



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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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District Two
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District Three
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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: Donna Ortiz		PHONE: 624-8000

SUBJECT: Approve an agreement with CF Merced Behavioral, LLC. d/b/a Merced Behavioral Center

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with CF Merced Behavioral, LLC. d/b/a Merced Behavioral Center, in an amount not to exceed \$2,400,000 to provide skilled nursing services retroactive from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021. This agreement is retroactive due to delays in receiving insurance documents. 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 agreement.

SUMMARY:

CF Merced Behavioral, LLC. d/b/a Merced Behavioral Center (Merced Behavioral Center) in Merced, California, is a locked skilled nursing facility that provides stabilization and long-term maintenance for consumers of Tulare County who are severely and persistently mentally ill. Their services are designed for consumers who require 24-hour supervision and are expected to benefit from organized therapeutic treatment modalities that promote activities of daily living. Tulare County is mandated to provide mental health treatment services for the severely and persistently mentally ill consumers of Tulare County in the least restrictive

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Merced Behavioral Center is one (1) of seven (7) out-of-county skilled nursing facilities who will accept and provide treatment for Tulare County consumers who are in need of a higher level of care. This facility is expected to serve approximately thirteen (13) consumers per month in each fiscal year of the agreement period.

This agreement did not include a Request for Proposal process because Merced Behavioral Center has been providing quality services to Tulare County consumers for over sixteen years. Furthermore, an Institute for Mental Disease beds are difficult to secure in California, and it is in the best interest of the County to continue this agreement to maintain quality and consistent care for its severely and persistently mentally ill consumers in need of skilled nursing facility services.

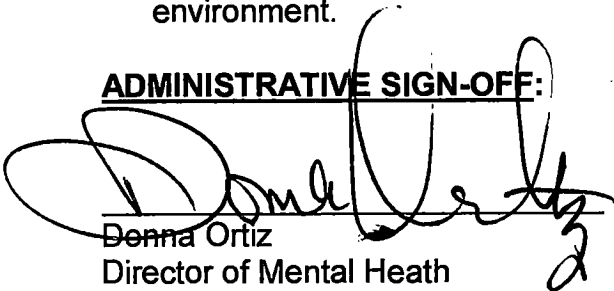
FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The budgeted costs associated with this agreement are included in the HHS 1222 budget, line 7052 medical providers, in an amount not to exceed \$2,400,000. \$1,200,000 will be allocated for Fiscal Years 2019/2020 and 2020/2021. The average estimated cost per consumer is \$74,000, which is subject to change based on actual utilization. This agreement is funded with local mental health realignment revenues. 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 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 stabilization and long-term maintenance for mentally ill consumers of Tulare County in the least restrictive environment.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:


Denna 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 CF MERCED
BEHAVIORAL, LLC. D/B/A MERCED
BEHAVIORAL CENTER**

) Resolution No. _____
) Agreement No. _____
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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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