SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, June 20, 2017

FROM : PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:

SUBJECT: PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Agreement with the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside for child care services, without seeking competitive bids. [All Districts]; [$168,276 annually, $841,380 aggregate - Federal 39.71%, State 1.82%, County 0.14%, Realignment 57.59% and Other 0.74%]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the attached agreement between the Superior Court of the State of California and the County of Riverside, on behalf of the Department of Public Social Services, in the annual amount of $168,276, to provide childcare services for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022, without seeking competitive bids.
2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent, in accordance with Ordinance No. 459, based on the availability of funding and as approved by County Counsel, to sign amendments that do not change the substantive terms of the Agreement and sign amendments to the compensation provisions that do not exceed 10% annually.

ACTION: 4/5 Vote Required, Policy

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

BACKGROUND:

Summary
DPSS has had an agreement with the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside (Superior Court), since FY 2000/01, to provide childcare services at Riverside Juvenile Court, Southwest Justice Center and Indio Juvenile Center. The services are targeted at children involved in the juvenile court process whose parents have appearances scheduled at one of the three (3) facilities. The objective is to satisfy mandated requirements to provide childcare for children subject to the Superior Court, in order to reduce failed court appearances by parents whose children are placed in custody, pursuant to Section 300 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

The Superior Court is required to provide trained and qualified staff to operate the childcare programs on-site at the designated facilities. By providing childcare services at these locations, the courts are able to provide services closer to home for Riverside County residents.

In addition, the Superior Court maintains confidential attendance records for the children present, in order for school-age children to receive credit for attending school that day.

Impact on Residents and Businesses
Approval and execution of the childcare services agreement will allow DPSS’ Children’s Services Division to fulfill its mandated requirement to provide childcare for children subject to the court system and reduce the number of failed court appearances by parents whose children are placed in custody pursuant to Section 300 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Additional Fiscal Information
Funding for this agreement is included in the county budget and will be available in FY 17/18 through FY 21/22; budget adjustments will not be necessary.
The Superior Court has been providing childcare services for DPSS clients since fiscal year 2000/01. On August 28, 2012, the Board of Supervisors approved an agreement with the Superior Court for childcare services at the Riverside Juvenile Court, Southwest Justice Center and Indio Juvenile Center, for the period of September 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, with the option to renew for four (4) additional one-year periods. Under the Purchasing Agent’s authority, amendments to renew the agreement were exercised for each of the renewal terms. The last period under the agreement is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, for which DPSS is budgeted to expend $168,276.

In the past three (3) fiscal years, the Superior Court provided childcare services for 6,260 children.

Under the terms of the attached agreement, the Superior Court will provide childcare services at the three (3) court facilities for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022, at an annual cost of $168,276. As discussed in the attached sole source procurement request, this agreement will satisfy DPSS’ mandated childcare requirement. In addition, since childcare services are provided at the court facilities, it may decrease the number of parents’ failed court appearances, thereby reducing the number of out-of-home placement children as a result of parents’ failure to appear in court.

CSD previously conducted a feasibility study on alternative options to provide childcare services outside the courts. The conclusion of the research was that the transition of childcare services would require further development in the most non-disruptive manner possible and would result in additional costs to provide childcare services. CSD also concluded that it is more feasible to procure the services from the courts to provide childcare services for compliance with mandates and meet the needs of the children’s services population.

ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT A. AGREEMENT

ATTACHMENT B. SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION