

For County Use Only
CONTRACT NUMBER:
03762-24
(Dept., Division, FY, #)
H&SS/MH
BUDGET ACCOUNT:
7740
SUBOBJECT ACCOUNT:
3153

1.	This Contract is entered into between the County of Solano and the Contractor named below:
	Bay Area Community Services
	CONTRACTOR'S NAME

2. The Term of this Contract is: July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

3. The maximum amount of this Contract is: \$ 325,000

4. The parties agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the following exhibits which are by this reference made a part of this Contract:

Exhibit A – Scope of Work

Exhibit B – Budget Detail and Payment Provision

Exhibit C – General Terms and Conditions

Exhibit D – Special Terms and Conditions

This Contract is made on July 1, 2023.

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# EXHIBIT A SCOPE OF WORK

#### I. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Contractor shall provide step-down transitional housing for eligible seriously mentally ill adult participants who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless for an average of 6-12 months. The Transitional Housing program is outlined in the Solano County Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Three-Year Plan.

## II. CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

#### 1. PROGRAM SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

- A. Contractor shall maintain up to 16 beds/slots for transitional housing for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months, unless due to an eviction process, at the 345 East Travis Boulevard, Fairfield site to be used exclusively for individuals with serious mental illness referred from County or Contractor mental health providers.
- B. There are a total of 8 separate housing units (one small house (2-bedroom), and seven (7) 2-bedroom townhouses) for a total of 16 beds. Three (3) of the townhouse units (6 beds) will be designated for individuals referred from the HOME Full Service Partnership (FSP) program. Upon contract manager's discretion, additional HOME FSP referrals may be authorized for placement in other units in the event that all the designated HOME FSP beds are occupied.
- C. Contractor shall provide housing case management and support for participants placed in the transitional housing units using the Housing First Model, which includes the following:
  - i. Services are informed by a harm-reduction philosophy that recognizes drug and alcohol use and addiction as a part of participants' lives, where tenants are engaged in nonjudgmental communication regarding drug and alcohol use, and where participants are offered education regarding how to avoid risky behaviors and engage in safer practices, as well as connected to evidence-based treatment if the participant so chooses.
  - ii. Services will reduce harm, and promote health, community and independence among tenants.
  - iii. Supportive services emphasize engagement and problem solving.
- D. Maintain the 345 East Travis Boulevard, Fairfield property in a manner that conforms to local zoning and health standards.
  - i. For any repair that will be \$1,000 or more Contractor shall:
    - a. Obtain at least 2 estimates for the repair and select the lowest bid;
    - b. Secure County's approval for repairs prior to work commencing unless it is deemed the immediate responsibility of the Contractor to address a situation that poses a safety or security risk for tenants such as flooding, fire, broken window/door, etc.
    - ii. Conduct a walk through inspection with new tenants upon admission.
    - iii. Conduct a walk through inspection with tenants discharging when possible, however if not possible Contractor shall still inspect the unit upon each and every discharge. Units should be in clean condition at the time of each new tenant's move-in.
    - iv. Conduct quarterly inspections of each unit to ensure that there are no repairs needed and that tenants are properly caring for the units and the furnishings.
    - v. Ensure all repairs required are completed prior to move-in of a new tenant, and/or are completed in a timely fashion when an issue is reported by a current tenant or identified during an inspection.
    - vi. Ensure replacement of furnishings or household items that may be damaged but through this contract are provided for each unit:
      - a. Beds and mattresses;
      - b. Dressers;
      - c. Living room furnishings;
      - d. Dining set;

- e. Window coverings;
- f. Kitchen items: microwave, pots and pans, dishes, other small appliances;
- g. Bedding and linens;
- h. Other items as needed.
- E. Contractor shall provide linkage and referral services for individuals who reside in the transitional housing units in order to link individuals to appropriate services including but not limited to: mental health services, substance abuse services, eligibility, general assistance, employment services, housing support, etc.
- F. Within the first 90-days of placement, contractor will develop a plan (Discharge Plan) with participants for improved self-sufficiency and for a transition into permanent housing. Throughout the remainder of the participant's stay, contractor will actively support the Discharge Plan. Contractor will ensure that there is continuous discussion and partnership with the participants' treatment teams, including FSP teams, as it relates to the Discharge Plan.
- G. Contractor shall provide housing access assistance/tenant education to include:
  - i. Employing at least one Housing Coordinator to provide housing navigation and on-site adhoc support for residents living in the transitional housing units. Inform Contract Manager when the Housing Coordinator will be unavailable for more than 3 consecutive business days and specify the staffing coverage plan.
  - ii. Provide information about local housing resources, including publicly funded housing options, low-cost private market housing and subsidized housing units. The Contractor may also refer the participant to the County's Transitions in Care (TIC) process or Coordinated Entry for determination of short- and medium-term rental assistance or permanent supportive housing outside of this contract.
  - iii. Depending on individualized needs, provide each participant with assistance that includes, but is not limited to, the following:
    - a. Provide coaching and assistance with locating and navigating through housing resources, such as low-income housing lists, internet and newspaper searches, and the most up-to-date tools and techniques for apartment/house hunting.
    - b. Provide coaching about reviewing and responding to ads for available housing.
    - c. Provide information and assistance as needed regarding obtaining a valid government-issued picture identification such as a Driver's License, State ID or passport and in documenting income that is sufficient to show prospective landlords an ability to sustain ongoing rent payments.
    - d. Coach on how to explain the participant's housing, credit and employment history to prospective landlords, including criminal background if applicable.
    - e. Help participants prepare a "tenant resume" and to secure references for prospective landlords.
    - f. Assist participants with understanding rental agreements by explaining the content, terms and conditions of those agreements, and assisting with the completion of housing application documents.
    - g. Provide support regarding securing employment which can include activities to evaluate and build on job readiness in partnership and as led by the existing treatment team including FSP programs and other Employment programs.
  - iv. Assist participants in their attempts to obtain and maintain permanent housing which can also include the participant's treatment team. Permanent housing shall be defined as situations in which the participant holds a lease, rental agreement, or shared living arrangement in a residence which is not subject to time limits.
- H. Administer the Quality of Life Scale (QoLS) for each participant to assess self-progress and measure movement towards wellness and recovery.
  - i. Administer the QoLS for each participant at admission to the program.
  - ii. Re-administer the QoLS for active participants at discharge.
  - iii. Maintain a copy of the QoLS in each participant's file/record.

- I. For participants who have a stable income, Contractor may initiate collecting rent to be capped at 30% of the participant's total income and as aligned with a rental agreement, to fund Contractor's capital reserve account to fund capital improvements on the property.
  - i. Contractor will provide the County with information related to the total rent collected from participants as requested by County Contract Manager or designee.
- J. For participants who do not have an income Contractor will not collect rent.
- K. Upon discharge Contractor can utilize "move out" funds available through this agreement to support participants transitioning to permanent housing situations.
- L. Provide early and consistent intervention with participants who are out of compliance with the program rules or are exhibiting signs of behavioral difficulties in an effort to avoid escalating problems that lead to disruptions of the milieu and terminations in placement.
- M. In the event that a participant is at risk of eviction, or has been evicted from the transitional housing program Contractor shall notify the County Clinical Contract Manager and the Program Liaison in order to try and stabilize the situation and avoid eviction.

#### 2. REFERRALS

Contractor will take the following steps toward maintaining a census of 16 participants:

- A. Referral Sources
  - i. Units A, 3, 5, 6, and 7: Limit intakes to referrals provided directly from Solano County Contract Manager or designee. Should contractor receive a referral from an alternative source, Contractor will direct referring party to Solano County Contract Manager or designee.
  - ii. Units 1, 2 and 4: Limit intakes to referrals provided directly from Caminar HOME FSP.
- B. Process:
  - i. County will be utilizing an Integrated Data System, Solano Housing Information Navigation and Engagement (SHINE), to process housing referrals, including those that contractor receives. Contractor will participate in the SHINE user training session when it is made available and will begin accepting referrals via this platform when advised to do so.

### C. Timeliness:

- i. Notify Solano County Contract Manager or designee by email as soon as possible when an upcoming vacancy is anticipated.
- ii. Follow-up on each referral within 48 business hours. If the referring mental health case manager does not respond to three (3) contact efforts, Contractor will notify the Contract Manager or designee.
- D. Acceptance Considerations:
  - i. Referrals will be reviewed from a Housing First approach, which includes:
    - a. Referrals will not be rejected on the basis of criminal convictions or the use of alcohol or drugs in and of itself
    - b. Enrollment in Mental Health case management level services is not a condition of placement.

#### 3. GENERAL ACTIVITIES

While providing the specific activities, Contractor agrees to:

- A. Coordinate with the participant's mental health service provider who will provide treatment planning lead; and this agency will provide housing supports that are strengths-based, person-centered, safe, effective, timely and equitable, supported by friends, family, and the community; with an emphasis on promoting whole health, wellness and recovery.
- B. Ensure that service frequency is individualized and based upon best practices related to the need of each beneficiary and in accordance with the Solano County Behavioral Health Plan (BHP) level of care system.
- C. Make coordination of service care an integral part of service delivery which includes providing education and support to beneficiaries/family members as well as consulting with community partners including but not limited to: other behavioral health service providers; physical care providers; schools (if appropriate); etc.

- D. Maintain case documentation according to industry standards and strengths-based best practices.
- E. Provide information (including brochures, postings in lobby, after-hours voicemail message, etc.) that communicates how mental health beneficiaries can access 24/7 services (e.g. crisis stabilization unit phone number, suicide prevention hotline and after-hours phone lines for FSPs for participants who are open to and FSP program) when medically necessary.
- F. All media related to services provided through contract and provided to the public must include a reference to the Solano County Board of Supervisors, Health and Social Services and include the County logo; any programs also funded by the MHSA as the sponsors must also include the MHSA logo.
- G. Representatives from the Contractor organization must make efforts to attend the monthly local Mental Health Advisory Board meeting, and participate in the MHSA community program planning meetings, including those for the MHSA Annual Update or Three-Year Plan, MHSA Innovation projects, planning for housing services, suicide prevention planning, etc.

