



# Health & Human Services Agency

## COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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**AGENDA DATE:** October 24, 2023

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 Aspiranet

### **REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with Aspiranet for the provision of Wraparound services in an amount not to exceed \$2,879,629, retroactive from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. This agreement is retroactive due to ongoing negotiations with the vendor regarding changes to scope of work due to new federal program requirements; making it impracticable for the Board to take action prior to July 1, 2023.
2. Find that the Board had authority to enter into this proposed agreement as of July 1, 2023, and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date.
3. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the agreement.

### **SUMMARY:**

Senate Bill 163, Chapter 795, Statutes 1997, provides for the establishment of a statewide project called Wraparound as an alternative to placing children in high-level group home care. Wraparound provides services to families with multiple, complex needs that may threaten families' stability and well-being and the ability to keep their children safely in the home. In 2001, the statutes were amended, and Wraparound became a permanent State-funded program. At that time, all California counties were eligible to apply for Wraparound funding. In July 2014, a workgroup was established by the California Wraparound Advisory Committee to begin a comprehensive review of the Standards,, resulting in clarity and easier integration into local practice. As a result, the standards are organized around three domains: Program/Practice, Fiscal, and

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Administration.

Wraparound is a family-centered, strength-based, needs-driven process for creating individualized services and support for children and their families. This allows counties the flexible use of State foster care funds to provide eligible children with family-based service alternatives to group home care using Wraparound as the service alternative. In addition, the service provides the full array of mental health services, which includes: individual, group, and family therapy, intensive in-home case management, crisis services, psychiatric services, and medication management, leading the family to self-sufficiency.

On November 14, 2006, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors authorized the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) to submit the Tulare County Wraparound Implementation Plan to the California State Department of Social Services (CDSS) for approval. On January 31, 2007, the Tulare County Wraparound Implementation Plan was approved by CDSS. On February 12, 2008, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors awarded the first Request for Proposal (RFP) and agreement for the provision of Wraparound Services. On September 3, 2015, in anticipation of completing the third cycle of Wraparound services, Tulare County published a subsequent RFP. The awarded organization of this RFP, Aspiranet, has provided Wraparound services to approximately 28-38 Tulare County youths on a monthly basis for 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019, 2019/2020, 2020/2021, 2022/2023 fiscal years, demonstrating the capacity and ability to implement Wraparound services as outlined in the Wraparound Plan.

With the approval of this agreement, Aspiranet will be authorized to provide Wraparound services to approximately 32-40 Tulare County youths monthly for fiscal year 2023/2024. The agreement for FY 2023/2024 also meets the requirements outlined in Part IV of the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) regarding Wraparound Aftercare. As part of the FFPSA reform, Part IV established a requirement to provide six months of family-based aftercare services to eligible youth and Non-Minor Dependents transitioning from a Qualified Residential Treatment Program to a family-based setting.

A Request For Proposal is not required as Aspiranet is the sole vendor providing these types of specialized services meeting Tulare County's needs.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

The total budgeted costs associated with this agreement for Wraparound services and specialty mental health services are in an amount not to exceed \$2,879,629 for Fiscal Year 23/24. The annualized cost of providing Wraparound services for Child Welfare Services (CWS) is \$48,000 per year for each youth and \$25,213 per year per youth for mental health to provide specialty mental health services. The costs budgeted in the Human Services 001-142 budget lines 4034-7500 for \$226,032, 4034-7501 for \$150,688, 4034-7503 for \$363, 280, 4020-7043 for \$214,629 and 6077-7043 for \$410,000 for an amount not to exceed \$1,364,629 in CWS funding. The remaining costs for providing specialty mental health services are budgeted in the HHSA 001-142 budget, line 1222-7052, in an amount not to exceed \$1,515,000 in Mental Health funding.

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The revenues to fund CWS come from the allocation of federal funds, California's 1991 and 2011 Realignment funds, and Family First Prevention Services Act Part IV Wraparound Aftercare General Funds. Mental Health Services are funded through State Medi-Cal Reimbursement matching 2011 Realignment funds. There is no net County cost to the General Fund.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Safety and Security, Quality of Life, and Economic Well-being initiatives. This agreement increases the ability to fulfill that obligation as Aspiranet Wraparound provides services and support for high-risk children and their families to have a permanent and stable home in Tulare County.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

/s/Francena Martinez  
Francena Martinez  
Director of Human Services

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Agreement