June 18, 2013

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

PROPOSED SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENT WITH MILHOUS CHILDREN'S SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE DAY TREATMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR KERN COUNTY CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-COUNTY GROUP HOME PLACEMENTS
(Fiscal Impact: $161,341; Medi-Cal/Realignment; Budgeted; Mandated)

The Mental Health Department requests your Board's approval of an Agreement with Milhous Children's Services, Inc. from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 to provide day treatment and mental health services for children and adolescents placed in their high level out-of-county group homes in the Sacramento and Nevada City, CA areas in the amount of $161,341.

Under this proposed Sole Source Agreement, Milhous Children's Services, Inc. will provide day treatment and mental health services for Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (SED) children and youth who have previously been removed from multiple group homes due to severe behavioral and mental health issues. Day treatment services include, but are not limited to: psychiatric assessment and evaluation; individual and group therapy; medication support, case management, and crisis intervention.

This Agreement is vital because there are no group homes in the area that are able to provide the level of intense and specialized mental health services for SED children and adolescents who reside in Kern County. Further, Milhous Children's Services, Inc. is the only facility in the Sacramento and Nevada City, CA areas known to the Department that is qualified, willing and able to provide these services.

This Agreement has not been assigned to the Request for Proposal (RFP) schedule because your Board granted the Department an exemption from the RFP process in your meeting on April 16, 2013, for out-of-county group home services for FY 2013-14.

The Agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel. Purchasing has reviewed our justification for Sole Source and concurs. 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 attached Sole Source Agreement with Milhous Children's Services, Inc. to provide day treatment and mental health services for children and adolescents placed in their high level out-of-county group homes in the Sacramento and Nevada City, CA areas in the amount of $161,341.
services for children and adolescents placed in their high level out-of-county group homes in the Sacramento and Nevada City, CA areas, for the term July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 in an amount not to exceed $161,341 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Waterman, Ph.D.
Director

Attachments

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