



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

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AGENDA DATE: September 17, 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: Donna Ortiz PHONE: 624-8000

SUBJECT: Termination of the Agreement with Arie R. Whisenhunt, M.D.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the termination of the Tulare County Agreement No. 28626 with Arie R. Whisenhunt, M.D. effective October 17, 2019; and
2. Authorize the Director of the Mental Health Branch of Tulare County Health and Human Services to sign and issue the Notice of Termination to Arie R. Whisenhunt, M.D.

SUMMARY:

Arie R. Whisenhunt, M.D. has provided competent psychiatric services as required by Tulare County for over ten years. The County's current agreement with Dr. Whisenhunt (Agreement No. 28626) is effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020. However, Dr. Whisenhunt advised the County that he will no longer provide psychiatric services under the Agreement, effective June 22, 2019. Tulare County Health and Human Services, Mental Health Branch, would now like to formally terminate Agreement No. 28626 with Dr. Whisenhunt effective October 17, 2019 and provide a Notice of Termination. There will be no reduction or loss of service related to the provision of psychiatric services to consumers, as they will be shifted to other current contracted psychiatric providers.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no impact to the County General Fund. All psychiatric services that may have been provided through Arie R. Whisenhunt, M.D. will be shifted to other

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County contracted providers.

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. The County maintains other psychiatric contracts, thereby continuing to uphold its strategic initiative irrespective of the termination to this agreement.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Handwritten signature of Donna Ortiz in black ink, with the initials 'DO' visible to the right of the signature.

Donna Ortiz
Director of Mental Health

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Termination Letter

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

IN THE MATTER OF TERMINATION OF) Resolution No. _____
THE AGREEMENT WITH ARIEH R.) Agreement No. _____
WHISENHUNT, M.D.)
)

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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**TULARE COUNTY
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY**

Timothy W. Lutz, MBA
Agency Director

Donna L. Ortiz • Director • Mental Health Branch

September 17, 2019

Arieh R. Whisenhunt, M.D.
186 San Remo Road
Carmel, CA 93923

Subject: Notice of Termination and Suspension: Agreement No. 28626

Dear Dr. Whisenhunt,

Pursuant to paragraph 13(a) of Agreement No. 28626 between the County of Tulare and Arieh R. Whisenhunt, M.D., this letter serves as the County's 30-day written notice of intent to terminate.

The effective date of termination of Agreement No. 28626 shall be October 17, 2019. In accordance with the Agreement, the termination shall not end any other obligations under the Agreement to indemnify, maintain and make available any records pertaining to the agreement, to cooperate with any audit, be subject to offset, to make any reports of pre-termination contract activities, or the right of the County to recover damages against Arieh R. Whisenhunt, M.D.

Please send your final invoice to TulareMHP@tularehhsa.org in accordance with this agreement.

If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact Angela Sahagun, Health & Human Services Unit Manager, at (559) 624-8404.

We would like to thank you for the years of collaborative efforts to serve our community.

Sincerely,

Donna Ortiz
Director, Mental Health Branch