

COUNTY OF TULARE

AGENDA ITEM

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

KUYLER CROCKER District One

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AGENDA DATE: October 23, 2018

SUBJECT:

Approval of co-applicant agreement with Community Health Center

Board

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- Approve the co-applicant agreement between County of Tulare and the Community Health Center Board, effective upon signature by the Tulare County Board of Supervisors; and
- 2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign two (2) copies of the agreement.

SUMMARY:

As a designated Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike under Section 330 of the Public Health Services Act, the Tulare County Health Care Centers are required to demonstrate the establishment of an independent governing board, referred to as the Community Health Center Board, with oversight responsibility for the health centers.

Governance requirements for health centers have been set forth in statute regulations and through various Health Resources and Services Administration policies. Federal Regulations 42 C.F.R. Part 51c304 provides specific governing board requirements for size, composition, and selection of members, functions and responsibilities. The responsibilities include having authority over the establishment of personnel and financial management policies of the health centers. Health Resources and Services Administration recognizes that the public agency may be constrained by law in the delegation of certain government functions to the

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Community Health Center Board, and thus permits the public agency to retain authority over certain functions and responsibilities through a co-applicant agreement.

A co-applicant agreement is necessary to maintain compliance with the Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike program's governing board requirements. The objective of the co-applicant agreement is for the co-applicant governing board and the Board of Supervisors to work collectively in the oversight and governance of the health care centers.

This co-applicant agreement has been approved as to form by County Counsel. The following terms deviate substantively from the Standard County boilerplate: (1) The agreement does not require additional funds; (2) This co-applicant agreement does not have a termination date but can be terminated by either party with one hundred twenty (120) days' notice; and (3) Nothing contained within this agreement is intended to supersede, replace, or otherwise modify the existing Community Health Center Board Bylaws or any part of the Ordinance Code of Tulare County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There are no dollars associated with this co-applicant agreement. 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 Organizational Performance. The coapplicant agreement will ensure the Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike program's compliance with the governing board requirements. Under this agreement, the Community Health Center Board will provide oversight of the health centers' operations, quality management and quality improvement, and will establish policies in compliance with local, state, and federal regulations. This effort will enhance the organizational performance of the health care centers.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Karen M. Elliott

Director of Public Health

CC:

County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Co-applicant Agreement

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CO-APPLICANT AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER BOARD) Resolution No) Agreement No)
UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISO	OR, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR	_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN O	FFICIAL 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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