



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

**Agenda Number:**

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
(805) 568-2240

**Submitted on:**  
**(COB Stamp)**

**Department Name:** Behavioral Wellness  
**Department No.:** 043  
**Agenda Date:** July 1, 2025  
**Placement:** Administrative Agenda  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director: Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Director,  
Behavioral Wellness  
Contact: Jamie Huthsing, LMFT, Assistant Director of Compliance and  
Quality Care Management, Behavioral Wellness  
Caitlin Lepore, PhD, LCW, Research and Evaluation Manager,  
Behavioral Wellness  
**SUBJECT:** Participation Agreement with California Mental Health Services Authority for  
Psychiatric Inpatient Concurrent Review Administrative and Fiscal Services for Fiscal  
Year 2025-26

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Participation Agreement with California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) for Psychiatric Inpatient Concurrent Review (PICR) Program services (No. 12734-SB-PICR-25\_26) for a maximum contract amount not to exceed **\$139,440** for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025; and
- b) Determine that the above-recommended action is not a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4), finding that the action is governmental funding mechanism and/or fiscal activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to request the Board of Supervisors to approve the execution of a Participation Agreement with CalMHSA for the Psychiatric Inpatient Concurrent Review (PICR) Program, to provide review of care and authorization services of members while actively admitted to psychiatric inpatient hospitals and psychiatric inpatient facilities within the County. This will ensure the member's level of care is appropriate and necessary for inpatient stay. The maximum agreement amount not to exceed \$139,440, for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

**Discussion:**

Renewal of the CalMHSA PICR Agreement for fiscal year 2025-26 will allow continued utilization of a consistent and efficient technology-assisted concurrent review process, ensuring compliance with California Department of Healthcare Services (DCSH) state and federal regulations.

Service fee per review rates have increased from the previous year (FY 2024-25) in light of an increase in staffing with Acentra Health, the CalMHSA contracted provider for concurrent review and authorization of inpatient psychiatric hospital services. Staffing increases are in response to higher volumes of PICR reviews for the County, in accordance with the State's timeliness expectations, to maintain quality levels and responsiveness to requests. While this service fee per review rate has increased, it remains below the industry standard rate.

**Background:**

In 2014, The Board of Supervisors approved the County's membership with CalMHSA, a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) under Gov. Code §6500 et seq. that serves California counties as an independent administrative and fiscal intergovernmental structure for jointly developing, funding, and implementing mental health services and educational programs at the state, regional and local levels.

**PICR:** DHCS state and federal regulations require County Mental Health Plan (MHP) Specialty Mental Services (SMHS) and Substance Use Disorder Services (SUDS) authorization of specialty health services. To ensure compliance with Parity in Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services Final Rule (Parity Rule; Title 42 to the C.F.R §438.910), DHCS Behavioral Health Information Notice (BHIN) 22-017 requires MHP's to operate a utilization management (UM) program that ensures beneficiaries have appropriate access to SMHS. MHP's are required to conduct concurrent review and authorization for all psychiatric inpatient hospital services and psychiatric health facility services. MHP's shall conduct concurrent review of treatment authorizations following the first day of admission.

CalMHSA has entered into a services agreement with Acentra Health (formerly Kepro/Keystone Peer Review Organization, Inc.), for concurrent review and authorization of inpatient psychiatric hospital services on behalf of multiple California County MHPs. By continuing to utilize Acentra's technology-assisted concurrent review process, CalMHSA will ensure a consistent and efficient review process across participating counties and will support MHP compliance with DHCS BHIN 22-017 and the Parity Rule.

On September 13, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved the execution of Participation Agreement No. 1158-PICR-2202-SB ("Participation Agreement"), with CalMHSA for this provision, for a maximum contract amount not to exceed \$178,483.20, for the period of September 13, 2022 through December 31, 2024. On April 8, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved the execution of renewal Participation Agreement No. 11435-SB-PICR-24\_25, with CalMHSA as a renewal of services, for a maximum contract amount not to exceed \$37,184, for the period of April 8, 2025 through June 30, 2025.

**Performance Measure:**

CalMHSA facilitates the efficient use of resources for multiple public entities by providing group purchasing power, joint development of Requests for Proposal (RFPs) and contracts for services, reduced overhead costs through sharing of the expenses of administration and reporting, and shared research and strategies. CalMHSA’s continued administration of this program will result in greater efficiency in the implementation of these mandated services for compliance with state and federal requirements. CalMHSA has provided and will continue to provide satisfactory reporting to ensure Behavioral Wellness (BWell) maintains compliance with the requirements. This includes meeting with BWell Quality Care Management every other month at a minimum, to review process for concurrent review and ensure timeliness of Treatment Authorization Requests (TARs) and all necessary documentation is captured in the Atrezzo Portal, and in compliance with psychiatric inpatient requirements. BWell audits a random sample of at least 10% of charts each month and timeliness of TARS completed by the contractor within 14 calendar days has greatly improved and has been in 100% compliance each month since January 2025.

**Contract Renewals:**

The County may withdraw from the PICR Program upon six months’ written notice to CalMHSA as a measure of reducing contract risks. CalMHSA has provided satisfactory reporting to ensure BWell has complied with state and federal requirements.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Funding for this agreement is budgeted to come from Federal Medi-Cal and State Mental Health Services Act sources.

Funding Source	FY 2025-26	Total
State (MHSA)	\$69,720	\$69,720
Federal (Medi-Cal)	\$69,720	\$69,720
Total	\$139,440	\$139,440

**Special Instructions:**

Please return one (1) Minute Order and one (1) complete copy of the Agreement to Sara Hernandez at [sahernandez@sbcbswell.org](mailto:sahernandez@sbcbswell.org) and the BWell Contracts Division at [bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org](mailto:bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org).

**Attachments:**

**Attachment A** – CalMHSA PICR FY 2025-2026 Participation Agreement No. 12734-SB-PICR-25\_26

**Contact Information:**

Sara Hernandez

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Contracts Analyst

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**CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY  
PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT  
PSYCHIATRIC INPATIENT CONCURRENT REVIEW PROGRAM**

**COVER SHEET**

1. County of Santa Barbara ("Participant") desires to participate in the Program (identified in 2 below) offered by California Mental Health Services Authority ("CalMHSA") on the terms provided in this Participation Agreement ("Agreement"). Participant acknowledges that the Program also will be governed by CalMHSA's Joint Powers Agreement and its Bylaws. The following exhibits and attachment are attached and form part of this Agreement:
  - ☒ Exhibit A Program Description, Funding and Fees
  - ☒ Exhibit B General Terms and Conditions
  - ☒ Exhibit C Certification Regarding Lobbying
  - ☒ Attachment A Business Associate Agreement (Agreement No. 1327-BAA-2022-SB)
2. **Program Name:** Psychiatric Inpatient Concurrent Review ("PICR") (the "Program").
3. **Program Description:** The Program is being administered by CalMHSA on behalf of Participants with the primary purpose of conducting concurrent review and authorization for all psychiatric inpatient hospital and psychiatric health facility services on behalf of participating California County Mental Health Plans ("MHPs").
4. **Term of Services:** This Agreement shall become effective upon final execution by both parties hereto and shall cover the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, ("Term")
5. **Service Fee:** The fees payable under this Agreement are set forth in Exhibit A entitled "Program Description, Funding and Fees," Section III (Service Fee) and IV (Maximum Funding), incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof. Upon execution of this Agreement, Participant will be invoiced the fees at the end of each month which are payable within 30 days from the date of invoice. Payment for Participant's utilization of service fees shall be made upon Program's satisfactory reconciliation based on the methodology contained in Exhibit A.
6. **Maximum Funding:** The maximum funding amount payable under this Agreement shall not exceed one hundred thirty-nine thousand, four hundred and forty-four dollars (**\$139,440.00**) for all services under this Agreement.
7. **Execution of Counterparts:** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and each of such counterparts shall for all purposes be deemed to be an original, and all such counterparts, or as many of them as the parties shall preserve undestroyed, shall together constitute one and the same instrument. Authenticated signatures delivered electronically shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as original signatures.

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8. **Authority:** All signatories and parties to this Agreement warrant and represent that they have the power and authority to enter into this Agreement in the names, titles and capacities herein stated and on behalf of any entities, persons, or firms represented or purported to be represented by such entity(ies), person(s), or firm(s) and that all formal requirements necessary or required by any state and/or federal law in order to enter into this Agreement have been fully complied with. Furthermore, by entering into this Agreement, both Parties hereby warrant that it shall not have breached the terms or conditions of any other contract or agreement to which the Party is obligated, which breach would have a material effect hereon.

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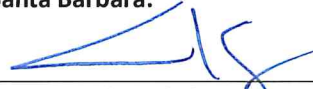
Participation Agreement for Psychiatric Inpatient Concurrent Review Services between California Mental Health Services Authority and County of Santa Barbara.

**IN WITNESS, WHEREOF**, the parties have executed this Agreement to be effective upon final execution by both parties hereto.

**Participant: County of Santa Barbara**

**County of Santa Barbara:**

**By:**



**LAURA CAPPS, CHAIR  
Board of Supervisors**

**Date:**

7-1-25

**ATTEST:**

**Mona Miyasato  
County Executive Officer  
Clerk of the Board**

**By:**



**Deputy Clerk**

**Date:**

7-1-25

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

**RACHEL VAN MULLEM  
County Counsel**

**By:**

Signed by:



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**Deputy County Counsel**

**APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING FORM:**

**BETSY M. SCHAFFER, CPA  
Auditor-Controller**

**By:**

Signed by:



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**Deputy**

**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:**

**ANTONETTE NAVARRO, LMFT, Director  
Department of Behavioral Wellness**

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**Director**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

**GREG MILLIGAN, ARM  
Risk Manager**

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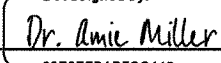


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**Risk Manager**

**California Mental Health Services Authority**

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Signed:  Name (Printed): Dr. Amie Miller, Psy.D., MFT  
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Title: Executive Director Date: 6/18/2025



**Participation Agreement**  
**EXHIBIT A – PROGRAM DESCRIPTION, FUNDING AND FEES**

**I. Name of Program:** Psychiatric Inpatient Concurrent Review (“PICR”)

**II. Program Deliverables:**

Objective

CalMHSA shall administer this Program to assist participating counties in conducting concurrent review and authorization for all psychiatric inpatient hospital and psychiatric health facility services on behalf of participating California County Mental Health Plans (“MHPs”).

Per the Department of Health Care Services (“DHCS”) Behavioral Health Information Notices (BHIN) 19-026 and BHIN 22-017, MHPs are required to conduct concurrent review and authorization for all psychiatric inpatient hospital services and psychiatric health facility services. These BHINs outline policy changes implemented to ensure an MHPs’ compliance with the Parity in Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services Final Rule (Parity Rule; Title 42 of the CFR, part 438.910).

By utilizing a technology-assisted concurrent review process, a consistent and efficient review process will support MHP compliance with BHINs 19-026 and 22-017 (or any additional or superseding BHIN), and the Parity in Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services Final Rule (Parity Rule; Title 42 of the CFR, part 438.910).

Services

CalMHSA has entered into a services contract (“Service Agreement”) with Acentra Health (formerly known as Kepro/Keystone Peer Review Organization, Inc. (“Contractor”) to provide participating counties a web-enabled utilization review platform and clinical services to carry out psychiatric inpatient concurrent review and authorization services on behalf of multiple California County MHPs.

CalMHSA shall work closely with Contractor to coordinate implementation and onboarding of participating counties. Participants shall submit their Monthly MEDS Extract File (“MMEF”) to Contractor via secure transfer utilizing Dropbox or a successor application, as determined by CalMHSA. For Participants utilizing the CalMHSA SmartCare electronic health record, Participant authorizes CalMHSA to import Participant’s MMEF data from Participant’s CalMHSA SmartCare instance, or any other data sources as authorized by Participant in writing, directly to Dropbox in accordance with this Agreement including Attachment A (No. 1327-BAA-2022-SB) and all applicable federal and state privacy authorities.

MHPs delegating concurrent review and authorization services to Contractor will range in size from small/rural to large counties and will be located throughout California. Although the review and authorization requirements are uniform, the communication needs of the participating counties or inpatient psychiatric hospitals where county beneficiaries are hospitalized may vary.

Acentra provides email support Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. PST. For any support questions please email: [CAReviews@Acentra.com](mailto:CAReviews@Acentra.com). The platform services may occasionally become temporarily unavailable for maintenance purposes or other reasons outside of Acentra’s control. Acentra will make best efforts to minimize any such unavailability.

### III. Service Fee:

Participant agrees to pay the following Service Fee for each completed Treatment Authorization Request ("TAR") conducted on behalf of Participant under this Agreement:

**Table A.**

Applicable Period	Service Fee Per Review
07/01/2025 – 06/30/2026	\$168

**Notes:**

1. Service Fee refers to the cost to complete each TAR and is inclusive of all costs and fees. Participant will be invoiced at the end of each month based on Participants' actual utilization of the services according to the rate set forth in Table A above for each TAR completed.
2. Participant will be invoiced monthly by CalMHSA, and Participant will issue payment amount within thirty (30) days of invoicing.
3. Each monthly invoice shall be based on the total number of TARs completed during that month.
4. The Participant shall not be invoiced until the client is discharged and a fully processed TAR is completed.

