



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

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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**AGENDA DATE:** December 18, 2018 REVISED

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 amendment to Agreement No. 28875 with Imperial Locum Services, APC.

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an amendment to Agreement No. 28875 with Imperial Locum Services, APC., in the amount not to exceed \$800,000 for the provision of adult, adolescent, and child psychiatric services, effective December 18, 2018 through June 30, 2020. This amendment was necessary to replace, and update exhibits due to changes in the contractor's Scope of Work and the State Mental Health Plan; and
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign two (2) copies of the agreement.

**SUMMARY:**

The Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS), 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 service. DHCS reimburses County MHPs through the Medi-Cal program. As such, services 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.

Imperial Locum Services, APC., is a physician recruiting agency which provides

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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 Director of Mental Health or designee. This contract will provide culturally and linguistically competent, full spectrum, child, adolescent, and adult psychiatric services in person or via video-based telepsychiatry. It is estimated that Imperial Locum Services, APC., providers will serve 600 consumers through this agreement in each Fiscal Year.

This amendment is to add additional telepsychiatry services to the Imperial Locum Services, APC., Scope of Work. The addition of video-based psychiatry will accommodate consumer needs through expanding access to quality contracted providers. This amendment will replace the current Exhibit A Scope of Work with an updated Exhibit A to reflect the addition of telepsychiatry services. In addition, Exhibit A-1 for the State Mental Health Plan will be replaced with an updated Exhibit A-1 to ensure quality of care is met.

This amendment 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 to ensure our consumers continuity of care.

This amendment 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. The amount of \$400,000 has been included in the adopted budget Fiscal Year 2018-2019. The remaining \$400,000 will be included in the proposed 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

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psychiatrists for Tulare County Mental Health Clinics.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**



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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 ) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH NO. ) Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_  
28875 IMPERIAL LOCUM SERVICES, APC. )

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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