



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

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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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"/>
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**SUBJECT:** Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Westcoast Children’s Clinic

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Westcoast Children’s Clinic to provide the implementation of the Commercial Sexual Exploitation Screening Tool to screen and identify Commercially Sexually Exploited Children, retroactive from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$400 per year. This agreement is retroactive due to inadvertent 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 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 Memorandum of Understanding.

**SUMMARY:**

Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Child Welfare Services (CWS) is requesting to contract with Westcoast Children’s Clinic for the use of the Commercial Sexual Exploitation Identification Tool database. In 2014, Westcoast Children’s Clinic developed the Commercial Sexual Exploitation Identification Tool (CSE-IT – pronounced “see it”) with input from over 100 survivors and service

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providers. Designed for use by staff with a variety of professional backgrounds, the CSE-IT is used in multiple settings, including mental health, child welfare, juvenile justice, schools, residential programs, and homeless youth shelters.

The goal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to provide a collaborative approach to identify, intervene, and protect exploited youth. Minimizing exposure to this form of ongoing trauma in childhood and adolescence impacts critical stages of development. Intervening quickly is imperative, and doing so earlier in the cycle of exploitation can reduce the impact of trauma on children's development. CSE-IT meets the urgent need for a validated screening tool to identify children with indicators of sex trafficking.

Westcoast Children's Clinic will prepare agency specific reports and geographic area reports twice a year. The cost of the report varies from \$175-\$200 each. The State requires Counties to submit two reports per year. This reporting service fee will commence July 1, 2019.

The following term deviates substantively from standard County boilerplate: The MOU has a term of one year with automatic renewals for successive one year term unless earlier terminated.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

This MOU is to authorize access to the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children Screening Tool database. There are no costs associated with the screening tool access, however, the reporting service fee will cost up to an amount not to exceed \$400 per year. The costs are included in the HHS 001-142 budget, line 4020-7043, professional services for Fiscal Year 2019/20. There is no additional net County cost to the General Fund.

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

The Tulare County Strategic Business Plan in the Safety and Security Initiative and the Quality of Life Initiative encourages innovative provision that support services for at-risk adults, youth, and children in state and federally mandated programs. This MOU will encourage and support an innovative provision of quality supportive services for at-risk youth and children. Access to Westcoast Children's Clinic data services and existing infrastructure, experience, and capacity will help workers to identify trends and have a better understanding of the prevalence of exploitation, risks and protective factors among youths within our agency.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

  
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Timothy W. Lutz  
Agency Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

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Attachment(s) Memorandum of Understanding

