



Health & Human Services Agency

COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: January 28, 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 GHC of Fresno, LLC dba Horizon Health & Subacute Center

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with GHC of Fresno, LLC dba Horizon Health & Subacute Center for the provision of skilled nursing services in an amount not to exceed \$975,000, retroactive from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. This agreement is retroactive due to finalizing the services that the vendor will provide, 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 as of 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 GHC of Fresno, LLC dba Horizon Health & Sub-acute Center (Horizon Health) for the provision of a skilled nursing facility providing stabilization and long-term care for consumers of Tulare County who are severely and persistently mentally ill. Horizon Health provides services designed for consumers who require 24-hour supervision and are expected to benefit from organized therapeutic treatment modalities, including behavioral interventions, quality of life skills, pre-vocational preparation, and alternative placement planning. Horizon Health strives to provide care and treatment to meet the needs of consumers in a supportive environment.

Horizon Health is located in Fresno, CA, and is one (1) of seven (7) out-of-county skilled

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nursing facilities that will accept and provide treatment for Tulare County consumers who need a higher level of care. Horizon Health is expected to serve approximately fifteen (15) consumers in Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

This agreement did not include a Request for Proposal process because Tulare County is a mental health provider shortage area. Horizon Health is defined as a skilled nursing facility, and skilled nursing facility beds are difficult to secure. It is in the best interest of the County to approve this agreement to secure quality and consistent care for its severely and persistently mentally ill consumers in need of 24-hour skilled nursing facility services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The costs associated with this agreement, not to exceed \$975,000, are included in HHA's adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025. The average estimated cost per consumer is \$63,000. The estimated amount is subject to change based on actual utilization. This agreement is funded with local mental health realignment 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 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 increases the ability to fulfill that obligation by providing higher levels of care to County consumers in the least restrictive environment.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/Casie Ennis OBO

Natalie Bolin, DSW, LCSW

Director of Behavioral Health

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Agreement