#### 4. PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Contractor shall meet the following performance measures:

- A. Contractor will provide transitional housing for a minimum of 16 participants per year.
- B. Contractor will provide linkage/referral services to a minimum of 90% of participants residing in the transitional housing units.
- C. At least 60% of the participants residing in the transitional housing program will maintain or improve functioning related to securing employment and/or enrolling in classes as indicated in the QoLS.
- D. At least 60% of participants will maintain or increase functioning per the QoLS as evidence by an improved overall score on the QoL Scale to be administered at intake and at discharge.
- E. 50% of participants will exit the program to permanent housing in which the resident holds a lease, rental agreement, or shared living arrangement in a residence which is not subject to time limits

## 5. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- A. On a weekly basis Contractor will submit the current census by email to the Clinical Contract Manager and Program Liaison as designated by Clinical Contract Manager.
- B. On a monthly basis submit with the vendor claim a census to include:
  - i. Names of participants served;
  - ii. Confirmation of whether participant is paying Contractor rent directly and amount of rent being paid.
- C. Contractor will collect, compile and submit monthly MHSA agreed upon contract deliverables and participant demographic data by the 15th of each month unless granted an extension by the County Contract Manager or designee and be responsible for the following:
  - i. Submit the monthly service delivery data, using the tool developed and provided by the County. Data shall include but is not limited to:
    - a. Name of participants served;
    - b. Referral source for each participant;
    - c. Admission and discharge date for each participant;
    - d. Length of stay to date;
    - e. Disposition for individuals discharged;
    - f. Unduplicated count of individuals served; and
    - g. Qualitative outcomes agreed upon in this contract.
  - ii. Submit the monthly Demographic Report Form to include demographic categories determined by MHSA regulations which include:
    - a. Age group;
    - b. Race;
    - c. Ethnicity;
    - d. Primary Languages;
    - e. Sexual orientation;
    - f. Gender assigned / sex at birth;

- g. Current gender identity;
- h. Disability status;
- i. Veteran status
- D. Contractor will submit an annual MHSA Narrative Report (tool provided by the County) of program activities, submitted by July 15th. The following information will be included:
  - i. Overall program outcome tools used to capture impact of services for participants or participants served;
  - ii. Overall program milestones/successes and challenges/barriers;
  - iii. Program efforts to address cultural and linguistic needs of service recipients.

## 6. CONTRACT MONITORING MEETINGS

Contractor shall ensure at least one member of the leadership team is available to meet with the County Clinical Contract Manager or designee two to four times per month to engage in case reviews aimed at ensuring that participants' re-housings are being actively developed and participants' length of stay are within the agreed timeframe in section II.1.A. Justification for extensions of a participant's stay beyond 12 months should be presented during these meetings.

Additionally, Contractor shall ensure that staff providing program oversight and management attend the performance review meeting as scheduled by the County to review the Scope of Work (SOW) and to discuss performance measures, fiscal expenditures, and clinical progress of program participants as appropriate per the contract. Meetings can be held in person or virtually.

## 7. CULTURAL & LINGUISTIC CONSIDERATIONS

Contractor shall ensure the delivery of culturally and linguistically appropriate services to beneficiaries by adhering to the following:

- A. Contractor shall provide services pursuant to this Contract in accordance with current State statutory, regulatory, and policy provision related to cultural and linguistic competence as defined in California State Department of Mental Health (DMH) Information Notice No: 97-14, "Addendum for Implementation Plan for Phase II Consolidation of Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services-Cultural Competence Plan Requirements," and the Solano County Behavioral Health Plan (BHP) AAA203 Ensuring and Providing Multi-Cultural and Multi-Lingual Mental Health Services Policy. Specific statutory, regulatory, and policy provisions are referenced in Attachment A of DMH Information Notice No: 97-14, which is incorporated by this reference.
- B. Agencies which provide mental health services to beneficiaries under Contract with Solano County are required to participate as requested in the development and implementation of specific Solano County BHP Diversity and Equity Plan provisions. Accordingly, Contractor agrees at minimum:
  - i. Utilize the national Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Standards in Health Care under the Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement (QA/QI) agency functions and policy making. For more information on the CLAS Standards please refer to the following link https://minorityhealth.hhs.gov/omh/browse.aspx?lvl=2&lvlid=53
  - Contractor will use the agency Cultural Responsivity Plan developed previously to guide practices and policies in order to ensure culturally and linguistically appropriate service delivery.
    - a. The agency Cultural Responsivity Plan shall be reviewed and updated at least annually, and a copy submitted to County BHP Ethnic Services Coordinator or QA as directed by September 30<sup>th</sup> of each Fiscal Year. The Plan update shall include progress made on previous goals and newly developed goals for the next year.
    - b. Contractor will submit a revised plan if County determines the plan to be inadequate or not meeting fidelity to the CLAS Standards.
  - iii. During FY 23/24, Contractor will develop an agency Cultural Responsivity Plan to include goals and objectives towards improving cultural and linguistic competences and addressing local disparities. County will provide technical assistance, useful tools and a plan template to be used for organizations that do not already have such a plan;

- a. The Cultural Responsivity Plan shall be submitted to County BHP Ethnic Services Coordinator and Contract Manager for qualitative review, feedback, and approval no later than September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- b. The agency Cultural Responsivity Plan shall be reviewed and updated at least annually, and a copy submitted to County BHP Ethnic Services Coordinator and Contract Manager by September 30<sup>th</sup> of each FY;
- c. Contractor will submit a revised plan if County determines the plan to be inadequate or not meeting fidelity to the CLAS Standards.
- iv. Develop and assure compliance with administrative and human resource policy and procedural requirements to support the intentional outreach, hiring, and retention of a diverse workforce:
- v. Provide culturally sensitive service provision and staff support/supervision, including assurance of language access through availability of bilingual staff or interpreters and culturally appropriate evaluation, diagnosis, treatment and referral services.
- C. Contractor will ensure agency representation for the County BHP Diversity and Equity Committee held bi-monthly (every other month) in order stay apprised of—and inform—strategies and initiatives related to equity and social justice as informed by the goals included in the County BHP Diversity and Equity Plan and Annual Updates.
  - i. Assign an agency staff member designated to become an active committee member attending meetings consistently. Designee will be required to complete the *Diversity and Equity Committee Participation Agreement* form.
  - ii. Make an effort to ensure that the designated representative can also participate in ad hoc subcommittee meetings scheduled as needed to work on specific initiatives related to goals in the BHP Diversity and Equity Plan.
  - iii. Identify a back-up person to attend committee meetings in the absence of the designated person.

## D. Provision of services in Preferred Language:

- i. Contractor shall provide services in the preferred language of the beneficiary and/or family member with the intent to provide linguistically appropriate mental health services per ACA 1557 45 CFR 92, nondiscrimination in healthcare programs. This may include American Sign Language (ASL). This can be accomplished by a bilingual clinician or the assistance of an interpreter. The interpreter may not be a family member unless the beneficiary or family expressly refuses the interpreter provided.
- ii. Contractor may identify and contract with an external interpreter service vendor, or may avail themselves to using the vendor provided and funded through Solano County Health and Social Services
- iii. Contractor shall ensure that interpretation services utilized for communications or treatment purposes are provided by interpreters who receive regular cultural competence and linguistic appropriate training. Training specifically used in the mental health field is recommended.
- iv. Contractor shall ensure that all staff members are trained on how to access interpreter services used by the agency.
- v. Contractor will provide informational materials as required by Section 8.B below, legal forms and clinical documents that the beneficiary or family member may review and/or sign shall be provided in the beneficiary/family member's preferred language whenever possible;
- vi. Contractor shall at a minimum provide translation of written informing materials and treatment plans in the County's threshold language of Spanish as needed for beneficiaries and/or family members.

## E. Cultural Humility Training:

i. Contractor shall ensure that all staff members including direct service providers, medical staff, administrative/office support, recreation staff, and leadership complete at least one training in cultural humility and/or social justice per year.

- a. On a monthly or quarterly basis, as determined by the County Contract Manager, Contractor shall provide County Contract Manager or designee with an updated list of all staff and indicate the most date of completing Solano BHP approved cultural humility and/or social justice training. Evidence, including sign-in sheets based on organizational charts.
- F. Participate in County and agency sponsored training programs to improve the quality of services to the diverse population Solano County.

#### 8. QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITIES

- A. Regulation changes that occur during the life of this agreement:
  - i. If/When Federal and/or State agencies officially communicate changes/additions to current regulations, County will communicate new expectations via County QI Information Notice, and such requirements will supersede contractual obligations delineated in this agreement.
- B. Informing Materials:
  - 1. Informing materials include Solano County Problem Resolution forms.
  - 2. Contractor shall ensure that informing materials are printable and given to those requesting services within 5 business days in a minimum of 12 point font.
  - 3. Contractor shall ensure that Informing Materials are made available in County threshold language of Spanish, and alternative formats (audio and large font).

## C. Problem Resolution:

- i. Contractor shall adopt and implement the County Health and Social Services Department, Behavioral Health Division's Problem Resolution process.
  - a. The County Problem Resolution process is stipulated in County policy ADM141
    Beneficiary Problem Resolution Process Grievances, ADM142 Beneficiary
    Problem Resolution Process Appeals and Expedited Appeals, ADM143
    Beneficiary Problem Resolution Process Expedited Appeals, ADM132 Request
    to Change Service Provider, AAA210 Beneficiary Right of a Second Opinion, and
    ADM136 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Issue Resolution Process.
  - b. Contractor is not a direct service provider under the Mental Health Plan and therefore the Appeal, Expedited Appeal Process, Request to Change Service Provider or Beneficiary Right of a Second Opinion processes do not apply to them.
- ii. Contractor duties regarding Problem Resolution include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - 1. Contractor shall post County notices and make available County forms and other materials informing beneficiaries of their right to file a grievance and appeal. Required materials include the following brochures: "Beneficiary Rights & Problem Resolution Guide", "Appeal Form", "Compliment/Suggestion Form", "Grievance Form", "Request to Change Services Provider", and the "MHSA Issue-Suggestion Form". Contractor shall aid beneficiaries in filing a grievance when requested and shall not retaliate in any manner against anyone who files a grievance.
  - 2. Contractor shall forward all Problem Resolution Process brochures written and completed by or on behalf of a beneficiary of the BHP to County Quality Assurance, immediately but no later than 24 hours from receipt, whether or not Contractor has resolved the problem.
  - 3. Contractor shall provide "reasonable assistance" to individuals completing problem resolution forms, such as providing interpreting services and free access to TTY/TTD services.
  - 4. Contractor shall communicate and collaborate directly with the County Quality Assurance Problem Resolution Coordinator to provide any additional information needed regarding any follow up actions to investigate/resolve the problem identified through the problem resolution process.

5. Contractor shall provide at no cost and sufficiently in advance of a resolution timeframe for appeals, information and the beneficiary may want to use to support the case, including parts of their medical records, other documents and records, and any new or additional evidence considered, relied upon, or generated by the Plan in connection with the appeal of adverse benefit determination.

