

## Agency **COUNTY OF TULARE** AGENDA ITEM

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** 

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<b>AGENDA</b>	DATE:	June 29,	2010

Public Hearing Required Yes No N/A Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk Yes No N/A N/A Published Notice Required Yes No N/A N/A Advertised Published Notice Yes No No N/A Meet & Confer Required Yes No No N/A Electronic file(s) has been sent Yes No N/A Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached Yes No N/A Personnel Resolution attached Yes No N/A Resolution, Ordinance or Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s) Yes No N/A CONTACT PERSON: Karen Elliott PHONE: 624-8000
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#### SUBJECT:

Approval of amendment to Agreement No. 23658 with Tulare Children's Medical Clinic PC

#### REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Approve an amendment to Agreement No. 23658 with Tulare Children's Medical Clinic PC to update Exhibit B by reducing the compensation by \$10.00 per patient visit from \$106.00 to \$96.00 and by changing the time frame that the County will compensate the Contractor from twenty (20) days to thirty (30) days of the close of each month, effective July 1, 2010; and
- 2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign three (3) copies of the amendment.

#### **SUMMARY:**

In July 2007, Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA) was approached by the Tulare Children's Medical Clinic PC to determine whether they could partner with the Tulare County Health Care Clinic System. At that time, the Tulare Children's Medical Clinic PC had approximately 15,000 to 18,000 patient visits annually. The primary population served includes Medi-Cal and indigent patients. HHSA staff members had determined that the patients served and the types of services provided was consistent with the Agency's mission to provide health care access to the underserved. Since entering into this agreement, the Tulare Children's Pediatric patient visits have risen to about 25,000 annually.

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Agreement No. 23658 established the requisite relationship with the Tulare County Health Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Board, Medical Director, and the Tulare Children's Medical Clinic PC. Agreement No. 23658 requires Tulare Children's Medical Clinic PC to comply with the Tulare County's clinic policies and procedures. Tulare Children's Medical Clinic PC is responsible for all physicians, nursing, and ancillary staff costs and Tulare County does not provide staff to accommodate the provision of these services. Through this agreement, Tulare County has provided clinic administration, billing, and retained all billing revenues. In return, Tulare County has paid a flat rate of \$106.00 per patient visit to Tulare Children's Medical Clinic PC.

Through this amendment, Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency is requesting to update Exhibit B by reducing the compensation by \$10.00 per patient visit from \$106.00 to \$96.00 and by changing the time frame that the County will compensate the Contractor from twenty (20) days to thirty (30) days of the close of each month.

We would like to bring to the Board's attention that the agreement calls for a Mutual Indemnification, which deviates from County contract protocol.

#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

Due to lower FQHC reimbursement rates to the County, HHSA is requesting the reduction of \$10.00 per patient visit from \$106.00 to \$96.00. It is anticipated that through this reduction, revenue from this agreement will cover associated costs for this clinic. The appropriate revenues and expenditures will be included in the Fiscal Year 2010/2011 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 that encourages innovative provision of quality supportive services for at-risk adults, youth and children in state and federally mandated programs. This agreement increases the ability to fulfill that obligation.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The Board could choose not to approve this amendment, but that is not recommended as this may result in an increased cost to the County for the provision of the services provided by the Tulare Children's Medical Clinic PC to the residents of Tulare County.

#### **INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:**

County Counsel.

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### **ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

Ray Bulliek Director 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. 23658 with Tulare Children's Medical Clinic PC.	) RESOLUTION NO ) AGREEMENT NO )
UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISO	OR, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR	_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OI	FFICIAL 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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