



Health & Human Services
Agency
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: October 22, 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 First 5 Tulare County

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with First 5 Tulare County in the amount of \$915,000 for administration of the Home Visiting "Parents as Teachers" 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 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 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 Tulare County Department of Social Services (CDSS) announced a special funding opportunity to help launch the Home Visiting Initiative for county social services departments.

Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA) TulareWORKs Division applied to be a recipient of the award on September 27, 2018 and received notification of the award on December 3, 2018. On January 15, 2019, the Board approved acceptance of the program allocation. On April 30, 2019, the Board approved Agreement No. 29223 with First 5 Tulare County to administer the

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evidence-based Parents as Teachers model. The Budget Act of 2019 appropriated approximately \$89.6 million for continuance of the Home Visiting Program through June 30, 2020.

The Home Visiting Program provides resources and support for parents of children under 24 months and pregnant individuals in order to promote the health, development, and well-being outcomes of individuals, families and children born into poverty; and to expand future educational, economic and financial capability opportunities and improve the likelihood of exiting the cycle of poverty.

The Home Visiting Program is an evidence-based, voluntary program that pairs the Tulare County Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) families with a qualified home visitor that will make 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.

First 5 of Tulare County uses five Family Resource Centers (FRCs) to deliver the Parents-As-Teachers model home visitation services. Each FRC is located in a non-overlapping pocket of Tulare County and is designed to meet the needs of that community by reaching families where they reside via collaboration and co-location of services at their establishments.

The Parents as Teachers model provides coaching and guidance to parents through regular, planned home visits and group socialization activities. Home Visitors use standardized data collection tools such as screenings, assessments, questionnaires and interviews to evaluate, develop and individualize service plans based on each family's needs. Home Visitors can make referrals for prenatal, infant and toddler care, nutrition, parent education, and child development services as needed. Parents and caregivers 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 children with special needs 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 served with this program is pregnant CalWORKs clients, parents with a child younger than twenty-four months or first-time caretaker relatives with a child younger than twenty-four months. It is estimated that 3,158 families meet the criteria for the program. First 5 of Tulare County anticipates serving a minimum of 160 families by June 30, 2020.

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Because the program is voluntary, we have identified an expanded, eligible population that includes 20 families transitioning from the Cal-Learn Program (a program for parenting teens) to the Welfare-to-Work program. While the priority is to serve the primary target population, state guidelines 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 Parents-As-Teachers was one of a select number of evidenced-based models approved by the State for use with the Home Visiting Program. We selected Parent-As-Teachers because it is a nationally known model that has been used for decades. First 5 of Tulare County was selected to implement the program because they have established relationships with several Family Resource Centers (FRC) in rural, outlying areas of the county that we are targeting with the Home Visiting Program, which eliminates the need to establish individual contracts with each FRC to implement the Parents-As-Teachers model.

The following terms deviate substantively from the standard County boilerplate: Either party may terminate with thirty (30) days written notice.

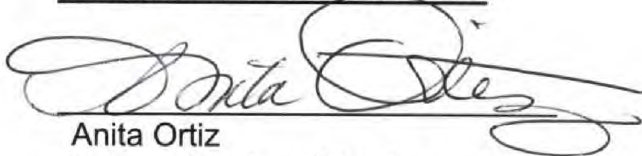
FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The budgeted costs associated with this agreement are included in the HHS 4032 budget unit on line 7043, professional services, for \$915,000. The Home Visiting Program adopts the whole person approach to serving families with an average cost of approximately \$5,700 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:



Anita Ortiz
Human Services Director

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Agreement

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN
AGREEMENT WITH FIRST 5 TULARE
COUNTY

)
) Resolution No. _____
) 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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