



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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: October 9, 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: Timothy Durick, Psy.D. PHONE: 624-8000				

SUBJECT: Approve an agreement with Imperial Locum Services, APC

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with Imperial Locum Services, APC for the provision of adult, adolescent, and child psychiatric services in Tulare County Mental Health Clinics, in an amount not to exceed \$800,000 (\$400,000 per Fiscal Year) retroactive from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020. This agreement is retroactive due to delays in receiving insurance documents, making it impracticable for the Board to take action prior to July 1, 2018;
2. Find that the Board had authority to enter into this agreement as of July 1, 2018, and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into this agreement on that date; and
3. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign two (2) 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 County Mental Health Plan (MHP). Authorized by AB 1297, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) reimburses County MHPs based upon the actual cost to provide a service. DHCS reimburses County MHPs through the Medi-Cal program. As such, service hours paid to Imperial Locum Services, APC will be billed to Medi-Cal for full reimbursement using an interim rate that is reconciled annually by DHCS.

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Imperial Locum Services, APC is a physician recruiting agency which provides psychiatrists for placement at commercial and government facilities on a short-term basis. The psychiatrists provided through this contract are not employees of Imperial Locum Services, APC, but are subcontracted by the agency. Through this contract, Imperial Locum Services, APC will continue to provide temporary, licensed psychiatrists for the Tulare County Mental Health Clinics, as specified by the Tulare County Mental Health Director and the Tulare County Mental Health Medical Director or their designee. This contract will provide culturally and linguistically competent face-to-face, full spectrum, child, adolescent, and adult psychiatric services. It is estimated that Imperial Locum Services, APC providers will serve five hundred seventy-five (575) consumers per year through this agreement.

This agreement did not include a Request For Proposal process due to the Central Valley being a mental health provider shortage area. 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 to work with Imperial Locum Services, APC as they have provided quality psychiatric providers for over three years, and continuing this contract will ensure our consumers' continuity of care.

This agreement has been approved as to form by County Counsel. The following term deviates substantively from the standard County boilerplate: 1) This is a multi-year agreement.


FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The maximum reimbursement for this agreement is \$800,000, \$400,000 of which shall be included in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget, and \$400,000 of which shall be included in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget. These services are paid with Medi-Cal and 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 that encourages innovative provision of quality supportive services for at-risk adults, youth and children in state and federally mandated programs. This agreement increases the ability to fulfill that obligation by providing temporary licensed psychiatrists for Tulare County Mental Health Clinics.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



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

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Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Agreement

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN)
AGREEMENT WITH IMPERIAL LOCUM) Resolution No. _____
SERVICES, APC) 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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