



Health & Human Services Agency

COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: May 6, 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	Yes
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	Yes

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SUBJECT: Approve a grant agreement with Blue Cross of California Partnership Plan, Inc.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve a grant agreement with Blue Cross of California Partnership Plan, Inc. to support Tulare County Public Health Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan efforts, in an amount not to exceed \$106,996, retroactive from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027. The agreement is retroactive due to internal discussions related to reviewing the agreement to ensure compliance with state guidelines, making it impracticable for the Board to take action prior to January 1, 2025.
2. Find that the Board had the authority to approve the agreement as of January 1, 2025, and that it was in the County's best interest to do so on that date.
3. Approve the necessary budget adjustments per the attached Aud 308 (4/5ths vote required).
4. Authorize the Chair to sign the agreement.

SUMMARY:

The California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Population Health Management (PHM) Policy Guide is one of the three California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) guidance documents that set forth comprehensive requirements for all Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans (MCPs), including Blue Cross of California Partnership Plan, Inc. Under the PHM program, Blue Cross of California Partnership Plan, Inc. (Blue Cross) is required to fulfill its Population Needs Assessment (PNA) by participating in the Local Health Jurisdiction's (LHJ) Community Health Assessment

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(CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). DHCS' vision is for the PNA process to evolve and strengthen relationships between Blue Cross and the LHJ. Blue Cross' contribution is provided in a manner commensurate with the number of Medi-Cal members served by the MCP in Tulare County. The cross-sector collaboration aims to foster a deeper understanding of the health and social needs of members and the communities in which they live.

In 2028, the Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency's Tulare County Public Health Branch, Blue Cross, and participating MCPs will be expected to be on the same three-year cycle, requiring the collaboration of the CHA and CHIP development. The funds provided by Blue Cross will be used to contract with a consultant who specializes in providing support on CHAs/CHIPs, including data collection and analysis, stakeholder outreach, meeting facilitation, subject matter experts on topics such as the MAPP process, reporting writing, and coordination/implementation of focus groups, key informant interviews, and community survey facilitation. In addition, this agreement facilitates data sharing/infrastructure, such as web-based data-visualization tools, to advance the CHIP goals.

This cross-sector collaboration aims to achieve the DHCS bold goal, which was co-developed between Blue Cross, servicing MCPs, and Tulare County Public Health. The objective of this bold goal is to develop and implement a joint action plan to increase depression screenings of adolescents ages 12-17.

The agreement contains the following substantive deviations from the County's boilerplate agreement: (1) The agreement contains a mutual indemnity provision.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The maximum amount of this allocation is \$106,996 for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027. The purpose of the attached AUD308 is to establish the project budget unit, shift existing personnel costs, and increase appropriations for service and supplies for Fiscal Year 2024/2025. There is no 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 adults, youth, and children in state and federally mandated programs. This agreement will strengthen the collaboration with Blue Cross to align prevention programs' activities and strategies with the requirements of Public Health Accreditation Board standards and measures that focus on advancing equity, led by the 10 Essential Public Health Services.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/Karen Elliott

Karen Elliott

Director of Public Health

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Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Attachment A- Agreement
Attachment B- AUD-308