



Health & Human Services Agency

COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: April 1, 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 Visalia Unified School District

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with Visalia Unified School District to provide medical nursing internships in Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency's Public Health Branch programs and clinics, in the amount of zero dollars, effective April 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028.
2. Authorize the Chair to sign the agreement.

SUMMARY:

The Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency's (HHSA) Public Health Branch requests to enter into an agreement with the Visalia Unified School District's Visalia Adult School nursing program. This partnership will provide nursing students with observational and clinical field experience across various programs and clinics within the Public Health Branch.

The Visalia Unified School District's Visalia Adult School has a long-standing partnership with HHSA. On February 10, 2021, the HHSA Public Health Branch entered into a professional service agreement (PA 8353) with the Visalia Unified School District. This agreement allowed the Visalia Adult School's nursing program to provide student nurses to support the County's COVID-19 vaccination clinics.

The purpose of this agreement is to provide Visalia Adult School medical nursing students with Public Health Branch field and observational experience in various health related subjects while earning credits toward program requirements.

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The Public Health Branch has numerous agreements with educational institutions and hosts interns as part of their public health undergraduate and graduate programs. The interns contribute significantly to the Public Health Branch's operational capacity and organizational efficiency through these agreements. Intern students are generally assigned to provide specific services that meet their school program's requirements within various public health programs to meet their practicum requirements. This agreement will give the interns supervised observational and clinical field experience in public health service settings. All functions of the internship will be conducted in accordance with County and HHSA policy and procedure guidelines.

The internship program will effectively support long-term efforts to prepare and recruit a competent public health workforce. County intern students gain in-depth exposure to Tulare County's Public Health efforts and develop the skills and knowledge base that can help facilitate entry into the public health workforce post-graduation. County internships also expose students to opportunities for post-graduation employment, potentially increasing the County's pool of qualified applicants.

The following substantive deviations from the standard County boilerplate: 1) this is a multi-year agreement; and 2) mutual indemnification.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no cost associated with this agreement; therefore, there is no net County cost to the General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

This County's five-year Strategic Plan includes the Organizational Performance Initiative to enhance quality service through proven, cost-effective strategies by utilizing students from Visalia Adult School. This agreement helps fulfill this obligation as HHSA can utilize additional personnel to support program operations for minimal administrative costs. In addition, the Tulare County Public Health Branch will allow students interested in pursuing a career within the Public Health Branch to develop critical skill sets and will assist the Branch in identifying and recruiting potential candidates. Approval of this agreement increases the ability to fulfill personnel and service obligations through the affiliation and partnership with Visalia Adult School.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/ Karen Elliott

Karen Elliott

Director of Public Health

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Agreement