



Health & Human Services Agency

COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: July 23, 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: Natalie Bolin PHONE: 559-624-8000

SUBJECT: Approve an agreement with GHC of Anberry, LLC dba Anberry Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with GHC of Anberry, LLC dba Anberry Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for the provision of skilled nursing services, in an amount not to exceed \$600,000, retroactive from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. This agreement is retroactive due to budget negotiations with the vendor; 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 and Human Services Agency's (HHSA) Behavioral Health Branch collaborates with GHC of Anberry, LLC dba Anberry Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (Anberry Rehabilitation) for skilled nursing facility services, including stabilization and long-term care for consumers of Tulare County who are severely and persistently mentally ill. Anberry Rehabilitation provides services that are designed for consumers who require 24-hour supervision and are expected to benefit from organized therapeutic treatment modalities, which may include behavioral interventions, qualification of life skills, pre-vocational preparation, and alternative placement planning. Anberry Rehabilitation strives to provide care and treatment to meet the needs of consumers in a supportive environment.

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Anberry Rehabilitation is located in Atwater, CA, and is one (1) of seven (7) out-of-county skilled nursing facilities that will accept and provide treatment for Tulare County consumers who need a higher level of care. Anberry Rehabilitation is expected to serve approximately ten (10) consumers through this proposed Fiscal Year 2024/2025 agreement.

This agreement did not include a Request for Proposal process because Tulare County is a mental health provider shortage area. Anberry Rehabilitation is defined as a skilled nursing facility, and skilled nursing facility beds are difficult to secure. It is in the County's best interest 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 budgeted costs associated with this agreement are included in HHSA's budget 001-142-1222-line 7052 medical providers, in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 for Fiscal Year 2024/2025. The average estimated cost per consumer is \$60,000. 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 the 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/Gilberto Rivas OBO
Natalie Bolin, DSW, LCSW
Director of Mental Health

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Agreement