



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

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SUBJECT: Approve an agreement with BH-TC OPCO, LLC dba Jackson House Tulare

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with BH-TC OPCO, LLC dba Jackson House Tulare for the provision of short-term, crisis residential treatment, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000, retroactive from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. This agreement is retroactive due to a delay in finalizing the services to be provided by 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 contracts with BH-TC OPCO, LLC dba Jackson House Tulare (Jackson House) for the provision of short-term, crisis residential treatment services. Jackson House has developed a diverse portfolio of crisis residential treatment (CRT) projects in several locations in California. Jackson House operates a licensed sixteen (16) bed CRT facility in La Mesa and offers four (4) additional mental health treatment centers in El Centro, Temecula, Santa Paula, and San Diego, two (2) recovery centers located in San Diego and Ocean Side, which provide CRT for individuals experiencing behavioral health or co-occurring disorders. Jackson House is a sixteen (16) bed adult crisis residential treatment services provider located in Tulare, California. Jackson House offers voluntary, twenty-four (24) hours, seven (7) days a week treatment and support. Its customized therapeutic

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treatments offer an alternative option to locked inpatient hospitals or long-term residential treatment centers. It is estimated that 325 individuals will be served through this proposed Fiscal Year 2024/2025 agreement.

CRT programs were established under the 1978 Community Residential Treatment Systems Act. The act allowed therapeutic or rehabilitation services to be provided in a non-institutional residential setting. CRT programs provide short-term behavioral health services in a home-like environment as an alternative to hospitalization. Licensing for crisis residential treatment programs is certified by the California Department of Social Services and licensed by the California Department of Social Services Community Care and Licensing division.

This agreement did not include a Request for Proposal process because Tulare County is a mental health provider shortage area. Jackson House is defined as a CRT, and CRT facilities are difficult to secure. It is in the County's best interest to approve this agreement to secure quality care for its mentally ill or substance use disorder consumers in need of 24-hour short-term therapeutic or rehabilitation services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The budgeted costs associated with this agreement are included in the HHS 001-142-1222 budget, line 7052 medical providers, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000, for Fiscal Year 2024/2025. The average estimated cost per consumer is \$9,230. This agreement is paid for with County Realignment, State, and Federal funds. 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 specialty mental health services to adults located in Tulare County that would not otherwise be available.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/Gilberto Rivas OBO
Natalie Bolin, DSW, LCSW
Director of Mental Health

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Agreement