



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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: December 04, 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 D. Durick, Psy.D. PHONE: 624-8000				

SUBJECT: Approve an amendment to Agreement No. 28382 with ExMed, Inc.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an amendment to Agreement No. 28382 with ExMed, Inc., for the provision of adult, adolescent, and child psychiatric services, effective upon signature, through June 30, 2019, for the provision to add video based tele-psychiatry services and clarify quality management standards in the Tulare County Mental Health Plan; and
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign two (2) copies of the amendment.

SUMMARY:

The Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS), Mental Health Branch contracts with ExMed, Inc., to recruit psychiatrists to provide 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 service. DHCS reimburses County MHPs through the Medi-Cal program. As such, services paid to ExMed, Inc., will be billed to Medi-Cal for full reimbursement using an interim rate that is reconciled annually by DHCS.

ExMed, Inc., is a physician recruiting agency that provides psychiatrists for placement at commercial and government facilities on a short-term basis. The psychiatrists provided through this contract are not employees of ExMed, Inc., but

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are subcontracted by the agency. Through this Agreement, ExMed, Inc. provides temporary, licensed psychiatrists for the Tulare County Mental Health Clinics, or designated sites as specified by the Tulare County Mental Health Director and the Tulare County Mental Health Medical Director or their designee, to provide culturally and linguistically competent, full spectrum, child, adolescent, and adult psychiatric services in person or via video based telepsychiatry. It is estimated that ExMed, Inc., providers will serve 675 consumers through this agreement in each Fiscal Year.

The purpose of this amendment is to update Exhibit A of the Agreement to add video-based tele-psychiatry services to the ExMed, Inc., Scope of Work. The addition of video-based tele-psychiatry will accommodate consumer needs through expanding access to quality contracted providers. In addition, Exhibit A-1 for the State Mental Health Plan will be updated to clarify the County's expectations with regard to quality management standards.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There are no changes to the total dollar amount of \$2,000,000 of the original agreement. Funding the amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 was included in Fiscal Year 2017-2018, and the remaining \$1,000,000 was included in the approved Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget. The agreement is funded with Medi-Cal and realignment revenue. 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 the Tulare County Mental Health Clinics.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



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

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Amendment

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN
AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT NO.
28382 WITH EXMED, INC.**

) Resolution No. _____
) Agreement No. _____
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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: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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