



Health & Human Services
Agency
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: June 23, 2009

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resolution, Ordinance or Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s) Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>						

CONTACT PERSON: Kyla Surratt PHONE: 737-4660

SUBJECT: Approval of amendment to Agreement No. 23800 with Arie R. Whisenhunt, M.D.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an amendment to Agreement No. 23800 with Arie R. Whisenhunt, M.D. to extend the term of the agreement to June 30, 2010, for providing telepsychiatry services.
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign three (3) copies of the amendment.

SUMMARY:

The Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) provides psychiatrist services to citizens of Tulare County. Arie R. Whisenhunt, M.D. will provide competent psychiatric services via telepsychiatry as requested by the Tulare County Mental Health Director or his/her designee. The psychiatrist shall perform the services in a manner consistent with the level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by other like professionals practicing in the State of California under similar circumstances. With the County wide shortage of psychiatric providers, it is essential that we continue to have the access and ability to use local providers to help fill our provider shortages. Arie R. Whisenhunt, M.D. will fill a requirement needed for Tulare County.

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FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The maximum reimbursement for this Agreement is \$200,000 and will be included in the Fiscal Year 2009/2010 proposed budget. No Net County Cost.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Quality of Life Initiative to promote health and well being for the citizens of Tulare County. This physician will help fulfill this initiative by providing psychiatric services as needed to our clients.

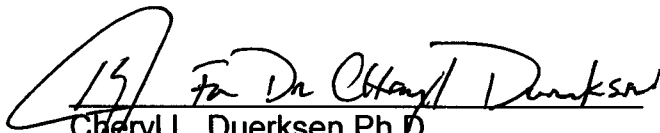
ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose to not approve this amendment, but this is not recommended because the benefits to providing these services lie in accordance with the Strategic Plan for Tulare County.

INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:

This amendment has been approved as to form by County Counsel and no changes have been made since this approval.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:


Cheryl L. Duerksen Ph.D.
Director of Mental Health

Cc: Auditor/Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (3)

Amendment

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

IN THE MATTER OF:)
Approval of amendment to Agreement)
No. 23800 with Arie R. Whisenhunt,)
M.D.)

RESOLUTION NO. _____
AGREEMENT NO. _____

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: JEAN M. ROUSSEAU
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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