



**Probation Department
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: September 24, 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: Gina Rizza PHONE: 713-2761		

SUBJECT: Approve an Agreement with WestCare California, Inc.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with WestCare California, Inc. in the amount of \$250,000 to provide offenders recently realigned by state legislature continued Residential Treatment and Training Services, including Outpatient Services, retroactive to July 01, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The agreement is retroactive due to the date it was signed by the provider.
2. Find that the Board had authority to enter into the proposed agreement as of July 01, 2013, and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement as of that date.
3. Authorize the Chairman to sign three copies of the agreement.

SUMMARY:

In an effort to address overcrowding in California's prisons and to assist in alleviating the state's financial crisis, the Public Safety Realignment Act (Assembly Bill 109) was signed into law on April 4, 2011. This legislation shifted responsibilities for the supervision and incarceration of lower level offenders from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to counties.

The Probation Department has been tasked with developing evidence-based programming for these populations in the areas of substance abuse, mental health treatment, educational/vocational training and counseling interventions, in an effort to treat needs and reduce recidivism.

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The Probation Department will implement AB 109 in an Evidence-Based Supervision Model with supervision programs serving: 1) Low Level State Prison Post-release offenders (PRCS); 2) Low Level Non-violent, Non-Serious, and Non-Registerable Sex Offenders (N₃'s) that would otherwise be sentenced to State Prison; and 3) existing violators of parole who will not be returned to State Prison under the provisions of AB109.

Contracts and linkages with community-based services for employment, education, and training will be expanded to include the PRCS, N₃ population and existing violators of parole who will not be returned to State Prison.

WestCare California, Inc. operates one (1) residential and outpatient facility in Fresno, CA, with a major goal to provide quality case management, treatment, training, supervision and in-house services to residents. Programs provided by WestCare California, Inc. are designed to reduce the likelihood of return to crime, or recidivism, provide job development, substance abuse treatment, family reunification, finance management, literacy training and correctional counseling.

The Probation Department has an established relationship with WestCare California, Inc. with the placement of AB109-Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and 1170(h)(5)(B) Penal Code Candidates.

This agreement was approved as to form by County Counsel on September 05, 2013. There are no deviations with respect to County contract protocol.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The anticipated cost for an agreement for Fiscal Year 2013/2014 is \$250,000. The costs associated with the agreement are offset from revenue received from the state realignment funding. There are no net county costs.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic business plan includes the Safety and Security initiative that provides for the safety and security of the public. The approval of this agreement helps fulfill this initiative by contracting with WestCare California, Inc. for community-based services geared towards the rehabilitation of low level offenders.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Mary Raborn
Assistant Chief Probation Officer

Cc: Auditor-Controller / County Counsel / County Administrative Office (2)
Attachment(s): WestCare California, Inc. Agreement

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN)
AGREEMENT WITH WESTCARE) Resolution No. _____
CALIFORNIA, INC.) 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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