



Health & Human Services Agency

COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: December 17, 2024 - REVISED

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 Positive Attitude Outlook, Inc.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with Positive Attitude Outlook, Inc. to provide services on behalf of Tulare County Child Welfare Services to include the care and placement of foster children through cooperation, collaboration, and sharing of appropriate information, in the amount of zero dollars, retroactive from July 12, 2024, through June 30, 2025. This agreement is retroactive to include coverage of services provided during the course of the agreement finalization; making it impracticable for the Board to take action prior to July 12, 2024.
2. Find that the board had the authority to enter into the agreement on July 12, 2024, and 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:

Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Child Welfare Services Division has mandates from statutory codes that require placement of a child in a safe and caring foster home when a child is removed from his or her home due to abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation. Welfare and Institutions Code Section 16500 states, "The Legislation hereby declares its intent in providing for this statewide system of child welfare services that all children are entitled to be safe and free from abuse and neglect." As part of this legislation, Child Welfare Services monitors each foster family agency when any Tulare County foster child is placed in any of the County's foster homes for compliance with the delivery of services and placement regulations. Child Welfare Services meets quarterly with participating foster family agencies (FFA) to ensure children are receiving quality services.

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HHSA is requesting to establish an agreement with Positive Attitude Outlook, Inc. Positive Attitude Outlook, Inc. will ensure that the physical, emotional, and academic needs of children in their care are met, agree to participate fully in the child and family's case plan as established by the County, and work to facilitate positive outcomes for children and families including the transportation for all case plan services as well as all medical, mental health, family visits, academic, and social events.

The goal of the agreement is to provide a collaborative approach for the delivery of safe, secure, and compassionate homes that meet placement regulations and court ordered case plan services for foster children in Tulare County when removed from their homes. Child Welfare Services is State mandated under Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) to provide Tulare County kids a safe and suitable placement with supportive services in a timely manner.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no cost associated with this agreement; therefore, there is no additional net cost to the County 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 supports monitoring a foster family agency foster home for Tulare County foster children. The agreement will encourage and support an innovative provision of quality supportive services for at-risk youth and children placed in the foster family agency foster homes. The quality of life for these at-risk youth and children will be improved with the support of the agreement to be safe and free from abuse and neglect while placed in the foster family agency foster homes.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/Francena Martinez

Francena Martinez

Director of Human Services

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Agreement