



# 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

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**SUBJECT:** Approve an amendment to Agreement No. 30702 with Precision Psychiatric Services, Inc.

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an amendment to Agreement No. 30702 with Precision Psychiatric Services, Inc., to provide Early Access and Stabilization Services for individuals charged with felony offenses and found by the courts to be incompetent to stand trial, an increase of no more than \$294,314, for a new total contract amount of \$10,888,260, retroactive from April 17, 2023 through June 30, 2023. The purpose of the amendment is to replace and supersede exhibits A, A-2, and B, and add exhibit A-3. The new program activities in Exhibit A-3 commence retroactively to April 17, 2023, and continue through June 30, 2023. This amendment is retroactive due to extended ongoing negotiations with the vendor; making it impracticable for the Board to take action prior to April 17, 2023.
2. Find that the Board had the authority to enter into the proposed agreement as of April 17, 2023, and 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 one (1) copy of the amendment.

**SUMMARY:**

The Tulare County Health and Human Service Agency (HHSA) provides State and Federal mandated medical and behavioral health care to adults and juveniles detained in the County's detention facilities in accordance with Title 15 and Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations.

On June 14, 2022, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors approved Agreement No.

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30702 with Precision Psychiatric Services, Inc, to provide comprehensive Behavioral Health care services for the Tulare County Criminal Justice Facilities. The agreement included Mental Health Base services and Jail Based Competency Treatment (JBCT) program services. This amendment will add Early Access Stabilization Services (EASS) for inmates determined by the court to be incompetent to stand trial who are awaiting placement at a state hospital or JBCT program for competency restoration treatment. Under Penal Code section 1370, individuals charged with felony offenses may be deemed by the courts as incompetent to stand trial, making them eligible for Early Access Stabilization Services (EASS). The EASS program will be effective from April 17, 2023, to June 30, 2023.

EASS includes weekly psychiatric appointments, daily nursing services, weekly counseling, and psychological assessments before admission to a DSH program such as a JBCT program, a state hospital placement, a placement in an outpatient program, or until the restoration of competency. The program will include a medication stabilization team comprising a competency trainer, a psychologist for competency assessment and report writing, an administrative position for data collection and analysis, and psychiatry support for medication management. The EASS program will ensure patients are stabilized timely for them to achieve restoration.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

The original amount of the proposed agreement with Precision Psychiatric Services, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 was \$10,593,946. The current amendment will include \$294,314 in expenses that will be billed to a new fund line, 001-142-3403-7052. The additional cost of implementing the EASS program will be offset by the California Department of Hospital Services (CDHS) allocation resulting in no net county cost. An agenda item has been submitted to accompany this agenda to the Board of Supervisors to accept the allocation from CDHS. 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 a Safety and Security Initiative to promote management strategies that ensure the safety of the county population and their well-being. This Agreement will help fulfill this initiative by providing required mental health services to county adult inmates and juvenile youth. This request also addresses the county's Strategic Plan by improving the Agency's organizational structure to optimize the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery at the criminal justice facilities.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

/s/Natalie Bolin

Natalie Bolin, DSW  
Director of Mental Health

Cc: County Administrative Office

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Attachments: Amendment