



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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: June 2, 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 a Memorandum of Understanding with the Superior Court of California, County of Tulare

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Superior Court of California, County of Tulare in the amount not to exceed \$25,285 to provide monitoring and evaluation of clients in Mental Health Court retroactive from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. It was impracticable for the Board to take action prior to July 1, 2019 due to inadvertent delays in processing for approval and receiving the Memorandum of Understanding from the Superior Court.
2. Find that the Board had authority to enter into the proposed Memorandum of Understanding as of July 1, 2019 and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding on that date.
3. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign three (3) copies of the Memorandum of Understanding.

SUMMARY:

The Superior Court of California, County of Tulare (Superior Court) receives funds from the Judicial Council of California through the Substance Abuse Focus Grant (SAFG) Program, to implement, enhance, or expand collaborative justice courts. The Tulare County Probation Department and the Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency, Mental Health Branch, collaborate with the Superior Court to operate the Mental Health Court (MHC) Program, which is a problem-solving court

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that combines judicial supervision with community mental health treatment and other support services in order to reduce criminal activity and improve the quality of life of the participants. MHC was established to make effective use of limited criminal justice and mental health resources. It is utilized to connect individuals with treatment and social services in the community to improve outcomes for offenders with mental illness in the criminal justice system. MHC also responds to public safety concerns, addresses jail overcrowding, and addresses the disproportionate number of people in the criminal justice system who have a mental illness. Through this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the Mental Health Branch will be able to use SAFG funds to provide services to approximately ninety-seven (97) consumers.

The following term deviates from the standard County boilerplate: This MOU includes mutual indemnification language.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The budgeted revenue associated with this contract was included in the HNSA 3311 budget, line 5064 other state grants. The Superior Court will reimburse the Tulare County Probation Department and the Tulare County Mental Health Branch up to \$25,285 for services provided to Mental Health Court consumers. The average estimated cost per consumer is \$291 based on Fiscal Year 2018-2019. The estimated cost is subject to change based on actual utilization. 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 to promote and encourage the provision of quality supportive services for individuals in Tulare County. The SAFG will benefit the residents of Tulare County by improving access to services through bus passes, and quality of life through additional healthcare services at no cost to the consumers.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/ Donna Ortiz

Donna Ortiz

Director of Mental Health

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 A) Resolution No. _____
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING) Agreement No. _____
WITH THE SUPERIOR COURT OF)
CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF TULARE)

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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