



**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 Central Star Behavioral Health, Inc.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with Central Star Behavioral Health, Inc. to provide acute Inpatient Psychiatric Health facility beds and related mental health treatment for the benefit of Tulare County youth consumers in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 retroactive to July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. This agreement is retroactive due to extended negotiations for this agreement. 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 & Human Services Agency (HHSA), Mental Health Branch contracts with Central Star Behavioral Health, Inc. for psychiatric services at the Central Star youth acute inpatient Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) located in Fresno, California. Central Star Behavioral Health, Inc. provides acute psychiatric hospitalization, coordinated discharge planning, and effective linkages to post-hospital outpatient mental health treatment programs and other supportive services for youth and their families. The target population will include youth 12 years of age to 18 years of age. These consumers will be primarily Medi-Cal beneficiaries who are

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referred by the Mental Health Branch. It is estimated that 20 youth will benefit from this agreement for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

This agreement did not include a Request For Proposal process because Central Star is the closest PHF to Tulare County where youth can be placed to receive services after hospital stabilization.

This agreement does not deviate from the standard County boilerplate.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The budgeted costs associated with this agreement will be included in the HHS 1222 budget, line 7052 medical providers, for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in an amount not to exceed \$250,000. The average estimated cost per consumer is \$7,570. The estimated amount is subject to change based on actual utilization. This agreement is paid with local mental health realignment and State Medi-Cal reimbursement funds. 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 additional resources for youth in need of acute psychiatric hospitalization.

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 CENTRAL STAR) Resolution No. _____
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, INC.) 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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