#### D. Serious Incident Reports (SIRs):

- i. Contractor will communicate the occurrence of serious incidents to the County by completing an official County Serious Incident Report form following the process outlined in County policy ADM-1.10 Serious Incident Reporting, including but not limited to the following:
  - 1. Contractor shall verbally notify County Quality Assurance immediately but not later than 4 hours after a serious incident and will provide the SIR tracking number to Solano County Contract Manager by email;
  - 2. Contractor shall submit the SIR electronically to County Quality Assurance within 24 hours of the incident or sooner via Comply Track: website;
  - 3. Contractor shall communicate directly with the County Quality Assurance designee, or the County Contract Manager or designee to provide any additional information needed regarding the reported incident;
  - 4. Contractor and County Behavioral Health Administration/Quality Assurance shall discuss and develop recommendations to achieve more desired outcomes in the future. An Adverse Outcome meeting can be held in which the contractor may need to attend, in order to discuss the SIR, interventions and recommendations for policy/program improvement;
  - 5. Data breaches or security incidents are required to be reported to both County Quality Assurance and County Health and Social Service Compliance Unit concurrently immediately upon discovery and no later than 24 hours.
- E. Annual County review of Contractor service delivery site and chart review:
  - i. County may engage in a site and file review annually;
  - ii. Contractor will provide all requested records and an adequate, private space in which for County staff to conduct the site/chart review;
  - iii. County, State or Federal Officials have the right to audit for 10 years from any previous audit, therefore Contractor will retain records for 10 years from the completion of any audit.

## F. Compliance Investigations:

- At any time during normal business hours and as often as the County may deem necessary, Contractor shall make available to County, State or Federal officials for examination all of its records with respect to all matters covered by this Contract. Additionally, Contractor will permit County, State or Federal officials to audit, examine and make excerpts or transcripts from such records, and to make audits of all invoices, materials, payrolls, records of personnel, information regarding beneficiaries receiving services, and other data relating to all matters covered by this Contract.
- G. Conflict of Interest Expanded Behavioral Health Contract Requirements:
  - . Contractor will abide by the requirements outlined in County policy ADM146 Disclosure of Ownership, Control and Relationship Information of Contracted Agencies, including but not limited to the following:
    - 1. Contractor will disclose the name of any person who holds an interest of 5% or more of any mortgage, deed of trust, not or other obligation secured by the Contractor to the County;
    - Contractor will ensure all service providers receive a background check as a condition of employment as stringent as the County background policy requirements;
    - 3. Contractor will require any providers or any other person within the agency with at least a 5% ownership interest to submit a set of fingerprints for a background check;

- 4. Contractor will terminate involvement with any person with a 5% ownership interest in the Contractor who has been convicted of a crime related to Medicare, Medicaid, or CFR title XXI within the last 10 years.
- H. Contractor will ensure that all Contractor staff, including administrative, provider, and management staff, receive formal Compliance training on an annual basis.
  - i. On a monthly or quarterly basis as determined by the County Contract Manager, Contractor shall provide County Contract Manager or designee with an updated list of all staff and indicate the most date of completing Solano BHP approved compliance training. Evidence can include sign-in sheets based on organizational chart.
- I. Physical Accessibility Requirements:
  - 1. Contractor must provide physical access, reasonable accommodations, and accessible equipment for beneficiaries with physical or mental disabilities.
  - 2. If there is a change to the physical accessibility of the contracted agency/individual, it must be reported to the County Contract Manager or designee.

## 9. CONFIDENTIALITY OF MENTAL HEALTH RECORDS

- A. Contractor warrants that Contractor is knowledgeable of Welfare and Institutions Code section 5328 respecting confidentiality of any information regarding beneficiaries (or their families) receiving Contractor's services. Contractor may obtain such information from application forms, interviews, tests or reports from public agencies, counselors or any other source. Without the beneficiary's written permission, Contractor shall divulge such information only as necessary for purposes related to the performance or evaluation of services provided pursuant to this Contract, and then only to those persons having responsibilities under this Contract, including those furnishing services under Contractor through subcontracts.
- B. Contractor and staff will be responsible for only accessing beneficiary data from the County's electronic health record for beneficiaries for which they have open episodes of care and for which individual staff have a specific business purpose for accessing. All attempts to access beneficiary data that do not meet those requirements will be considered data breaches and Contractor is responsible for reporting such breaches to County Quality Assurance and Health & Social Services Department Compliance unit immediately or within 4 hours of discovery.
- C. In the event of a breach or security incident by Contractor or Contractor's staff, any damages or expenses incurred shall be at Contractor's sole expense.

## III. COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES

County will:

- 1. Provide technical assistances in the form of phone consultations, site visits and in-person or virtual meetings to provide clinical guidance and address challenges in the clinical program, implementation and/or performance of the Contract SOW;
- 2. Assign a Program Liaison to work closely with the program to support the participants being served and to monitor the census and program capacity.
- 3. Provide training on how to access and utilize the County's SHINE housing database.
- 4. Assist with maintaining occupancy through census monitoring and by providing referrals when vacancies become available. Referrals will be pre-screened and prioritized prior to sending for contractor's consideration.
- 5. Promote collaboration and communication between contractor and participants' case management teams.
- 6. Provide feedback on performance measures objectives and fiscal expenditures in a timely manner to seek a proactive solution;
- 7. Develop reporting forms not otherwise detailed in this Contract in coordination with Contractor.
- 8. Provide feedback on fiscal performance and process budget modifications and contract amendments as appropriate;
- 9. Make available electronically all policies and procedures referenced herein and inform the Contractor as policies are reviewed and updated so that the Contractor is aware of changes.

## EXHIBIT B BUDGET DETAIL AND PAYMENT PROVISIONS

#### 1. METHOD OF PAYMENT

- A. Upon submission of an invoice and a Solano County vendor claim by Contractor, and upon approval by County, County shall, in accordance with the "Contract Budget" attached to this Contract as Exhibit "B-1" and incorporated into this Contract by this reference, pay Contractor monthly in arrears for fees and expenses actually incurred the prior month, up to the maximum amount set forth in **Section 3 of the Standard Contract**. Monthly claims for payment should be submitted to County by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the subsequent month.
- B. Claims submitted by Contractor must meet the criteria set forth in section E and be documented by a fiscal monitoring report (Exhibit B-2). **Each invoice must specify actual charges incurred.**
- C. Contractor must request prior written approval, which approval may be withheld at the sole and absolute discretion of County, for transfers between budget categories or the addition of line items within the operating expenses category, which are set forth in Exhibit B-1, when the cumulative amount of such transfers or additions exceed the lesser of \$20,000 or 10% of the total contract budget for the fiscal year. County may authorize the proposed transfers between budget categories or the addition of line items within a budget category under this section, except for personnel, subcontractors, indirect costs and capital expenditures (equipment or real property), provided that such transfers or additions do not substantially change the scope of services to be provided under this Contract and do not increase the contract amount. Requests for transfers between budget categories or addition of budget line items within a budget category over the aforementioned threshold must be presented to the County on the County's "Budget Modification Request Form". Budget modifications below the threshold must be presented on Exhibit B-2 Fiscal Monitoring Report and submitted with the monthly vendor claim and invoice. Contractor is limited to 3 budget modifications per fiscal year and must be made by June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- D. Contractor must repay the County for any disallowed costs identified by County through monthly reports, audits, Quality Assurance monitoring, or other sources within thirty days of receipt of notice from County that the costs have been disallowed. Contractor agrees that funds to be disbursed under the terms of this contract will be withheld if repayment is not received by the County within thirty days of receipt of notice from County. Contractor may submit a written appeal to a disallowance to the County Health and Social Services Behavioral Health Deputy Director, or designee, within fifteen days of receipt of a disallowance notice. The appeal must include the basis for the appeal and any documentation necessary to support the appeal. No fees or expenses incurred by Contractor in the course of appealing a disallowance will be an allowable cost under this Contract and will not be reimbursed by County. The decision of the County regarding the appeal will be final.
- E. The following criteria apply to Contract Budget submitted by Contractor under this Contract:
  - 1. Requests for payment of personnel costs must include positions, salary, and actual percentage of time for each position. If Contractor provides fringe benefits to part time employees, salary and fringe benefits must be pro-rated for non-full-time employees. Salaries are fixed compensation for services performed by staff who are directly employed by Contractor and who are paid on a regular basis. Employee benefits and employer payroll taxes include Contractor's contributions or expenses for social security, employee's life and health insurance plans, unemployment insurance, pension plans, and other similar expenses that are approved by County. These expenses are allowable only when included in accordance with Contractor's approved written policies and allocation plan.

- 2. Salaries and benefits of personnel involved in more than one contract, grant, or project must be charged to each grant based on the actual percentage of time spent on each grant or project. Timesheets and time studies for each employee whose time is charged to this contract must be maintained by Contractor and available upon request by the County.
- 3. Allowable operating expenses are defined as necessary expenditures exclusive of personnel salaries, benefits, equipment or payments to subcontractors. The expenses must be to further the program objectives as defined in Exhibit A of this Contract and be incurred during the invoiced period. County reserves the right to make the final determination if an operating expense is allowable and necessary.
- 4. Indirect costs are shared costs that cannot be directly assigned to a particular activity but are necessary to the operation of the organization and the performance of the program. The costs of operating and maintaining facilities, accounting services and administrative salaries are examples of indirect costs. Contractor must use a negotiated indirect cost rate with a federal agency. A Contractor who does not have a negotiated indirect cost rate agreement may claim an indirect cost rate of up to 10% of modified total direct costs.
- 5. Regardless of whether Contractor claims indirect costs through a negotiated indirect cost rate, Direct Allocation Method or the 10% of modified total direct costs, Contractor must provide the County with a cost allocation plan that clearly differentiates between direct and indirect costs. Contractor ensures that the same costs that have been treated as indirect costs have not been claimed or budgeted as direct costs, and that similar types of costs in like circumstances have been accounted for consistently. Contractor will provide this plan to County upon request. In the event that Contractor is unable to provide County with an acceptable cost allocation plan, County may disallow any indirect cost billed amounts.

#### 2. ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

- A. Contractor shall establish and maintain a system of accounts for budgeted funds that complies with generally accepted accounting principles and practices for organizations/governmental entities as described in Section 13.C of Exhibit C. Additionally, Contractor must submit claims for payment under this Contract using either a cost allocation method or a direct allocation method.
- B. Contractor's cost allocation method must be supported by a cost allocation plan with a quantifiable methodology validating the basis for paying such expenditures.
- C. Contractor shall document all costs by maintaining complete and accurate records of all financial transactions associated with this Contract, including, but not limited to, invoices, time studies, and other official documentation that sufficiently support all charges under this Contract.

