COUNTY OF KERN  
MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
James A. Waterman, PhD, Director  
June 18, 2013  

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

PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH WESTCARE CALIFORNIA, INC. TO PROVIDE OUTPATIENT AND RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AND PRIMARY PREVENTION SERVICES IN KERN COUNTY  
(Fiscal Impact: $344,038; Federal, State; Budgeted; Mandated)  

The Mental Health Department requests the approval of an Agreement with WestCare California, Inc. (WestCare) from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 to provide outpatient and residential substance abuse treatment and primary prevention services for clients residing in various regions of Kern County, in an amount not to exceed $344,038.  

Under this proposed Agreement, WestCare will provide outpatient substance abuse treatment services for adults, including individuals with criminal justice involvement and the indigent population. WestCare will also provide residential treatment services at its men’s facility located in Bakersfield. Outpatient and residential substance abuse treatment services include individual and group counseling, along with related activities that support recovery and a commitment to abstinence. Primary prevention services address family strengthening to promote stable family environments, as well as bonding between parents and their children.  

In accordance with County policy regarding Requests for Proposals (RFP), an RFP was issued during fiscal year 2009-10, for services to begin July 1, 2010. This contractor was a selected applicant. This Agreement will be the fourth year of a five-year RFP cycle. This Agreement has been approved as to form by the Office of County Counsel. Sufficient appropriations are included in the Department’s requested fiscal year 2013-14 budget to fund this Agreement.  

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board approve the attached Agreement with WestCare California, Inc. to provide outpatient and residential substance abuse treatment, and primary prevention services in the Bakersfield area, for the term of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 in an amount not to exceed $344,038, and authorize the Chairman to sign.  

Respectfully submitted,  

[Signature]  
James A. Waterman, Ph.D., Director  

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