



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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: September 15, 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 agreement with Tulare County Superintendent of Schools

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with Tulare County Superintendent of Schools for the provision of mental health services for Tulare County adolescents and children, in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 retroactive to July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. This agreement is retroactive due to delays in obtaining updated insurance documents from the vendor. It was impracticable for the Board to take action prior to July 1, 2020 due to the time needed to process, prepare, and submit the agenda item.
2. Find that the Board had the authority to enter into the agreement as of July 1, 2020 and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date.
3. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign one (1) copy of the agreement.

SUMMARY:

The Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Mental Health Branch, collaborates with Tulare County Superintendent of Schools, Children's Mental Health Clinic to provide special education instruction and related services, including specialty mental health services to its students with disabilities. The specialty mental health services include medication support, case management, and crisis intervention.

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This agreement provides Tulare County Superintendent of Schools with access to Federal Financial Participation (FFP) funds, which aid in providing additional mental health services at County schools. Tulare County Superintendent of Schools is responsible for all clinical and administrative oversight under this agreement and agrees to comply with laws and regulations of the Medi-Cal program. Tulare County HHSA, Mental Health Branch operates exclusively as the billing agent for the services provided through this agreement. It is estimated that approximately 600 consumers will be served through this agreement for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

This agreement did not include a Request For Proposal because through Assembly Bill (AB) 114, the Tulare County Superintendent of Schools is the designated Local Educational Agency for providing special education and related services, and may opt to utilize the County Mental Health Plan to bill for specialty mental health services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The budgeted costs associated with this agreement will be included in the HHSA 1221 budget, line 7052 medical providers, in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. The estimated cost per consumer is \$9,155. The estimated cost may vary based on actual utilization. This agreement is paid through State Medi-Cal billing reimbursement of the FFP percentage (50%), and Tulare County Superintendent of Schools will provide match dollars in advance to cover the balance of the cost. 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 encourages innovative provision of quality supportive services for at-risk adults, youth and children in state and federally mandated programs. This agreement increases the ability to fulfill that obligation by providing special education instruction and/or related services, including mental health services, to students with disabilities.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/ Donna Ortiz

Donna Ortiz

Director of Mental Health

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 TULARE COUNTY) Resolution No. _____
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS) Agreement No. _____
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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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