### 3. PERSONAL PROPERTY

Contractor shall develop and maintain a system to track the acquisition of tangible personal property purchased with County funds having a cost of at least \$1,500 and submit, upon County's request, an annual accounting of all such property purchased that includes information on cost and acquisition date. Contractor shall ensure adequate safeguards are in place to protect such assets and shall exercise reasonable care over such assets to protect against theft, damage or unauthorized use. Contractor shall, upon County's request, return such assets to the County upon contract termination; unless the depreciated value of the asset is \$0, based on a straight-line method of depreciation (refer to CFR part 200.436).

## 4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDITS

- A. Contractor agrees to furnish annual audited financial statements to the County, which must be submitted within 30 days of its publication. If Contractor is not required by federal and/or state regulations to have an independent audit of its annual financial statements, Contractor agrees to furnish unaudited financial statements by September 1.
- B. Contractor agrees to furnish all records and documents within a reasonable time, in the event that the County, State or Federal Government conducts an audit of the County and/or Contractor's services.

## EXHIBIT B-1 BACS Transition Housing Program FY 2023-2024

Personnel	Projected FTE	Total Projected Cost
Care Coordinator - Peer Counselor	1.0	\$ 66,560
Housing/Residential Counselor	1.0	\$ 60,364
Relief Counselor	0.2	\$ 12,073
Benefits	0.2	\$ 34,749
Subtotal Personnel	2.2	\$ 173,746
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Depreciation		\$10,480
Repairs and Maintenance	\$23,500	
Telephone and Communication		\$7,000
Utilities		\$28,000
Food and Other Participant		\$12,000
Supports		
Other: Move Out		\$25,000
Furniture Replacement		\$4,274
Staff Travel		\$2,000
Insurance		\$3,000
<b>Subtotal Operating Expenses</b>		\$115,254
<b>Subtotal Personnel &amp; Operating E</b>	Expenses	\$289,000
Indirect Costs (12.45%)		\$36,000
<b>Total Contract Amount</b>		\$ 325,000

#### **EXHIBIT B-2: FISCAL MONITORING REPORT** Vendor Name: Bay Area Community Services Contract#: 03762 July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 Line Item FY Budget Budget Revised YTD % Used Current Contract Modificatio 2023/24 Modific Contract Paid Month Balance (YTD Approved n 1: Date ation 2: Budget Invoice Paid Invoice Contract mm/dd/yy Date Invoices S Budget mm/dd/ /Revised mm/yy Contract уу Budget) Personnel Staff Member 1 Staff Member 2 Staff Member 3 Staff Member 4 Benefits **Subtotal Personnel** \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ **Operating Expenses** Rent & Utilities Office Supplies & Materials Telephone/Communications Postage/Mailing Reproduction/Copying Travel Training/Conferences **Subtotal Operating Expenses** \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ Subcontractors Subcontractor 1 Subcontractor 2 \$ **Subtotal Subcontractors** \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ **Indirect Costs** Subtotal Indirect \$ \$ -\$ \$ \$ \$ **Grand Total Expenses** \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ -Total Budget Balance

## EXHIBIT C GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

#### 1. CLOSING OUT

- A. County will pay Contractor's final request for payment providing Contractor has paid all financial obligations undertaken pursuant to this Contract or any other contract and/or obligation that Contractor may have with the County. If Contractor has failed to pay any obligations outstanding, County will withhold from Contractor's final request for payment the amount of such outstanding financial obligations owed by Contractor. Contractor is responsible for County's receipt of a final request for payment 30 days after termination of this Contract.
- B. A final undisputed invoice shall be submitted for payment no later than ninety (90) calendar days following the expiration or termination of this Contract, unless a later or alternate deadline is agreed to in writing by the County. The final invoice must be clearly marked "FINAL INVOICE", thus indicating that all payment obligations of the County under this Contract have ceased and that no further payments are due or outstanding.
- C. The County may, at its discretion, choose not to honor any delinquent final invoice if the Contractor fails to obtain prior written approval of an alternate final invoice submission deadline. Written County approval for an alternate final invoice submission deadline shall be sought from the County prior to the expiration or termination of this Contract.

#### 2. TIME

Time is of the essence in all terms and conditions of this Contract.

## 3. TIME OF PERFORMANCE

Work will not begin, nor claims paid for services under this Contract until all Certificates of Insurance, business and professional licenses/certificates, IRS ID number, signed W-9 form, or other applicable licenses or certificates are on file with the County's Contract Manager.

#### 4. TERMINATION

- A. This Contract may be terminated by County or Contractor, at any time, with or without cause, upon 30 days' written notice from one to the other.
  - B. County may terminate this Contract immediately upon notice of Contractor's malfeasance.
- C. Following termination, County will reimburse Contractor for all expenditures made in good faith that are unpaid at the time of termination not to exceed the maximum amount payable under this Contract unless Contractor is in default of this Contract.

#### 5. SIGNATURE AUTHORITY

The parties executing this Contract certify that they have the proper authority to bind their respective entities to all terms and conditions set forth in this Contract.

#### 6. REPRESENTATIONS

- A. County relies upon Contractor's professional ability and training as a material inducement to enter into this Contract. Contractor represents that Contractor will perform the work according to generally accepted professional practices and standards and the requirements of applicable federal, state and local laws. County's acceptance of Contractor's work shall not constitute a waiver or release of Contractor from professional responsibility.
  - B. Contractor further represents that Contractor possesses current valid appropriate licensure,

including, but not limited to, driver's license, professional license, certificate of tax-exempt status, or permits, required to perform the work under this Contract.

## 7. Insurance

- A. Without limiting Contractor's obligation to indemnify County, Contractor must procure and maintain for the duration of the Contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work under this Contract and the results of that work by Contractor, Contractor's agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors.
- B. Minimum Scope of Insurance Coverage must be at least as broad as:
- (1) Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability coverage (occurrence Form CG  $00\,01$ ).
- (2) Insurance Services Office Form Number CA 00 01 covering Automobile Liability, Code 1 (any auto).
- (3) Workers' Compensation insurance as required by the State of California and Employer's Liability Insurance.
  - C. Minimum Limits of Insurance Contractor must maintain limits no less than:

(1) General Liability: (Including operations, products and completed operations.) per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage, or the full per occurrence limits of the policy, whichever is greater. If Commercial General Liability insurance or other form with a general aggregate limit is used, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.

(2) Automobile Liability: \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property

\$2,000,000

damage.

(3) Workers' Compensation: As required by the State of California.

(4) Employer's Liability: \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease.

D. Additional Insurance Coverage

To the extent coverage is applicable to Contractor's services under this Contract, Contractor must maintain the following insurance coverage:

(1) Cyber Liability: \$1,000,000 per incident with the aggregate limit twice the

required limit to cover the full replacement value of damage to, alteration of, loss of, or destruction of electronic data and/or information property of the County that will be in the care, custody or control of Contractor

under this Contract.

(2) Professional Liability: \$2,000,000 combined single limit per claim and in the

aggregate. The policy shall remain in full force and effect for no less than 5 years following the completion of work under this Contract.

E. If Contractor maintains higher limits than the minimums shown above, County is entitled to coverage for the higher limits maintained by Contractor. Any insurance proceeds in excess of the specified limits and coverage required, which are applicable to a given loss, shall be available to the County. No representation is made that the minimums shown above are sufficient to cover the indemnity or other obligations of the Contractor under this Contract.

#### F. Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by County. At the option of County, either:

- (1) The insurer will reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions with respect to County, its officers, officials, agents, employees and volunteers; or
- (2) Contractor must provide a financial guarantee satisfactory to County guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses.

#### G. Other Insurance Provisions

- (1) The general liability and automobile liability policies must contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:
- (a) The County of Solano, its officers, officials, agents, employees, and volunteers must be included as additional insureds with respect to liability arising out of automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by or on behalf of Contractor; and with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of Contractor including materials, parts or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General Liability coverage shall be provided in the form of an Additional Insured endorsement (CG 20 10 11 85 or both CG 20 10 and CG 20 37 if later ISO revisions are used or the equivalent) to Contractor's insurance policy, or as a separate owner's policy. The insurance afforded to the additional insureds shall be at least as broad as that afforded to the first named insured.
- (b) For any claims related to work performed under this Contract, Contractor's insurance coverage must be primary insurance with respect to the County of Solano, its officers, officials, agents, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance maintained by County, its officers, officials, agents, employees, or volunteers is excess of Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute to it.
- (2) If Contractor's services are technologically related, Professional Liability coverage shall include, but not be limited to claims involving infringement of intellectual property, copyright, trademark, invasion of privacy violations, information theft, release of private information, extortion and network security. The policy shall provide coverage for breach response costs as well as regulatory fines and penalties as well as credit monitoring expenses with limits sufficient to respond to such obligations. The policy shall also include, or be endorsed to include, property damage liability coverage for damage to, alteration of, loss of, or destruction of electronic data and/or information "property" of the County in the care, custody, or control of the Contractor. If not covered under the Contractor's Professional Liability policy, such "property" coverage of the County may be endorsed onto the Contractor's Cyber Liability Policy.
- (3) Should any of the above described policies be cancelled prior to the policies' expiration date, Contractor agrees that notice of cancellation will be delivered in accordance with the policy provisions.

#### H. Waiver of Subrogation

- (1) Contractor agrees to waive subrogation which any insurer of Contractor may acquire from Contractor by virtue of the payment of any loss. Contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to affect this waiver of subrogation.
- (2) The Workers' Compensation policy must be endorsed with a waiver of subrogation in favor of County for all work performed by Contractor, its employees, agents and subcontractors.

## I. Acceptability of Insurers

Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A:VII unless otherwise acceptable to County.

## J. Verification of Coverage

(1) Contractor must furnish County with original certificates and endorsements effecting coverage required by this Contract.

- (2) The endorsements should be on forms provided by County or, if on other than County's forms, must conform to County's requirements and be acceptable to County.
- (3) County must receive and approve all certificates and endorsements before work commences.
- (4) However, failure to provide the required certificates and endorsements shall not operate as a waiver of these insurance requirements.
- (5) County reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements affecting the coverage described above at any time.

#### 8. BEST EFFORTS

Contractor represents that Contractor will at all times faithfully, industriously and to the best of its ability, experience and talent, perform to County's reasonable satisfaction.

#### 9. **DEFAULT**

- A. If Contractor defaults in Contractor's performance, County shall promptly notify Contractor in writing. If Contractor fails to cure a default within 30 days after notification, or if the default requires more than 30 days to cure and Contractor fails to commence to cure the default within 30 days after notification, then Contractor's failure shall constitute cause for termination of this Contract.
- B. If Contractor fails to cure default within the specified period of time, County may elect to cure the default and any expense incurred shall be payable by Contractor to County. The contract may be terminated at County's sole discretion.
- C. If County serves Contractor with a notice of default and Contractor fails to cure the default, Contractor waives any further notice of termination of this Contract.
- D. If this Contract is terminated because of Contractor's default, County shall be entitled to recover from Contractor all damages allowed by law.

