PROPOSED SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED WAY OF KERN COUNTY TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO EMPLOY A HOMELESS COLLABORATIVE COORDINATOR AND SUPPORT KERN COUNTY'S ANNUAL HOMELESS CENSUS PROJECT (Fiscal Impact: $40,800; MHSA; Budgeted; Discretionary)

The Mental Health Department requests your Board's approval of a Sole Source Agreement with the United Way of Kern County, from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 to provide funding to employ a Homeless Collaborative Coordinator and support Kern County's Annual Homeless Census Project, in the amount of $40,800.

Under this proposed Sole Source Agreement, the Department will provide funding to employ a Homeless Collaborative Coordinator for the Kern County Homeless Collaborative. The Kern County Homeless Collaborative is a network of nonprofit service providers, policymakers, businesses, charitable and faith-based organizations, and volunteers working together to end homelessness in Kern County. The fiscal sponsor is United Way of Kern County. The Homeless Collaborative Coordinator oversees the day-to-day operation of the Collaborative, works with service providers to improve services to the homeless population, provides technical assistance and support for the development of the Mayor's Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness and plans, develops, and implements training for the Collaborative related to issues of homelessness.

The Agreement will also provide funding to support Kern County's Annual Homeless Census Project which carries out a countywide homeless count every year to help service providers understand local trends in homelessness and the needs of the homeless population in Kern County.

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. Purchasing concurs with the Department's sole source justification.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board approve the Sole Source Agreement with the United Way of Kern County to provide funding to employ a Homeless Collaborative
Coordinator and support Kern County's Annual Homeless Census Project, for the term July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 in an amount not to exceed $40,800 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

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