June 18, 2013

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

PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH EBONY COUNSELING CENTER FOR
BLACK INFANT HEALTH PROGRAM CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES
(Fiscal Impact: $154,720 (FY 2013-14 $77,360); First 5 Kern; Budgeted; Discretionary)

The purpose of this letter is to request your Board’s approval of the proposed Agreement with Ebony Counseling Center to provide case management services for the Black Infant Health program from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015, in an amount not to exceed $154,720.

Ebony Counseling Center was awarded funding through the Black Infant Health Program for being culturally sensitive to the needs of the population served by the program. The Program provides support and facilitates the promotion of better health care services for pregnant and parenting African-American women, their children up to 18 months of age and their families. Ebony Counseling Center’s Family Health Advocates will provide case management of African American women and their infants and link pregnant and parenting women to services to improve the health of both mothers and babies. Funding for this program is made available through a grant awarded by Kern County Children and Families Commission (First 5 Kern).

This Agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED your Board approve and authorize Chairman to sign the proposed Agreement with Ebony Counseling Center for Black Infant Health Program case management services from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015, in an amount not to exceed $154,720.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Matthew Constantine
Director of Public Health Services

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Attachments
C: Each Supervisor
   County Administrative Office