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Health & Human Services Agency COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: October 8, 2019

Electronic file(s) has been sent Yes	· <u></u>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached Yes Personnel Resolution attached Yes Agreements are attached and signature line tab(s)/flag(s) Yes CONTACT PERSON: Vienna Barnes PHONE	N/A ⊠ for Chairman is marked with

SUBJECT:

Approve an agreement with Workforce Investment Board of Tulare

County

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Approve an agreement with Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County for the Welfare-to-Work Expanded Subsidized Employment Program, in an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000 for the provision of expanded work opportunities to CalWORKs recipients effective from October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. This agreement is retroactive due to an inadvertent omission in submitting the agreement timely for processing. It was impracticable for the Board to take action prior to October 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 October 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:

The Expanded Subsidized Employment Program will provide services to adults in Tulare County that receive CalWORKs assistance payments and are required to engage in employment services related activities to continue receiving benefits. Assembly Bill 74 (2013) provides for several "Early Engagement" Welfare-to-Work (WTW) strategies, including family stabilization services and Expanded Subsidized Employment. Partnerships with local community organizations, including Workforce

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Investment Boards, have been encouraged and identified as best practice by the California Department of Social Services.

This agreement provides Expanded Subsidized Employment activities for clients, including up to six months of subsidized employment potentially leading to unsubsidized employment. Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) will refer eligible participants to Workforce Investment Board (WIB) who are likely to benefit from this program and become self-sufficient. HHSA will monitor the ongoing success of this program through detailed reporting of participation and successful outcomes.

Through this agreement, an estimated minimum of 158 will serve as new participants in WTW activities contingent upon TulareWORKs referring a minimum of 260 participants. Provider will place participants in activities such that 75% are meeting the average participation rate of 22 hours per week for a one-parent Assistance Unit with a child under age six, 32 hours per week for a one-parent Assistance Unit with no child under six, and 38 hours per week for a two-parent Assistance Unit. Under the current agreement, through a collaborative partnership with WIB and other providers, WIB has enrolled 242 participants into the program through July 2019.

This agreement did not include a Request For Proposal process because WIB is one of four primary providers for WTW engagement with CalWORKs participants.

The following terms deviate substantively from standard County boilerplate: 1) WIB is contractually eligible to subcontract with other providers within the community.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The budgeted costs associated with this agreement are included in the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 HHSA budget, line 001-142-4032, professional services, for \$1,300,000. The cost per client is approximately \$8,228. The funding is derived from Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, and is covered by State and Federal allocations. 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 a wide range of employment services that support clients in the transition to self-sufficiency.

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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 WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD OF TULARE COUNTY) Resolution No) Agreement No))
UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISO	OR, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR	_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OF	FFICIAL 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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- 2. Found that the Board had the authority to enter into this proposed agreement as of October 1, 2019 and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date; and
- 3. Authorized the Chairman of the Board to sign three (3) copies of the agreement.