



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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: June 18, 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 type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Vienna Barnes PHONE: 624-8075

SUBJECT: Approve an agreement with Tulare County Office of Education for administration of the Home Visiting Initiative Early Head Start Program

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with Tulare County Office of Education in the amount not to exceed \$292,473 for administration of the Home Visiting Initiative "Early Head Start" Program retroactive from January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019. This agreement is retroactive due to inadvertent delays in obtaining the documentation. It was impracticable for the Board to take action prior to January 1, 2019 due to the time needed to process, prepare, and submit the agenda item;
2. Find that the Board had authority to enter into this agreement as of January 1, 2019 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:
In July 2018, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) announced a special funding opportunity to help launch the Home Visiting Initiative for county social services departments. Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) TulareWORKs Division applied to be a recipient of the award on September 27, 2018 and received notification of the award on December 3, 2018.

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On January 15, 2019, your board approved acceptance of the program allocation.

The Home Visiting Initiative aims to provide resources for first-time parents and caregivers to support the health, development, and well-being outcomes for pregnant and parenting individuals, families and infants born into poverty; and to expand future educational, economic and financial capability opportunities and improve the likelihood of exiting the cycle of poverty.

The Home visiting Initiative is an evidence-based, voluntary program that pairs the Tulare County Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) families with a qualified Homebase Educator that will make regular visits to the child's home to provide early education support services including health and wellness support for parents and caregivers, as well as pre- and postnatal care for expecting parents. The pairing of the home visiting program with the CalWORKs program provides an opportunity to connect families with necessary resources, to improve their parenting skills and household order, and ensure that their children have a safe and nurturing environment that allows them to thrive and grow.

Tulare County will partner with Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE) to implement the evidence-based Early Head Start model. The Early Head Start model works with parents, caregivers and pregnant women through regular, planned home visits and socialization activities by educators to strengthen protective factors and ensure that young children are healthy, safe, and ready to learn. Visiting educators will use standardized data collection tools such as screenings, assessments, questionnaires and interviews to evaluate and develop individualized service plans based on each family's needs. Educators can make referrals for prenatal, infant and toddler care, nutrition, parent education, and child development. Parents can also receive referrals for services such as job readiness, education, domestic violence and mental health services. Families can also be supported with the purchase of child safety kits, car seats, adaptive equipment for disabled children and resources related to language and literacy needs. Resources will be further maximized through a partnership across the Agency with the Public Health Branch. This partnership will allow the Public Health Nurses to visit children and/or expecting parents that may have unique medical needs. Additionally, Public Health will be providing trainings for the Home Visitors on the oral health needs of infants and toddlers.

The target population for this program is pregnant CalWORKs clients with no other children or first-time caretaker relatives with a child younger than twenty-four months. It is estimated that 773 families will meet the criteria for the program. TCOE anticipates serving a minimum of 10 families by June 30, 2019.

Because the program is voluntary, we have identified an expanded, eligible population that includes 1,658 families with at least one child under twenty-four months, clients transitioning from the Cal-Learn (a program for parenting teens) to the Welfare-to-Work program or parents who no longer have custody of prior

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children but who are now pregnant or have custody of a child under twenty-four months. While the priority is to serve the primary target population, state guidelines allow for the program to be made available to the families from the expanded eligible population provided funds are available.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The budgeted costs associated with this agreement are included in the HHSA 4032 budget unit on line 7043, professional services, for \$292,473 for Fiscal Year 2018/19. The funding is derived from a combination of State and Federal allocations for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program. There is no additional net County cost to the General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

Tulare County's five-year strategic plan includes the Quality of Life initiative to promote and encourage the 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 parenting resources for first-time parents to ensure healthy child development, empowered parents and, ultimately, strong communities.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

 030 TIM LUTZ

Timothy W. Lutz
Agency Director

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 TULARE COUNTY) Agreement No. _____
OFFICE OF EDUCATION FOR)
ADMINISTRATION OF THE HOME VISITING)
INITIATIVE EARLY HEAD START)

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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