



# Health & Human Services Agency

## COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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**AGENDA DATE:** May 2, 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 an agreement with Quality Group Homes, Inc.

### **REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with Quality Group Homes, Inc. to provide services on behalf of Tulare County Child Welfare Service's foster children to include the care and placement of foster children in the amount of zero dollars, effective from May 2, 2023 through June 30, 2025.
2. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign one (1) copy of the agreement.

### **SUMMARY:**

Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency, Child Welfare Services Division has mandates from statutory codes that require placement of a child in a safe and caring foster home when a child is removed from his or her home due to abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation. Welfare and Institutions Code Section 16500 states, "The Legislation hereby declares its intent in providing for this statewide system of child welfare services that all children are entitled to be safe and free from abuse and neglect." As part of this legislation, Child Welfare Services monitors each foster family agency when any Tulare County foster child is placed in any of the County's foster homes for compliance with the delivery of services and placement regulations. Child Welfare Services meets quarterly with participating foster family agencies (FFA) to ensure children are receiving quality services.

Quality Group Homes, Inc. will ensure that the physical, emotional, and academic needs of children in their care are met, agree to participate fully in the child and family's case plan as established by the County, and work to facilitate positive outcomes for children

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and families including the transportation for all case plan services as well as all medical, mental health, family visits, academic, and social events.

The goal of the agreement is to provide a collaborative approach for delivering safe, secure, and compassionate homes that meet placement regulations and court-ordered case plan services for foster children in Tulare County when removed from their homes. Child Welfare Services is State mandated under the Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) to provide Tulare County kids a safe and suitable placement with supportive services in a timely manner.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

There is no cost associated with this agreement; therefore, there is no additional net cost to the County 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 supports monitoring a foster family agency foster home for Tulare County foster children. This agreement will encourage and support the innovative provision of quality supportive services for at-risk youth and children placed in foster family agency foster homes. The quality of life for these at-risk youth and children will be improved with the support of the agreement to be safe and free from abuse and neglect while placed in the foster family agency foster homes.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

/s/Anita Ortiz

Anita Ortiz

Associate Agency Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Agreement