



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 amendment to Agreement No. 31359 with Sylmar Health & Rehabilitation Center, Inc.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an amendment to Agreement No. 31359 with Sylmar Health & Rehabilitation Center, Inc. to replace and supersede Exhibit B-1, Rate Schedule, for the provision of skilled nursing services in an amount not to exceed \$2,600,000, retroactive from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. This amendment is retroactive due to the timing of receiving the updated rates from 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 amendment as of July 1, 2024, and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the amendment on that date.
3. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the amendment.

SUMMARY:

The Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency's (HHSA) Behavioral Health Branch contracts with Sylmar Health & Rehabilitation Center, Inc. (Sylmar), in Sylmar, California. Sylmar is a skilled nursing facility providing stabilization and long-term care for consumers of Tulare County who are severely and persistently mentally ill. Sylmar provides services designed for consumers who require 24-hour supervision and are expected to benefit from organized therapeutic treatment modalities which may include behavioral interventions, quality of life skills, pre-vocational preparation, and alternative placement planning. Sylmar provides care and treatment to meet the needs of consumers in a supportive environment.

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Sylmar is one (1) of seven (7) out-of-county skilled nursing facilities that will accept and provide treatment for Tulare County consumers who require a higher level of care. Sylmar is expected to serve approximately eighteen (18) consumers during Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

HHSA and Sylmar entered into Agreement No. 31359 on August 29, 2023, when the Tulare County Board of Supervisors signed Resolution No. 2023-0808; the initial term of the agreement was July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025. HHSA and Sylmar request to amend Agreement No. 31359, to replace and supersede Exhibit B-1, Rate Schedule. Exhibit B-1, Rate Schedule outlines the amount Sylmar will be compensated for services provided. This amendment is necessary due to increased service rates for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The budgeted costs associated with this amendment are included in the HHSA's budget 001-142-1222, line 7052 medical providers, in an amount not to exceed \$2,600,000 for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 through Fiscal Year 2024/2025, with the amount of \$1,300,000 allocated for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 and \$1,300,000 for Fiscal Year 2024/2025. The average estimated cost per consumer is \$70,000. The estimated amount is subject to change based on actual utilization. This amendment is funded with local mental health realignment revenues. 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, youth, and children in state and federally-mandated programs. This amendment increases the ability to fulfill that obligation by providing higher levels of care 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: Amendment