



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

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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**AGENDA DATE:** November 5, 2019

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| 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: Anita Ortiz    PHONE: 624-8082

**SUBJECT:**            Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Valley Teen Ranch

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Valley Teen Ranch to provide services on behalf of Tulare County Child Welfare Service's foster children retroactive from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022 in the amount of zero dollars. This will include the care and placement of foster children through cooperation, collaboration, and sharing of appropriate information. This Memorandum of Understanding is retroactive due to delays in receiving insurance documents and signature pages, making it impracticable for the Board to take action prior to July 1, 2019;
2. Find that the Board had authority to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding as of July 1, 2019 and it was in the County's best interest to enter into it 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 & Human Services Agency, Child Welfare Services Division has mandates from statutory codes that require placement of a child in a safe and caring foster home when a child is removed from his or her home due to abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation. Welfare and Institutions Code Section 16500 states, "The Legislation hereby declares its intent in providing for this statewide system of child

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welfare services that all children are entitled to be safe and free from abuse and neglect.” As part of this legislation, Child Welfare Services monitors each foster family agency when any Tulare County foster child is placed in any of the County’s foster homes for compliance with the delivery of services and placement regulations. Child Welfare Services meets quarterly with participating foster family agencies to ensure children are receiving quality services.

Valley Teen Ranch will ensure that the physical, emotional, and academic needs of children in their care are met, agree to participate fully in the child and family’s case plan as established by the COUNTY, and work to facilitate positive outcomes for children and families including the transportation for all case plan services as well as all medical, mental health, family visits, academic, and social events.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) did not require a competitive Request for Proposal, as any foster family agency may request to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding.

The goal of the MOU is to provide a collaborative approach for the delivery of safe, secure, and compassionate homes that meet placement regulations and court ordered case plan services for foster children in Tulare County when removed from their home.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

There is no fiscal impact with this MOU. 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 will support monitoring of a foster family agency foster home for Tulare County foster children. The Memorandum of Understanding will encourage and support an innovative provision of quality supportive services for at-risk youth and children placed in the foster family agency foster homes. The quality of life for these at-risk youth and children will be improved with the support of the Memorandum of Understanding to be safe and free from abuse and neglect while placed in the foster family agency foster homes.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

  
Anita Ortiz  
Director of Human Services

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s): Memorandum of Understanding

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE THE )  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
VALLEY TEEN RANCH ) 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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