#### 10. INDEMNIFICATION

- A. Contractor will indemnify, hold harmless and assume the defense of the County of Solano, its officers, employees, agents and elective and appointive boards from all claims, losses, damages, including property damages, personal injury, death and liability of every kind, directly or indirectly arising from Contractor's operations or from any persons directly or indirectly employed by, or acting as agent for, Contractor, excepting the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the County of Solano. This indemnification shall extend to claims, losses, damages, injury and liability for injuries occurring after completion of Contractor's services, as well as during the progress of rendering such services.
- B. Acceptance of insurance required by this Contract does not relieve Contractor from liability under this indemnification clause. This indemnification clause shall apply to all damages or claims for damages suffered by Contractor's operations regardless if any insurance is applicable or not.

#### 11. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

- A. Contractor is an independent contractor and not an agent, officer or employee of County. The parties mutually understand that this Contract is between two independent contractors and is not intended to and shall not be construed to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture or association.
- B. Contractor shall have no claim against County for employee rights or benefits including, but not limited to, seniority, vacation time, vacation pay, sick leave, personal time off, overtime, medical, dental or hospital benefits, retirement benefits, Social Security, disability, Workers' Compensation, unemployment insurance benefits, civil service protection, disability retirement benefits, paid holidays or other paid leaves of absence.
  - C. Contractor is solely obligated to pay all applicable taxes, deductions and other obligations

including, but not limited to, federal and state income taxes, withholding, Social Security, unemployment, disability insurance, Workers' Compensation and Medicare payments.

- D. Contractor shall indemnify and hold County harmless from any liability which County may incur because of Contractor's failure to pay such obligations nor shall County be responsible for any employer-related costs not otherwise agreed to in advance between the County and Contractor.
- E. As an independent contractor, Contractor is not subject to the direction and control of County except as to the final result contracted for under this Contract. County may not require Contractor to change Contractor's manner of doing business, but may require redirection of efforts to fulfill this Contract.
- F. Contractor may provide services to others during the same period Contractor provides service to County under this Contract.
- G. Any third persons employed by Contractor shall be under Contractor's exclusive direction, supervision and control. Contractor shall determine all conditions of employment including hours, wages, working conditions, discipline, hiring and discharging or any other condition of employment.
- H. As an independent contractor, Contractor shall indemnify and hold County harmless from any claims that may be made against County based on any contention by a third party that an employer-employee relationship exists under this Contract.
- I. Contractor, with full knowledge and understanding of the foregoing, freely, knowingly, willingly and voluntarily waives the right to assert any claim to any right or benefit or term or condition of employment insofar as they may be related to or arise from compensation paid hereunder.

#### 12. RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONTRACTOR

- A. The parties understand and agree that Contractor possesses the requisite skills necessary to perform the work under this Contract and County relies upon such skills. Contractor pledges to perform the work skillfully and professionally. County's acceptance of Contractor's work does not constitute a release of Contractor from professional responsibility.
- B. Contractor verifies that Contractor has reviewed the scope of work to be performed under this Contract and agrees that in Contractor's professional judgment, the work can and shall be completed for costs within the maximum amount set forth in this Contract.
  - C. To fully comply with the terms and conditions of this Contract, Contractor shall:
- (1) Establish and maintain a system of accounts for budgeted funds that complies with generally accepted accounting principles for government agencies;
- (2) Document all costs by maintaining complete and accurate records of all financial transactions associated with this Contract, including, but not limited to, invoices and other official documentation that sufficiently support all charges under this Contract;
- (3) Submit monthly reimbursement claims for expenditures that directly benefit Solano County;
- (4) Be liable for repayment of any disallowed costs identified through quarterly reports, audits, monitoring or other sources; and
- (5) Retain financial, programmatic, client data and other service records for 3 years from the date of the end of the contract award or for 3 years from the date of termination, whichever is later.

#### 13. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW

- A. Contractor shall comply with all federal, state and local laws and regulations applicable to Contractor's performance, including, but not limited to, licensing, employment and purchasing practices, wages, hours and conditions of employment.
- B. To the extent federal funds are used in whole or in part to fund this Contract, Contractor specifically agrees to comply with Executive Order 11246 entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity", as amended and supplemented in Department of Labor regulations; the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (18 U.S.C. §874) and its implementing regulations (29 C.F.R. part 3); the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §7401 et seq.); the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §1251); and the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L. 94-

165).

C. Contractor represents that it will comply with the applicable cost principles and administrative requirements including claims for payment or reimbursement by County as set forth in 2 C.F.R. part 200, as currently enacted or as may be amended throughout the term of this Contract.

#### 14. CONFIDENTIALITY

- A. Contractor shall prevent unauthorized disclosure of names and other client-identifying information, except for statistical information not identifying a particular client receiving services under this Contract.
- B. Contractor shall not use client specific information for any purpose other than carrying out Contractor's obligations under this Contract.
- C. Contractor shall promptly transmit to County all requests for disclosure of confidential information.
- D. Except as otherwise permitted by this Contract or authorized by law, Contractor shall not disclose any confidential information to anyone other than the State of California without prior written authorization from County.
- E. For purposes of this section, identity shall include, but not be limited to, name, identifying number, symbol or other client identifying particulars, such as fingerprints, voice print or photograph. Client shall include individuals receiving services pursuant to this Contract.

#### 15. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- A. Contractor represents that Contractor and/or Contractor's employees and/or their immediate families and/or Board of Directors and/or officers have no interest, including, but not limited to, other projects or independent contracts, and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, including separate contracts for the work to be performed hereunder, which conflicts with the rendering of services under this Contract. Contractor shall employ or retain no such person while rendering services under this Contract. Services rendered by Contractor's associates or employees shall not relieve Contractor from personal responsibility under this clause.
- B. Contractor has an affirmative duty to disclose to County in writing the name(s) of any person(s) who have an actual, potential or apparent conflict of interest.

#### 16. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE

Contractor represents that Contractor is knowledgeable of Government Code section 8350 et seq., regarding a drug free workplace and shall abide by and implement its statutory requirements.

## 17. HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS

Contractor shall abide by all health and safety standards set forth by the State of California and/or the County of Solano pursuant to the Injury and Illness Prevention Program. If applicable, Contractor must receive all health and safety information and training from County.

#### 18. CHILD/ADULT ABUSE

If services pursuant to this Contract will be provided to children and/or elder adults, Contractor represents that Contractor is knowledgeable of the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act (Penal Code section 11164 et seq.) and the Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act (Welfare and Institutions Code section 15600 et seq.) requiring reporting of suspected abuse.

#### 19. INSPECTION

Authorized representatives of County, the State of California and/or the federal government may

inspect and/or audit Contractor's performance, place of business and/or records pertaining to this Contract.

#### 20. Nondiscrimination

- A. In rendering services under this Contract, Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations and shall not discriminate based on age, ancestry, color, gender, marital status, medical condition, national origin, physical or mental disability, race, religion, sexual orientation, or other protected status.
- B. Further, Contractor shall not discriminate against its employees, which includes, but is not limited to, employment upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

#### 21. SUBCONTRACTOR AND ASSIGNMENT

- A. Services under this Contract are deemed to be personal services.
- B. Subject to any required state or federal approval, Contractor shall not subcontract any work under this Contract without the prior written consent of the County's Contract Manager nor assign this Contract or monies due without the prior written approval of the County's applicable Department Head or his or her designee and the County Administrator.
- C. If County consents to the use of subcontractors, Contractor shall require and verify that its subcontractors maintain insurance meeting all the requirements stated in Section 7 above.
- D. Assignment by Contractor of any monies due shall not constitute an assignment of the Contract.

#### 22. UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

Contractor is not responsible for any delay caused by natural disaster, war, civil disturbance, labor dispute or other cause beyond Contractor's reasonable control, provided Contractor gives written notice to County of the cause of the delay within 10 days of the start of the delay.

#### 23. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

- A. County shall be the owner of and shall be entitled to possession of any computations, plans, correspondence or other pertinent data and information gathered by or computed by Contractor prior to termination of this Contract by County or upon completion of the work pursuant to this Contract.
- B. No material prepared in connection with the project shall be subject to copyright in the United States or in any other country.

## 24. NOTICE

- A. Any notice necessary to the performance of this Contract shall be given in writing by personal delivery or by prepaid first-class mail addressed as stated on the first page of this Contract.
- B. If notice is given by personal delivery, notice is effective as of the date of personal delivery. If notice is given by mail, notice is effective as of the day following the date of mailing or the date of delivery reflected upon a return receipt, whichever occurs first.

#### 25. Nonrenewal

Contractor acknowledges that there is no guarantee that County will renew Contractor's services under a new contract following expiration or termination of this Contract. Contractor waives all rights to notice of non-renewal of Contractor's services.

## 26. COUNTY'S OBLIGATION SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

- A. The County's obligation under this Contract is subject to the availability of authorized funds. The County may terminate the Contract, or any part of the Contract work, without prejudice to any right or remedy of the County, for lack of appropriation of funds. If expected or actual funding is withdrawn, reduced or limited in any way prior to the expiration date set forth in this Contract, or any subsequent amendment, the County may, upon written Notice to the Contractor, terminate this Contract in whole or in part.
- B. Payment shall not exceed the amount allowable for appropriation by the Board of Supervisors. If the Contract is terminated for non-appropriation of funds:
- (1) The County will be liable only for payment in accordance with the terms of this Contract for services rendered prior to the effective date of termination; and
- (2) The Contractor shall be released from any obligation to provide further services pursuant to this Contract that are affected by the termination.
- C. Funding for this Contract beyond the current appropriation year is conditional upon appropriation by the Board of Supervisors of sufficient funds to support the activities described in this Contract. Should such an appropriation not be approved, this Contract will terminate at the close of the current appropriation year.
- D. This Contract is void and unenforceable if all or parts of federal or state funds applicable to this Contract are not available to County. If applicable funding is reduced, County may either:
  - (1) Cancel this Contract; or,
  - (2) Offer a contract amendment reflecting the reduced funding.

#### 27. CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

- A. County may request changes in Contractor's scope of services. Any mutually agreed upon changes, including any increase or decrease in the amount of Contractor's compensation, shall be effective when incorporated in written amendments to this Contract.
- B. The party desiring the revision shall request amendments to the terms and conditions of this Contract in writing. Any adjustment to this Contract shall be effective only upon the parties' mutual execution of an amendment in writing.
- C. No verbal agreements or conversations prior to execution of this Contract or requested amendment shall affect or modify any of the terms or conditions of this Contract unless reduced to writing according to the applicable provisions of this Contract.

