



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

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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**AGENDA DATE:** June 23, 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: Staci Chastain    PHONE    624-8000				

**SUBJECT:** Approve an amendment to Agreement No. 28836 with the University of California, Berkeley Optometric Eye Center

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an amendment to Agreement No. 28836 with the University of California, Berkeley Optometric Eye Center for the Retinopathy Screening Program, to extend the current agreement in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 per year for the provision of diabetic retinopathy screenings and the necessary equipment and software to provide those services and to make changes to their pricing structure effective upon the Board's approval to June 30, 2022.
2. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign three (3) copies of the amendment.

**SUMMARY:**

The Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) and the University of California (UC) Berkeley Optometric Eye Center have collaborated to provide diabetic retinopathy screening to diabetic clients by using hardware and software provided by UC Berkeley Optometric Eye Center. These services will promote public health and improve the quality of life by providing the County's health clinic diabetic patients with testing for sight-threatening retinopathy, at the time of their primary care visit at the Visalia Health Care Center. The screening results are electronically transmitted to Eye Picture Archive Communication System

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(EyePACS) for analysis. Additionally, these services will provide education for patients about their condition, training for clinic primary care physicians and training in retinal image interpretation to clinic staff.

UC Berkeley Optometric Eye Center will provide and maintain, for reasonable use, a retinal camera for use by the County's health clinics. Additionally, it will provide the EyePACS software, access to UC Berkeley Optometric Eye Center and confirm that the clinic's authorized users have the necessary training to capture and transmit images. EyePACS is a software platform for clinical communication, which includes a web-based application to retrieve, send, and analyze data between a database and browser clients. UC Berkeley Optometric Eye Center will train and certify authorized users, provide EyePACS web support, quality control services and provide reading and interpretation services. The County will provide a connection between the retinal camera and a computer terminal connected to the internet and diabetic registry as necessary. Eye images and collected data will be used in strict compliance with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

The amendment will make the following changes to the agreement: extend the agreement for two additional years: reduce the monthly charge for use of their camera and specifically states that no fees will be refundable upon the termination of the agreement. All other terms and conditions of the agreement will remain the same.

The Amendment deviates substantively from the County's standard boilerplate in that the County is required to sign first.

Through this amended agreement, HHSA will continue to process patients for retinopathy screening cases at the Visalia Health Care Center and to transmit the screening results to the UC Berkeley Optometric Eye Center for analysis. It is estimated that approximately 735 clients are served per fiscal year through this agreement with UC Berkeley Optometric Eye Center at a total cost of \$12,500 per year.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

Funding in the amount of \$12,500 will be budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 budget and the 2021/2022 budget. Services will be funded by related fees included in the billing for the patient's office visit. There is no County match requirement and no 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. The agreement will

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promote public health and improve the quality of life by referring patients for diabetic retinopathy at the time of their primary care visit. The quality of life for Tulare County clinic patients will be improved through more timely detection and referral to UC Berkeley Optometric Eye Center.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

/s/ Robert Stewart OBO

Karen M. Elliott  
Director of Public Health

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. 28836 ) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
WITH UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA ) Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_  
BERKELEY OPTOMETRIC EYE CENTER )

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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