



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

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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**AGENDA DATE:** June 11, 2013 - REVISED

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

CONTACT PERSON: Juliet Webb

PHONE: 624-8000

**SUBJECT:** Approve Memoranda of Understanding with Foster Family Agencies.

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve Memoranda 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 Foster Family Agencies retroactive from June 4, 2013 through June 30, 2016 with the following Foster Care Agencies: Aspiranet, Inc, A Positive Attitude Outlook, Inc., EMQ FamiliesFirst, Inc., Family Builders Foster Care, inc., Golden State Family Services Inc., Gale Kuns Ministries, Inc. DBA The Grace Homes, Koinonia Foster Homes, Inc., Pioneer Home Outreach, Inc., Promesa Behavioral Health, North Star Family Center, Proteus Foster Family Agency, Quality Group Homes, Inc., Transitions Children's Services, Valley Teen Ranch, Karing 4 Kids, Legacy Behavioral Services, Inc., and Foster Children Advanced Care. These MOUs are retroactive due to inadvertent delays in obtaining authorized signatures. It was impracticable for the Board to take action prior to June 4, 2013 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 agreement as of June 4, 2013 and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the Memoranda on that date; and

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3. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign three (3) copies each of the Memoranda of Understanding.

**SUMMARY:**

On March 8, 2011/December 13, 2011/January 10, 2012, your Board approved Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) to coordinate services on behalf of Child Welfare Services foster children with Foster Family Agencies. Child Welfare Services (CWS) is recommending that these MOUs be replaced and superseded by new MOUs to improve and update mutually agreed upon procedures between CWS and Foster Family Agencies.

Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA) Child Welfare Services (CWS) Division has mandates from statutory code that requires placement of a child in a safe and caring foster home when a child is removed from their home due to abuse, neglect, or exploitation. 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 monitors all foster family agencies that have a Tulare County foster child placed in one of their foster homes for compliance with the delivery of services and placement regulations. CWS meets quarterly with participating foster family agencies to ensure children are receiving quality services.

The goal of the amended MOU is to provide a collaborative approach for the delivery of safe, secure and stable homes that meet placement regulations for foster children in Tulare County.

We would like to bring to the Board's Attention the following item which deviates from County contract protocol: the MOU's are for multiple years.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

There is no 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 amended Memorandum of Understanding will continue to fulfill that obligation.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

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Jason T. Britt  
Director of Human Services

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

Attachment(s) Memoranda of Understanding

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

IN THE MATTER OF Approve Memoranda )  
Of Understanding with Foster Family ) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Agencies. ) 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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