



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	N/A

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SUBJECT: Approve the Annual Allocation and Certification Statement for the Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the acceptance of the annual allocation for the Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care program in an amount not to exceed \$1,280,032, retroactive from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. The acceptance of the annual allocation is retroactive due to revised allocations by the State; making it impracticable for the Board to take action prior to July 1, 2024.
2. Find that the Board had the authority to approve the acceptance of the annual allocation for the Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care program as of July 1, 2024, and that it was in the County's best interest to approve the allocation on that date.
3. Authorize the Chair to sign the annual Certification Statement for the Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care.

SUMMARY:

The Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (HCPCFC) operated under the DHCS Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program until Fiscal Year 2023/2024. The HCPCFC began operating as a standalone program starting in Fiscal Year 2024/2025 when the CHDP program was transitioned through Senate Bill 184. Funding from the discontinued CHDP Program was redirected to the HCPCFC.

The State Department of Social Services established a program for public health nursing in the child welfare services program. The HCPCFC allocates funding for Public Health

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Nursing in the Child Welfare Services program. The HCPCFC program is a public health nursing program that addresses the comprehensive medical, dental, mental, and developmental needs of children and youth in foster care. The program includes specialized services such as Psychotropic Medication Management Oversight (PMMO) and Caseload Relief. The HCPCFC program is anticipated to support approximately 180 cases annually.

The State requires the Certification Statement to accept funding and function as an agreement requiring that Tulare County HSA programs are aware that they may be subject to sanctions and other remedies if they do not comply with all applicable State and Federal Laws and regulations, and the Plan and Fiscal Guidelines Manual.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

Funding for the HCPCFC allocation is in an amount not to exceed \$1,280,032 and is included in the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 adopted budget. 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 to promote and encourage the provision of quality supportive services for individuals in Tulare County. Approval of the certification will benefit the children of Tulare County by providing health care services at no cost to clients. These services promote health and well-being to the residents of Tulare County.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/Karen Elliott

Karen Elliott

Director of Public Health

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Attachment A – Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care Allocation Letter

Attachment B– Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care Certification Statement