



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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: September 17, 2013

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 a Memorandum of Understanding with Pathway Family Services, 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 Pathway Family Services, Inc. Foster Family Agency effective upon signature through June 30, 2016; and
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign three (3) copies of the Memorandum of Understanding.

SUMMARY:
The Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA) Child Welfare Services (CWS) Division is mandated by statutory code to place children in safe and caring foster homes when they are removed from their homes 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 Tulare County foster children placed in any 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

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quality services.

This MOU does not require a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process as any foster family agency (FFA) may request to enter into this MOU. To be approved to participate with the MOU, a FFA must agree to the conditions and complete the process for signature.

The goal of this 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 deviation from County Contract Protocol: This agreement has a term of multiple years commencing upon signature through June 30, 2016.

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 Memorandum of Understanding will continue to fulfill that obligation.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Juliet Webb
Interim Director of Human Services

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

Attachment(s): Memorandum of Understanding

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE A)
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING) Resolution No. _____
WITH PATHWAY FAMILY SERVICES, INC.) Agreement No. _____
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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