September 27, 2011

Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Center
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH SMOTHERS AND ASSOCIATES FOR
PSYCHO-EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AND TREATMENT
(Fiscal Impart: $40,275; $31,415 Federal/State, $8,860 County; Budgeted; Discretionary)

The Department of Human Services is requesting Board approval to enter into an Agreement between the County of Kern and Smothers and Associates to provide psycho-educational services and treatment for minors in the Adoption Assistance Program. The term of this Agreement is October 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. The cost to the county is $8,860.

Funding for this Agreement is through the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program (PSSF) which includes supportive adoption services. Smothers and Associates provide supportive services to the children and their caregivers who, because of their emotional and/or behavioral problems, require assistance to address and ameliorate the issues of the child’s behavioral disorders and educational deficits.

Smothers was the only responder to the Request for Proposal (RFP) that was issued in March 2005, who was certified as a member of the Board of Behavioral Science, a Licensed Educational Psychologist, and Specialist in School Psychology with a history of service provision to court dependent minors and their caregivers. A RFP will be conducted for services for 2012-2013 FY if services are funded.

This Agreement has been approved by the Office of County Counsel as to form and the County Administrative Office concurs with the Department recommendation.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board approve the Agreement with Smothers and Associates for psycho-educational services and treatment for adopted children in an amount not to exceed $40,275, and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Sincerely,

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