### IV. Maximum Funding

The maximum funding amount payable under this Agreement shall not exceed the Not to Exceed ("NTE") amount set forth below in Table B and set forth above at Section 6 of the Cover Page for all the stated services during the term of the Agreement:

**Table B.**

Applicable Period	Not to Exceed ("NTE") Amount
07/01/2025 – 06/30/2026	\$139,440.00

**Notes:**

1. The NTE is determined based on the county's highest annual utilization over the past three fiscal years, with an additional 25% allowance to accommodate potential increases in utilization over the term of this Agreement.

**Participation Agreement**  
**EXHIBIT B – GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**I. Definitions**

The following words, as used throughout this Participation Agreement, shall be construed to have the following meaning, unless otherwise apparent from the context in which they are used:

- A. CalMHSA – California Mental Health Services Authority, a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) created by counties in 2009 at the instigation of the California Mental Health Directors Association (now the California Behavioral Health Directors Association) to jointly develop and fund mental health services and education programs.
- B. Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) – A department within the California Health and Human Services Agency that finances and administers a number of individual health care service programs, including Medi-Cal.
- C. Member – A County (or JPA of two or more Counties) that has joined CalMHSA and executed the CalMHSA Joint Powers Agreement.
- D. Participant – Any County participating in the Program either as member of CalMHSA or under a Memorandum of Understanding with CalMHSA. In reference to the party to this Agreement, Participant shall mean the County of Santa Barbara.
- E. Program – The program identified in the Cover Sheet.

**II. Responsibilities**

- A. Responsibilities of CalMHSA:
  - 1. Provide the Program as described in this Agreement.
  - 2. Monitor and administer the Services Agreement on behalf of Participants and require Contractor and any of its subcontractors to comply with all applicable Program requirements.
  - 3. Work closely with the Contractor to coordinate on implementation and onboarding of Participants to the Atrezzo platform.
  - 4. Upon request, provide utilization reports to Participant and, as applicable, guide Participant to access such reports through the Atrezzo platform.
  - 5. Act as the fiscal and administrative agent for the Program.
  - 6. Invoice and collect funds from Participant for the Program.
  - 7. Manage funds received through the Program, consistent with the requirements of any applicable laws, regulations, guidelines and/or contractual obligations.
  - 8. Upon request, provide regular fiscal reports to Participant and/or other public agencies with a right to such reports.
  - 9. Comply with applicable laws, regulations, guidelines, contractual agreements, and CalMHSA's Joint Powers Agreement and Bylaws and Business Associate Agreement.

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**B. Responsibilities of Participant:**

1. Timely transfer of the funding amount for the Program as described in Exhibit A Program Description, Funding and Fees.
2. Provide CalMHSA with information and assistance reasonably necessary to fulfill the purpose of the Program.
3. Participant is responsible for tracking its own utilization and must request a contract maximum increase if needed. Provide feedback on Program performance, which shall include completing an Annual MHP Survey.
4. Comply with applicable laws, regulations, guidelines, contractual agreements, and CalMHSA's Joint Powers Agreement and Bylaws and Business Associate Agreement.

**III. Duration, Term and Amendment**

- A. This Agreement shall become effective upon final execution by both parties hereto and shall cover the period from July 1, 2025, and continue through June 30, 2026, unless earlier terminated or extended as provided below.
- B. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, this Agreement may be supplemented, amended, or modified only by the mutual agreement of CalMHSA and the Participant, expressed in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both parties.

**IV. Withdrawal, Cancellation, and Termination**

- A. Participant may withdraw from the Program and terminate this Agreement upon six (6) months' written notice. Notice shall be deemed received on the relevant party's receipt.
- B. The withdrawal of a Participant from the Program shall not automatically terminate its responsibility for its share of the expense and liabilities of the Program. The contributions of current and past Participants are chargeable for their respective share of unavoidable expenses and liabilities arising during the period of their participation.
- C. CalMHSA may terminate or cancel the Program due to circumstances, including but not limited to, lack of County participation, lack of funding, governmental changes and restrictions including regulatory and funding changes, issues with vendor(s) or their services/platforms/products including the inability to provide the Program due to vendor(s) or force majeure.
- D. If applicable, upon cancellation, termination, or other conclusion of the Program, any funds remaining undisbursed after CalMHSA satisfies all obligations arising under the Program shall be returned to Participant. However, funds used to pay for completed deliverables, services rendered, upfront fees to create the Program, or fees for portal/platform ongoing services etc. are not subject to such return subject to applicable laws. Unused funds that were paid for a joint effort will be returned pro rata to Participant in proportion to payments made. Adjustments may be made by CalMHSA if disproportionate benefit was conveyed to a particular Participant. Excess funds at the conclusion of Participant-specific efforts will be returned to the particular County that paid them per the Program.

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- E. For Cause. Should CalMHSA default in the performance of this Agreement or materially breach any of its provisions, Participant may, at Participant's reasonable discretion, terminate or suspend this Agreement in whole or in part after providing CalMHSA with written notice specifying the nature of default or breach and providing a 30-day opportunity to cure. If CalMHSA does not cure within the prescribed 30 days, Participant may elect to terminate the Agreement and CalMHSA shall immediately discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise) and notify Participant as to the status of its performance. The date of termination shall be the date the notice is received by CalMHSA.

**V. Indemnification.** To the fullest extent permitted by law, each party shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify the other party, including its governing board, employees and agents from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, liabilities, disallowances, recoupments, and expenses, including but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from the indemnifying party's negligence or willful conduct in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, including the performance of the other's subcontractors, except that each party shall have no obligation to indemnify the other for damages to the extent resulting from the negligence or willful misconduct of any indemnitee. Each party may participate in the defense of any such claim without relieving the other of any obligation hereunder.

**VI. No Responsibility for Mental Health Services.** CalMHSA is not undertaking responsibility for assessments, creation of case or treatment plans, providing or arranging services, and/or selecting, contracting with, or supervising providers (collectively, "mental health services"). Participant will defend and indemnify CalMHSA for any claim, demand, disallowance, suit, or damages arising from Participant's acts or omissions in connection with the provision of mental health services pursuant to this Agreement.

**VII. Debarment and Suspension.**

- A. CalMHSA certifies to Participant that it and its employees and principals are not debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for, participation in federal, state, or county government contracts. CalMHSA certifies that it shall not contract with a subcontractor that is so debarred or suspended.
- B. This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by Participant. If it is later determined that CalMHSA did not comply with 2 C.F.R. part 180, as supplemented by 2 C.F.R. part 376, in addition to the remedies available to the California Department of Health Care Services and County, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies including, but not limited to, suspension and/or debarment.
- C. To the extent this Agreement involves federal funding, it shall be deemed a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. part 180 and 2 C.F.R. part 376. As such Participant is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

- D. CalMHSA must comply with 2 C.F.R. part 180, as supplemented by 2 C.F.R. part 376, and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

**VIII. Conflict of Interest.** CalMHSA covenants that CalMHSA presently has no employment or interest and shall not acquire any employment or interest, direct or indirect, including any interest in any business, property, or source of income, which would conflict or reasonably appear to conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required to be performed under this Agreement. CalMHSA further covenants that in the performance of this Agreement, no person whom CalMHSA knows to have such an interest shall be employed by CalMHSA. CalMHSA must promptly disclose to Participant, in writing, any potential conflict of interest. Participant retains the right to waive a conflict of interest disclosed by CalMHSA if Participant determines it to be immaterial, and such waiver is only effective if provided by Participant to CalMHSA in writing.

**IX. Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.**

- A. CalMHSA shall comply with the requirements of 2 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) parts 200 and 300 and 45 Code of Federal Regulations part 75, which are incorporated herein by reference.
- B. CalMHSA will ensure that any subcontract includes applicable provisions required by federal law or regulation, to the extent such requirements are relevant to the scope of the subcontracted work.

**X. Mandatory Disclosures.**

- A. CalMHSA must promptly disclose, in connection with this Agreement (including any activities or subcontracts thereunder), any credible evidence of the commission of a violation of federal criminal law involving fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, or gratuity violations found in title 18 of the United States Code (U.S.C.) or a violation of the civil False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. §§ 3729–3733). The disclosure must be made in writing to Participant, DHCS, the United States Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and the United States Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General. CalMHSA is also required to report matters related to County, state, or federal agency's integrity and performance in accordance with Appendix XII of 2 C.F.R. part 200. Failure to make required disclosures can result in any of the remedies described in 2 C.F.R. section 200.339 Remedies for noncompliance. (See also 2 C.F.R. part 180, 31 U.S.C. § 3321, and 41 U.S.C. § 2313.)
- B. CalMHSA will include applicable provisions required by federal law or regulation, to the extent such requirements are relevant to the scope of subcontracted work. CalMHSA shall

also comply with the disclosure provisions set forth below in Section XIV (Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment).

**XI. Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.**

- A. CalMHSA is prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to:
1. Procure or obtain covered telecommunications equipment or services;
  2. Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain covered telecommunications equipment or services; or
  3. Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain covered telecommunications equipment or services.
- B. As described section 889 of Public Law 115-232, “covered telecommunications equipment or services” means any of the following:
1. Telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);
  2. For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);
  3. Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment; or
  4. Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the United States Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.
- C. For the purposes of this section, “covered telecommunications equipment or services” also include systems that use covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system.
- D. In implementing the prohibition under section 889 of Public Law 115-232, heads of executive agencies administering loan, grant, or subsidy programs must prioritize available funding and technical support to assist affected businesses, institutions, and organizations as is reasonably necessary for those affected entities to transition from covered telecommunications

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equipment or services, to procure replacement equipment or services, and to ensure that communications service to users and customers is sustained.

- E. CalMHSA certifies that it will comply with the prohibition on covered telecommunications equipment and services in this section. CalMHSA and its subcontractors are not required to certify that funds will not be expended on covered telecommunications equipment or services beyond the certification provided upon accepting grant funding and those provided upon submitting payment requests and financial reports.
- F. For additional information, see section 889 of Public Law 115-232 and 2 Code of Federal Regulations section 200.471.
- G. CalMHSA shall include these requirements in all subcontracts to perform work under this Agreement.

**Domestic Preferences for Procurements.**

CalMHSA administers the Program, which does not involve the purchase or use of manufactured goods, materials, or supplies. As such, the domestic preference requirements set forth in 2 C.F.R. § 200.322 are not applicable to the scope of services under this Agreement.

Should circumstances change and a procurement falling within the scope of 2 C.F.R. § 200.322 become necessary under this Agreement, CalMHSA will, to the extent legally required and practicable, provide a preference for goods, products, or materials produced in the United States, including iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products, as defined below.

For purposes of this Section:

“Produced in the United States” means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.

“Manufactured products” means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of nonferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

CalMHSA does not anticipate any procurements or subcontracts under this Agreement that would implicate these requirements. In the unlikely event such activity arises, CalMHSA will incorporate applicable federal domestic preference provisions as appropriate.



**XII. Procurement of Recovered Materials.**

- A. CalMHSA shall comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 as amended, 42 United States Code section 6962. The requirements of section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 Code of Federal Regulations part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.
- B. CalMHSA should, to the greatest extent practicable and consistent with law, purchase, acquire, or use products and services that can be reused, refurbished, or recycled; contain recycled content, are biobased, or are energy and water efficient; and are sustainable. This may include purchasing compostable items and other products and services that reduce the use of single-use plastic products. See Executive Order 14057, section 101, Policy.
- C. CalMHSA shall include these requirements in all subcontracts to perform work under this Agreement.

**XIII. BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT. (Applicable to federally funded agreements in excess of \$100,000.)**

- A. Certification and Disclosure Requirements.
  - 1. CalMHSA must file a certification (in the form set forth in Exhibit C, Attachment 1, consisting of one page, entitled "Certification Regarding Lobbying") that CalMHSA has not made and will not make any payment prohibited by subsection B (Prohibition) of this Section (Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment).
  - 2. CalMHSA must file a disclosure (in the form set forth in Exhibit C, Attachment 2, entitled "Standard Form-LLL 'Disclosure of Lobbying Activities'") if CalMHSA has made or has agreed to make any payment using non-appropriated funds (to include profits from any covered federal action) in connection with a contract or grant or any extension or amendment of that contract or grant which would be prohibited under subsection B (Prohibition) of this Section (Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment) if paid for with appropriated funds.
  - 3. CalMHSA must file a disclosure form at the end of each calendar quarter in which there occurs any event that requires disclosure or that materially affect the accuracy of the information contained in any disclosure form previously filed by CalMHSA

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under subsection A.2. of this Section (Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment). An event that materially affects the accuracy of the information reported includes:

- i. A cumulative increase of \$25,000 or more in the amount paid or expected to be paid for influencing or attempting to influence a covered federal action;
- ii. A change in the person(s) or individual(s) influencing or attempting to influence a covered federal action; or
- iii. A change in the officer(s), employee(s), or member(s) contacted for the purpose of influencing or attempting to influence a covered federal action.
- iv. CalMHSA shall include these requirements in all lower tier subcontracts exceeding \$100,000 to certify and disclose to the next tier above.
- v. All disclosure forms shall be forwarded from tier to tier until received by County.

