



Health & Human Services Agency

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 University of Massachusetts Global

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with University of Massachusetts Global for the Behavioral Health Workforce Development Mentored Internship Program in an amount not to exceed \$20,000, retroactive from April 1, 2022 through September 29, 2023. This agreement is retroactive due to delays in negotiating the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding with the vendor; making it impracticable for the Board to take action prior to April 1, 2022.
2. Find that the Board had the authority to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding as of April 1, 2022, and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into it on that date.
3. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign one (1) copy of the Memorandum of Understanding.

SUMMARY:

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), as part of the Behavioral Health Workforce Development (BHWD), approved counties to apply for funding with Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. (AHP). Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA) Mental Health Branch (MHB) applied and was approved to be a Behavioral Health Mentored Internship Program (BHMIP) participant and received \$500,000 in funding to support workforce expansion and intern training effective April 1, 2022, through September 29, 2023. The Board approved the grant application and award acceptance on May 10, 2022, by signing Resolution No. 2022-0384, which did not include

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the University of Massachusetts Global (UMass Global) as a BHMIP Educational Partner. However, the Board was advised that UMass Global requested to participate as an educational partner when the Board approved a subcontract agreement for the Behavioral Health Workforce Development , Behavioral Health Mentored Internship Program with Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. on October 4, 2022 (Agreement No. 30883).

HHSA, MHB is seeking the Board's approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with UMass Global to provide services for the BHWD BHMIP. The MOU outlines the roles and responsibilities of each party as they relate to participating in the BHMIP. BHMIP grant funding is being used to develop and implement a BHMIP at HHSA MHB and at each educational partner's institution that will assist in the treatment and recovery of County consumers with substance use disorder, mental health, and co-occurring disorders. UMass Global will be provided with a one-time payment of \$20,000 to assist with the cost of staffing and developing a BHMIP at their educational institution.

With this MOU and funding UMass Global will assist HHSA in identifying interested student applicants and support them through the internship application process and create connections with interested students to develop their talent related to careers in behavioral health. HHSA will recruit and train mentors to effectively provide professional shadowing and strength-based guidance while assessing individual interns' capacity and enabling support for them to engage in hands-on service tasks that are appropriate to the intern's skill level and experience.

The approximate number of interns that will be served by this Memorandum of Understanding cannot be anticipated, as candidates will go through a recruitment process to determine program eligibility. In accordance with Tulare County Agreement No.30883, HHSA is expected to recruit up to five (5) BHMIP interns each semester for the duration of the grant eighteen-month (18) period and is working with two additional educational partners, Campbellsville University and Fresno Pacific University to meet this goal.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The budgeted costs associated with this MOU were included in the HHSA 001-142-3425 budget, line 7066, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000, effective from April 1, 2022, through September 29, 2023. The funding is derived from the California Department of Health Care Services Behavioral Health Mentored Internship Program Grant. 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 Economic Well-Being Initiative to collaborate in developing and sustaining a well-qualified labor pool. Tulare County HHSA BHMIP interns will benefit from the opportunity to work within their chosen profession. This MOU will allow HHSA to create greater exposure to clinical student interns who are interested in pursuing a career with HHSA and will assist in the development, identification, and recruitment of potential candidates.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/ Natalie Bolin
Natalie Bolin
Director of Mental Health

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Memorandum of Understanding