



Health & Human Services
Agency
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: March 23, 2010 **REVISED**

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: Steven Murch PHONE: 737-4660

SUBJECT: Authorize the submission of a grant application by the Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency, Department of Mental Health to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the submission of a grant application by the Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA), Department of Mental Health to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$200,000 to provide Category III: Expansion funding; and
2. Authorize the Tulare County HHSA Director or His designee to sign the grant application.

SUMMARY:

Working in collaboration, the Tulare County Probation Department, Office of the Tulare County District Attorney, and Office of the Tulare County Public Defender have joined with the Tulare County HHSA, Department of Mental Health, to apply for a U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant. This grant is the third of three categories of funding as part of the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program which seeks to increase public safety through innovative cross-system collaboration for individuals with mental

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illness who come into contact with the criminal justice system.

In May 2008, the Tulare County HHSA, Department of Mental Health applied under Category II: Planning and Implementation, to train area law enforcement agencies in their approach to dealing with mentally ill offenders. Under Category III: Expansion, the Tulare County HHSA, Department of Mental Health and collaborative partners will expand the existing Mental Health Court Program.

Mental health courts, like other specialized courts, differ from traditional courts in that they take a problem-solving approach. Therefore, rather than focusing exclusively on determining facts of the case, adjudication disputes, and determining guilt or innocence, mental health courts focus on understanding how untreated mental illness has influenced the criminal behavior of the offender. Mental health court does not try to minimize court appearances for offenders, but instead schedules regular returns to court so that progress can be monitored.

With the Board's approval of this Agenda Item, the Tulare County HHSA, Department of Mental Health will apply for Category III: Expansion funding in the amount of \$200,000 that will provide funding over a twenty-four (24) month grant period from the U.S. Department of Justice, Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program. Upon notification of approval, Tulare County HHSA, Department of Mental Health will bring the grant agreement back to your Board for consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

None.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Quality of Life Initiative to promote and encourage the provision of quality supportive services for individuals in Tulare County. Funding received will benefit the general public through continued training of law enforcement and community based providers in their approach to mentally ill offenders.

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ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose to take no action; however, selection of this alternative is not recommended as this may limit the services provided to law enforcement agencies and community based providers in working with mentally ill offenders in Tulare County.

INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:

Tulare County Probation Department, Office of the Tulare County District Attorney, and Office of the Tulare County Public Defender.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cheryl L. Duerksen', is written over a horizontal line.

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

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

Authorize the submission of a grant)
application by the Tulare County)
Health & Human Services Agency,)
Department of Mental Health to the)
U.S. Department of Justice, Office of)
Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice)
Assistance.)

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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