



**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: Anita Guerrero PHONE: 624-8000

SUBJECT: Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Abrazo Foster Family Agency

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Abrazo Foster Family Agency to provide services on behalf of Tulare County Child Welfare Service's foster children, retroactive from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022. There is no cost associated with this Memorandum of Understanding. This Memorandum of Understanding is retroactive due to delays in receiving insurance documents and signatures from the vendor. It was impracticable for the Board to take action prior to July 1, 2019 due to the time needed to process, prepare, and submit the agenda item;
2. Find that the Board had the authority to enter into this proposed Memorandum of Understanding as of July 1, 2019 and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding on that date; and
3. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign two (2) copies each of the Memorandum of Understanding.

SUMMARY:
Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency, Child Welfare Services (CWS) Division has mandates from statutory codes that require placement of a child in a safe and caring foster home when a child is removed from his or her home due to abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation. Welfare and Institutions Code Section 16500

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states, "The Legislation hereby declares its intent in providing for this statewide system of child welfare services that all children are entitled to be safe and free from abuse and neglect." As part of this legislation, Child Welfare Services monitors each foster family agency when any Tulare County foster child is placed in any of the County's foster homes for compliance with the delivery of services and placement regulations. CWS meets quarterly with participating foster family agencies to ensure children are receiving quality services. This will include the care and placement of foster children through cooperation, collaboration, and sharing of appropriate information. Abrazo Foster Family Agency will ensure that the physical, emotional, and academic needs of children in their care are met, agree to participate fully in the child and family's case plan as established by the County, and work to facilitate positive outcomes for children and families including the transportation for all case plan services as well as all medical, mental health, family visits, academic, and social events. The goal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to provide a collaborative approach for the delivery of safe, secure, and compassionate homes that meet placement regulations and court ordered case plan services for foster children in Tulare County when removed from their home.

The MOU does not require a competitive Request for Proposal, as any foster family agency may request to enter into a MOU.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no cost associated with this MOU; therefore, 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 will support monitoring of a foster family agency foster home for Tulare County foster children. The MOU will encourage and support an innovative provision of quality supportive services for at-risk youth and children placed in the foster family agency foster homes. The quality of life for these at-risk youth and children will be improved with the support of the MOU to be safe and free from abuse and neglect while placed in the foster family agency foster homes.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Timothy W. Lutz
Agency Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s): Memorandum of Understanding

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE A) **Resolution No.** _____
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH) **Agreement No.** _____
ABRAZO FOSTER FAMILY AGENCY)
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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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