



Health & Human Services Agency

COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: May 9, 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

CONTACT PERSON: Natalie Bolin PHONE: 559-624-8000

SUBJECT: Approve an agreement with Community Services and Employment Training, Inc.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with Community Services and Employment Training, Inc. to provide services for the Workforce Education and Training Supported Employment and Volunteer Program in an amount not to exceed \$755,527, effective from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
2. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign one (1) copy of the agreement.

SUMMARY:

Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency's (HHSA) Mental Health Branch collaborates with Community Services and Employment Training Inc. (CSET) to provide mental health support under the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Workforce Education and Training (WET) Supported Employment and Volunteer Program. Services are provided primarily at the CSET Employment Connections in Visalia, Tulare, and Porterville. However, CSET program staff often work within the community to meet where it is convenient for the consumers. CSET staff works with consumers to help them find work experience based on their talents and interests. CSET partners with local businesses like Visalia Wellness Center, Porterville Wellness Center, Valley Oaks Golf Course, Que Pasa Restaurant, Fairfield Inn, Treasures Thrift Store, The Source LGTPQ+ Center, Visalia Rescue Mission, Love Inc., and Tulare Historical Museum to provide consumers with employment and volunteer positions.

The Supported Employment and Volunteer Program is designed to provide evidence-

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based supported employment and volunteer services to Tulare County Mental Health consumers for whom competitive employment has not traditionally occurred or for whom competitive employment has been interrupted as a result of mental illness. The program will assist consumers to gain valuable work experience and engage in the competitive labor market. It is estimated that approximately 200 unduplicated consumers sixteen (16) years of age and older will be served through this agreement for Fiscal Year 2023/2024.

HHSA's Mental Health Branch released a Request for Proposal (RFP) in October 2013 for the Supported Employment Program. Through the RFP process, three proposals were received. The RFP Review Team reviewed the proposals and recommended CSET be awarded the contract. CSET has been providing these services continually since being awarded the initial contract and has provided numerous volunteer and career support services to Tulare County Mental Health consumers.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The budgeted costs associated with this agreement will be included in the HHSA 001-142-3337 budget, line 7043 professional services, for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 in an amount not to exceed \$755,527. The average estimated cost per consumer is \$3,777. The estimated amount is subject to change based on actual utilization. This agreement is paid through MHSA revenues. 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 plan includes the Quality of Life initiative to promote and encourage the provision of quality supportive services for individuals in Tulare County. This agreement will assist Tulare County Mental Health consumers in gaining valuable work experience to better engage in the competitive labor market.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/ Natalie Bolin

Natalie Bolin

Director of Mental Health

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Agreement