B. Prohibition. Section 1352 of title 31 of the U.S.C. provides in part that no appropriated funds may be expended by the recipient of a federal contract or agreement, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with any of the following covered federal actions: the awarding of any federal contract or agreement, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract or agreement, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

C. CalMHSA shall include these requirements in all lower tier subcontracts exceeding \$100,000 to perform work under this Agreement.

**XIV. Notice.** All notices under this Participation Agreement shall be provided by personal delivery, nationally recognized courier service or mailed by U.S. registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid; AND by email. All notices shall be provided to the respective party at the addresses and email addresses set forth below and shall be deemed received upon the relevant party's receipt.

Either party may change its designee for notice by giving notice of the same and their relevant address information.

**If to CalMHSA:**

Name: Brandon Connors  
Address: 1610 Arden Way, Suite 175  
Sacramento, CA 95815

Position: Legal Counsel & Privacy Officer  
Telephone: (888) 210-2515

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Email: brandon.connors@calmhsa.org  
CC Email to Name: Randall Keen, Manatt

Email: RKeen@manatt.com

**If to Participant:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: Director of Mental Health  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
CC Email to Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Participation Agreement**  
**EXHIBIT C – CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING**

**Attachment 1**  
**State of California Department of Health Care Services**  
**CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING**

The recipient certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making, awarding or entering into of this Federal contract, Federal grant, or cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of this Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency of the United States Government, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned must complete and submit Standard Form LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities" (Attachment 2) in accordance with its instructions.
3. The recipient must require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontractors, subgrants, and contracts under grants and cooperative agreements) of \$100,000 or more, and that all subrecipients must certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S.C., any person who fails to file the required certification will be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

By signing or otherwise accepting the Agreement, the recipient certifies and files this Attachment 1. **CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING**, as required by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S.C., unless the conditions stated in paragraph 2 above exist. In such case, the awardee/contractor must complete and sign Attachment 2.

California Mental Health Services Authority ("CalMHSA") Dr. Amie Miller, Psy.D., MFT

Name of Contractor

Printed Name of Person Signing for Contractor

Docusigned by:

12734-SB-PICR-25\_26

Contract / Grant Number

*Dr. Amie Miller*

Signature of Person Signing for Contractor

6/18/2025

Date

Executive Director

Title

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After execution by or on behalf of Contractor, please return to:  
Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness Contracts Division  
Attn: Contracts Manager  
429 N. San Antonio Rd.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

County reserves the right to notify the contractor in writing of an alternate submission address.

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## Attachment 2 CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Approved by OMB (0348-0046)  
 Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352  
 (See reverse for public burden disclosure)

1. Type of Federal Action:		2. Status of Federal Action:		3. Report Type:	
—	a. contract b. grant c. cooperative agreement d. loan e. loan guarantee f. loan insurance	—	a. bid/offer/application b. initial award c. post-award		a. initial filing b. material change  For Material Change Only: Year _____ quarter _____ date of last report _____.
4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity:			5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Prime <input type="checkbox"/> Subawardee Tier, if known:					
Congressional District, If known:			Congressional District, If known:		
6. Federal Department/Agency			7. Federal Program Name/Description:		
			CDFA Number, if applicable:		
8. Federal Action Number, if known:			9. Award Amount, if known:		
10.a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant (If individual, last name, first name, MI):			b. Individuals Performing Services (including address if different from 10a. (Last name, First name, MI):		
11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be available for public inspection. Any person that fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.					
Signature:					
Print Name:					
Title:					
Telephone Number:					
Date:					
<b>Federal Use Only</b>				Authorized for Local Reproduction Standard Form-LLL (Rev. 7-97)	

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a followup report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grant.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the Federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitation for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Include prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001".
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.

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(b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10 (a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).

11. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB Control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB No. 0348-0046. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503.





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### Minute Order

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**Present:** 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Hart, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

BEHAVIORAL WELLNESS DEPARTMENT

File Reference No. 22-00816

**RE:** Consider recommendations regarding the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) Behavioral Health Quality Improvement Program (BHQIP) Participation Agreement, Fiscal Years (FYs) 2022-2024, Psychiatric Inpatient Concurrent Review (PICR) Participation Agreement, FYs 2022-2025 and Business Associates Agreement under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (BAA), as follows:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the CalMHSA BHQIP Participation Agreement No. 1303-BHQIP-2022-SB to procure consultation services for the development, implementation, and continued support of the County's Behavioral Health Plan to meet milestones required to complete the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) BHQIP mandated deliverables, for a maximum agreement amount not to exceed \$22,080.00 from the date of execution by the County through June 30, 2024;
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the CalMHSA PICR Participation Agreement No. 1158-PICR-2022-SB to conduct concurrent review and authorization of services for all psychiatric inpatient hospitals and psychiatric health facilities where the County client is placed, for a Maximum Agreement Amount not to exceed \$178,483.20 inclusive of a \$6,374.40 administrative fee, from the date of execution by the County through December 31, 2024;
- c) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Business Associates Agreement under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (BAA) with CalMHSA to allow for the exchange of private health information (PHI) and personal identifiable information (PII) as it applies to all Participation Agreements between the County and CalMHSA, as required and necessary to perform DHCS-mandated services, which are to begin upon execution of the BAA Agreement; and
- d) Determine that the above actions are government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, and are organizational or administrative



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activities of the government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and are therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) and (b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines.

**A motion was made by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Lavagnino, that this matter be acted on as follows:**

**a) through c) Approved and authorized; Chair to execute; and**

**d) Approved.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Hart, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino**



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
(805) 568-2240

Department Name: Behavioral Wellness  
Department No.: 043  
For Agenda Of: September 13, 2022  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Time: N/A  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Director  
Director(s) Department of Behavioral Wellness, (805) 681-5220  
Contact Info: Jamie Huthsing, Division Chief of Quality Care Management,  
Department of Behavioral Wellness, (805) 681-5220  
Celeste Andersen, Chief of Compliance, Department of  
Behavioral Wellness, (805) 681-5220

**SUBJECT:** Behavioral Wellness - California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA)  
Behavioral Health Quality Improvement Program (BHQP) Participation  
Agreement Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2024, Psychiatric Inpatient Concurrent Review  
(PICR) Participation Agreement FY 2022-2025 and Business Associates  
Agreement under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996  
(BAA)

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the **California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) Behavioral Health Quality Improvement Program (BHQP) Participation Agreement No. 1303-BHQP-2022-SB** to procure consultation services for the development, implementation, and continued support of the County's Behavioral Health Plan to meet milestones required to complete the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) BHQP mandated deliverables, for a Maximum Agreement Amount not to exceed **\$22,080** from the date of execution by the County through June 30, 2024 (Attachment A);

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- B. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the **California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) Psychiatric Inpatient Concurrent Review (PICR) Participation Agreement No. 1158-PICR-2022-SB** to conduct concurrent review and authorization of services for all psychiatric inpatient hospitals and psychiatric health facilities where the County client is placed, for a Maximum Agreement Amount not to exceed **\$178,483.20** inclusive of a \$6,374.40 administrative fee, from the date of execution by the County through December 31, 2024 (Attachment B);
- C. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a **Business Associates Agreement under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (BAA)** with **California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA)** to allow for the exchange of private health information (PHI) and personal identifiable information (PII) as it applies to all Participation Agreements between the County and CalMHSA, as required and necessary to perform DHCS-mandated services, which are to begin upon execution of the BAA Agreement (Attachment C); and
- D. Determine that the above actions are government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, and are organizational or administrative activities of the government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and are therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) and (b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines.

**Summary Text:**

The above-referenced items are on the agenda to request the Board of Supervisors (Board) to approve and authorize the Chair to execute agreements with CalMHSA, BHQIP Participation Agreement No. 1303-BHQIP-2022-SB for the procurement of consultation services for the development, implementation, and continued support of the County's Behavioral Health Plan to meet the milestones required to complete the CalAIM BHQIP deliverables for an amount of \$22,080 from the date of execution through June 30, 2024, and PICR Participation Agreement No. 1158-PICR-2022-SB to conduct concurrent review and authorization of services for all psychiatric inpatient hospital and psychiatric health facilities in the County for a Maximum Agreement Amount not to exceed \$178,483.20, from the date of execution through December 31, 2024. Also, the Department of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) requests the Board to approve and authorize the Chair to execute a BAA with CalMHSA to allow for the exchange of PHI and PII, as it applies to all Participation Agreements between the County and CalMHSA, as required and necessary to perform DHCS-mandated services upon execution of the Agreement.

**Background:**

The California Government Code ("Joint Exercise of Powers Act," Section 6500 et seq.) permits two or more public agencies to jointly exercise powers common to the contracting parties through an agreement. CalMHSA is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) formed in 2009 for the purpose of creating a separate public entity to provide administrative and fiscal services in support of its members. CalMHSA assists its members with the operation of various programs to contract and/or negotiate with the State or other providers; contract and/or negotiate with the State or Federal government for administration of mental health services, programs or activities, including managed mental health care and the delivery of specialty mental health services.

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They also provide fiscal or administrative services to its members such as group purchasing, contract management, research and development, data management, maintenance of a research depository, technical assistance, capacity building, education, and training; and execution of policy requests. CalMHSA also provides its members with the ability to deal jointly with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), Department of State Hospitals (DSH), the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC), and the legislature.

In 2014, the Board approved Behavioral Wellness' membership in CalMHSA. BWell currently has five agreements with CalMHSA--to deliver services for loan repayment, state hospital beds, Tech Suite, Help@Hand, and payment of Presumptive Transfer, all of which were previously approved by the Board.

**BHQIP:** Under CalAIM, BHQIP is an incentive payment program to support Mental Health Plans (MHP), Drug Medi-Cal State Plans (DMC), and Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery Systems (DMC-ODS), as they prepare for changes in the CalAIM initiative and other approved administration priorities. CalAIM is a DHCS initiative to reform the Medi-Cal program to help address many of the complex challenges facing California's most vulnerable residents. It offers beneficiaries a more equitable, coordinated, person-centered approach to maximize their health. The BHQIP priorities/milestones include payment reform, behavioral health policy changes, and bi-directional data exchange between systems of care for the purpose of improving quality and behavioral health outcomes and care coordination for Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Each participating entity earns incentive payments in the CalAIM BHQIP by achieving these milestones.

CalMHSA will provide BWell with assistance to achieve the Policy Change Milestone to update Utilization Management Protocols by conducting a landscape analysis of documentation audit practices and draft an updated Utilization Management protocol to comply with best practices and updated documentation audit standards. In addition, in order to achieve the Data Exchange Milestone, CalMHSA will collect and analyze Managed Care Plan (MCP) data to establish baseline performance on Follow-up After Emergency Department Visit for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse or Dependence (FUA), Follow-up After Emergency Department Visit for Mental Illness (FUM), and Pharmacotherapy for Opioid Use Disorder (POD).

**PIRC:** DHCS state and federal regulations require County Mental Health Plan (MHP) Specialty Mental Services (SMHS) and Substance Use Disorder Services (SUDS) authorization of specialty health services. To ensure compliance with Parity in Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services Final Rule (Parity Rule; Title 42 of the C.F.R., § 438.910), DHCS Behavioral Health Information Notice (BHIN) 19-026 requires MHPs to operate a utilization management (UM) program that ensures beneficiaries have appropriate access to SMHS. MHPs are required to conduct concurrent review and authorization for all psychiatric inpatient hospital services and psychiatric health facility services. MHPs shall conduct concurrent review of treatment authorizations following the first day of admission. The County will incur a \$6,374.40 administrative fee, which is included in the total cost of the program.

CalMHSA has entered into a services agreement with Keystone Peer Review Organization, Inc. (Kepro), who shall conduct concurrent review and authorization of inpatient psychiatric hospital services on behalf of multiple California County MHPs. By utilizing Kepro's technology-assisted concurrent review process, CalMHSA will ensure a consistent and efficient review process across participating counties and will support MHP compliance with DHCS BHIN 19-026 and the Parity Rule.

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**BAA:** The addition of the JPA BAA with CalMHSA will allow BWell to share clients' private PHI and PII for our current or future project/programs with CalMHSA that are necessary for the delivery of SMHS mandated services and will support payment reform and the development of new Medi-Cal rates under CalAIM, which is set to launch in 2023. Both the BHQIP and the PIRC programs require the exchange of PHI/PII to comply with DHCS compliance requirements. Under the BHQIP agreement, CalMHSA will need to collect and analyze BWell client data to establish baseline performance on FUA/FUM/POD. Under CalMHSA PICR, through their contract with Kepro, CalMHSA will need access to Psychiatric Hospital client information to conduct web based concurrent review to comply with state and federal regulations and for Medi-Cal reimbursement.

The approval of the recommend actions would streamline the payment and billing process for Medi-Cal services.

