



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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: December 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: John Mauro		PHONE: 624-8000

SUBJECT: Approve an Agreement with Family Services of Tulare County for the provision of Supervised Visitation Services.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an Agreement with Family Services of Tulare County in an amount not to exceed \$253,149 for the provision of Supervised Visitation services to families whose children have been placed in out-of-home care from January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015; and
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign three (3) copies of the Agreement.

SUMMARY:

Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency Child Welfare Services (CWS) is requesting to contract with Family Services of Tulare County (FSTC) to provide an intensive supervised visitation program for children in out-of-home care throughout Tulare County. CWS has contracted with FSTC to provide supervised visitation services since Fiscal Year 2009/2010, and FSTC has demonstrated the capacity and operational ability to provide these services. Through this agreement services will be provided to an estimated one hundred and eighty-five (185) adults and two hundred and seventy (270) children.

Visitation is very important as this allows the parent and the child to see each other and maintain their relationship. Intensive visitation during the first four (4) months is crucial to reunification. Studies show that the more a parent and child can visit, the

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sooner they can be reunified. It is especially important when an infant is involved, as parents need to be allowed multiple visitation opportunities in order for bonding to occur. Additionally, supervised visitations are an opportunity for trained staff to monitor all interactions between the child and parent and provide feedback to CWS. This feedback gives CWS objective information regarding the parent-child relationship and interaction.

This vendor is the only vendor in the area with the ability to provide the services needed under this Agreement.

We would like to bring to the Board's attention the following item that deviates from County Contract Protocol: (1) This agreement exceeds one year.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

Funding for this Agreement is included in the FY 2013/2014 Budget. There is no net County cost.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The Tulare County Strategic Business Plan in the Safety and Security Initiative and the Quality of Life Initiative encourages innovative provision that support services for at-risk adults, youth, and children in state and federally mandated programs. This agreement to provide supervised visitation services increases the ability to fulfill those obligations.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Juliet Webb
Interim Director of Human Services

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

Attachment(s) Agreement

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN)
AGREEMENT WITH FAMILY SERVICES) Resolution No. _____
OF TULARE COUNTY FOR THE) Agreement No. _____
PROVISION OF SUPERVISED VISITATION)
SERVICES.)

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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