



Health & Human Services Agency

COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: September 10, 2024

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

CONTACT PERSON: Francena Martinez PHONE: 559-624-8000

SUBJECT: Approve an agreement with Parenting Network, Inc.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with Parenting Network, Inc. for the provision of a Differential Response Pre and Post Services program, in an amount not to exceed \$322,758, retroactive from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. This agreement is retroactive due to delays in finalizing the budget; making it impracticable for the Board to take action before 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 of the Board to sign the agreement.

SUMMARY:

The Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency's (HHSA) Child Welfare Services Division (CWS) is requesting to contract with Parenting Network, Inc., Family Resource Center to provide the Differential Response Pre and Post Services. This proposed agreement provides community-based family support services for families referred to CWS or who have an open case with CWS.

Services are intended to do the following: 1) promote the safety and well-being of children and their families; 2) increase the strength and stability of families; 3) increase parents' confidence in their parenting abilities; 4) afford children a safe, stable, and supportive family environment; 5) strengthen parental relationships, and otherwise enhance child development. Through this agreement, services will be provided to an estimated 200 families.

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This agreement did not go through the Request for Proposal process because with the passage of Senate Bill 1013 (Chapter 35, Statutes of 2012) in June 2012, counties are no longer required to go through a competitive bid process for the selection and funding of services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The budgeted costs associated with this agreement are included in the HHSA's 001-142 budget line 4020-7043 in an amount not to exceed \$150,965; budget line 6086-7043, Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention Treatment for \$26,691; and line 6043-7043 Promoting Safe and Stable Families for \$145,102, totaling to \$322,758 for fiscal year 2024/2025. This agreement is funded through the Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention Treatment, Child Welfare Services, and Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program funds, which are flexible state and federal allocations for an array of services for families with children. 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 youth and children in state and federally-mandated programs. Differential Response case managers provide community resources to families to keep from entering Child Welfare Services. This agreement fulfills that obligation because it allows Tulare County to estimate current workload demand, plan more effective child welfare service interventions, and monitor certain performance indicators established by various state and federal regulations.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/ Francena Martinez

Francena Martinez

Director of Human Services

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Agreement