



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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: September 22, 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 Courage to Change

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with Courage to Change, a Short-term Residential Treatment Program for the provision of intensive mental health services to Tulare County adolescent males in an amount not to exceed \$700,000, retroactive from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. This agreement is retroactive due to delays in obtaining 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 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, is entering into an agreement with Courage to Change, a Short-Term Residential Treatment Program (STRTP), to provide specialty mental health services to Tulare County adolescent males. Courage to Change provides specialty mental health treatment modalities including the following services: mental health assessments, individual and group therapeutic counseling, medication support, case management, and crisis intervention. Courage to Change, offers the highest level of

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care possible for Tulare County adolescent males who are full-scope Medi-Cal beneficiaries or have been authorized by the Tulare County Resources Intensive Services Committee for admission. All adolescent males must be dependents of Tulare County Child Welfare Services Division or a ward of Tulare County Probation Department, and unable to be maintained in a lower level of care facility in California. This STRTP provides an alternative and less restrictive environment than Juvenile Hall, County Camps, or California Youth Authority. It is estimated that approximately 40 adolescent males will benefit from this agreement for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

This agreement did not include a Request for Proposal process because Courage to Change is classified as a STRTP that offers mandated mental health services for high needs adolescent males in Tulare County's Child Welfare Services Division and Probation Department. Tulare County has access to a very limited number of STRTP's to serve this population.

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 1221 budget, line 7052 medical providers, for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in the amount not to exceed \$700,000. The average cost per consumer is \$19,144. The estimated amount is subject to change based on actual utilization. These services are paid through State Medi-Cal billing reimbursement and local mental health realignment revenues. There is no additional 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. This agreement increases the ability to fulfill that obligation by providing intensive mental health services to Tulare County adolescent males.

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 COURAGE TO) Resolution No. _____
CHANGE) 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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