**Performance Measure:**

CalMHSA facilitates the efficient use of resources for multiple public entities by providing group purchasing power, joint development of Requests for Proposal (RFPs) and contracts for services, reduced overhead costs through sharing of the expenses of administration and reporting, and shared research and strategies. CalMHSA's administration of this program will result in greater efficiency in the implementation of these mandated services for compliance with state and federal requirements.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>BHQIP Cost FY 22-24</u></b>
General Fund	
State	\$ 11,040.00
Federal	\$ 11,040.00
Fees	
Other:	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 22,080.00</b>

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>PIRC Cost FY 22-23</u></b>	<b><u>Cost FY 23-24</u></b>	<b><u>Cost through 12/31/2024 FY 24-25</u></b>
General Fund			
State	\$ 35,696.64	\$ 35,696.64	\$ 17,848.32
Federal	\$ 35,696.64	\$ 35,696.64	\$ 17,848.32
Other:			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 71,393.28</b>	<b>\$ 71,393.28</b>	<b>\$ 35,696.64</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>\$ 178,483.20</b>

Narrative:

**Key Contract Risks:**

The County may withdraw from the Program upon six months' written notice to CalMHSA.

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**Special Instructions:**

Please return one (1) Minute Order and one (1) complete copy of the above items to Denise Morales at [dmorales@sbcbswell.org](mailto:dmorales@sbcbswell.org) and the BWell Contracts Division at [bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org](mailto:bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org).

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: CalMHSA FY 22-24 PA No. 1303-BHQIP-2022-SB

Attachment B: CalMHSA FY 22-25 PA No. 1158-PICR-2022-SB

Attachment C: CalMHSA Agreement No. 1327-BAA-2022-SB

**Authored by:**

D. Morales

Agreement No. 1327-BAA-2022-SB  
Santa Barbara County  
August 30, 2022

**BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT  
UNDER THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY  
AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996 (HIPAA)**

Santa Barbara County ("County"), a member of the California Mental Health Services Authority ("CalMHSA") Joint Powers Authority ("JPA"), is a Covered Entity as defined by, and subject to the requirements and prohibitions of, the Administrative Simplification provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191 (HIPAA), and regulations promulgated thereunder, including the Privacy, Security, Breach Notification, and Enforcement Rules at 45 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Parts 160 and 164 (collectively, the "HIPAA Rules").

Pursuant to the JPA Agreement, CalMHSA, hereinafter referred to as "Contractor", performs or provides functions, activities or services to County that require Contractor to create, access, receive, maintain, and/or transmit information that includes or that may include Protected Health Information, as defined by the HIPAA Rules in order to provide such functions, activities or services. As such, Contractor is a Business Associate, as defined by the HIPAA Rules, and is therefore subject to those provisions of the HIPAA Rules that are applicable to Business Associates.

The HIPAA Rules require a written agreement ("Business Associate Agreement") between County and Contractor in order to mandate certain protections for the privacy and security of Protected Health Information, and these HIPAA Rules prohibit the disclosure to or use of Protected Health Information by Contractor if such an agreement is not in place. In addition, the California Department of Health Care Services ("DHCS") requires County and Contractor to include certain protections for the privacy and security of personal information ("PI"), sensitive information, and confidential information (collectively, "PSCI"), personally identifiable information ("PII") not subject to HIPAA ("DHCS Requirements").

This Business Associate Agreement and its provisions are intended to protect the privacy and provide for the security of Protected Health Information, PSCI, and PII disclosed to or used by Contractor in compliance with the HIPAA Rules and DHCS Requirements.

Therefore, the parties agree as follows:

**1. DEFINITIONS**

- 1.1 "Breach" has the same meaning as the term "breach" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.402.
- 1.2 "Business Associate" has the same meaning as the term "business associate" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103. For the convenience of the parties, a "business associate" is a person or entity, other than a member of the workforce of covered entity, who performs functions or activities on behalf of, or provides certain services to, a covered entity that involve access by the business associate to Protected Health Information. A "business associate" also is a subcontractor that creates, receives, maintains, or transmits Protected Health Information on behalf of another business associate. And in reference to the party to this Business Associate Agreement "Business Associate" shall mean Contractor.



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- 1.3 "California Confidentiality Laws" means the applicable laws of the State of California governing the confidentiality, privacy, or security of PHI or other PII, including, but not limited to, the California Confidentiality of Medical Information Act (Cal. Civil Code § 56 et seq.), the patient access law (Cal. Health & Safety Code § 123100 et seq.), the HIV test result confidentiality law (Cal. Health & Safety Code § 120975 et seq.), the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (Cal. Welf. & Inst. Code § 5328 et seq.), and California's data breach law (Cal. Civil Code § 1798.29).
- 1.4 "Covered Entity" has the same meaning as the term "covered entity" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103, and in reference to the party to this Business Associate Agreement, "Covered Entity" shall mean County.
- 1.5 "Data Aggregation" has the same meaning as the term "data aggregation" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.501.
- 1.6 "De-identification" refers to the de-identification standard at 45 C.F.R. § 164.514.
- 1.7 "Designated Record Set" has the same meaning as the term "designated record set" at 45
- 1.8 C.F.R. § 164.501. "Disclose" and "Disclosure" mean, with respect to Protected Health Information, the release, transfer, provision of access to, or divulging in any other manner of Protected Health Information outside Business Associate's internal operations or to other than its workforce. (See 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.)
- 1.9 "Electronic Health Record" means an electronic record of health-related information on an individual that is created, gathered, managed, and consulted by authorized health care clinicians and staff. (See 42 U.S.C. § 17921.)
- 1.10 "Electronic Media" has the same meaning as the term "electronic media" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103. For the convenience of the parties, electronic media means (1) Electronic storage material on which data is or may be recorded electronically, including, for example, devices in computers (hard drives) and any removable/transportable digital memory medium, such as magnetic tape or disk, optical disk, or digital memory card; (2) Transmission media used to exchange information already in electronic storage media. Transmission media include, for example, the Internet, extranet or intranet, leased lines, dial-up lines, private networks, and the physical movement of removable/transportable electronic storage media. Certain transmissions, including of paper, via facsimile, and of voice, via telephone, are not considered to be transmissions via electronic media if the information being exchanged did not exist in electronic form immediately before the transmission.
- 1.11 "Electronic Protected Health Information" has the same meaning as the term "electronic protected health information" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103, limited to Protected Health Information created or received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity. For the convenience of the parties, Electronic Protected Health Information means Protected Health Information that is (i) transmitted by electronic media; (ii) maintained in electronic media.
- 1.12 "Health Care Operations" has the same meaning as the term "health care operations" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.501.

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- 1.13 "Individual" has the same meaning as the term "individual" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103. For the convenience of the parties, Individual means the person who is the subject of Protected Health Information and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.502 (g).
- 1.14 "Law Enforcement Official" has the same meaning as the term "law enforcement official" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.103.
- 1.15 "Minimum Necessary" refers to the minimum necessary standard at 45 C.F.R. § 164.502(b).
- 1.16 "Protected Health Information" has the same meaning as the term "protected health information" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103, limited to the information created or received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity. For the convenience of the parties, Protected Health Information includes information that (i) relates to the past, present or future physical or mental health or 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; (ii) identifies the Individual (or for which there is a reasonable basis for believing that the information can be used to identify the Individual); and (iii) is created, received, maintained, or transmitted by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity, and includes Protected Health Information that is made accessible to Business Associate by Covered Entity. "Protected Health Information" includes Electronic Protected Health Information.
- 1.17 "Required by Law" " has the same meaning as the term "required by law" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.103.
- 1.18 "Secretary" has the same meaning as the term "secretary" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.
- 1.19 "Security Incident" has the same meaning as the term "security incident" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.304.
- 1.20 "Services" means, unless otherwise specified, those functions, activities, or services in the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Participation Agreement, Master Agreement, Work Order, or Purchase Order or other service arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate.
- 1.21 "Subcontractor" has the same meaning as the term "subcontractor" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.
- 1.22 "Unsecured Protected Health Information" has the same meaning as the term "unsecured protected health information" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.402.
- 1.23 "Use" or "Uses" means, with respect to Protected Health Information, the sharing, employment, application, utilization, examination or analysis of such Information within Business Associate's internal operations. (See 45 C.F.R § 164.103.)
- 1.24 Terms used, but not otherwise defined in this Business Associate Agreement, have the same meaning as those terms in the HIPAA Rules.

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**2. PERMITTED AND REQUIRED USES AND DISCLOSURES OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION**

- 2.1 Business Associate may only Use and/or Disclose Protected Health Information as necessary to perform Services, and/or as necessary to comply with the obligations of this Business Associate Agreement.
- 2.2 Business Associate may Use Protected Health Information for de-identification of the information if de-identification of the information is required to provide Services.
- 2.3 Business Associate may Use or Disclose Protected Health Information as Required by Law.
- 2.4 Business Associate shall make Uses and Disclosures and requests for Protected Health Information consistent with the Covered Entity's applicable Minimum Necessary policies and procedures.
- 2.5 Business Associate may Use Protected Health Information as necessary for the proper management and administration of its business or to carry out its legal responsibilities.
- 2.6 Business Associate may Disclose Protected Health Information as necessary for the proper management and administration of its business or to carry out its legal responsibilities, provided the Disclosure is Required by Law or Business Associate obtains reasonable assurances from the person to whom the Protected Health Information is disclosed (i.e., the recipient) that it will be held confidentially and Used or further Disclosed only as Required by Law or for the purposes for which it was disclosed to the recipient and the recipient notifies Business Associate of any instances of which it is aware in which the confidentiality of the Protected Health Information has been breached.
- 2.7 Business Associate may provide Data Aggregation services relating to Covered Entity's Health Care Operations if such Data Aggregation services are necessary in order to provide Services.

**3. PROHIBITED USES AND DISCLOSURES OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION**

- 3.1 Business Associate shall not Use or Disclose Protected Health Information other than as permitted or required by this Business Associate Agreement or as Required by Law.
- 3.2 Business Associate shall not Use or Disclose Protected Health Information in a manner that would violate Subpart E of 45 C.F.R. Part 164, or the California Confidentiality Laws if done by Covered Entity, except for the specific Uses and Disclosures set forth in Sections 2.5, 2.6 and 2.7.
- 3.3 Business Associate shall not Use or Disclose Protected Health Information for de-identification of the information except as set forth in section 2.2.

**4. OBLIGATIONS TO SAFEGUARD PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION**

- 4.1 Business Associate shall implement, use, and maintain appropriate safeguards to prevent the Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information other than as provided for by this Business

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- 4.2 Business Associate shall comply with Subpart C of 45 C.F.R Part 164 with respect to Electronic Protected Health Information, to prevent the Use or Disclosure of such information other than as provided for by this Business Associate Agreement.

5. **REPORTING NON-PERMITTED USES OR DISCLOSURES, SECURITY INCIDENTS, AND BREACHES OF UNSECURED PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION**

- 5.1 Business Associate shall report to Covered Entity any Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information not permitted by this Business Associate Agreement, any Security Incident, and/or any Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information as further described in Sections 5.1.1, 5.1.2, and 5.1.3.

5.1.1 Business Associate shall report to Covered Entity any Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information by Business Associate, its employees, representatives, agents or Subcontractors not provided for by this Agreement of which Business Associate becomes aware.

5.1.2 Business Associate shall report to Covered Entity any Security Incident of which Business Associate becomes aware.

5.1.3 Business Associate shall report to Covered Entity any Breach by Business Associate, its employees, representatives, agents, workforce members, or Subcontractors of Unsecured Protected Health Information that is known to Business Associate or, by exercising reasonable diligence, would have been known to Business Associate. Business Associate shall be deemed to have knowledge of a Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information if the Breach is known, or by exercising reasonable diligence would have been known, to any person, other than the person committing the Breach, who is an employee, officer, or other agent of Business Associate, including a Subcontractor, as determined in accordance with the federal common law of agency.

- 5.2 Except as provided in Section 5.3, for any reporting required by Section 5.1, Business Associate shall provide, to the extent available, all information required by, and within the times frames specified in, Sections 5.2.1 and 5.2.2.

5.2.1 Business Associate shall make an immediate telephonic report upon discovery of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information, Security Incident or Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information to County number **1-805-934-6344 (Privacy Line)** that minimally includes:

- (a) A brief description of what happened, including the date of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach and the date of Discovery of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach, if known;
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- (c) A description of the specific type of Protected Health Information involved in the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach (such as whether full name, social security number, date of birth, home address, account number, diagnosis, disability code or other types of information were involved);
- (d) The name and contact information for a person highly knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure of PHI, Security Incident, or Breach.

