



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

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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District Two  
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District Three  
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District Four  
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District Five

**AGENDA DATE:** January 8, 2019 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"/>
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 agreement with Aegis Treatment Centers, LLC., dba AEGIS

**REQUEST(S):**  
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with Aegis Treatment Centers, LLC., dba AEGIS for the provision of outpatient methadone maintenance treatment program in the amount not to exceed \$250,128 retroactive from March 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. This agreement is retroactive due to Fresno County prematurely disallowing payments for Tulare County residents receiving services in Fresno County. It was impracticable for the Board to take action prior to March 1, 2018 due to the time needed to process, prepare, and submit the agenda item;
2. Find that the Board had authority to enter into the proposed agreement as of March 1, 2018 and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date; and
3. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign two (2) copies of the agreement.

**SUMMARY:**  
Aegis Treatment Centers LLC., dba AEGIS provides services for the Drug/Medi-Cal Methadone and Drug/Medi-Cal Perinatal Methadone maintenance programs within the Tulare County area. The target population is opioid-dependent individuals age eighteen (18) and older. Drug/Medi-Cal eligible consumers from anywhere in Tulare County may be treated at these facilities. This program is operated under the regulations of the State of California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS),

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Substance Use Programs and funded in accordance with Title 9 of the Administrative Code.

The State of California DHCS is moving to utilize the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) to provide a continuum of care modeled after the American Society of Addiction Medicine Criteria for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment services, which enables more local control and accountability, provides greater administrative oversight, creates utilization controls to improve care and efficient use of resources, implements evidenced based practices in substance abuse treatment, and coordinates with other systems of care. DMC-ODS will also change the reimbursement model from the current County of service model to a new County of residence model. County of residence shifts the responsibility of provisioning and billing services away from the County in which services are provided and places that responsibility on the County of residence for the consumer seeking services. Therefore, Tulare County will need to establish agreements with providers who will deliver services to Tulare County residents. These agreements will ensure continuum of care is met. It is estimated that twenty (20) consumers a month utilize AEGIS' services.

Tulare County residents currently receive SUD treatment services through neighboring counties. Most counties have continued to provide and pay for services with contracted vendors and bill the patient's county of residence for reimbursement until the DMC-ODS system goes live. However, Fresno County elected to discontinue this practice effective March 1, 2018 leaving vendors unpaid for services rendered to Tulare County consumers since that date. Tulare County is seeking to establish this agreement to directly reimburse this provider for services furnished to Tulare county residents.

This agreement did not include a Request for Proposal because Tulare County Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) has not turned down a contractor for alcohol and substance abuse, and as Tulare County AOD prepares to go live with the DMC-ODS waiver, Tulare County will be responsible for payment to contractors where Tulare County residents are receiving SUD treatment services.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

Funding for the agreement in the amount of \$250,128 is included in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget. This agreement is paid through Drug/Medi-Cal revenues, and Realignment funds. There is no additional net cost to the County General Fund.

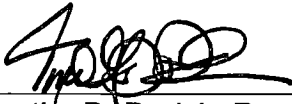
**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

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.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

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

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Agreement

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN ) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
AGREEMENT WITH AEGIS TREATMENT ) Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_  
CENTERS., LLC., DBA AEGIS )

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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