



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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: March 2, 2010

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"/>			

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SUBJECT: Approval of amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (Tulare County Agreement No. 24029) with the University of California, Berkeley Optometric Eye Center.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify and approve an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (Tulare County Agreement No. 24029) in the amount of \$15,000 between Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) and the University of California, Berkeley Optometric Eye Center (UCBOEC), to extend the term of the MOU to December 31, 2010 for the provision of Diabetic Retinopathy Screening, equipment, and software, retroactive to June 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010. This Memorandum of Understanding is retroactive due to inadvertent delays in obtaining authorized signatures on the MOU. It was impracticable for the Board to take action before June 1, 2009 due to the time needed to process, prepare, and submit the agenda item;
2. Find that the Board had authority to enter into the proposed Memorandum of Understanding as of June 1, 2009 and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding on that date; and
3. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign three (3) copies of the Memorandum of Understanding.

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SUMMARY:

HHSA and UCBOEC have formed a collaborative to provide diabetic retinopathy (DR) screening to HHSA diabetic clients using hardware and software provided by UCBOEC. Services will promote public health and improve the quality of life by providing HHSA diabetic 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 (or equivalent), train HHSA staff in their use, and train and certify staff to capture and transmit images. UCBOEC will provide reading and interpretation services at a fee of \$15 per patient 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 HIPAA regulations.

The purpose of this MOU is to extend the term of the MOU to December 31, 2010 and continue the 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.

Through this MOU, HHSA staff (as trained by UCBOEC) will process up to twenty (20) patients per week for retinopathy screening cases in each participating clinic. In Fiscal Year 2009/2010, it is anticipated that approximately 200 to 250 clients will have been served through this MOU with UCBOEC.

We would like to bring to the Board's attention that the term of this agreement is for multiple years which deviates from County Contract Protocol.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

Funding in the amount of \$15,000 for this MOU is included in the Fiscal Year 2009/2010 budget and will be included in the Fiscal Year 2010/2011. 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 that encourages innovative provision of quality supportive services for at-risk adults, youth and children in state and federally mandated programs. This MOU increases the ability to fulfill this obligation.

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ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose not to approve this MOU, but that is not recommended. Because the benefits of providing HHSA diabetic patients with screening for the detection and referral of sight threatening diabetic retinopathy at the time of their primary care visit, may otherwise not be available to the patients.

INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:

County Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Ray Bullick
Director Health

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

Memorandum of Understanding

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

IN THE MATTER OF:)
Approval of amendment to the)
Memorandum of Understanding (MOU))
(Tulare County Agreement No.)
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Berkeley Optometric Eye Center.)

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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