 2018 through 2020, Arie R. Whisenhunt, M.D., will provide telepsychiatry services

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to approximately 900 adult and children mental health consumers.

This agreement did not include a Request For Proposal process due to the Central Valley being a mental health provider shortage area. Arie R. Whisenhunt, M.D. is a psychiatrist who provides services to Tulare County consumers. The California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development has placed this designation on the Central Valley due to difficulties encountered in recruiting and retaining psychiatric providers. With the shortage of specialty psychiatric providers, it is essential that the Tulare County Mental Health Branch continue to have both access and the ability to use contracted physicians to help fill these provider shortages. The Tulare County Mental Health Branch aims to continue working with Arie R. Whisenhunt, M.D. as he has provided quality care for over 6 years and this will ensure our consumers with continuity of care.

This agreement has been approved as to form by County Counsel. The following terms deviate substantively from the standard County boilerplate: 1) The County agrees to provide malpractice insurance to Contractor for services pursuant to this agreement; and 2) multi-year agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The maximum reimbursement for this agreement is \$620,000; \$310,000 which will include in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget, and \$310,000 which will be included in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget. These services are paid through Medi-Cal revenues. 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 health and well being for the citizens of Tulare County. This agreement will help fulfill this initiative by providing quality psychiatric services to our consumers.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



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

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

Attachment(s) Agreement

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN
AGREEMENT WITH ARIEH R.
WHISENHUNT, M.D.

) Resolution No. _____
) Agreement No. _____
)

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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1. Approved an agreement with Arieh R. Whisenhunt, M.D., for the provision of psychiatric services in the amount not to exceed \$620,000 (three hundred and ten thousand per Fiscal Year), effective from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020; and
2. Authorized the Chairman of the Board to sign three (3) copies of the agreement.