5.2.2 Business Associate shall make a written report without unreasonable delay and in no event later than three (3) business days from the date of discovery by Business Associate of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information, Security Incident, or Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information and to the:

**Chief Privacy Officer at:** Janet Alexander, LMFT  
**County/Department:** Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness, Quality Care Management/Access Team  
**Address:** 300 N. San Antonio Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93110  
**Email:** jalexander@sbcbswell.org or BWellPrivacy@sbcbswell.org,  
that includes, to the extent possible:

- (a) A brief description of what happened, including the date of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach and the date of Discovery of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach, if known;
- (b) The number of Individuals whose Protected Health Information is involved;
- (c) A description of the specific type of Protected Health Information involved in the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach (such as whether full name, social security number, date of birth, home address, account number, diagnosis, disability code or other types of information were involved);
- (d) The identification of each Individual whose Unsecured Protected Health Information has been, or is reasonably believed by Business Associate to have been, accessed, acquired, Used, or Disclosed;
- (e) Any other information necessary to conduct an assessment of whether notification to the Individual(s) under 45 C.F.R. § 164.404 is required;
- (f) Any steps Business Associate believes that the Individual(s) could take to protect him or herself from potential harm from the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach;

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- (g) A brief description of what Business Associate is doing to investigate, to mitigate harm to the Individual(s), and to protect against any further similar occurrences; and
- (h) The name and contact information for a person highly knowledgeable of the facts and circumstances of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure of PHI, Security Incident, or Breach.

5.2.3 If Business Associate is not able to provide the information specified in Section 5.2.1 or 5.2.2 at the time of the required report, Business Associate shall provide such information promptly thereafter as such information becomes available.

5.3 Business Associate may delay the notification required by Section 5.1.3, if a law enforcement official states to Business Associate that notification would impede a criminal investigation or cause damage to national security.

5.3.1 If the law enforcement official's statement is in writing and specifies the time for which a delay is required, Business Associate shall delay its reporting and/or notification obligation(s) for the time period specified by the official.

5.3.2 If the statement is made orally, Business Associate shall document the statement, including the identity of the official making the statement, and delay its reporting and/or notification obligation(s) temporarily and no longer than 30 days from the date of the oral statement, unless a written statement as described in Section 5.3.1 is submitted during that time.

## **6. WRITTEN ASSURANCES OF SUBCONTRACTORS**

6.1 In accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.502 (e)(1)(ii) and § 164.308 (b)(2), if applicable, Business Associate shall ensure that any Subcontractor that creates, receives, maintains, or transmits Protected Health Information on behalf of Business Associate is made aware of its status as a Business Associate with respect to such information and that Subcontractor agrees in writing to the same restrictions, conditions, and requirements that apply to Business Associate with respect to such information.

6.2 Business Associate shall take reasonable steps to cure any material breach or violation by Subcontractor of the agreement required by Section 6.1.

6.3 If the steps required by Section 6.2 do not cure the breach or end the violation, Contractor shall terminate, if feasible, any arrangement with Subcontractor by which Subcontractor creates, receives, maintains, or transmits Protected Health Information on behalf of Business Associate.

6.4 If neither cure nor termination as set forth in Sections 6.2 and 6.3 is feasible, Business Associate shall immediately notify CalMHSA.

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- 6.5 Without limiting the requirements of Section 6.1, the agreement required by Section 6.1 (Subcontractor Business Associate Agreement) shall require Subcontractor to contemporaneously notify Covered Entity in the event of a Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information.
- 6.6 Without limiting the requirements of Section 6.1, the agreement required by Section 6.1 (Subcontractor Business Associate Agreement) shall include a provision requiring Subcontractor to destroy, or in the alternative to return to Business Associate, any Protected Health Information created, received, maintained, or transmitted by Subcontractor on behalf of Business Associate so as to enable Business Associate to comply with the provisions of Section 18.4.
- 6.7 Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity, at Covered Entity's request, a copy of any and all Subcontractor Business Associate Agreements required by Section 6.1.
- 6.8 Sections 6.1 and 6.7 are not intended by the parties to limit in any way the scope of Business Associate's obligations related to Subcontracts or Subcontracting in the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order, or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate.

**7. ACCESS TO PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION**

- 7.1 To the extent Covered Entity determines that Protected Health Information is maintained by Business Associate or its agents or Subcontractors in a Designated Record Set, Business Associate shall, within two (2) business days after receipt of a request from Covered Entity, make the Protected Health Information specified by Covered Entity available to the Individual(s) identified by Covered Entity as being entitled to access and shall provide such Individual(s) or other person(s) designated by Covered Entity with a copy the specified Protected Health Information, in order for Covered Entity to meet the requirements of 45 C.F.R. § 164.524 or the California Confidentiality Laws.
- 7.2 If any Individual requests access to Protected Health Information directly from Business Associate or its agents or Subcontractors, Business Associate shall notify Covered Entity in writing within two (2) days of the receipt of the request. Whether access shall be provided or denied shall be determined by Covered Entity.
- 7.3 To the extent that Business Associate maintains Protected Health Information that is subject to access as set forth above in one or more Designated Record Sets electronically and if the Individual requests an electronic copy of such information, Business Associate shall provide the Individual with access to the Protected Health Information in the electronic form and format requested by the Individual, if it is readily producible in such form and format; or, if not, in a readable electronic form and format as agreed to by Covered Entity and the Individual.

**8. AMENDMENT OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION**

- 8.1 To the extent Covered Entity determines that any Protected Health Information is maintained by Business Associate or its agents or Subcontractors in a Designated Record Set, Business

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Associate shall, within ten (10) business days after receipt of a written request from Covered Entity, make any amendments to such Protected Health Information that are requested by Covered Entity, in order for Covered Entity to meet the requirements of 45 C.F.R. § 164.526.

- 8.2 If any Individual requests an amendment to Protected Health Information directly from Business Associate or its agents or Subcontractors, Business Associate shall notify Covered Entity in writing within five (5) days of the receipt of the request. Whether an amendment shall be granted or denied shall be determined by Covered Entity.

**9. ACCOUNTING OF DISCLOSURES OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION**

- 9.1 Business Associate shall maintain an accounting of each Disclosure of Protected Health Information made by Business Associate or its employees, agents, representatives or Subcontractors, as is determined by Covered Entity to be necessary in order to permit Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528.

- 9.1.1 Any accounting of disclosures provided by Business Associate under Section 9.1 shall include:

- (a) The date of the Disclosure;
- (b) The name, and address if known, of the entity or person who received the Protected Health Information;
- (c) A brief description of the Protected Health Information Disclosed; and
- (d) A brief statement of the purpose of the Disclosure.

- 9.1.2 For each Disclosure that could require an accounting under Section 9.1, Business Associate shall document the information specified in Section 9.1.1, and shall maintain the information for six (6) years from the date of the Disclosure.

- 9.2 Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity, within ten (10) business days after receipt of a written request from Covered Entity, information collected in accordance with Section 9.1.1 to permit Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528
- 9.3 If any Individual requests an accounting of disclosures directly from Business Associate or its agents or Subcontractors, Business Associate shall notify Covered Entity in writing within five (5) days of the receipt of the request, and shall provide the requested accounting of disclosures to the Individual(s) within 30 days. The information provided in the accounting shall be in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528.



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**10. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE FEDERAL AND STATE PRIVACY AND SECURITY RULES**

- 10.1 To the extent Business Associate is to carry out one or more of Covered Entity's obligation(s) under Subpart E of 45 C.F.R. Part 164, Business Associate shall comply with the requirements of Subpart E that apply to Covered Entity's performance of such obligation(s).
- 10.2 Business Associate shall comply with all HIPAA Rules and California Confidentiality Laws applicable to Business Associate in the performance of Services.

**11. AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS**

- 11.1 Business Associate shall make its internal practices, books, and records relating to the Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information received from, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity available to the Secretary for purposes of determining Covered Entity's compliance with the applicable Privacy and Security Regulations, including the HIPAA rules.
- 11.2 Unless prohibited by the Secretary, Business Associate shall immediately notify Covered Entity of any requests made by the Secretary and provide Covered Entity with copies of any documents produced in response to such request.

**12. MITIGATION OF HARMFUL EFFECTS**

- 12.1 Business Associate shall mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect of a Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information by Business Associate in violation of the requirements of this Business Associate Agreement that is known to Business Associate.

**13. BREACH NOTIFICATION TO INDIVIDUALS**

- 13.1 Business Associate shall, to the extent Covered Entity determines that there has been a Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information by Business Associate, its employees, representatives, agents or Subcontractors, provide breach notification to the Individual in a manner that permits Covered Entity to comply with its obligations under 45 C.F.R. § 164.404.
  - 13.1.1 Business Associate shall notify, subject to the review and approval of Covered Entity, each Individual whose Unsecured Protected Health Information has been, or is reasonably believed to have been, accessed, acquired, Used, or Disclosed as a result of any such Breach.
  - 13.1.2 The notification provided by Business Associate shall be written in plain language, shall be subject to review and approval by Covered Entity, and shall include, to the extent possible:
    - (a) A brief description of what happened, including the date of the Breach and the date of the Discovery of the Breach, if known;

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- (b) A description of the types of Unsecured Protected Health Information that were involved in the Breach (such as whether full name, social security number, date of birth, home address, account number, diagnosis, disability code, or other types of information were involved);
  - (c) Any steps the Individual should take to protect him or herself from potential harm resulting from the Breach;
  - (d) A brief description of what Business Associate is doing to investigate the Breach, to mitigate harm to Individual(s), and to protect against any further Breaches; and
  - (e) Contact procedures for Individual(s) to ask questions or learn additional information, which shall include a toll-free telephone number, an e-mail address, Web site, or postal address.
- 13.2 Covered Entity, in its sole discretion, may elect to provide the notification required by Section 13.1 and/or to establish the contact procedures described in Section 13.1.2.
- 13.3 Business Associate shall reimburse Covered Entity any and all costs incurred by Covered Entity, in complying with Subpart D of 45 C.F.R. Part 164, including but not limited to costs of notification, internet posting, or media publication, as a result of Business Associate's Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information; Covered Entity shall not be responsible for any costs incurred by Business Associate in providing the notification required by 13.1 or in establishing the contact procedures required by Section 13.1.2.

**14. DHCS REQUIREMENTS.**

- 14.1 Business Associate and Covered Entity shall comply with the DHCS Requirements provided on **Exhibit A and Exhibit B** to this Business Associate Agreement with regard to DHCS PSCI and PII received from Covered Entity. To the extent that any provisions of the DHCS Requirements in Exhibit A or Exhibit B conflict with other provisions of this Business Associate Agreement, the more restrictive requirement shall apply with regard to DHCS PSCI or PII received from Covered Entity.

**15. INDEMNIFICATION**

- 15.1 Business Associate shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Covered Entity, its Special Districts, elected and appointed officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all liability, including but not limited to demands, claims, actions, fees, costs, expenses (including attorney and expert witness fees), and penalties and/or fines (including regulatory penalties and/or fines), arising from or connected with Business Associate's acts and/or omissions arising from and/or relating to this Business Associate Agreement, including, but not limited to, compliance and/or enforcement actions and/or activities, whether formal or informal, by the Secretary or by the Attorney General of the State of California.

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- 15.2 Section 15.1 is not intended by the parties to limit in any way the scope of Business Associate's obligations related to Insurance and/or Indemnification in the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order, or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate.

**16. OBLIGATIONS OF COVERED ENTITY**

- 16.1 Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any current or future restrictions or limitations on the Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information that would affect Business Associate's performance of the Services, and Business Associate shall thereafter restrict or limit its own Uses and Disclosures accordingly.
- 16.2 Covered Entity shall not request Business Associate to Use or Disclose Protected Health Information in any manner that would not be permissible under Subpart E of 45 C.F.R. Part 164 or the California Confidentiality Laws if done by Covered Entity, except to the extent that Business Associate may Use or Disclose Protected Health Information as provided in Sections 2.3, 2.5, 2.6, and 2.7.

**17. TERM**

- 17.1 Unless sooner terminated as set forth in Section 18, the term of this Business Associate Agreement shall be the same as the term of the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Participation Agreement, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order, or other service arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate. Such term shall apply to all such agreements entered into from time to time between the parties for the purpose of providing Services pursuant to the JPA.
- 17.2 Notwithstanding Section 17.1, Business Associate's obligations under Sections 11, 15, and 19 shall survive the termination or expiration of this Business Associate Agreement.

**18. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE**

- 18.1 In addition to and notwithstanding the termination provisions set forth in the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Participation Agreement, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order, or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate, if either party determines that the other party has violated a material term of this Business Associate Agreement, and the breaching party has not cured the breach or ended the violation within the time specified by the non-breaching party, which shall be reasonable given the nature of the breach and/or violation, the non-breaching party may terminate this Business Associate Agreement.
- 18.2 In addition to and notwithstanding the termination provisions set forth in the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Participation Agreement, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order, or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate, if either party determines that the other party has violated a material term of this Business Associate Agreement, and cure is not feasible, the non-breaching party may terminate this Business Associate Agreement immediately.

