



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

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**AGENDA DATE:** April 30, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input 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: Noah Whitaker    PHONE: (559) 624-7471		

**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of funds from Kings County in support of the Tulare & Kings Counties Suicide Prevention Task Force

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the acceptance of \$130,000 from Kings County for mutual Suicide Prevention Task Force operations and continuing projects for fiscal year (FY) 2018/19;
2. Authorize the Chairman to sign the Acceptance of Cost Share Funds in an amount not to exceed \$130,000; and
3. Approve the necessary budget adjustments per the attached AUD 308 (4/5ths vote required).

**SUMMARY:**

On September 27, 2011, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors approved the Tulare County Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Statewide Projects Plan 2008–2012. In the development of the plan, Tulare County Mental Health met with Kings County Behavioral Health to create a joint plan to address the shared mental health needs of the counties. That plan ended on June 30, 2014. Since that time, the two counties have maintained this collaborative relationship.

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The Tulare & Kings Counties Suicide Prevention Task Force is continuing its strategic planning to ensure its efforts are closely collaborated, display evidence of effectiveness, and are community driven. Funding for efforts is provided by each county's MHSA PEI allocations. Kings County transfers an annual sum to Tulare County, which Tulare County adds to its own funding to manage all fiscal expenditures for both counties. Expenditures and activities will remain consistent with the currently approved plans, as well as the MHSA guidelines and regulations. These efforts include but are not limited to the following activities:

- a) Suicide Prevention Task Force (SPTF) - This is a universal prevention effort designed to address the needs and priorities that were identified in the community planning process. It increases awareness, develops resources, and provides training and strategies for the community, health care professionals, educators, law enforcement, and underserved populations regarding suicide prevention in the two counties. The SPTF enhances and coordinates efforts among government agencies, community-based organizations, interested parties, and community volunteers.
- b) Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors (LOSS) Team – The LOSS Team is a volunteer team that works in conjunction with the Sheriff's Departments of both Tulare and Kings Counties. When a suspected suicide death occurs, the Coroner's Office contacts the LOSS Team to dispatch trained volunteers to act as a support and referral mechanism for the newly bereaved. This team follows the Active Postvention Model (APM) as developed by Dr. Frank Campbell of the Baton Rouge Crisis Intervention Center.
- c) Slick Rock Student Film Festival - The Slick Rock Student Film Festival is a Central California premiere film competition for students in grades 6–12. Students are challenged to meet film industry standards in technical aspects of film production. The competition is divided into two levels: middle school and high school. Each level offers a variety of film genres (i.e., Suicide Prevention PSA, General PSA, General Advertisement, etc.) for participation. The purpose of the specialized public service announcement films is to engage communities in conversations on local issues/topics. The Suicide Prevention PSA films educate the people about mental health issues and available resources and help reduce the stigma of mental illness as well as stereotyping and discriminatory thinking.
- d) The Source – The Source is a local organization focused on training and counseling efforts among lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBT+) youth. LGBT+ youth face many social factors that put them at higher risk for self-destructive behaviors, including suicide. The Source's mission is to provide spaces within our communities for the LGBT+ population to Learn, Grow, Belong, Transform, Question + Support. The Source's vision is to cultivate new resources through advocacy, partnerships, and fundraising to unite and advance the LGBT+ community in Tulare &

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- e) Depression Reduction Achieving Wellness (DRAW) - DRAW is a campus-linked prevention and early intervention project that addresses the first onset of a psychiatric illness in students through collaboration with an institution of higher education. The program provides students with education on symptoms, should they arise, and tips for mental wellness. There are also prevention screenings for depression, or early onset, and low-intensity interventions for students experiencing the onset of a mental illness. Also provided are linkages and referrals to services, as well as training for staff to recognize the signs and symptoms of depression and how to refer for assistance and suicide prevention.

Other activities are determined by the SPTF's voting membership through regular, open public meetings, strategic planning, assessment and evaluation, and both state and national strategies for the prevention of suicide attempts and completions.

FY 2018/19 will mark the last period of mutual efforts between Tulare & Kings Counties. From FY 2019/20 onward, each county will maintain its own, individual Suicide Prevention Task Force, budget, and corresponding activities.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

Funding for efforts are provided by each county's MHSA PEI allocations. Funding from Kings County will be in an amount not to exceed \$130,000 in FY 2018/19 to help offset expenditures for activities benefiting both Tulare and Kings Counties. As the fiscal lead, Tulare County accepts funds from Kings County, thus simplifying the contracting and purchasing functions of this collaborative. Programs as described in the counties' MHSA PEI plans in the area of Suicide Prevention will be active in both counties in FY 2018/19, which will be the last period of mutual efforts between Tulare & Kings Counties.

In FY 19/20 and beyond, Tulare County Suicide Prevention Task Force has reduced contracted activities with outside providers to account for the loss of funding contribution from Kings County and the elimination of support to Kings County. This has been done without a reduction in services to communities within Tulare County. Annual program costs for FY 19/20 are currently budgeted at \$370,000.00. These costs will be met with Tulare County's MHSA PEI allocation with no net County cost.

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

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Quality of Life Initiative to encourage innovative provision of quality supportive services and programs for at-risk adults, youth, and children that enable and support success. This is also in alignment with the Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency's Mission of



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protecting and strengthening the well-being of the community through development of effective policies and practices. This collaboration between the two counties helps fulfill that obligation by providing funding to support suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention programs.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**



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Tim Lutz  
Agency Director

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Acceptance of Funds  
AUD 308

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

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTANCE OF )  
FUNDS FROM KINGS COUNTY IN ) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
SUPPORT OF THE TULARE & KINGS ) Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTIES SUICIDE PREVENTION TASK  
FORCE

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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