



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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: August 13, 2019

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: Donna Ortiz PHONE: 624-8000

SUBJECT: Approve an agreement with Courage to Change

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with Courage to Change, a Short-term Residential Treatment Program in an amount not to exceed \$700,000 retroactive from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, for the provision of intensive mental health services to Tulare County adolescent males. This agreement is retroactive due to delays in receiving the insurance documents, making it impracticable for the Board to take action prior to July 1, 2019;
2. Find that the Board had authority to approve this agreement as of July 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:

The Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS), Mental Health Branch, is establishing an agreement with Courage to Change, a Short-Term Residential Treatment Program (STRTP), to provide specialty mental health services to Tulare County adolescent males. Courage to Change will provide specialty mental health treatment modalities including the following services: mental health assessments, individual and group therapeutic counseling, medication support, case management, and crisis intervention.

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Courage to Change, STRTP offers the highest level of care possible for Tulare County adolescent males who are full-scope Medi-Cal beneficiaries or have been authorized by the Tulare County Resources Intensive Services Committee for admission and provides an alternative and less restrictive environment than Juvenile Hall, County Camps, or California Youth Authority. Additionally, all male adolescents must be dependents of Tulare County Child Welfare Services Division or a ward of Tulare County Probation Department, and unable to be maintained in a lower level of care in California. Through this agreement with Courage to Change it is estimated that approximately 40 consumers will be served by this provider for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

This agreement did not include a Request for Proposal (RFP) process because Courage to Change is classified as a STRTP that offers mandated mental health services for high needs adolescent males in Tulare County's Child Welfare Services Division and Probation Department. Tulare County has access to a very limited number of STRTP's to serve this population.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no net County cost to the General Fund. The budgeted costs associated with this agreement were included in the HSA Requested budget unit 1221 for medical providers, in the amount not to exceed \$700,000 and is included in Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget. These services are paid through State Medi-Cal billing reimbursement and local mental health realignment revenues.

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 intensive mental health services to Tulare County children and adolescents.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Donna Ortiz
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
AGREEMENT WITH COURAGE TO
CHANGE

)
) Resolution No. _____
) Agreement No. _____
)

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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