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**19. DISPOSITION OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION UPON TERMINATION OR EXPIRATION**

- 19.1 Except as provided in Section 19.3, upon termination for any reason or expiration of this Business Associate Agreement, Business Associate shall return or, if agreed to by Covered entity, shall destroy as provided for in Section 19.2, all Protected Health Information received from Covered Entity, or created, maintained, or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity, that Business Associate, including any Subcontractor, still maintains in any form. Business Associate shall retain no copies of the Protected Health Information.
- 19.2 Destruction for purposes of Section 19.2 and Section 6.6 shall mean that media on which the Protected Health Information is stored or recorded has been destroyed and/or electronic media have been cleared, purged, or destroyed in accordance with the use of a technology or methodology specified by the Secretary in guidance for rendering Protected Health Information unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals.
- 19.3 Notwithstanding Section 19.1, in the event that return or destruction of Protected Health Information is not feasible or Business Associate determines that any such Protected Health Information is necessary for Business Associate to continue its proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities, Business Associate may retain that Protected Health Information for which destruction or return is infeasible or that Protected Health Information which is necessary for Business Associate to continue its proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities and shall return or, if agreed to by Covered entity, destroy all other Protected Health Information.
  - 19.3.1 Business Associate shall extend the protections of this Business Associate Agreement to such Protected Health Information, including continuing to use appropriate safeguards and continuing to comply with Subpart C of 45 C.F.R Part 164 with respect to Electronic Protected Health Information, to prevent the Use or Disclosure of such information other than as provided for in Sections 2.5 and 2.6 for so long as such Protected Health Information is retained, and Business Associate shall not Use or Disclose such Protected Health Information other than for the purposes for which such Protected Health Information was retained.
  - 19.3.2 Business Associate shall return or, if agreed to by Covered entity, destroy the Protected Health Information retained by Business Associate when it is no longer needed by Business Associate for Business Associate's proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities.
- 19.4 Business Associate shall ensure that all Protected Health Information created, maintained, or received by Subcontractors is returned or, if agreed to by Covered entity, destroyed as provided for in Section 19.2.

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**20. AUDIT, INSPECTION, AND EXAMINATION**

- 20.1 Covered Entity reserves the right to conduct a reasonable inspection of the facilities, systems, information systems, books, records, agreements, and policies and procedures relating to the Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information for the purpose determining whether Business Associate is in compliance with the terms of this Business Associate Agreement and any non-compliance may be a basis for termination of this Business Associate Agreement and the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Participation Agreement, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate, as provided for in section 18.
- 20.2 Covered Entity and Business Associate shall mutually agree in advance upon the scope, timing, and location of any such inspection.
- 20.3 At Business Associate's request, and to the extent permitted by law, Covered Entity shall execute a nondisclosure agreement, upon terms and conditions mutually agreed to by the parties.
- 20.4 That Covered Entity inspects, fails to inspect, or has the right to inspect as provided for in Section 20.1 does not relieve Business Associate of its responsibility to comply with this Business Associate Agreement and/or the HIPAA Rules or impose on Covered Entity any responsibility for Business Associate's compliance with any applicable HIPAA Rules.
- 20.5 Covered Entity's failure to detect, its detection but failure to notify Business Associate, or its detection but failure to require remediation by Business Associate of an unsatisfactory practice by Business Associate, shall not constitute acceptance of such practice or a waiver of Covered Entity's enforcement rights under this Business Associate Agreement or the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Participation Agreement, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate.
- 20.6 Section 20.1 is not intended by the parties to limit in any way the scope of Business Associate's obligations related to Inspection and/or Audit and/or similar review in the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Participation Agreement, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order, or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate.

**21. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

- 21.1 Disclaimer. Covered Entity makes no warranty or representation that compliance by Business Associate with the terms and conditions of this Business Associate Agreement will be adequate or satisfactory to meet the business needs or legal obligations of Business Associate.
- 21.2 Federal and State Requirements. The Parties agree that the provisions under HIPAA Rules and the California Confidentiality Laws that are required by law to be incorporated into this Business Associate Agreement are hereby incorporated into this Agreement.

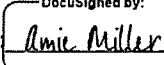
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- 21.3 No Third-Party Beneficiaries. Nothing in this Business Associate Agreement shall confer upon any person other than the parties and their respective successors or assigns, any rights, remedies, obligations, or liabilities whatsoever.
- 21.4 Construction. In the event that a provision of this Business Associate Agreement is contrary to a provision of the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Participation Agreement, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order, or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate, the provision of this Business Associate Agreement shall control. Otherwise, this Business Associate Agreement shall be construed under, and in accordance with, the terms of the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Participation Agreement, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order or other services arrangement, with or without
- 21.5 Regulatory References. A reference in this Business Associate Agreement to a section in the HIPAA Rules means the section as in effect or as amended.
- 21.6 Interpretation. Any ambiguity in this Business Associate Agreement shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that permits the parties to comply with the HIPAA Rules and the California Confidentiality Laws.
- 21.7 Amendment. The parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this Business Associate Agreement from time to time as is necessary for Covered Entity or Business Associate to comply with the requirements of the HIPAA Rules and any other privacy laws governing Protected Health Information, including the California Confidentiality Laws.

This Business Associates Agreement applies to all Participation Agreements between the County and Contractor that require Contractor to create, access, receive, maintain, and/or transmit protected health information or personally identifiable information.

**AUTHORIZED SIGNORS:**

**CONTRACTOR: CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY (CalMHSA)**

Signed:  Name (Printed): Amie Miller, Psy.D., MFT  
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Title: Executive Director Date: 8/31/2022  
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**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA:**

Signed: Joan Hartmann

Name: Joan Hartmann

Title: Chair, Board of Supervisors

Date: 9-13-22

**ATTEST:**

Signed: Mona Miyasato

Name: Mona Miyasato

Title: County Executive Officer, Clerk of the Board

Date: 9-13-22

**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:**

Signed: Antonette Navarro

Name: Antonette Navarro, LMFT

Title: Director, Behavioral Wellness

Date: 8/31/2022

**APPROVE AS TO FORM: COUNTY COUNSEL**

Signed: Bo Bae

Name: Bo Bae

Title: Deputy County Counsel

Date: 9/1/2022

**APPROVE AS TO ACCOUNTING FORM: AUDITOR-CONTROLLER**

Signed: C. Edwin Price, Jr.

Name: C. Edwin Price, Jr.

Title: Deputy

Date: 9/1/2022

**APPROVE AS TO INSURANCE FORM: RISK MANAGEMENT:**

Signed: Greg Milligan

Name: Greg Milligan

Title: Risk Manager

Date: 8/31/2022

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**Exhibit A**  
**DHCS Information Confidentiality and Security Requirements**

**1. Definitions.** For purposes of this Exhibit, the following definitions shall apply:

- a. **Public Information:** Information that is not exempt from disclosure under the provisions of the California Public Records Act (Government Code sections 6250-6265) or other applicable state or federal laws.
- b. **Confidential Information:** Information that is exempt from disclosure under the provisions of the California Public Records Act (Government Code sections 6250-6265) or other applicable state or federal laws.
- c. **Sensitive Information:** Information that requires special precautions to protect from unauthorized use, access, disclosure, modification, loss, or deletion. Sensitive Information may be either Public Information or Confidential Information. It is information that requires a higher than normal assurance of accuracy and completeness. Thus, the key factor for Sensitive Information is that of integrity. Typically, Sensitive Information includes records of agency financial transactions and regulatory actions.
- d. **Personal Information:** Information that identifies or describes an individual, including, but not limited to, their name, social security number, physical description, home address, home telephone number, education, financial matters, and medical or employment history. It is DHCS' policy to consider all information about individuals private unless such information is determined to be a public record. This information must be protected from inappropriate access, use, or disclosure and must be made accessible to data subjects upon request. Personal Information includes the following:

Notice-triggering Personal Information: Specific items of personal information (name plus Social Security number, driver license/California identification card number, or financial account number) that may trigger a requirement to notify individuals if it is acquired by an unauthorized person. For purposes of this provision, identity shall include, but not be limited to name, identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to the individual, such as finger or voice print or a photograph. See Civil Code sections 1798.29 and 1798.82.

- 2. **Nondisclosure.** Business Associate and its employees, agents, or subcontractors shall protect from unauthorized disclosure any PSCI.
- 3. Business Associate and its employees, agents, or subcontractors shall not use any PSCI for any purpose other than carrying out the Business Associate's obligations under the JPA Agreement.
- 4. Business Associate and its employees, agents, or subcontractors shall promptly transmit to Covered Entity's Chief Privacy Officer all requests for disclosure of any PSCI not emanating from the person who is the subject of PSCI.



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5. Business Associate shall not disclose, except as otherwise specifically permitted by JPA Agreement or authorized by the person who is the subject of PSCI, any PSCI to anyone other than DHCS or Covered Entity without prior written authorization from the Covered Entity Chief Privacy Officer, even if except if disclosure is required by State or Federal law.
6. Business Associate shall observe the following requirements:
  - a. **Safeguards.** Business Associate shall implement administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the PSCI, including electronic PSCI that it creates, receives, maintains, uses, or transmits on behalf of Covered Entity. Business Associate shall develop and maintain a written information privacy and security program that includes administrative, technical and physical safeguards appropriate to the size and complexity of Business Associate's operations and the nature and scope of its activities, including at a minimum the following safeguards:

**i. Personnel Controls**

1. **Employee Training.** All workforce members who assist in the performance of functions or activities on behalf of Covered Entity, or access or disclose Covered Entity PSCI, must complete information privacy and security training, at least annually, at Business Associate's expense. Each workforce member who receives information privacy and security training must sign a certification, indicating the member's name and the date on which the training was completed. These certifications must be retained for a period of six (6) years following contract termination.
2. **Employee Discipline.** Appropriate sanctions must be applied against workforce members who fail to comply with privacy policies and procedures or any provisions of these requirements, including termination of employment where appropriate.
3. **Confidentiality Statement.** All persons that will be working with DHCS PHI or PI must sign a confidentiality statement that includes, at a minimum, General Use, Security and Privacy Safeguards, Unacceptable Use, and Enforcement Policies. The statement must be signed by the workforce member prior to access to DHCS PHI or PI. The statement must be renewed annually. Business Associate shall retain each person's written confidentiality statement for Covered Entity or DHCS inspection for a period of six (6) years following contract termination.
4. **Background Check.** Before a member of the workforce may access DHCS PHI or PI, a thorough background check of that worker must be conducted, with evaluation of the results to assure that there is no indication that the worker may present a risk to the security or integrity of confidential data or a risk for theft or misuse of confidential data. Business Associate shall retain each workforce member's background check documentation for a period of three (3) years following contract termination.

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ii. **Technical Security Controls**

1. **Workstation/Laptop encryption.** All workstations and laptops that process and/or store DHCS PHI or PI must be encrypted using a FIPS 140-2 certified algorithm which is 128bit or higher, such as Advanced Encryption Standard (AES). The encryption solution must be full disk unless approved by the DHCS Information Security Office.
2. **Server Security.** Servers containing unencrypted DHCS PHI or PI must have sufficient administrative, physical, and technical controls in place to protect that data, based upon a risk assessment/system security review.
3. **Minimum Necessary.** Only the minimum necessary amount of DHCS PHI or PI required to perform necessary business functions may be copied, downloaded, or exported.
4. **Removable media devices.** All electronic files that contain DHCS PHI or PI data must be encrypted when stored on any removable media or portable device (i.e. USB thumb drives, floppies, CD/DVD, smartphones, backup tapes etc.). Encryption must be a FIPS 140-2 certified algorithm which is 128bit or higher, such as AES.
5. **Antivirus software.** All workstations, laptops and other systems that process and/or store DHCS PHI or PI must install and actively use comprehensive anti-virus software solution with automatic updates scheduled at least daily.
6. **Patch Management.** All workstations, laptops and other systems that process and/or store DHCS PHI or PI must have critical security patches applied, with system reboot if necessary. There must be a documented patch management process which determines installation timeframe based on risk assessment and vendor recommendations. At a maximum, all applicable patches must be installed within 30 days of vendor release.
7. **User IDs and Password Controls.** All users must be issued a unique user name for accessing DHCS PHI or PI. Username must be promptly disabled, deleted, or the password changed upon the transfer or termination of an employee with knowledge of the password, at maximum within 24 hours. Passwords are not to be shared. Passwords must be at least eight characters and must be a non-dictionary word. Passwords must not be stored in readable format on the computer. Passwords must be changed every 90 days, preferably every 60 days. Passwords must be changed if revealed or compromised. Passwords must be composed of characters from at least three of the following four groups from the standard keyboard:
  - Upper case letters (A-Z)
  - Lower case letters (a-z)

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- Arabic numerals (0-9)
  - Non-alphanumeric characters (punctuation symbols)
8. **Data Destruction.** When no longer needed, all DHCS PHI or PI must be cleared, purged, or destroyed consistent with NIST Special Publication 800-88, Guidelines for Media Sanitization such that the PHI or PI cannot be retrieved.
  9. **System Timeout.** The system providing access to DHCS PHI or PI must provide an automatic timeout, requiring re-authentication of the user session after no more than 20 minutes of inactivity.
  10. **Warning Banners.** All systems providing access to DHCS PHI or PI must display a warning banner stating that data is confidential, systems are logged, and system use is for business purposes only by authorized users. User must be directed to log off the system if they do not agree with these requirements.
  11. **System Logging.** The system must maintain an automated audit trail which can identify the user or system process which initiates a request for DHCS PHI or PI, or which alters DHCS PHI or PI. The audit trail must be date and time stamped, must log both successful and failed accesses, must be read only, and must be restricted to authorized users. If DHCS PHI or PI is stored in a database, database logging functionality must be enabled. Audit trail data must be archived for at least 3 years after occurrence.
  12. **Access Controls.** The system providing access to DHCS PHI or PI must use role based access controls for all user authentications, enforcing the principle of least privilege.
  13. **Transmission encryption.** All data transmissions of DHCS PHI or PI outside the secure internal network must be encrypted using a FIPS 140-2 certified algorithm which is 128bit or higher, such as AES. Encryption can be end to end at the network level, or the data files containing PHI can be encrypted. This requirement pertains to any type of PHI or PI in motion such as website access, file transfer, and E-Mail.
  14. **Intrusion Detection.** All systems involved in accessing, holding, transporting, and protecting DHCS PHI or PI that are accessible via the Internet must be protected by a comprehensive intrusion detection and prevention solution.

iii. **Audit Controls**

1. **System Security Review.** All systems processing and/or storing DHCS PHI or PI must have at least an annual system risk assessment/security review which provides assurance that administrative, physical, and technical controls are functioning effectively and providing adequate levels of protection. Reviews should include vulnerability scanning tools.

