



Health & Human Services Agency COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: July 12, 2011

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: Juliet Webb PHONE: 624-8000

SUBJECT: Approval of agreement with Family Services of Tulare County, Inc. for the provision of a Supervised Visitation Program.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify and approve an agreement with Family Services of Tulare County, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$121,850 to provide an intensive supervised visitation program for foster children in Tulare County, retroactive to July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. This agreement is retroactive due to inadvertent delays in obtaining authorized signatures on the agreement. It was impracticable for the Board to take action due to the time needed to process, prepare, and submit the agenda item;
2. Find that the Board had the authority to enter into the proposed agreement as of July 1, 2011 and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date; and
3. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign three (3) copies of the agreement.

SUMMARY:

Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA), Child Welfare Services (CWS), is requesting to contract with Family Services of Tulare County, Inc. to

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provide an intensive supervised visitation program for foster children in Tulare County. Through this Agreement services will be provided to an estimated 150 families.

Intensive supervised visitation during the first four months is crucial to the reunification process. Studies have consistently demonstrated that frequent interaction between parent and child increases not only the likelihood of reunification, but expedites the timeliness of reunification. It is especially important when an infant is involved as parents need multiple visitation contacts in order to bond. Supervised visitation also provides opportunities for trained staff to monitor the interaction between child and parent.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The maximum amount of this contract is for \$121,850 and will be included in the Fiscal Year 2011/2012 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 may choose not to sign the Agreement or direct staff to take other action, but this is not recommended as it could limit the ability to provide additional supervised visitation services to families reunifying with their children. These services enable children to return to their family.

INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:

County Counsel.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Jason Britt
Director of Human Services

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

Agreement

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

IN THE MATTER OF:)
Approval of agreement with Family)
Services of Tulare County, Inc. for the)
provision of a Supervised Visitation)
Program.)

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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2. Found that the Board had the authority to enter into the proposed agreement as of July 1, 2011 and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date; and
3. Authorized the Chairman of the Board to sign three (3) copies of the amendment.