June 18, 2013

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

PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH CLINICA SIERRA VISTA TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS IN KERN COUNTY
(Fiscal Impact: $3,703,875; Medi-Cal/Realignment/MHSA; Budgeted; Mandated)

The Mental Health Department requests your Board’s approval of an Agreement with Clinica Sierra Vista, from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 to provide mental health services for children and adolescents residing in Geographic Service Area (GSA) 9 - Lamont, Arvin, and Frazier Park and GSA 10 - Central and Southeast Bakersfield, in the amount of $3,703,875.

Under the terms of this Agreement, Clinica Sierra Vista will provide community-based, family-oriented, and culturally-competent mental health services for children and adolescents with the goal of minimizing hospitalizations, out-of-home placements or placement failures. Mental health services include, but are not limited to: screening and assessments, crisis response, individual, family and group counseling, medication support, psychiatric evaluations, psychological evaluations and testing, and case management.

In accordance with the County administrative policy and procedures regarding the procurement of professional services, the Department published and distributed a Request for Proposals (RFP) for children’s mental health services in GSA 9 - Arvin, Lamont, and Frazier Park in FY 2009-10, for services that began on July 1, 2010. The Department also published and distributed a Request for Proposals (RFP) for children’s mental health services in GSA 10 - Central and Southeast Bakersfield in FY 2010-11, for services that began on July 1, 2011. Clinica Sierra Vista was selected as the service provider for all of the GSAs. This Agreement would begin the fourth year of a five year RFP cycle for GSA 9 and the third year of a five year RFP cycle for GSA 10.

The Agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel. Sufficient appropriations are included in the Department’s FY 2013-14 budget to fund this request.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board approve the Agreement with Clinica Sierra Vista to provide mental health services for children and adolescents in Geographic Service Area (GSA) 9 - Lamont, Arvin, and Frazier Park and GSA 10 - Central and Southeast Bakersfield, for the term July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 in an amount not to exceed $3,703,875 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director

cc: County Administrative Officer
    County Counsel
    Auditor-Controller-County Clerk