



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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: May 5, 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: Anita Guerrero PHONE: 624-8082				

SUBJECT: Approve an agreement with Sierra Vista Child and Family Services

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with Sierra Vista Child and Family Services to provide services on behalf of Tulare County Child Welfare Service's foster children. This will include the care and placement of foster children through cooperation, collaboration, and sharing of appropriate information retroactive to August 15, 2019, through June 30, 2022. This agreement is retroactive due to Sierra Vista Child and Family Services being a brand new provider with Tulare County, making it impracticable for the Board to take action prior to August 15, 2019.
2. Find that the Board had authority to enter into this proposed agreement as of August 15, 2019 and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date.
3. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign one (1) copy of the agreement.

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 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

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Welfare Services meets quarterly with participating foster family agencies to ensure children are receiving quality services.

Sierra Vista Child and Family Services 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.

The goal of the agreement 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. We estimate to serve 10 Tulare County foster children. This agreement is retroactive because Sierra Vista Child and Family Services is a brand-new provider with Tulare County providing placement and services for our higher need kids effective August 15, 2019. CWS is State mandated under Continuum of Care Reform to provide Tulare County kids a safe and suitable placement with supportive services in a timely manner. Sierra Vista Child and Family Services is a provider whom offers specialized supportive services and placement for our Tulare County kids making it imperative for CWS to place our higher need kids with Sierra Vista Child and Family Services as of August 15, 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no cost associated with this agreement, therefore, there is no 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. This agreement 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 agreement to be safe and free from abuse and neglect while placed in the foster family agency foster homes.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/Anita Ortiz

Anita Ortiz
Director of Human Services

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 SIERRA VISTA CHILD
AND FAMILY SERVICES**

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) 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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