



# Health & Human Services Agency

## COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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**AGENDA DATE:** June 29, 2021

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 Owens Valley Career Development Center

**REQUEST(S):**  
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Owens Valley Career Development Center to provide CalWORKs services to Tribal members receiving Temporary Aid to Needy Families, effective from June 29, 2021 until terminated by either party. There is no cost associated with this Memorandum of Understanding.
2. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign one (1) copy of the Memorandum of Understanding.

### **SUMMARY:**

Owens Valley Career Development Center (OVCDC) is a Tribal organization that provides career education, family literacy, language, and temporary assistance services to Tribal residents in seven California counties including Tulare County. It is a dedicated American Indian organization operating under a consortium of twelve (12) federally-recognized Indian Tribes, including: 1) Bishop Paiute; 2) Big Pine Paiute; 3) Lone Pine Paiute Shoshone; 4) Fort Independence; 5) Timbisha Shoshone; 6) Benton; 7) Bridgeport; 8) Tule River; 9) Santa Rosa; 10) Cold Springs; 11) Table Mountain; and 12) Big Sandy Tribal Nations, that provides residents the opportunity to improve quality of life by focusing on education and self-sufficiency while protecting, preserving, and promoting Tribal culture.

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Under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is required by Public Law 104-93 and by Welfare and Institutions Code section 10553.25 to provide TANF services to Tulare County's Native Americans by partnering with a Tribal entity that volunteers to provide Native Americans with such services. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) serves to meet that requirement and OVCD currently provides career education, job readiness, family literacy, language and TANF services to Tribal members. There are currently 130 CalWORKs recipients in Tulare County that reside within Tribal boundaries and are eligible for services under this MOU.

This MOU will replace and supersede the Tulare County Agreement No. 21466 with OVCD approved by the Tulare County Board of Supervisors on February 4, 2003. The new MOU is updated to individually list each of the Tribal Nations in the consortium and outline additional terms such as the provision of office space by HHSA for OVCD staff.

The following terms deviate substantively from the standard County boilerplate: 1) There is no termination date; 2) The MOU is contingent upon the availability of grant funding, if funding is unavailable, OVCD will notify HHSA of its intent to terminate the MOU; 3) The County and OVCD will meet and confer to resolve any disputes arising under the MOU, the resolution of disputes will be governed by Tribal and Federal laws; 4) Either party may terminate the MOU with or without cause upon 60 days prior written notice; and 5) OVCD and each of its member Tribes retain their sovereign immunity under the MOU.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

There is no cost associated with this MOU; therefore, 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 innovative provision of quality supportive services for at-risk adults, youth and children in state and federally mandated programs. This MOU increases the ability to fulfill that obligation by providing a wide range of employment services that support clients in the transition to self-sufficiency.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

/s/Anita Ortiz

Anita Ortiz

Human Services Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Memorandum of Understanding