



# Health & Human Services Agency COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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**AGENDA DATE:** April 7, 2020

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 amendment to Agreement No. 29323 with Courage to Change, Short-Term Residential Treatment Program

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an amendment to Agreement No. 29323 with Courage to Change, a Short-Term Residential Treatment Program, in an amount not to exceed \$700,000 to include Exhibit A-1, Tulare County Mental Health Plan Quality Management Standards, Exhibit B-1, Compensation and Exhibit B-3, Electronic Health Records Compensation, retroactive from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. This amendment is retroactive, as Exhibits A-1, B-1 and B-3 were inadvertently not included in the original agreement, making it impracticable for the Board to take action prior to July 1, 2019.
2. Find that the Board had authority to enter into the proposed amendment as of July 1, 2019, and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the amendment on that date.
3. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign two (2) copies of the amendment.

**SUMMARY:**

The Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA), Mental Health Branch contracts with Courage to Change, a Short-Term Residential Treatment Program (STRTP) to provide specialty mental health services to Tulare County adolescent males. Treatment modalities include the following services: mental health assessments, individual and group therapeutic counseling, medication support, case management, and crisis intervention.

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Courage to Change, STRTP offers the highest level of care possible for Tulare County adolescent males who are full-scope Medi-Cal beneficiaries or have been authorized by the Tulare County Resources Intensive Services Committee for admission and provides an alternative and less restrictive environment than Juvenile Hall, County Camps, or California Youth Authority. Additionally, all male adolescents must be dependents of Tulare County Child Welfare Services Division or a ward of Tulare County Probation Department, and unable to be maintained in a lower level of care in California. Through this agreement with Courage to Change, it is estimated that approximately 34 consumers will be served by this provider for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

Tulare County and Courage to Change entered into Agreement 29323 effective July 1, 2019 and are now requesting to amend the agreement to include Exhibit A-1, Tulare County Mental Health Plan Quality Management Standards, Exhibit B-1, Compensation and Exhibit B-3, Electronic Health Records Compensation for Fiscal Year 2019/2020. These exhibits were inadvertently not included in the original agreement. Exhibit A-1 clarifies the County's expectation with regard to quality management standards. Exhibit B-1 declares the fiscal compensation including, but not limited to, contract maximums, reimbursement, cost reporting, and reconciliation. Exhibit B-3, states the Contractor's obligation to reimburse the County for license fees to access the County's Electronic Healthcare Records management system.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

The budgeted costs associated with this agreement were included in the HHSA 1221 budget, line 7052 medical providers, in the amount not to exceed \$700,000 and is included in Fiscal Year 2019/2020 budget. The average estimated cost per consumer is \$20,600. The estimated amount is subject to change based on actual utilization. These services are paid through State Medi-Cal billing reimbursement and local mental health realignment revenues. There is no additional net County cost to the 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 amendment increases the ability to fulfill that obligation by providing intensive mental health services to Tulare County children and adolescents.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

/s/Donna Ortiz  
Donna Ortiz  
Director of Mental Health

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cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Amendment

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN )  
AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT NO.29323 ) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
WITH COURAGE TO  
CHANGE, SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL ) Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_  
TREATMENT PROGRAM

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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