



# 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 amendment to Agreement No. 30950 with the Tulare County Superintendent of Schools

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an amendment to Agreement No. 30950 with the Tulare County Superintendent of Schools to increase the funding amount by \$102,486, from \$722,800 to \$825,286, for the Children of Promise Program, retroactive from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. This amendment is retroactive due to delays in finalizing the budget; making it impracticable for the Board to take action prior to July 1, 2024.
2. Find that the Board had the authority to enter into the amendment as of July 1, 2024, and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the amendment on that date.
3. Authorize the Chair to sign the amendment.

**SUMMARY:**

The Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency's (HHSA) Behavioral Health Branch contracts with the Tulare County Superintendent of Schools to provide the Children of Promise Program (COPP) under the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) component.

The COPP is designed to provide services to youth, primarily in sixth (6) through twelfth (12) grade, by focusing on the development and strengthening of skills needed to increase school performance, decrease drug involvement, and decrease suicide risk behaviors.

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The Tulare County Superintendent of Schools administers the COPP to students in grades 6 through 12 at risk of school failure. The COPP utilizes evidence-based practices, such as Reconnecting Youth, Coping, and Support Training. Tulare County Superintendent of Schools is the national owner of Reconnecting Youth, which has proven to be a preferred curriculum highlighted in the national best practices registry. Tulare County Superintendent of Schools is the logical partner for administering COPP as they continue to provide educational training to Tulare County's youth. Based on these requirements, Tulare County Superintendent of Schools is the only qualified provider, and the Request for Proposal process was inappropriate for this component. It is estimated that 600 youth will receive services through this amendment per fiscal year.

The Tulare County Board of Supervisors (Board) approved Agreement No. 30950 on November 29, 2022, through Resolution No. 2022-1035. The Board approved Agreement No. 30950-A on January 30, 2024, through Resolution No. 2024-0085 to replace and supersede Exhibits A, Scope of Services, Exhibit A-1, Mental Health Plan Quality Improvement, Exhibit B, Compensation, Exhibit B-1, Budget Narrative, Exhibit B-2, Budget, and increase the budget in an amount not to exceed \$722,800 for Fiscal Years 2023/2024 and 2024/2025. HHSa and the Tulare County Superintendent of Schools are requesting a second amendment to replace and supersede Exhibit A, Scope of Services, Exhibit B, Compensation, Exhibit B-1, Budget, Exhibit B-2, Budget Narrative, and increase the funding amount by \$102,486, from \$722,800 to \$825,286. The budget increase is necessary to ensure funds are available to compensate the Tulare County Superintendent of Schools for services provided.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

The costs associated with this amendment will increase the funding amount by \$102,486, from \$722,800 to an amount not to exceed \$825,286. \$408,484 was included in Fiscal Year 2023/2024 budget, and \$416,802 is included in the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 adopted budget. The estimated annual cost per consumer is \$576. The estimated cost may vary based on actual utilization. This amendment is paid through the MHSA, PEI funding. There is no additional 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 Quality of Life Initiative that encourages innovative provision of quality supportive services for at-risk youth and children in state and federally mandated programs. This amendment increases the ability to fulfill that obligation by providing services to youth that focus on the development and strengthening of skills needed to improve school performance, decrease drug involvement, and decrease behaviors that increase the risk of suicide.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

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/s/Gilberto Rivas OBO

Natalie Bolin, DSW, LCSW  
Director of Behavioral Health

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Amendment