



# **Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency**

John Davis, Agency Director

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**AGENDA DATE:** November 14, 2006

**Item No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBJECT:** Submission of the Tulare County Wraparound Implementation Plan to California Department of Social Services (CDSS)

**REQUEST(S):** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize HHSA to submit the Tulare County Wraparound Implementation Plan.
2. Authorize HHSA to begin development of Requests for Proposals (RFP) as part of the development phase of Wraparound.

**SUMMARY:** Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA) Departments of Human Services and Mental Health, in a collaborative effort have joined with the Tulare County Probation Department to submit the Tulare County Wraparound Implementation Plan to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). The mission of Tulare County's Wraparound is to keep at-risk children safely in their homes, community, and schools by creating individualized family plans.

Senate Bill 163, Chapter 795, Statutes of 1997, provided for the establishment of a statewide pilot project to keep eligible children in or return them to permanent family settings. Wraparound is a family-centered, strength-based, needs-driven planning process for creating individualized services and supports for children and their families. This allows counties the flexible use of State foster care funds to provide eligible children with family-based service alternatives to group home care using Wraparound as the service alternative.

Participation in SB 163, Children's Wraparound, will allow the County of Tulare to provide high-risk youth and their families an alternative to group home care. Children's Wraparound is seen as both an effective mechanism for addressing the immediate needs of high-risk youth and their families and as an impetus for improving services across child-serving agencies.

The goal of Children's Wraparound is to create better outcomes for young people and their families by assuring families are at the center of the decision-making process. This plan is consistent with values of the community, the strength-based, family-centered, needs-driven strategies for restructuring foster care as defined by the Family-to-Family Initiative and the development of a children's system of care.

Wraparound will be implemented in Tulare County using the Single Lead Agency model. Representatives from Probation, Child Welfare Services, Mental Health, Tulare County Office of Education, Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), Foster

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Parents, and a Parent Partner agreed upon this model to implement Wraparound in Tulare County. Tulare County will contract with a Medi-Cal certified, or Medi-Cal eligible, provider for service provision, with public agency oversight. The service resources and expertise of the lead agency will be used to develop family-oriented and community-based service alternatives for Tulare County children and families. This Board Agenda Item will authorize HHSA to submit the Tulare County Wraparound Implementation Plan and begin development of requests for proposals as part of the Wraparound Development process.

Board Strategic Plan Initiative Addressed: Quality of Life

**FINANCING:** No net county costs are involved.

**INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER AGENCIES:** This is a collaborative effort between the Departments of Human Services, Mental Health, Probation, Office of Education, and Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA).

**ALTERNATIVES:** HHSA will not participate in SB 163 Children's Wraparound, thus at-risk youth will remain in group home care.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**



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John Davis, Director

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF</b>	)	RESOLUTION NO. _____
Submission of the Tulare County Wraparound	)	
Implementation Plan to California Department of	)	
Social Services (CDSS)	)	

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY  
SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOREGOING WAS ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD \_\_\_\_\_,  
BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

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

1. Approved the Submission of the Tulare County Wraparound Implementation Plan.
2. Authorized HHSA to begin development of Requests for Proposals (RFP) as part of the development phase of Wraparound.