



Health & Human Services Agency

COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: March 4, 2025

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 Turning Point of Central California, Inc.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with Turning Point of Central California, Inc. for the provision of specialty mental health services for Tulare County children and adolescents in an amount not to exceed \$21,475,000, retroactive from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. This agreement is retroactive due to a delay in finalizing the services to be provided, 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 agreement on July 1, 2024, and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date.
3. Authorize the Chair to sign the agreement.

SUMMARY:

The Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency's (HHSA) Behavioral Health Branch contracts with Turning Point of Central California, Inc. to provide specialty mental health services to children and adolescents located in Tulare County. Services under this proposed agreement will be provided under the administrative oversight of HHSA's Behavioral Health Branch. These services include medication support, case management, group and family therapy, rehabilitation, intensive home-based services, therapeutic behavioral services, and crisis intervention.

In July 2002, a federal class action lawsuit (Katie A. v. Bonta) was filed on behalf of

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California foster youth and children at risk of out-of-home placement. The suit was brought against the California Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS), the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), and the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services. The lawsuit sought to improve the provision of specialty mental health services and supportive services for children and youth enrolled in the Child Welfare system or at imminent risk of placement in foster care in California. Los Angeles County reached a settlement with the plaintiffs in March 2008. Litigation against DHCS and CDSS continued for several years.

In December 2011, the District Court gave final approval of the settlement agreement recognizing an entitlement to individualized, intensive home and community-based health services through Medi-Cal. The settlement agreement seeks to accomplish systemic change for mental health services to children and youth, by promoting, adopting, and endorsing three new service array approaches for existing Medicaid covered services. These three new service array approaches are Intensive Home-Based Services, Intensive Care Coordination Services, and Therapeutic Foster Care Services. These services include intensive mental health treatments such as wraparound, mobile crisis care, intensive case management, in-home mental health aides, and more. In addition, the settlement agreement mandates the establishment of a Child and Family Team (CFT) and Child and Family Team Meetings for sub-class members open in both Mental Health and Child Welfare systems, specifically in Family Reunification, Permanent Placement, and Family Maintenance (FM) programs. The CFT must also be formally organized to serve as the primary vehicle delivering services serving the Katie A. sub-class members that need an intensive approach and service delivery.

Turning Point of Central California, Inc. operates three clinics in Tulare County: Visalia, Dinuba, and Exeter. It is estimated that over 3,273 clients will utilize the services of Turning Point of Central California, Inc. through this proposed Fiscal Year 2024/2025 agreement.

This agreement did not include a Request for Proposal, as Turning Point of Central California, Inc. has been providing quality specialty mental health services for the County for over eighteen (18) years. The Behavioral Health Branch seeks to continue contracting with Turning Point of Central California, Inc. to ensure continuity of care and stability for children and adolescents receiving services through this agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The cost associated with this agreement will be included in HHSA's adopted budget in an amount not to exceed \$21,475,000 for Fiscal Year 2024/2025. The estimated cost per client is \$6,464. The estimated cost is subject to change based on actual utilization. This agreement is paid with local mental health realignment and State Medi-Cal reimbursement funds. 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 the innovative provision of quality supportive services for at-risk adults, youth, and children in state and federally-managed programs. This agreement increases

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the ability to fulfill that obligation by providing specialty mental health services to children and adolescents located in Tulare County.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/Casie Ennis OBO

Natalie Bolin, DSW, LCSW

Director of Behavioral Health

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Agreement