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2. **Log Reviews.** All systems processing and/or storing DHCS PHI or PI must have a routine procedure in place to review system logs for unauthorized access.
3. **Change Control.** All systems processing and/or storing DHCS PHI or PI must have a documented change control procedure that ensures separation of duties and protects the confidentiality, integrity and availability of data.

**iv. Business Continuity | Disaster Recovery Controls**

1. **Emergency Mode Operation Plan.** Business Associate must establish a documented plan to enable continuation of critical business processes and protection of the security of electronic DHCS PHI or PI in the event of an emergency. Emergency means any circumstance or situation that causes normal computer operations to become unavailable for use in performing the work required under this Agreement for more than 24 hours.
2. **Data Backup Plan.** Business Associate must have established documented procedures to backup DHCS PHI to maintain retrievable exact copies of DHCS PHI or PI. The plan must include a regular schedule for making backups, storing backups offsite, an inventory of backup media, and an estimate of the amount of time needed to restore DHCS PHI or PI should it be lost. At a minimum, the schedule must be a weekly full backup and monthly offsite storage of DHCS data.

**v. Paper Document Controls**

1. **Supervision of Data.** DHCS PHI or PI in paper form shall not be left unattended at any time, unless it is locked in a file cabinet, file room, desk or office. Unattended means that information is not being observed by an employee authorized to access the information. DHCS PHI or PI in paper form shall not be left unattended at any time in vehicles or planes and shall not be checked in baggage on commercial airplanes.
2. **Escorting Visitors.** Visitors to areas where DHCS PHI or PI is contained shall be escorted and DHCS PHI or PI shall be kept out of sight while visitors are in the area.
3. **Confidential Destruction.** DHCS PHI or PI must be disposed of through confidential means, such as cross cut shredding and pulverizing.
4. **Removal of Data.** DHCS PHI or PI must not be removed from the premises of the Business Associate except with express written permission of DHCS.
5. **Faxing.** Faxes containing DHCS PHI or PI shall not be left unattended and fax machines shall be in secure areas. Faxes shall contain a confidentiality statement notifying persons receiving faxes in error to destroy them. Fax numbers shall be verified with the intended recipient before sending the fax.

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6. **Mailing.** Mailings of DHCS PHI or PI shall be sealed and secured from damage or inappropriate viewing of PHI or PI to the extent possible. Mailings which include 500 or more individually identifiable records of DHCS PHI or PI in a single package shall be sent using a tracked mailing method which includes verification of delivery and receipt, unless the prior written permission of DHCS to use another method is obtained.
- b. **Security Officer.** Business Associate shall, to the extent it has not already done so, designate a Security Officer to oversee its data security program who will be responsible for carrying out its privacy and security programs and for communicating on security matters with Covered Entity and DHCS.

***Discovery and Notification of Breach. Notice to Covered Entity:***

- i. To notify Covered Entity and DHCS **immediately** upon the discovery of a suspected security incident that involves data provided to Covered Entity by DHCS from the Social Security Administration. This notification will be by **telephone call plus email or fax** upon the discovery of the breach. (2) To notify Covered Entity **within 24 hours by email or fax** of the discovery of unsecured PHI or PI in electronic media or in any other media if the PHI or PI was, or is reasonably believed to have been, accessed or acquired by an unauthorized person, any suspected security incident, intrusion or unauthorized access, use or disclosure of PHI or PI in violation of the JPA and this Exhibit, or potential loss of confidential data affecting the JPA. A breach shall be treated as discovered by Business Associate as of the first day on which the breach is known, or by exercising reasonable diligence would have been known, to any person (other than the person committing the breach) who is an employee, officer or other agent of Business Associate.
  - ii. Notice shall be provided to the Covered Entity Chief Privacy Officer, the DHCS Privacy Officer and the DHCS Information Security Officer. If the incident occurs after business hours or on a weekend or holiday and involves data provided to Covered Entity by DHCS from the Social Security Administration, notice shall be provided by calling the DHCS EITS Service Desk. Notice shall be made using the "DHCS Privacy Incident Report" form, including all information known at the time. The Business Associate shall use the most current version of this form, which is posted on the DHCS Privacy Office website ([www.dhcs.ca.gov](http://www.dhcs.ca.gov), then select "Privacy" in the left column and then "Business Use" near the middle of the page) or use this link: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/priv/Pacies/DHCSBusinessAssociatesOnline.aspx>
- c. Upon discovery of a breach or suspected security incident, intrusion or unauthorized access, use or disclosure of PHI or PI, Business Associate shall take:
    - i. Prompt corrective action to mitigate any risks or damages involved with the breach and to protect the operating environment and
    - ii. Any action pertaining to such unauthorized disclosure required by applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.

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- d. **Investigation of Breach.** Business Associate shall immediately investigate such security incident, breach, or unauthorized use or disclosure of PSCI. If the initial report did not include all of the requested information marked with an asterisk, then within seventy-two (72) hours of the discovery, Business Associate shall submit an updated "DHCS Privacy Incident Report" containing the information marked with an asterisk and all other applicable information listed on the form, to the extent known at that time, to the Covered Entity Chief Privacy Officer, the DHCS Privacy Officer, and the DHCS Information Security Officer.
  - e. **Written Report.** Business Associate shall provide a written report of the investigation to the Covered Entity Chief Privacy Officer, the DHCS Privacy Officer, and the DHCS Information Security Officer, if all of the required information was not included in the DHCS Privacy Incident Report, within ten (10) working days of the discovery of the breach or unauthorized use or disclosure. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the information specified above, as well as a full, detailed corrective action plan, including information on measures that were taken to halt and/or contain the improper use or disclosure.
  - f. **Notification of Individuals.** Business Associate shall notify individuals of the breach or unauthorized use or disclosure when notification is required under state or federal law and shall pay any costs of such notifications, as well as any costs associated with the breach. The Covered Entity Chief Privacy Officer, the DHCS Privacy Officer, and the DHCS Information Security Officer shall approve the time, manner and content of any such notifications.
7. **Effect on lower tier transactions.** The terms of this Exhibit shall apply to all contracts, subcontracts, and subawards, regardless of whether they are for the acquisition of services, goods, or commodities. Business Associate shall incorporate the contents of this Exhibit into each subcontract or subaward to its agents, subcontractors, or independent consultants.
  8. **Contact Information.** To direct communications to the above referenced Covered Entity or DHCS staff, Business Associate shall initiate contact as indicated herein. Covered Entity reserves the right to make changes to the contact information below by giving written notice to Business Associate. Said changes shall not require an amendment to this Exhibit or the JPA Agreement to which it is incorporated.

Covered Entity Chief Privacy Officer	DHCS Privacy Officer	DHCS Information Security Officer
See Section 5.2.2 of this Business Associate Agreement for Covered Entity contact information.	Privacy Officer c/o Office of Legal Services Department of Health Care Services P.O. Box 997413, MS 0011 Sacramento, CA 95899-7413  Email: <a href="mailto:privacyofficer@dhcs.ca.gov">privacyofficer@dhcs.ca.gov</a>  Telephone: (916) 445-4646	Information Security Officer DHCS Information Security Office P.O. Box 997413, MS 6400 Sacramento, CA 95889-7413  Email: <a href="mailto:iso@dhcs.ca.gov">iso@dhcs.ca.gov</a>  Telephone: ITSD Help Desk (916) 440-7000 or (800) 579-0874

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9. **Audits and Inspections.** From time to time, DHCS may inspect the facilities, systems, books and records of the Business Associate to monitor compliance with the safeguards required in the Information Confidentiality and Security Requirements (ICSR) exhibit. Business Associate shall promptly remedy any violation of any provision of this ICSR exhibit. The fact that DHCS inspects, or fails to inspect, or has the right to inspect, Business Associate's facilities, systems and procedures does not relieve Business Associate of its responsibility to comply with this ICSR exhibit.

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## **Exhibit B**

### **Privacy and Information Security Provisions**

This Exhibit B is intended to protect the privacy and security of specified DHCS information that Business Associate may access, receive, or transmit under the JPA Agreement. The DHCS information covered under this Exhibit B consists of: (1) PHI and (2) PI. PI may include data provided to DHCS by the Social Security Administration.

Exhibit B consists of the following parts:

1. Exhibit B-1 provides for the privacy and security of PI under Civil Code Section 1798.3(a) and 1798.29.
2. Exhibit B-2, Miscellaneous Provisions, sets forth additional terms and conditions that extend to the provisions of Exhibit B in its entirety.



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**Exhibit B-1**  
**Privacy and Security of Personal Information and**  
**Personally Identifiable Information Not Subject to HIPAA**

**1. Recitals.**

- a. In addition to the Privacy and Security Rules under HIPAA, DHCS is subject to various other legal and contractual requirements with respect to the personal information (as defined in section 2 below) and personally identifiable information (as defined in section 2 below) it maintains. These include:
  - i. The California Information Practices Act of 1977 (California Civil Code §§1798 et seq.),
  - ii. Title 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter I, Subchapter A, Part 2.
- b. The purpose of this Exhibit B-1 is to set forth Business Associate's privacy and security obligations with respect to PI and PII that Business Associate may create, receive, maintain, use, or disclose for or on behalf of Covered Entity pursuant to the JPA Agreement. Specifically this Exhibit applies to PI and PII which is not PHI as defined by HIPAA and therefore is not addressed in this Business Associate Agreement; however, to the extent that data is both PHI or ePHI and PII, both the Business Associate Agreement and this Exhibit B-1 shall apply.
- c. The terms used in this Exhibit B-1, but not otherwise defined, shall have the same meanings as those terms have in the above referenced statute and agreement. Any reference to statutory, regulatory, or contractual language shall be to such language as in effect or as amended.

**2. Definitions.** The following definitions apply to such terms used in this Exhibit B-1. Abbreviated and capitalized terms used in this Exhibit but not defined below shall have the meaning ascribed to them under this Business Associate Agreement.

- a. "Breach" shall have the meaning given to such term under the CMPPA (as defined below in Section 2(c)). It shall include a "PII loss" as that term is defined in the CMPPA.
- b. "Breach of the security of the system" shall have the meaning given to such term under the California Information Practices Act, Civil Code section 1798.29(f).
- c. "CMPPA Agreement" means the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act ("CMPPA") Agreement between the Social Security Administration and the California Health and Human Services Agency ("CHHS").
- d. "DHCS PI" shall mean Personal Information, as defined below, accessed in a database maintained by the DHCS, received by Business Associate from Covered Entity or acquired or created by Business Associate in connection with performing the functions, activities and services specified in the JPA Agreement on behalf of the Covered Entity.

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- e. "Notice-triggering Personal Information" shall mean the personal information identified in Civil Code section 1798.29 whose unauthorized access may trigger notification requirements under Civil Code section 1798.29. For purposes of this provision, identity shall include, but not be limited to, name, address, email address, identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to the individual, such as a finger or voice print, a photograph or a biometric identifier. Notice-triggering Personal Information includes PI in electronic, paper or any other medium.
- f. "Personally Identifiable Information" ("PII") shall have the meaning given to such term in the CMPPA.
- g. "Personal Information" ("PI") shall have the meaning given to such term in California Civil Code Section 1798.3(a).
- h. "Required by law" means a mandate contained in law that compels an entity to make a use or disclosure of PI or PII that is enforceable in a court of law. This includes, but is not limited to, court orders and court-ordered warrants, subpoenas or summons issued by a court, grand jury, a governmental or tribal inspector general, or an administrative body authorized to require the production of information, and a civil or an authorized investigative demand. It also includes Medicare conditions of participation with respect to health care providers participating in the program, and statutes or regulations that require the production of information, including statutes or regulations that require such information if payment is sought under a government program providing public benefits.
- i. "Security Incident" means the attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of PI, or confidential data utilized in complying with the JPA Agreement; or interference with system operations in an information system that processes, maintains or stores PI.

### 3. Terms of Agreement

#### a. Permitted Uses and Disclosures of DHCS PI and PII by Business Associate

Except as otherwise indicated in this Exhibit B-1, Business Associate may use or disclose DHCS PI only to perform functions, activities or services for or on behalf of the DHCS pursuant to the terms of the JPA Agreement provided that such use or disclosure would not violate the California Information Practices Act ("CIPA") if done by the DHCS.

