



# Health & Human Services Agency

## COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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**AGENDA DATE:** July 9, 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

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**SUBJECT:** Approve an agreement with Plumlee's Board and Care

### **REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with Plumlee's Board and Care for the provision of augmented residential care services, in an amount not to exceed \$755,550, retroactive from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. This agreement is retroactive due to a delay in finalizing the budget; 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 of the Board to sign the agreement.

### **SUMMARY:**

The Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency's (HHSA) Behavioral Health Branch contracts with Plumlee's Board and Care (Plumlee's) to provide augmented residential care services to consumers who require twenty-four (24) hour, seven (7) days a week supervision, with treatment that focuses on intensive re-entry therapy.

Plumlee's residential program provides the highest level of care to consumers who have recently transitioned from a long-term mental health facility and are deficient in self-help skills, behavioral adjustment, and interpersonal relationships. The program's primary objective is to assist and support consumers in obtaining the necessary skills to allow them to transition into a less restrictive, independent living environment. Residential services provide a distinct cost benefit to Tulare County by ensuring that necessary mental health services for consumers are coordinated, delivered, and measured. It is

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estimated that twenty-five (25) consumers will be provided services through this proposed agreement in Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

This agreement did not include a Request for Proposal (RFP) because the Central Valley is a mental health provider shortage area. Plumlee's has provided competent mental health services as required by Tulare County since 2018. HHSA seeks to continue this relationship and ensure our consumers' continuity of care.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

The budgeted costs associated with this agreement are included in the HHSA 001-142-3426 budget, line 7052 medical providers in an amount not to exceed \$755,550 for Fiscal Year 2024/2025. The average estimated cost per consumer is \$30,000. The actual average cost may vary based on actual utilization. This agreement is paid through Mental Health Services Act funding. 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 the innovative provision of quality supportive services for at-risk adults in state and federally-mandated programs. This agreement increases the ability to fulfill that obligation by providing care and treatment to meet the needs of consumers and maximizing each consumer's health and functionality.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

/s/ Natalie Bolin  
Natalie Bolin, DSW, LCSW  
Director of Mental Health

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Agreement