June 18, 2013

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

PROPOSED SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENT WITH KERN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS’ COMMUNITY CONNECTION FOR CHILD CARE FOR PROVISION OF STAGE ONE CALWORKS CHILD CARE SERVICES
(Fiscal Impact: FY 13/14 $11,500,000; $11,270,000 Fed/State, $230,000 County; Budgeted; Mandated)

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is requesting Board approval to enter into a sole source mandated Agreement with the Kern County Superintendent of Schools (KCSOS), Community Connection for Child Care (CCCC) to provide Stage One Child Care Payment Services. The term of this Agreement is July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, in an amount not to exceed $11,500,000. The cost to the General Fund is $230,000.

Effective January 1, 1998, California and Kern County implemented Assembly Bill 1542, the welfare reform law known as the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program. As part of the CalWORKs Program, a three-stage child care program structure was designed to help CalWORKs participants access immediate, short-term child care as the parent starts work or a job search to insure that the family has stable, long-term child care necessary for the family to leave welfare.

Assembly Bill (AB) 1542 directs local welfare departments and local resource and referrals agencies to coordinate efforts to allow CalWORKs participants access to child care services. In addition, AB 1542 provides the ability for the local welfare departments to contract for Stage One Child Care services.

All County Letter 97-93 states, “It is the intent of the Legislature that families experience no break in their child care services due to a transition between the three stages.” To ensure that families retain the same child care provider and to assure a seamless service delivery system, as mandated by the State for CalWORKs participants, the DHS has contracted with CCCC to provide Stage One Child Care services annually since 1998. CCCC is the only approved Alternative Payment Program agency for providing child care for CalWORKs participants in Kern County. CCCC is contracted by the California Department of Education to provide CalWORKs Stages Two and Three Child Care services as the resource and referral agency for Kern County. Since 1998, CCCC has worked to develop services specifically to meet the payment and operational needs of CalWORKs participants and create a seamless delivery of mandated services through all three stages of the CalWORKs Child Care Program. Through DHS’ long-term partnership with CCCC, virtually all functions critical to mandated CalWORKs State One Child Care are in place, including co-location of staff and case management services in local and outlying areas of the County.

This Agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form by the Office of County Counsel. Purchasing has reviewed our justification for sole source and concurs. The County Administrative Office has reviewed and concurs with our recommendation.
Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board approve the proposed sole source Agreement with the Kern County Superintendent of Schools' Community Connection for Child Care for the provision of mandated CalWORKs Stage One Child Care services from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, for a total maximum compensation amount not to exceed $11,500,000, and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Pat Cheadle
Director

CC: CAO