#### 28. CHOICE OF LAW

The parties have executed and delivered this Contract in the County of Solano, State of California. The laws of the State of California shall govern the validity, enforceability or interpretation of this Contract. Solano County shall be the venue for any action or proceeding, in law or equity that may be brought in connection with this Contract.

## 29. HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Contractor represents that it is knowledgeable of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") and its implementing regulations issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (45 C.F.R. parts 160-64) regarding the protection of health information obtained, created, or exchanged as a result of this Contract and shall abide by and implement its statutory requirements.

## 30. WAIVER

Any failure of a party to assert any right under this Contract shall not constitute a waiver or a termination of that right, under this Contract or any of its provisions.

#### 31. CONFLICTS IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

The Contract documents are intended to be complementary and interpreted in harmony so as to avoid conflict. In the event of conflict in the Contract documents, the parties agree that the document providing the highest quality and level of service to the County shall supersede any inconsistent term in these documents.

#### 32. FAITH BASED ORGANIZATIONS

- A. Contractor agrees and acknowledges that County may make funds available for programs or services affiliated with religious organizations under the following conditions: (a) the funds are made available on an equal basis as for programs or services affiliated with non-religious organizations; (b) the program funded does not have the substantial effect of supporting religious activities; (c) the funding is indirect, remote, or incidental to the religious purpose of the organization; and (d) the organization complies with the terms and conditions of this Contract.
- B. Contractor agrees and acknowledges that County may not make funds available for programs or services affiliated with a religious organization (a) that has denied or continues to deny access to services on the basis of any protected class; (b) will use the funds for a religious purpose; (c) will use the funds for a program or service that subjects its participants to religious education.
- C. Contractor agrees and acknowledges that all recipients of funding from County must: (a) comply with all legal requirements and restrictions imposed upon government-funded activities set forth in Article IX, section 8 and Article XVI, section 5 of the California Constitution and in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution; and (b) segregate such funding from all funding used for religious purposes.

## 33. PRICING

Should Contractor, at any time during the term of this Contract, provide the same goods or services under similar quantity, terms and conditions to one or more counties in the State of California at prices below those set forth in this Contract, then the parties agree to amend this Contract so that such lower prices shall be extended immediately to County for all future services.

#### 34. USE OF PROVISIONS, TERMS, CONDITIONS AND PRICING BY OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES

Contractor and County agree that the terms of this Contract may be extended to any other public agency located in the State of California, as provided for in this section. Another public agency wishing to use the provisions, terms, and pricing of this Contract to contract for equipment and services comparable to that described in this Contract shall be responsible for entering into its own contract with Contractor, as well as providing for its own payment provisions, making all payments, and obtaining any certificates of insurance and bonds that may be required. County is not responsible for providing to any other public agency any documentation relating this Contract or its implementation. Any public agency that uses provisions, terms, or pricing of this Contract shall by virtue of doing so be deemed to indemnify and hold harmless County from all claims, demands, or causes of actions of every kind arising directly or indirectly with the use of this Contract. County makes no guarantee of usage by other users of this Contract nor shall the County incur any financial responsibility in connection with any contracts entered into by another public agency. Such other public agency shall accept sole responsibility for placing orders and making payments to Contractor.

#### 35. DISBARMENT OR SUSPENSION OF CONTRACTOR

A. Contractor represents that its officers, directors and employees (i) are not currently excluded, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in a federally funded program; (ii) have not been

convicted of a criminal offense related to the provision of federally funded items or services nor has been previously excluded, debarred, or otherwise declared ineligible to participate in any federally funded programs, and (iii) are not, to the best of its knowledge, under investigation or otherwise aware of any circumstances which may result in Contractor being excluded from participation in federally funded programs.

- B. For purposes of this Contract, federally funded programs include any federal health program as defined in 42 USC § 1320a-7b(f) (the "Federal Healthcare Programs") or any state healthcare programs.
- C. This representation and warranty shall be an ongoing representation and warranty during the term of this Contract and Contractor must immediately notify the County of any change in the status of the representation and warranty set forth in this section.
- D. If services pursuant to this Contract involve federally-funded programs, Contractor agrees to provide certification of non-suspension with submission of each invoice. Failure to submit certification with invoices will result in a delay in County processing Contractor's payment.

#### **36.** EXECUTION IN COUNTERPARTS

This Contract may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which together shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument, it being understood that all parties need not sign the same counterpart. In the event that any signature is delivered by facsimile or electronic transmission (e.g., by e-mail delivery of a ".pdf" format data file), such signature shall create a valid and binding obligation of the party executing (or on whose behalf such signature is executed) with the same force and effect as if such facsimile or electronic signature page were an original signature.

#### 37. LOCAL EMPLOYMENT POLICY

Solano County desires, whenever possible, to hire qualified local residents to work on County projects. A local resident is defined as a person who resides in, or a business that is located in, Solano County. The County encourages an active outreach program on the part of its contractors, consultants and agents. When local projects require subcontractors, Contractor shall solicit proposals for qualified local residents where possible.

#### 38. ENTIRE CONTRACT

This Contract, including any exhibits referenced, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and there are no inducements, promises, terms, conditions or obligations made or entered into by County or Contractor other than those contained in it.

## EXHIBIT D SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## 1. CONTRACT EXTENSION

Notwithstanding Sections 2 and 3 of the Standard Contract, and unless terminated by either party prior to contract termination date, at County's sole election, this Contract may be extended for up to 90 days beyond the contract termination date to allow for continuation of services and sufficient time to complete a novation or renewal contract. In the event that this Contract is extended, compensation for the extension period shall not exceed \$81,250.

#### 2. SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONTRACTOR

Contractor will:

- A. If Contract is a non-profit organization, submit verification.
- B. Adhere to the same restrictions and conditions set forth in the most current DHCS Privacy and Security Agreement, between the Department of Health Care Services and the County, in addition to the Social Security Administration Guidelines and Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Guidelines as currently enacted or amended throughout the term of this Contract. A copy of the Agreement and Guidelines will be provided to the designated Privacy/Security Officer of the Contractor by the County.
- C. Adhere to the same restrictions and conditions set for in the most current CDSS Privacy and Security Agreement, between the California Department of Social Services and the County, in addition to the Social Security Administration Guidelines and Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Guidelines as currently enacted or amended throughout the term of this Contract. A copy of the Agreement and Guidelines will be provided to the designated Privacy/Security Officer of the Contractor by the County.

Please note the Social Security Administration Guidelines and Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Guidelines documents are highly sensitive and confidential. Only the designated Privacy/Security Officer of the Contractor will receive these documents, and disclosure will be limited to the appropriate parties involved with Medi-Cal Personally Identifiable Information (PII). These documents are not public and will not be published on any website accessible by or otherwise made available to the public.

## 3. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE

Contractor shall execute the form attached as Exhibit D-1.

### 4. CHILD/ADULT ABUSE

Contractor shall execute the forms attached as Exhibits D-2 and D-3.

#### 5. HIPAA CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT

Contractor shall execute the form attached as Exhibit D-4

#### 6. NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION

Contractor is required to conduct active voter registration activities if practical. Voter registration activities shall be conducted in accordance with Health and Social Services Department, Mental Health Policy Number 24.0, National Voters Registration Act of 1993. Contractor shall complete the Voter Registration Act (VRA) Certification Form attached as Exhibit D-5, indicating that voter registration activities are actively conducted.

# SOLANO COUNTY **DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION**

(rev-09/01/94)

<b>Bay Area Community Services</b>	Bay A	rea	Commui	nity	Ser	vices
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Contractor certifies compliance with Government Code section 8355 in matters relating to providing a drug-free workplace. Contractor will:

- 1. Publish a statement notifying employees that unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited and specifying actions to be taken against employees for violations, as required by Government Code section 8355(a).
- 2. Establish a Drug-Free Awareness Program as required by Government Code section 8355(b), to inform employees about all of the following:
  - (a.) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
  - (b.) The person's or organization's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
  - (c.) Any available counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs; and
  - (d.) Penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
- 3. Provide, as required by Government Code section 8355(c), that every employee who works on the proposed contract or grant:
  - (a.) Will receive a copy of the company's drug-free policy statement; and
  - (b.) Will agree to abide by the terms of the company's statement as a condition of employment on the contract or grant.

## **CERTIFICATION**

	am duly authorized legally to bind the Contract Employee to the tware that this certification, executed on the date and in the county under the laws of the State of California.
Contractor Employee Signature	Date

## **CHILD ABUSE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Section 11166 of the Penal Code requires any child care custodian, medical practitioner, non-medical practitioner, or employee of a child protective agency who has knowledge of; or observes a child in his or her professional capacity or within the scope of his or her employment, whom he or she knows or reasonably suspects, has been the victim of a child abuse to report the known or suspected instance of child abuse to a child protective agency immediately or as soon as practically possible by telephone, and to prepare and send a written report thereof within 36 hours of receiving the information concerning the incident.

A full copy of Penal Code section 11166 has been provided to me.

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the requirements of Penal Code section 11166 and will comply with its provisions.

Signature:			
Date:			

## ADULT ABUSE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Welfare and Institutions Code section 15630 and following:

The undersigned, having read the statement below, signifies knowledge and understanding of its provisions: Section 15630 of the Welfare and Institutions Code requires any care custodian, health practitioner, or employee of an adult protective services agency or a local law enforcement agency who has knowledge of, or observes a dependent adult, in his or her professional capacity or within the scope of his or her employment who he or she knows has been the victim of physical abuse, or who has injuries under circumstances which are consistent with abuse where the dependent adult's statements indicate, or in the case of a person with developmental disabilities, where his or her statements or other corroborating evidence indicates that abuse has occurred, to report the known or suspected instance of <u>physical abuse to an adult protective services</u> or a <u>local law enforcement agency immediately</u> or as soon as practically possible <u>by telephone</u> and to prepare and send a written report, thereof, within 36 hours of receiving the information concerning the incident.

