



Health & Human Services Agency

COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: December 17, 2024

Public Hearing Required	N/A
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	N/A
Published Notice Required	N/A
Advertised Published Notice	N/A
Meet & Confer Required	N/A
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	N/A
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	Yes

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SUBJECT: Approve an agreement with the University of Arizona Global Campus

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with the University of Arizona Global Campus for a Master of Public Health internship practicum for field experience in Tulare County's Health and Human Services Agency's Public Health Branch, at no cost, effective December 17, 2024, through June 30, 2027.
2. Authorize the Chair to sign the agreement.

SUMMARY:

The Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency's (HHSA) Public Health Branch requests to enter into an agreement with the University of Arizona Global Campus (U of A) to provide a Master of Public Health interns with program field experience. Through this proposed agreement, HHSA's Public Health Branch will allow students enrolled at U of A to gain field experience in various public health programs. Students will complete their required educational coursework to support Public Health's operational needs.

The Public Health Branch has numerous agreements with educational institutions and hosts interns as part of their public health undergraduate and graduate programs. The interns contribute significantly to the Public Health Branch's operational capacity and organizational efficiency through these agreements. Intern students are generally assigned to provide specific services within various public health programs to meet their practicum requirements. This proposed agreement will provide interns with supervised field experience in public health service settings. All functions of the internship will be

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conducted in accordance with County and HHSA policy and procedure guidelines.

The internship program will effectively support long-term efforts to prepare and recruit a competent public health workforce. County intern students will gain in-depth exposure to Tulare County's Public Health efforts and develop the skills and knowledge base that can help facilitate entry into the public health workforce post-graduation. County internships also expose students to opportunities for post-graduation employment, potentially increasing the County's pool of qualified applicants.

The following terms deviate from the standard County boilerplate: (1) the parties agree to mutual indemnification; and (2) In lieu of the County's standard Insurance exhibit, U of A has provided an acceptable Certificate of Insurance and Letter of Coverage approved by the County's Risk Department.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no cost associated with this agreement; therefore, there is no net County cost to the General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year plan includes the Organizational Performance Initiative to enhance quality services through proven, cost-effective strategies by utilizing students from U of A. This agreement helps fulfill this obligation as HHSA can use additional personnel to support program operations. In addition, the Tulare County Public Health Branch will allow students interested in pursuing a career within the Public Health Branch to develop critical skill sets and will assist the Branch in identifying and recruiting potential candidates. The approval of this agreement increases the ability to fulfill personnel and service obligations through the affiliation and partnership with U of A.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/Karen Elliott

Karen Elliott

Director of Public Health

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Agreement