



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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: October 8, 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: Vienna Barnes PHONE: 624-8075

SUBJECT: Approve an agreement with Tulare County Superintendent of Schools

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with Tulare County Superintendent of Schools in an amount not to exceed \$700,000 for administration of the Home Visiting “Early Head Start” Program retroactive from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. This agreement is retroactive due to delays in obtaining the final allocation amount from the State. It was impracticable for the Board to have taken 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 authority to enter into 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:
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.

On June 18, 2019, the Board approved Agreement No. 29226 with Tulare County Superintendent of Schools (TCOE) to administer the evidence-based Early Head Start model. The Budget Act of 2019 appropriated approximately \$86.36 million for

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continuance of the Home Visiting Program through June 30, 2020. The allocation amount is distributed to participating counties based on each county's percent of the total of the Tulare County Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Home Visiting Program eligible cases.

The Home Visiting Program aims to provide resources for first-time parents and their caregivers. The resources provided are to support the health, development, and well-being outcomes for pregnant/parenting individuals, and families born into poverty. The goal of this program is to also expand future educational, economic, and financial opportunities to those individuals and improve the likelihood of exiting the cycle of poverty.

The Home Visiting Program is an evidence-based, voluntary program that pairs the CalWORKs families with a qualified Homebase Educator that makes 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.

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 use standardized data collection tools such as screenings, assessments, questionnaires and interviews to evaluate and develop and 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 are further maximized through a partnership across the agency with the Public Health Branch. This partnership allows the Public Health Nurses to visit children and/or expecting parents that may have unique medical needs. Additionally, Public Health provides 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 3,138 families will meet the criteria for the program. TCOE anticipates serving a minimum of 160 families by June 30, 2020.

Because the program is voluntary, the Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency has identified and expanded the eligible population that includes 20 families transitioning from the Cal-Learn (a program for parenting teens) to the Welfare-to-Work. While the priority is to serve the primary target population, state guidelines

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allow for the program to be made available to the families from the expanded eligible population provided funds are available.

This agreement did not include a Request For Proposal process because Early Head Start for the Home Visiting Program is an evidenced-based model that is only offered by the Tulare County Superintendent of Schools.

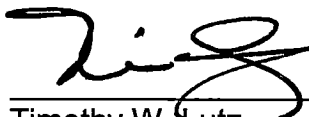
FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The budgeted costs associated with this agreement are included in the HHSA 4032 budget unit on line 7043, professional services, for \$700,000 from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The Home Visiting Program adopts the whole person approach to serving families with an average cost of approximately \$4,400 per family. 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:



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)
AGREEMENT WITH TULARE) Resolution No. _____
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS) 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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