"Care Custodian" means an administrator or an employee of any of the following public or private facilities:

1.	Health facility	12.	Licensing worker or evaluator
2.	Clinic	13.	Public assistance worker
3.	Home health agency	14.	Adult protective services agency
4.	Educational institution	15.	Patient's rights advocate
5.	Sheltered workshop	16.	Nursing home ombudsman
6.	Camp	17.	Legal guardian or conservator
7.	Respite care facility	18.	Skilled nursing facility
8.	Residential care institution	19.	Intermediate care facility
	including foster homes and	20.	Local Law enforcement agency
	group homes	21.	Any other person who provides
9.	Community care facility		goods or services necessary to
10.	Adult day care facility,		avoid physical harm or mental
	including adult day health		suffering and who performs duties
	care facilities		
11.	Regional center for persons		
	with developmental disabilities		

"Health Practitioner" means a physician, surgeon, psychiatrist, psychologist, dentist, resident, intern, podiatrist, chiropractor, licensed nurse, dental hygienist, marriage, family and child counselor or any other person who is currently licensed under Division 2 (commencing with Section 500) of the Business and Professions Code, any emergency medical technician I or II, paramedic, a person certified pursuant to Division 2.5 (commencing with Section 1797) of the Health and Safety Code, or psychological assistant registered pursuant to Section 2913 of the Business and Professions Code, a marriage, family and child counselor trainee, as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 4980.03 of the Business and Professions Code, a state or county public health employee who treats a dependent adult for any condition, a coroner, or a religious practitioner who diagnoses, examines, or treats dependent adults.

I certify that a full copy of Welfare and Institutions Code section 15630 and following has been provided to me, and I have read and understand the above statement and will comply with its provisions.

Signature:					
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Date:					

## SOLANO COUNTY HIPAA CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT

## **Bay Area Community Services**

This Exhibit will constitute the Business Associate Agreement (the "Agreement") between the County of Solano (the "County") and the Contractor (the "Contractor") and applies to the functions Contractor will perform on behalf of the County (collectively, "Services"), that is identified in Exhibit A, Scope of Work.

- A. County wishes to disclose certain information to Contractor pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, some of which may constitute Protected Health Information ("PHI") (defined below).
- B. County and its Contractor acknowledge that Contractor is subject to the Privacy and Security Rules (45 CFR parts 160 and 164) promulgated by the United States Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), Public Law 104-191 as amended by the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act as set forth in Title XIII of Division A and Title IV of Division B of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("HITECH Act), in certain aspects of its operations performed on behalf of the County.
- C. As part of the HIPAA Regulations, the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule (defined below) require County to enter into an Agreement containing specific requirements with Contractor prior to the disclosure of PHI, as set forth in, but not limited to, Title 45, sections 164.314(a), 164.502(e) and 164.504(e) of the Code of Federal Regulations ("C.F.R.") and contained in this Agreement.

## I. **DEFINITIONS**

Terms used, but not otherwise defined, in this Agreement will have the same meaning as those terms in 45 CFR parts 160 and 164.

- 1. **Breach** means the same as defined under the HITECH Act [42 U.S.C. section 17921].
- 2. **Contractor** means the same as defined under the Privacy Rule, the Security rule, and the HITECH Act, including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. section 17938 and 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.
- 3. **Breach of the Security of the Information System** means the unauthorized acquisition, including, but not limited to, access to, use, disclosure, modification or destruction, of unencrypted computerized data that materially compromises the security, confidentiality, or integrity of personal information maintained by or on behalf of the County. Good faith acquisition of personal information by an employee or agent of the information holder for the purposes of the information holder is not a breach of the security of the system; provided, that the personal information is not used or subject to further unauthorized disclosure.
- 4. **Commercial Use** means obtaining protected health information with the intent to sell, transfer or use it for commercial, or personal gain, or malicious harm; sale to third party for consumption,

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resale, or processing for resale; application or conversion of data to make a profit or obtain a benefit contrary to the intent of this Agreement.

- 5. **Covered Entity means the same as defined** under the Privacy Rule and the Security rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.
- 6. Designated Record Set means the same as defined in 45 C.F.R. § 164.501.
- 7. Electronic Protected Health Information (ePHI) means the same as defined in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.
- 8. **Electronic Health Record means the same as defined** will have the meaning given to such term in the HITECH Act, including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. § 17921.
- 9. **Encryption** means the process using publicly known algorithms to convert plain text and other data into a form intended to protect the data from being able to be converted back to the original plain text by known technological means.
- 10. Health Care Operations means the same as defined in 45 C.F.R. § 164.501.
- 11. **Individual means the same as defined** in 45 CFR § 160.103 and will include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 CFR § 164.502(g).
- 12. **Marketing means the same as defined** under 45 CFR § 164.501 and the act or process of promoting, selling, leasing or licensing any patient information or data for profit without the express written permission of County.
- 13. **Privacy Officer means the same as defined** in 45 C.F.R. § 164.530(a)(1). The Privacy Officer is the official designated by a County or Contractor to be responsible for compliance with HIPAA/HITECH regulations.
- 14. **Privacy Rule** means the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 CFR parts 160 and t 164, subparts A and E.
- 15. **Protected Health Information or PHI** means any information, whether oral or recorded in any form or medium: (i) that relates to the past, present or future physical or mental condition of an individual; the provision of health care to an individual; or the past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual; and (ii) that identifies the individual or with respect to which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify the individual, and will have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. § 164.501. Protected Health Information includes Electronic Protected Health Information [45 C.F.R. §§ 160.103 and 164.501].
- 16. Required By Law means the same as defined in 45 CFR § 164.103.
- 17. **Security Rule** means the HIPAA Regulation that is codified at 45 C.F.R. parts 160 and 164, subparts A and C.
- 18. **Security Incident** means the attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of information or interference with system operations in an information system.

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- 19. **Security Event** means an immediately reportable subset of security incidents which incident would include:
  - a suspected penetration of Contractor's information system of which the Contractor becomes aware of but for which it is not able to verify immediately upon becoming aware of the suspected incident that PHI was not accessed, stolen, used, disclosed, modified, or destroyed;
  - b. any indication, evidence, or other security documentation that the Contractor's network resources, including, but not limited to, software, network routers, firewalls, database and application servers, intrusion detection systems or other security appliances, may have been damaged, modified, taken over by proxy, or otherwise compromised, for which Contractor cannot refute the indication of the time the Contractor became aware of such indication;
  - c. a breach of the security of the Contractor's information system(s) by unauthorized acquisition, including, but not limited to, access to or use, disclosure, modification or destruction, of unencrypted computerized data and which incident materially compromises the security, confidentiality, or integrity of the PHI; and or,
  - d. the unauthorized acquisition, including but not limited to access to or use, disclosure, modification or destruction, of unencrypted PHI or other confidential information of the County by an employee or authorized user of Contractor's system(s) which materially compromises the security, confidentiality, or integrity of PHI or other confidential information of the County.

If data acquired (including but not limited to access to or use, disclosure, modification or destruction of such data) is in encrypted format but the decryption key which would allow the decoding of the data is also taken, the parties will treat the acquisition as a breach for purposes of determining appropriate response.

- 20. **Security Rule** means the Security Standards for the Protection of Electronic Protected Health Information at 45 CFR parts 160 and 164, subparts A and C.
- 21. **Unsecured PHI** means protected health information that is not rendered unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals through the use of a technology or methodology specified by the Secretary. Unsecured PHI will have the meaning given to such term under the HITECH Act and any guidance issued pursuant to such Act including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. section 17932(h).

#### II. OBLIGATIONS OF CONTRACTOR

1. <u>Compliance with the Privacy Rule</u>: Contractor agrees to fully comply with the requirements under the Privacy Rule applicable to "Business Associates" as defined in the Privacy Rule and

not use or further disclose Protected Health Information other than as permitted or required by this agreement or as required by law.

- 2. <u>Compliance with the Security Rule:</u> Contractor agrees to fully comply with the requirements under the Security Rule applicable to "Business Associates" as defined in the Security Rule.
- 3. <u>Compliance with the HITECH Act</u>: Contractor hereby acknowledges and agrees it will comply with the HITECH provisions as proscribed in the HITECH Act.

## III. USES AND DISCLOSURES

Contractor will not use Protected Health Information except for the purpose of performing Contractor's obligations under the Contract and as permitted by the Contract and this Agreement. Further, Contractor will not use Protected Health Information in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy Rule or the HITECH Act if so used by County. Contractor may use Protected Health Information:

- a. For functions, activities, and services for or on the Covered Entities' behalf for purposes specified in the Contract and this Agreement.
- b. As authorized for Contractor's management, administrative or legal responsibilities as a Contractor of the County. The uses and disclosures of PHI may not exceed the limitations applicable to the County;
- c. As required by law.
- d. To provide Data Aggregation services to the County as permitted by 45 CFR § 164.504(e)(2)(i)(B).
- e. To report violations of law to appropriate Federal and State authorities, consistent with CFR § 164.502(j)(1).
- 1. Any use of Protected Health Information by Contractor, its agents, or subcontractors, other than those purposes of the Agreement, will require the express written authorization by the County and a Business Associate Agreement or amendment as necessary.
- 2. Contractor will not disclose Protect Health Information to a health plan for payment or health care operations if the patient has requested this restriction and has paid out of pocket in full for the health care item or service to which the Protected Health information relates.
- 3. Contractor will not directly or indirectly receive remuneration in exchange for Protected Health Information, except with the prior written consent of County and as permitted by the HITECH Act, 42 U.S.C. section 17935(d)(2); however, this prohibition will not affect payment by the County to Contractor for services provided pursuant to the Contract.
- 4. Contractor will not use or disclosed Protected Health Information for prohibited activities including, but not limited to, marketing or fundraising purposes.
- 5. Contractor agrees to adequately and properly maintain all Protected Health Information received from, or created, on behalf of County.
- 6. If Contractor discloses Protected Health Information to a third party, Contractor must obtain, prior to making any such disclosure, i) reasonable written assurances from such third party that

such Protected Health Information will be held confidential as provided pursuant to this Agreement and only disclosed as required by law or for the purposes for which it was disclosed to such third party, and (ii) a *written* agreement from such third party to immediately notify Contractor of any breaches of confidentiality of the Protected Health Information, to the extent it has obtained knowledge of such breach [42 U.S.C. section 17932; 45 C.F.R. §§ 164.504(e)(2)(i), 164.504(e)(2)(i)(B), 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(A) and 164.504(e)(4)(ii)].

#### IV. MINIMUM NECESSARY

Contractor (and its agents or subcontractors) will request, use and disclose only the minimum amount of Protected Health necessary to accomplish the purpose of the request, use or disclosure. [42 U.S.C. section 17935(b); 45 C.F.R. § 164.514(d)(3)]. Contractor understands and agrees that the definition of "minimum necessary" is in flux and will keep itself informed of guidance issued by the Secretary with respect to what constitutes "minimum necessary."

