



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 16-655, **Version:** 1

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Health and Human Services Agency

**Meeting Date:** June 21, 2016

**Department Contact:** Jena Conner

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**Item Type:** Consent Agenda

**Time Allocated for Item:** N/A

**Agenda Title:**

Approval of the Agreement with TLC Child & Family Services in the Amount of \$696,006 to Provide Emergency Shelter Care for Children Placed by Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Family and Children's Services (FCS) in Fiscal Year 2016-17

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Approve Agreement with TLC Child & Family Services in the amount of \$696,006 to provide emergency shelter care for children placed by Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Family and Children's Services (FCS) in fiscal year 2016-17; and authorize Chair to sign same; and further, authorize the Health and Human Services Agency Director to sign any future amendments to the Agreement that do not affect the annual maximum amount.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

Ongoing since 2000; last action on July 21, 2015, Item # 4(d).

**Summary of Request:**

In Mendocino County, the care of children who have been removed from the custody of their parents or guardians under Welfare & Institutions Code Section 300 is the responsibility of Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Family and Children's Services (FCS). Through this contract, TLC Child & Family Services, a licensed Foster Family Agency, will provide emergency shelter care for children from birth to eighteen years of age who need immediate foster care placement and are placed in shelter care by the Mendocino County HHSA FCS.

The daily bed retainer pays for holding a bed as well as all of the intensive services and supports TLC is expected to provide as outlined in the Agreement for a wide range of kids, from birth to age eighteen, and who have a significant range of physical, emotional and behavioral health needs, although TLC is not an intensive treatment foster care agency. The usage of all ten beds at any given time is determined by state foster care licensing regulations regarding the age and gender of detained children, as well as the risk and safety compatibility of children in each emergency shelter home. Due to the significant shortage of foster homes in Mendocino County, it is imperative Family and Children's Services continues to have access to emergency foster care options in order to continue to protect children who need to be removed from their homes. The number of available beds is monitored daily and monthly and the monthly retainer is reduced when TLC does not provide 10 (ten) beds per night as specified in the contract due to a shelter home closure for vacation or

break.

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

Return to staff for alternative handling.

**Supplemental Information Available Online at:** [www.tlc4kids.org](http://www.tlc4kids.org)

**Fiscal Impact:**

**Source of Funding:** Federal, State, County

**Current F/Y Cost:** \$696,006

**Budgeted in Current F/Y:** Yes

**Annual Recurring Cost:** \$696,006

**Supervisory District:** All

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel:** Yes

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**CEO Liaison:** Jill Martin, Deputy CEO

**CEO Review:** Yes

**Comments:** N/A