#### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**



# Health & Human Services Agency COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE:	June 5, 2018
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Public Hearing Required Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk Published Notice Required Advertised Published Notice Yes N/A  Meet & Confer Required Electronic file(s) has been sent Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached Personnel Resolution attached Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)  CONTACT PERSON: Noah Whitaker  PHONE: (559) 624-7471
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SUBJECT:

Acceptance of funds from Kings County in support of the Tulare & Kings Counties Suicide Prevention Task Force

#### REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Authorize the acceptance of \$150,000 from Kings County for mutual Suicide Prevention Task Force operations and continuing projects for Fiscal Year 2017-2018;
- 2. Authorize the Chairman to sign the Acceptance of Cost Share Funds in an amount not to exceed \$150,000; and
- 3. Approve the necessary budget adjustments per the attached AUD 308 (4/5ths vote required).

#### **SUMMARY:**

On September 27, 2011, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors approved the Tulare County Mental Health Services Act, Prevention and Early Intervention Statewide Projects Plan 2008-2012. In the development of the plan, Tulare County Mental Health met with Kings County Behavioral Health to create a joint plan to address the shared mental health needs of both counties. That plan ended on June 30, 2014. Since that time, both counties have maintained this collaborative relationship.

The Tulare & Kings Counties Suicide Prevention Task Force is continuing our

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strategic planning to ensure our efforts are closely collaborated, display evidence of effectiveness, and are community driven. Funding for efforts are provided by each county's Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention & Early Intervention (PEI) allocations. To facilitate a streamlined process of efficient fiscal expenditures and management, Kings County is transferring funds to Tulare County. Expenditures and activities will remain consistent with the currently approved plans, as well as the Mental Health Services Act guidelines and regulations. These efforts include but are not limited to the following activities:

- a) Suicide Prevention Task Force (SPTF) This is a universal prevention effort designed to address the needs and priorities that were identified in the community planning process. It will increase awareness, develop resources, and provide training and strategies for the community, health care professionals, educators, law-enforcement, and underserved populations regarding suicide prevention in the two counties. The SPTF will enhance and coordinate efforts among government agencies, community-based organizations, interested parties, and community volunteers.
- b) Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors (LOSS) Team the LOSS Team is a volunteer team that works in conjunction with the Sheriff's Department of both Tulare and Kings Counties. When a suspected suicide death occurs, the Coroner's Office contacts the LOSS Team to dispatch trained volunteers to act as a support and referral mechanism for the newly bereaved. This team follows the Active Postvention Model (APM) as developed by Dr. Frank Campbell of the Baton Rouge Crisis Intervention Center. This team has been active for nearly 2 years.
- c) Reduction and Elimination of Stigma Through Art Targeted Education (RESTATE) RESTATE is a stigma and discrimination reduction program. It is designed to educate local high school students about mental health issues. It is a specially designed curriculum that uses the media arts as a vehicle to promote awareness and understanding of mental health. Through collaboration with the high school districts in Kings and Tulare counties, RESTATE will provide funding for film equipment/software and the development of the specific curriculum to be implemented in art education/media classes. Students will select approved community mental health topics, and then film public service announcements that will be used as part of the RESTATE media campaign to promote community awareness.
- d) The Source The Source is a local organization focused on training and counseling efforts among lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) youth. LGBTQ youth face many social factors that put them at higher risk for self-destructive behaviors, including suicide. The Source's mission is to provide spaces within our communities for the LGBT+ population to Learn, Grow, Belong, Transform, Question + Support. The Source's vision is to cultivate new resources through advocacy, partnerships

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and fundraising to unite and advance the LGBT+ community in Tulare & Kings Counties.

e) Depression Reduction Achieving Wellness (DRAW) - DRAW is a campus-linked prevention and early intervention project that addresses the first onset of a psychiatric illness in students through collaboration with an institution of higher education. The program will provide students with education on symptoms, should they arise, and tips for mental wellness. There will also be prevention screenings for depression, or early onset, and low intensity intervention for students experiencing the onset of a mental illness. Also provided will be linkages and referrals to services, and training for staff to recognize the signs and symptoms of depression and how to refer for assistance and suicide prevention.

Other activities are determined by the Tulare & Kings Counties Suicide Prevention Task Force's voting membership through regular open public meetings, strategic planning, assessment and evaluation, and both state and national strategies for the prevention of suicide attempts and completions.

#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

Funding for efforts are provided by each county's Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention & Early Intervention (PEI) allocations. Collaborative funding from Kings County will be in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 in Fiscal Year 2017/18 to help offset expenditures of activities benefiting both Tulare and Kings counties. The FY 2017/18 budget already included the \$150,000, covered through interdepartmental transfer, which is reduced to reflect the income received from Kings County. The reason for the transfer of funds is to streamline the collaboration between Tulare & Kings by making Tulare County the fiscal lead, thus simplifying the contracting and purchasing functions of this collaborative. Programs as described in the Tulare County Mental Health Services Act Prevention and Early Intervention Plan in the area of Suicide Prevention will be active in both counties. There is no net County cost to the 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 encourage innovative provision of quality supportive services and programs for atrisk adults, youth and children which enable and support success. This is also in alignment with Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency's Mission of protecting and strengthening the well-being of the community through development of effective policies and practices. This collaboration between the two counties increases the ability to fulfill that obligation by providing funding to support suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention programs.

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#### **ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

Jason T. É Agency Director

cc:

Auditor-Controller

**County Counsel** 

County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s) Acceptance of Funds

AUD 308

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

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ATTEST:	MICHAEL C. SPATA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/ CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BY:	Deputy Clerk
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## ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS

### **Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency**

Funding Period: July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

Cost Share Amount: \$150,000

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I hereby accept these funds on behalf of the County of Tulare to be utilized by Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency for the continued provision of suicide prevention activities as outlined in the Mental Health Services Act Prevention and Early Intervention Plan, including but not limited to, the Suicide Prevention Task Force (SPTF), the Reduction and Elimination of Stigma Through Art Targeted Education (RESTATE) program, The Source, the Depression Reduction Achieving Wellness (DRAW) program, and the Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors (LOSS) Team.

Chairman, Tulare County Board of Supervisors

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