



Health & Human Services Agency COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE:	0

October 23, 2018

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CONTACT PERSON: Nilsa Gonzalez	PHONE: 624-8000

SUBJECT:

Approve an agreement with Sierra View Medical Center

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Approve an agreement with Sierra View Medical Center to allow trainees to gain field experience through training program within the Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency's Public Health Branch, effective upon signatures by the Tulare County Board of Supervisors through June 30, 2021 in the amount of zero dollars; and
- 2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign two (2) copies of the agreement.

SUMMARY:

The Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency's Public Health Branch requests to enter into an agreement with Sierra View Medical Center (SVMC) to provide clinical experience for trainees. Through this agreement with SVMC, Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency's (HHSA) Public Health Laboratory will allow trainees enrolled in SVMC's Clinical Laboratory Scientist (CLS) training program to gain field experience in mycobacteriology at the Public Health Laboratory.

The CLS training program is provided to individuals who meet criteria set by the California Department of Public Health. SVMC is one of the few facilities certified in the State of California to offer this training program. This agreement would allow Tulare County Public Health Laboratory to conduct certain modules of the training program SVMC is unable to provide, so trainees can gain the field experience

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necessary to complete the program. This agreement is specifically intended to allow for the Public Health Lab to provide trainees with supervised field experience in clinical public health programs. All functions of the CLS program will be conducted in accordance with County and Agency policy and procedure guidelines.

The training program would support long-term efforts to prepare and recruit a competent public health workforce. These trainees would gain an in-depth exposure to Tulare County Public Health efforts, and develop the skills and knowledge base that can help facilitate entry into the public health workforce once they have completed the training program. This agreement will also expose trainees to opportunities for post-graduation employment, potentially increasing the County's pool of qualified applicants.

This agreement has been approved as to form by County Counsel. The following terms deviate substantively from standard County boilerplate: 1) This is a multi-year agreement; 2) The agreement calls for a Mutual Indemnification; and 3) Either party may terminate without cause with 30 days' advance written notice.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no cost to HHSA associated with this agreement. There is no net County Cost to the General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

This request furthers the Organizational Performance Initiative of the County's Strategic Plan to enhance quality service through proven cost-effective strategies. By utilizing trainees from SVMC, HHSA will be able to utilize additional personnel to support program operations for minimal administrative cost.

Through this agreement, the Tulare County Public Health Branch will create greater exposure to trainees interested in pursuing a career within the Public Health Branch, and will assist the Branch in identifying and recruiting potential candidates. Approval of this agreement increases the ability to fulfill personnel and service obligations through the affiliation and partnership with the SVMC.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

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Karen Elliott

Director of Public Health

Cc: County Administrative Office

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Attachment(s) Agreement

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH SIERRA VIEW MEDICAL CENTER) Resolution No) Agreement No
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SUPERVISOR	_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN O	FFICIAL MEETING HELD
, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:	
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ATTEST:	MICHAEL C. SPATA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/ CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BY:	
51.	Deputy Clerk
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