



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

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AGENDA DATE: September 25, 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: Donna Ortiz PHONE: 624-8000

SUBJECT: Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Visalia through the Visalia Police Department

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Tulare, and the City of Visalia through the Visalia Police Department, in the amount of zero dollars for the coordination of mental health and substance use disorder service access to homeless populations in the City of Visalia. This Memorandum of Understanding will be effective upon signatures by the Tulare County Board of Supervisors and remain in effect for eighteen (18) months; and
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign two (2) copies of the Memorandum of Understanding.

SUMMARY:

The homeless population continues to increase in Tulare County, the State of California, and nationwide. The 2017 Point in Time Count reported a six (6) percent increase in homelessness in Tulare County from 2016 (631) to 2017 (666) for which Visalia continues to be home to over two-thirds of the homeless population. Additionally, thirty-three (33) percent of homeless individuals in Tulare County identified mental illness as a barrier or disability and fifteen (15) percent identified substance abuse. This population is often underserved within a variety of service communities; hence increasing access to services through direct engagement may assist in reducing barriers associated with homelessness.

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The Mission of the Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency, Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug services is to provide high quality, accessible, and cost-effective care. The Mental Health Branch, and the City of Visalia Police Department are partnering through this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish a joint task force to address mental illness within the City of Visalia area. The homeless Outreach and Proactive Enforcement (HOPE) team will facilitate access to resources and services to the growing homeless population by providing direct outreach and engagement. A mental health case manager will accompany officers to gain access to the homeless population at various sites across the city and identify potential needs for mental health and substance abuse services.

Data will be collected in addition to the information needed for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and will be maintained collaboratively with the Tulare/Kings Homeless Alliance. Data collection will be used to identify trends and need with the Visalia community and track vital information to those suffering from homelessness.

Approximately 600 consumers are anticipated to be served by this Memorandum of Understanding.

This MOU has been approved as to form by County Counsel. The following term deviates substantively from standard County boilerplate: This MOU includes mutual indemnification.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no fiscal impact related to this MOU. 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 that encourages innovative provision of quality supportive services for at-risk adults, youth and children. This Memorandum of Understanding increases the ability to fulfill that obligation by providing access to mental health and substance abuse services.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



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

cc: County Administrative Office

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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 CITY OF VISALIA THROUGH) Agreement No. _____
THE VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT)

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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