



**Tulare County
Health & Human Services Agency**

John Davis, Agency Director

AGENDA DATE: July 18, 2006

Item No. _____

SUBJECT: Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA) and University of California, Berkeley, Optometric Eye Center (UCBOEC) for the provision of retinopathy screening equipment and software, HHSA staff training in its use, and the processing and interpretation of retinopathy screening cases.

REQUEST(S): That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Approve and execute the MOU between HHSA and UCBOEC for retinopathy screening equipment, staff training, and interpretation.

SUMMARY: The parties have formed a collaborative to provide diabetic retinopathy (DR) screening to HHSA diabetes clients using hardware and software provided by UCBOEC. Services will promote public health and improve quality of life by providing HHSA diabetes patients with detection and referral for sight threatening DR at the time of their primary care visit, provide education for patients about their condition, and training for HHSA primary care physicians and staff in retinal image interpretation. UCBOEC will provide to HHSA, free of charge, EyePACS software and a Canon DGi digital fundus camera, train HHSA staff in their use and provide reading and interpretation services to HHSA. HHSA will provide 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 HIPPA regulations. The purpose of this MOU is to establish and maintain a working partnership between UCBOEC and HHSA for the use of EyePACS at HHSA. EyePACS is a software platform for clinical communication, which includes a Web-based application to retrieve, send, and manipulate data between a database and browser clients. This is a retroactive agreement to May 23, 2006, due to the time needed to process, prepare, have signed and prepare the Agenda Item for submission.

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FINANCING: UCBOEC will provide interpretations and reports at no cost for the first three months of the term of the agreement and will provide interpretations and reports at no cost for up to 17 cases per month after the initial three months of the term, ending June 30, 2007. These services have an economic value of \$255 per month. UCBOEC may collect a monthly fee of \$15 per patient from HHSA for interpretations and reports beyond the first three months and subsequently beyond the first 17 cases per month for the balance of the term.

ALTERNATIVES: HHSA does not provide diabetic retinopathy screening services to clients with diabetes.

INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES: This agreement has been approved as to form by County Counsel and no changes have been made since this approval.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF: _____

Ray Bullick, Director, Health Services

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF Approval of the Memorandum of)
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Human Services Agency (HHSA) and University of California,)
Berkeley, Optometric Eye Center (UCBOEC) for the provision)
of retinopathy screening equipment and software, HHSA staff)
training in its use, and the processing and interpretation of)
retinopathy screening cases.)

RESOLUTION NO.

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOREGOING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD June 27, 2006

BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: C. BRIAN HADDIX
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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