## V. APPROPRIATE SAFEGUARDS

- 1. Contractor will implement appropriate safeguards as are necessary to prevent the use or disclosure of Protected Health Information otherwise than as permitted by this Agreement, including, but not limited to, administrative, physical and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of the Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308, 164.310, and 164.312. [45 C.F.R. § 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(B); 45 C.F.R. § 164.308(b)]. Contractor will comply with the policies and procedures and documentation requirements of the HIPAA Security Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. § 164.316. [42 U.S.C. section 17931].
- 2. Contractor agrees to comply with Subpart 45 CFR part 164 with respect to Electronic Protected Health Information (ePHI). Contractor must secure all Electronic Protected Health Information by technological means that render such information unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals and in accordance with the National Institute of Standards Technology (NIST) Standards and Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) as applicable.
- 3. Contractor agrees that destruction of Protected Health Information on paper, film, or other hard copy media must involve either cross cut shredding or otherwise destroying the Protected Health Information so that it cannot be read or reconstructed.
- 4. Should any employee or subcontractor of Contractor have direct, authorized access to computer systems of the County that contain Protected Health Information, Contractor will immediately notify County of any change of such personnel (e.g. employee or subcontractor termination, or change in assignment where such access is no longer necessary) in order for County to disable previously authorized access.

#### VI. AGENT AND SUBCONTRACTOR'S OF CONTRACTOR

1. Contractor will ensure that any agents and subcontractors to whom it provides Protected Health Information, agree in writing to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to Contractor with

- respect to such PHI and implement the safeguards required with respect to Electronic PHI [45 C.F.R. § 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(D) and 45 C.F.R. § 164.308(b)].
- 2. Contractor will implement and maintain sanctions against agents and subcontractors that violate such restrictions and conditions and will mitigate the effects of any such violation (see 45 C.F.R. §§ 164.530(f) and 164.530(e)(I)).

## VII. ACCESS TO PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

- 1. If Contractor receives Protected Health Information from the County in a Designated Record Set, Contractor agrees to provide access to Protected Health Information in a Designated Record Set to the County in order to meet its requirements under 45 C.F.R. § 164.524.
- 2. Contractor will make Protected Health Information maintained by Contractor or its agents or subcontractors in Designated Record Sets available to County for inspection and copying within five (5) days of a request by County to enable County to fulfill its obligations under state law, [Health and Safety Code section 123110] the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. § 164.524 [45 C.F.R. § 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(E)]. If Contractor maintains an Electronic Health Record, Contractor will provide such information in electronic format to enable County to fulfill its obligations under the HITECH Act, including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. section 17935(e).
- 3. If Contractor receives a request from an Individual for a copy of the individual's Protected Health Information, and the Protected Health Information is in the sole possession of the Contractor, Contractor will provide the requested copies to the individual in a timely manner. If Contractor receives a request for Protected Health Information not in its possession and in the possession of the County, or receives a request to exercise other individual rights as set forth in the Privacy Rule, Contractor will promptly forward the request to the County. Contractor will then assist County as necessary in responding to the request in a timely manner. If a Contractor provides copies of Protected Health Information to the individual, it may charge a reasonable fee for the copies as the regulations will permit.
- 4. Contractor will provide copies of HIPAA Privacy and Security Training records and HIPAA policies and procedures within five (5) calendar days upon request from the County.

#### VIII. AMENDMENT OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

Upon receipt of notice from County, promptly amend or permit the County access to amend any portion of Protected Health Information in the designated record set which Contractor created for or received from the County so that the county may meet its amendment obligations under 45 CFR § 164.526. If any individual requests an amendment of Protected Information directly from Contractor or its agents or subcontractors, Contractor must notify the County in writing within five (5) days of the request. Any approval or denial of amendment of Protected Information maintained by Contractor or its agents or subcontractors will be the responsibility of the County [45 C.F.R. § 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(F)].

#### IX. ACCOUNTING OF DISCLOSURES

1. At the request of the County, and in the time and manner designed by the County, Contractor and its agents or subcontractors will make available to the County, the information required to provide an accounting of disclosures to enable the County to fulfill its obligations under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. § 164.528, and the HITECH Act, including but not limited to 42 U.S.C. § 17935. Contractor agrees to implement a process that allows for an accounting to be collected and maintained by the Contractor and its agents or subcontractors for at least six (6) years prior to the request. However, accounting of disclosures from an Electronic Health Record for treatment, payment or health care operations purposes are required to be

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- collected and maintained for only three (3) years prior to the request, and only to the extent that Contractor maintains an electronic health record and is subject to this requirement.
- 2. At a minimum, the information collected and maintained will include: (i) the date of disclosure; (ii) the name of the entity or person who received Protected Health Information and, if known, the address of the entity or person; (iii) a brief description of Protected Information disclosed; and (iv) a brief statement of purpose of the disclosure that reasonably informs the individual of the basis for the disclosure, or a copy of the individual's authorization, or a copy of the written request for disclosure.
- 3. In the event that the request for an accounting is delivered directly to Contractor or its agents or subcontractors, Contractor will forward within five (5) calendar days a written copy of the request to the County. It will be the County's responsibility to prepare and deliver any such accounting requested. Contractor will not disclose any Protected Information except as set forth in this Agreement [45 C.F.R. §§ 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(G) and 165.528]. The provisions of this paragraph will survive the termination of this Agreement.

## X. GOVERNMENTAL ACCESS TO RECORDS

Contractor will make its internal practices, books and records relating to its use and disclosure of the protected health information it creates for or receives from the County, available to the County and to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human for purposes of determining Contractors compliance with the Privacy rule [45 C.F.R. § 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(H)]. Contractor will provide to the County a copy of any Protected Health Information that Contractor provides to the Secretary concurrently with providing such Protected Information to the Secretary.

#### XI. CERTIFICATION

To the extent that the County determines that such examination is necessary to comply with the Contractor's legal obligations pursuant to HIPAA relating to certification of its security practices, County, or its authorized agents or contractors may, at the County's expense, examine Contractor's facilities, systems, procedures and records as may be necessary for such agents or contractors to certify to County the extent to which Contractor's security safeguards comply with HIPAA Regulations, the HITECH Act, or this Agreement.

## XII. BREACH OF UNSECURED PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

- 1. In the case of a breach of unsecured Protected Health Information, Contractor will comply with the applicable provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 17932 and 45 C.F.R. part 164, subpart D, including but not limited to 45 C.F.R. § 164.410.
- 2. Contractor agrees to notify County of any access, use or disclosure of Protected Health Information not permitted or provided for by this Agreement of which it becomes aware, including any breach as required in 45 45 C.F.R. § 164.410. or security incident immediately upon discovery by telephone at 707-784-3198 and <a href="https://hexample.com/hexampl

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Contractor will also provide to County any other available information that the Covered entity requests.

- 3. A breach or unauthorized access, use or disclosure will be treated as discovered by the Contractor on the first day on which such unauthorized access, use, or disclosure is known, or should reasonably have been known, to the Contractor or to any person, other than the individual committing the unauthorized disclosure, that is an employee, officer, subcontractor, agent or other representative of the Contractor.
- 4. Contractor will mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that results from a breach, security incident, or unauthorized access, use or disclosure of unsecured Protected Health Information by Contractor or its employees, officers, subcontractors, agents or representatives.
- 5. Following a breach, security incident, or any unauthorized access, use or disclosure of unsecured Protected Health Information, Contractor agrees to take any and all corrective action necessary to prevent recurrence, to document any such action, and to make all documentation available to the County.
- 6. Except as provided by law, Contractor agrees that it will not inform any third party of a breach or unauthorized access, use or disclosure of Unsecured Projected Health Information without obtaining the County's prior written consent. County hereby reserves the sole right to determine whether and how such notice is to be provided to any individuals, regulatory agencies, or others as may be required by law, regulation or contract terms, as well as the contents of such notice. When applicable law requires the breach to be reported to a federal or state agency or that notice be given to media outlets, Contractor will cooperate with and coordinate with County to ensure such reporting is in compliance with applicable law and to prevent duplicate reporting, and to determine responsibilities for reporting.
- 7. Contractor acknowledges that it is required to comply with the referenced rules and regulations and that Contractor (including its subcontractors) may be held liable and subject to penalties for failure to comply.
- 8. In meeting its obligations under this Agreement, it is understood that Contractor is not acting as the County's agent. In performance of the work, duties, and obligations and in the exercise of the rights granted under this Agreement, it is understood and agreed that Contractor is at all times acting an independent contractor in providing services pursuant to this Agreement and Exhibit A, Scope of Work.

## XIII. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

- 1. Upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, Contractor will return or destroy, at County's sole discretion, all other Protected Health Information received from the County, or created or received by Contractor on behalf of the County.
- 2. Contractor will retain no copies of Protected Health Information in possession of subcontractors or agents of Contractor.

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- 3. Contractor will provide the County notification of the conditions that make return or destruction not feasible, in the event that Contractor determines that returning or destroying the PHI is not feasible. If the County agrees that the return of the Protected Health Information is not feasible, Contractor will extend the protections of this Agreement to such Protected Health Information and limit further use and disclosures of such Protected Health Information for so long as the Contractor or any of its agents or subcontractor maintains such information.
- 4. Contractor agrees to amend this Exhibit as necessary to comply with any newly enacted or issued state or federal law, rule, regulation or policy, or any judicial or administrative decision affecting the use or disclosure of Protected Health Information.
- 5. Contractor agrees to retain records, minus any Protected Health Information required to be returned by the above section, for a period of at least 7 years following termination of the Agreement. The determining date for retention of records will be the last date of encounter, transaction, event, or creation of the record.

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I certify that I am duly authorized legally to bind the Contractor to the above-described certification.	I am
fully aware that this certification is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of	
California.	

Contractor Signature		

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## NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT (NVRA) OF 1993

Company/Organization Name **Bay Area Community Services** 

## SOLANO COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS (SCMHP):

**UNDER CONTRACT WITH** Solano County Health and Social Services Department (Mental Health Services).

The contractor or grant recipient named above certifies compliance with the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) of 1993 in matters relating to providing a voter registration services to any and all participants who utilize mental health services in the County of Solano.

The above named contractor will:

- 1. Publish a statement notifying employees that they shall comply with the implementation of a voter registration services as defined in the Solano County Health and Social Services Policies and Procedures Manual.
- 2. Establish a Voter Registration Program as required by the Solano County Health and Social Services Department, Mental Health Services, and
- 3. Provide, as required by NVRA, information and data as requested by the Solano County Health and Social Services Department for compliance with the Department of Mental Health (DMH) Information Notices and Implementation audits.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, the official named below, certify that I am duly authorized legally to bind the contractor or grant recipient to the above described certification. I am fully aware that this certification, executed on the date, in the county below, is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California.

Signature:		
Date:	_	