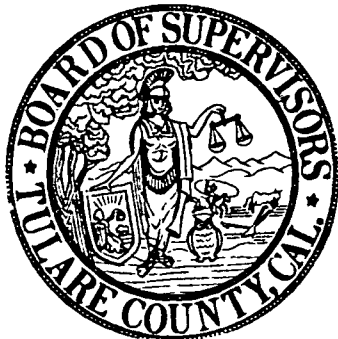


**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN )  
AGREEMENT WITH KAWEAH DELTA ) Resolution No. 2018-0543  
HEALTH CARE DISTRICT ) Agreement No. 28717

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR ENNIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR CROCKER, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD JUNE 26, 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: Mary Rekello  
Deputy Clerk

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**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:** June 26, 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"/>
County Counsel Sign-Off	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input 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: Robert Hernandez    PHONE: 624-8480		

**SUBJECT:** Approve an agreement with Kaweah Delta Health Care District

**REQUEST(S):**

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**SUMMARY:**

Tulare County Public Health Branch is requesting approval to enter into an agreement with Kaweah Delta Health Care District for the purpose of accessing their new healthcare system, KD Hub Reach. It is necessary to provide this access to County employees for the purpose of providing quality and collaborative care to County clinic patients that are hospitalized at the Kaweah Delta Health Center. In the past, employees were given access to ELMER, the previous electronic health record (EHR) system used by Kaweah Delta for billing and/or healthcare purposes.

Continuity of care is a hallmark and primary objective of family medicine and is consistent with quality patient care provided through a patient-centered medical home, an initiative and recognition that Tulare County Health Care Center received in 2017. Providing employees appropriate access to this system will allow for the continuity of care required to maintain our recognition.

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**DATE:** June 26, 2018

Accessed information will be confidential in nature. County employees that access this data will be required to protect the privacy and security of the private health information contained in the EHR system in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Only employees with a justifiable purpose will be granted access to the system by Kaweah Delta Health Care District and will be required to access only the minimally necessary information to complete their task. The health center physicians serve nearly 8,000 patients annually and any of these could become a potential patient at Kaweah Delta Hospital and require EHR access.

This agreement has been approved as to form by County Counsel. The following terms deviate substantively from standard County boilerplate; 1) this agreement is evergreen and does not expire unless terminated; 2) Kaweah Delta may terminate the agreement for cause; 3) the agreement includes a mutual indemnification provision; and 4) County will sign first.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

This agreement has no monetary obligations; therefore, approval of this agreement will result in no 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 that promotes a healthy citizenry. This Agreement allows for appropriate recording and billing of medical care to be provided to County citizens while being treated at Kaweah Delta Health Center.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**



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Karen Elliott  
Director of Public Health

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Agreement

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