CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM

Issue: Competitive Bidding Exception

Petitioner: Sabra Smith Newby, Chief Administrative Officer

Recommendation:

That the Board of County Commissioners approve the agreement with Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, for CBE No. 603333-14, for the Children’s Attorneys Project 2014/2015; and authorize the Chief Financial Officer or her designee to sign the agreement; or take other action as appropriate. *(For possible action)*

FISCAL IMPACT:

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<th>Fund#: 1010.000</th>
<th>Fund Name: General Fund</th>
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<td>Fund Center: 9990107000</td>
<td>Funded Pgm/Grant: N/A</td>
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<td>Description: Annual Children’s Attorneys Project</td>
<td>Amount: $480,000</td>
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Added Comments: The fee schedule is based on services to be provided to approximately 1,000 children and/or 500 additional cases during the agreement.

BACKGROUND:

This contract will provide independent legal representation to abused and neglected children who have been removed from their homes by Child Protective Services. Fifteen attorneys from Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada will provide legal services as a low-cost alternative to hiring County attorneys or contracting from private sector attorneys for the Children’s Attorneys Project.

A Fiscal Directive 6, competitive bidding exception form, was generated for the continuity of services with Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. The Department of Administrative Services staff has reviewed the scope of work, contract language, cost elements and found them to be appropriate for the work to be performed.

The following are the pertinent provisions of the contract:

- The term of the contract is from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.
- Includes the County’s option to terminate for cause, convenience or default and suspend the contract with advanced written notice.

In accordance with NRS 332.115.1(b), the competitive bidding process is not required as the services to be performed are professional in nature. Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada is a charitable organization and currently holds a Clark County Business License.

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Respectfully submitted,

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6/3/2014