



Health & Human Services Agency COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: December 13, 2011

Public Hearing Required	Yes ☐	N/A ☒
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes ☐	N/A ☒
Published Notice Required	Yes ☐	N/A ☒
Advertised Published Notice	Yes ☐	N/A ☒
Meet & Confer Required	Yes ☐	N/A ☒
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes ☒	N/A ☐
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes ☐	N/A ☒
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes ☐	N/A ☒
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes ☒	N/A ☐

CONTACT PERSON: Juliet Webb PHONE: 624-8000

SUBJECT: Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency, Child Welfare Services Division and Quality Group Homes, Inc. Foster Family Agency.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding to provide services on behalf of Child Welfare Services foster children through cooperation, collaboration, and sharing of appropriate information between the Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA) Child Welfare Services Division and Quality Group Homes, Inc. Foster Family Agency, retroactive to July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016. This Memorandum of Understanding is retroactive due to inadvertent delays in obtaining authorized signatures. It was impracticable for the Board to take action before July 1, 2011 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 July 1, 2011 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.

SUMMARY:

Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA) Child Welfare Services (CWS) Division has mandates from statutory code that requires placement of a

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child in a safe and caring foster home which may include a Foster Family Agency if the child is removed from their home due to abuse, neglect, or exploitation. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will establish mutually agreed upon procedures between CWS and Quality Group Homes, Inc. Foster Family Agency. The Welfare and Institutions Code Section 16500 states, "The Legislation hereby declares its intent in providing for this statewide system of child welfare services that all children are entitled to be safe and free from abuse and neglect." As part of this legislation, CWS will monitor Quality Group Homes, Inc. Foster Family Agency's compliance with the delivery of services and placement regulations.

The goal of this MOU is to create a collaborative approach for the delivery of appropriate and effective services and placement regulations for foster children in Tulare County.

We would like to bring to the Board's attention that the term of this Memorandum of Understanding is for five (5) years which deviates from County Contract Protocol.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

No Fiscal impact associated with this request. 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 Memorandum of Understanding increases the ability to fulfill that obligation.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Jason T. Britt
Director of Human Services

Cc: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment: Memorandum of Understanding

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

IN THE MATER OF Approval of the)
Memorandum of Understanding between) Resolution No. _____
The Tulare County Health & Human) Agreement No. _____
Services Agency Child Welfare Services)
Division and Quality Group Homes, Inc.)
Foster Family Agency

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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