



Probation

COUNTY OF TULARE

AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: March 7, 2023

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 a Memorandum of Understanding with Family Services of Tulare County

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Family Services of Tulare County retroactive from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at no cost to the County, to provide Services at the Probation Connections Center. The Memorandum of understanding is retroactive due to an extended period of negotiation and the time needed to process, prepare, and submit the agenda item;
2. Find the Board had authority to enter into the proposed agreement as of July 1, 2022, and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into that agreement on that date; and
3. Authorize the Chair to sign one (1) copy of the Memorandum of Understanding.

SUMMARY:

Family Services of Tulare County was founded in 1983 and serves as a multi-service organization that helps children, adults, and families throughout Tulare County heal from violence and thrive in healthy relationships. The Probation Department has had an established relationship with Family Services of Tulare County since January 4, 2022. Family Services of Tulare County serves survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and child abuse. They also offer prevention programs to help stop the cycle of abuse. The programs and services offered by Family Services of Tulare County focus on building safety in the home and in relationships, offering informed and compassionate care that help people heal from trauma.

Through this Memorandum of Understanding, Family Services of Tulare County staff are stationed at the Probation Connections Center to provide prevention programs to

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community members that are court-ordered to attend. The prevention programs that are offered are Child Abuse Intervention (CAI), Batterer's Intervention Treatment Program (BI), and Anger Management (AM). Individual and family counseling will also be provided to clients who have been referred by Probation, as well as parenting classes using the Nurturing Parenting – Nurturing Skills for Families (NSF) Program.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

Family Services of Tulare County will provide the services outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding at no cost to the County; thus, there are no net costs to the County's General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Safety and Security Initiative that provides for the safety and security of the public. Approval of this Memorandum of Understanding increases the ability to fulfill that obligation by providing treatment programs to court-ordered individuals as well as counseling services to individuals who have been referred by Probation. Individuals who complete the treatment programs are equipped with the tools and coping mechanisms to prevent reoffending. This leads to a safer, healthier community for everyone.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/S/Leanne Williams

Leanne Williams
Interim Chief Probation Officer

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Memorandum of Understanding