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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH RALPH AGNELLO

Agreement No. 2018-0516 Agreement No. 28700

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR <u>ENNIS</u>, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR <u>CROCKER</u>, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD <u>JUNE 26, 2018</u>, 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: BY: Deputy Clerk

- Approved an agreement with Ralph Agnello, Attorney at Law, to provide Hearing Officer Services for Certification and Riese Hearings in the amount not to exceed \$500,000 (\$250,000 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.

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Health & Human Services Agency COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

KUYLER CROCKER District One

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AGENDA DATE: June 26, 2018

Public Hearing Required Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk Published Notice Required Advertised Published Notice County Counsel Sign-Off Meet & Confer Required	Yes N/A X Yes N/A X
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes 🛛 🛛 N/A 🛄
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes 🔟 N/A 🖾
Personnel Resolution attachd	Yes 🗌 🛛 N/A 🖾
Agreements are attached and signatu	ure line for Chairman is marked with
tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes 🖾 🛛 N/A 🗌
CONTACT PERSON: Timothy D. Durick	, Psy.D. PHONE: 624-8000

SUBJECT: Approve an agreement with Ralph Agnello, Attorney at Law

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY:

The Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency, Mental Health Branch, provides mandated services to Tulare County Mental Health Plan consumers. If a consumer is deemed a danger to others, themselves, or is gravely disabled due to a mental health impairment, they may be detained in a facility for treatment and evaluation per Welfare and Institution Code 5250 and/or 5270.15. The consumer is entitled to a Fair Hearing that must be conducted by either a Certification Review Hearing Officer or a Court Appointed Commissioner or Referee.

Ralph Agnello, Attorney at Law, is the appointed Hearing Officer for Tulare County Mental Health consumers. The duties of the Hearing Officer have intensified due to an increase of the number of beds at Kaweah Delta Mental Health Hospital. It is anticipated that in Fiscal Years 2018 through 2020, Ralph Agnello, Attorney at Law will serve approximately 2,000 mental health consumers at Kaweah Delta Mental **SUBJECT**: Approve an agreement with Ralph Agnello, Attorney at Law **DATE**: June 26, 2018

Health Hospital.

This agreement did not include a Request For Proposal because per Welfare and Institution Code Section 5256.1, the certification review hearing officer is courtappointed. Ralph Agnello, Attorney at Law has been selected by the court for certification reviews and hearings within Tulare County.

This agreement has been approved as to form by County Counsel. The following terms deviate substantively from the standard County boilerplate 1) Insurance requirements for General Liability and Workers Compensation have been waived by Risk Management. Also, Risk Management waived the reduction limits for Auto Insurance; and 2) This agreement is multi-year.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The maximum reimbursement for this agreement is \$500,000; \$250,000 which will be included in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget and \$250,000 which will be included in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget. This agreement is funded with realignment 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. The Hearing Officer will help fulfill this initiative by providing mandated legal services to our consumers.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

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

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Agreement