#### b. Responsibilities of Business Associate

Business Associate agrees:

- i. **Nondisclosure.** Not to use or disclose DHCS PI or PII other than as permitted or required by the JPA Agreement or as required by applicable state and federal law.

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- ii. **Safeguards.** To implement appropriate and reasonable administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to protect the security, confidentiality and integrity of DHCS PI and PII, to protect against anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of DHCS PI and PII, and to prevent use or disclosure of DHCS PI or PII other than as provided for by the JPA Agreement. Business Associate shall develop and maintain a written information privacy and security program that include administrative, technical and physical safeguards appropriate to the size and complexity of Business Associate's operations and the nature and scope of its activities, which incorporate the requirements of section (c), Security, below. Business Associate will provide Covered Entity or DHCS with its current policies upon request.
- c. **Security.** Business Associate shall take any and all steps necessary to ensure the continuous security of all computerized data systems containing PHI and/or PI, and to protect paper documents containing PHI and/or PI. These steps shall include, at a minimum:
  - i. Complying with all of the data system security precautions listed in Attachment A, Business Associate Data Security Requirements;
  - ii. Providing a level and scope of security that is at least comparable to the level and scope of security established by the Office of Management and Budget in OMB Circular No. A130, Appendix III- Security of Federal Automated Information Systems, which sets forth guidelines for automated information systems in Federal agencies; and
  - iii. If the data obtained by Business Associate from DHCS through Covered Entity includes PII, Contractor shall also comply with the substantive privacy and security requirements in the CMPPA Agreement. Business Associate also agrees to ensure that any agents, including a subcontractor to whom it provides DHCS PII, agree to the same requirements for privacy and security safeguards for confidential data that apply to Business Associate with respect to such information.
- d. **Mitigation of Harmful Effects.** To mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Business Associate of a use or disclosure of DHCS PI or PII by Business Associate or its subcontractors in violation of this Exhibit B-1.
- e. **Business Associate's Agents and Subcontractors.** To impose the same restrictions and conditions set forth in this Exhibit B-1 on any subcontractors or other agents with whom Business Associate subcontracts any activities under the JPA Agreement that involve the disclosure of DHCS PI or PII to the subcontractor.
- f. **Availability of Information to Covered Entity and DHCS.** To make DHCS PI and PII available to Covered Entity or DHCS for purposes of oversight, inspection, amendment, and response to requests for records, injunctions, judgments, and orders for production of DHCS PI and PII. If Business Associate receives DHCS PII, upon request by Covered Entity or DHCS, Business Associate shall provide Covered Entity or DHCS, as applicable, with a list of all employees, contractors and agents who have access to DHCS PII, including employees, contractors and agents of its subcontractors and agents.

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- g. **Cooperation with Covered Entity and DHCS.** With respect to DHCS PI, to cooperate with and assist the Covered Entity or DHCS, as applicable, to the extent necessary to ensure DHCS's compliance with the applicable terms of the CIPA including, but not limited to, accounting of disclosures of DHCS PI, correction of errors in DHCS PI, production of DHCS PI, disclosure of a security breach involving DHCS PI and notice of such breach to the affected individual(s).
- h. **Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records.** Business Associate agrees to comply with all confidentiality requirements set forth in Title 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter I, Subchapter A, Part 2. Business Associate is aware that criminal penalties may be imposed for a violation of these confidentiality requirements.
- i. **Breaches and Security Incidents.** During the term of this Agreement, Business Associate agrees to implement reasonable systems for the discovery and prompt reporting of any breach or security incident, and to take the following steps:
  - i. **Initial Notice to Covered Entity.** (1) To notify Covered Entity and DHCS immediately by telephone call or email or fax upon the discovery of a breach of unsecured DHCS PI or PII in electronic media or in any other media if the PI or PII was, or is reasonably believed to have been, accessed or acquired by an unauthorized person, or upon discovery of a suspected security incident involving DHCS PII. (2) To notify Covered Entity and DHCS within 24 hours by email or fax of the discovery of any suspected security incident, intrusion or unauthorized access, use or disclosure of DHCS PI or PII in violation of the JPA Agreement or this Exhibit B-1 or potential loss of confidential data affecting the JPA Agreement. A breach shall be treated as discovered by Business Associate as of the first day on which the breach is known, or by exercising reasonable diligence would have been known, to any person (other than the person committing the breach) who is an employee, officer or other agent of Business Associate.
  - ii. Notice shall be provided to the Covered Entity Chief Privacy Officer and DHCS Information Protection Unit, Office of HIPAA Compliance. If the incident occurs after business hours or on a weekend or holiday and involves electronic DHCS PI or PII, notice shall be provided to DHCS by calling the DHCS Information Security Officer. Notice to DHCS shall be made using the DHCS "Privacy Incident Report" form, including all information known at the time. Business Associate shall use the most current version of this form, which is posted on the DHCS Information Security Officer website ([www.dhcs.camov](http://www.dhcs.camov), then select "Privacy" in the left column and then "Business Partner" near the middle of the page) or use this link: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandoubs/laws/oriv/Paces/DHCSBusinessAssociatesOnly.asp> x.
  - iii. Upon discovery of a breach or suspected security incident, intrusion or unauthorized access, use or disclosure of DHCS PI or PII, Business Associate shall take:
    - 1. Prompt corrective action to mitigate any risks or damages involved with the breach and to protect the operating environment; and
    - 2. Any action pertaining to such unauthorized disclosure required by applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.

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- iv. **Investigation and Investigation Report.** To immediately investigate such suspected security incident, security incident, breach, or unauthorized access, use or disclosure of PHI. Within 72 hours of the discovery, Business Associate shall submit an updated "Privacy Incident Report" containing the information marked with an asterisk and all other applicable information listed on the form, to the extent known at that time, to the DHCS Information Security Officer.
- v. **Complete Report.** To provide a complete report of the investigation to Covered Entity and the DHCS Information Protection Unit within ten (10) working days of the discovery of the breach or unauthorized use or disclosure. The report to DHCS shall be submitted on the "Privacy Incident Report" form and shall include an assessment of all known factors relevant to a determination of whether a breach occurred. The report shall also include a full, detailed corrective action plan, including information on measures that were taken to halt and/or contain the improper use or disclosure. If DHCS requests information in addition to that listed on the "Privacy Incident Report" form, Business Associate shall make reasonable efforts to provide Covered Entity or DHCS, as applicable, with such information. If, because of the circumstances of the incident, Business Associate needs more than ten (10) working days from the discovery to submit a complete report, the DHCS may grant a reasonable extension of time, in which case Business Associate shall submit periodic updates until the complete report is submitted. If necessary, a Supplemental Report may be used to submit revised or additional information after the completed report is submitted, by submitting the revised or additional information on an updated "Privacy Incident Report" form. DHCS will review and approve the determination of whether a breach occurred and whether individual notifications and a corrective action plan are required.
- vi. **Responsibility for Reporting of Breaches.** If the cause of a breach of DHCS PI or PII is attributable to Business Associate or its agents, subcontractors or vendors, Business Associate is responsible for all required reporting of the breach as specified in CIPA, section 1798.29. Business Associate shall bear all costs of required notifications to individuals as well as any costs associated with the breach. The Privacy Officer shall approve the time, manner and content of any such notifications and their review and approval must be obtained before the notifications are made. Covered Entity or DHCS, as applicable, will provide its review and approval expeditiously and without unreasonable delay.
- vii. If Business Associate has reason to believe that duplicate reporting of the same breach or incident may occur because its subcontractors, agents or vendors or Covered Entity may report the breach or incident to DHCS in addition to Business Associate, Business Associate shall notify DHCS, and DHCS, Covered Entity, and Business Associate may take appropriate action to prevent duplicate reporting.
- viii. **DHCS and Covered Entity Contact Information.** To direct communications to the above referenced Covered Entity and DHCS staff, Business Associate shall initiate contact as indicated herein. Covered Entity reserves the right to make changes to the contact information below by giving written notice to the Business Associate. Said changes shall not require an amendment to this Exhibit or the JPA Agreement to which it is incorporated.

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Covered Entity Chief Privacy Officer	DHCS Privacy Officer	DHCS Information Security Officer
See Section 5.2.2 of this Business Associate Agreement for Covered Entity contact information.	Privacy Officer c/o Office of Legal Services Department of Health Care Services P.O. Box 997413, MS 0011 Sacramento, CA 95899-7413  Email: <a href="mailto:privacyofficer@dhcs.ca.gov">privacyofficer@dhcs.ca.gov</a>  Telephone: (916) 445-4646	Information Security Officer DHCS Information Security Office P.O. Box 997413, MS 6400 Sacramento, CA 95889-7413  Email: <a href="mailto:iso@dhcs.ca.gov">iso@dhcs.ca.gov</a>  Telephone: ITSD Help Desk (916) 440-7000 or (800) 579-0874

**j. Designation of Individual Responsible for Security**

Business Associate shall designate an individual, (e.g., Security Officer), to oversee its data security program who shall be responsible for carrying out the requirements of this Exhibit B-1 and for communicating on security matters with Covered Entity and DHCS.

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**Exhibit B-2**  
**Miscellaneous Terms and Conditions**  
**Applicable to Exhibit B**

1. **Disclaimer.** Covered Entity makes no warranty or representation that compliance by Business Associate with this Exhibit B, HIPAA or the HIPAA regulations will be adequately or satisfactory for Business Associate's own purposes or that any information in Business Associate's possession or control, or transmitted or received by Business Associate, is or will be secure from unauthorized use or disclosure. Business Associate is solely responsible for all decisions made by Business Associate regarding the safeguarding of the DHCS PHI, PI and PII.
2. **Amendment.** The parties acknowledge that federal and state laws relating to electronic data security and privacy are rapidly evolving and that amendment of this Exhibit B may be required to provide for procedures to ensure compliance with such developments. The parties specifically agree to take such action as is necessary to implement the standards and requirements of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, and the HIPAA regulations, and other applicable state and federal laws. Upon either party's request, the other party agrees to promptly enter into negotiations concerning an amendment to this Exhibit B embodying written assurances consistent with requirements of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, and the HIPAA regulations, and other applicable state and federal laws. Covered Entity may terminate the JPA Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice in the event:
  - a. Business Associate does not promptly enter into this Exhibit B when requested by Covered Entity; or
  - b. Business Associate does not enter into an amendment providing assurances regarding the safeguarding of DHCS PHI that the DHCS deems is necessary to satisfy the standards and requirements of HIPAA and the HIPAA regulations
3. **Judicial or Administrative Proceedings.** Business Associate will notify Covered Entity and DHCS if it is named as a defendant in a criminal proceeding for a violation of HIPAA or other security or privacy law. Covered Entity may at the request of DHCS terminate the JPA Agreement if Business Associate is found guilty of a criminal violation of HIPAA. Covered Entity may at the request of DHCS terminate the JPA Agreement if a finding or stipulation that Business Associate has violated any standard or requirement of HIPAA, or other security or privacy laws is made in any administrative or civil proceeding in which the Business Associate is a party or has been joined. DHCS will consider the nature and seriousness of the violation in deciding whether or not to request that Covered Entity terminate the JPA Agreement.
4. **Assistance in Litigation or Administrative Proceedings.** Business Associate shall make itself and any subcontractors, employees or agents assisting Business Associate in the performance of its obligations under the JPA Agreement, available to DHCS at no cost to DHCS to testify as witnesses, or otherwise, in the event of litigation or administrative proceedings being commenced against DHCS, its directors, officers or employees based upon claimed violation of HIPAA, or the HIPAA regulations, which involves inactions or actions by the Business Associate, except where Business Associate or its subcontractor, employee or agent is a named adverse party.

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5. **No Third-Party Beneficiaries.** Nothing express or implied in the terms and conditions of this Exhibit B is intended to confer, nor shall anything herein confer, upon any person other than the Covered Entity or Business Associate and their respective successors or assignees, any rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities whatsoever.
6. **Interpretation.** The terms and conditions in this Exhibit B shall be interpreted as broadly as necessary to implement and comply with HIPAA, the HITECH Act, and the HIPAA regulations. The parties agree that any ambiguity in the terms and conditions of this Exhibit B shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that complies and is consistent with HIPAA, the HITECH Act and the HIPAA regulations, and, if applicable, any other relevant state and federal laws.
7. **Conflict.** In case of a conflict between any applicable privacy or security rules, laws, regulations or standards the most stringent shall apply. The most stringent means that safeguard which provides the highest level of protection to PHI, PI and PII from unauthorized disclosure. Further, Business Associate must comply within a reasonable period of time with changes to these standards that occur after the effective date of the JPA Agreement.
8. **Regulatory References.** A reference in the terms and conditions of this Exhibit B to a section in the HIPAA regulations means the section as in effect or as amended.
9. **Survival.** The respective rights and obligations of Business Associate under Item 3(b) of Exhibit B-1, Responsibilities of Business Associate, shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.
10. **No Waiver of Obligations.** No change, waiver or discharge of any liability or obligation hereunder on any one or more occasions shall be deemed a waiver of performance of any continuing or other obligation, or shall prohibit enforcement of any obligation, on any other occasion.
11. **Audits, Inspection and Enforcement.** From time to time, and subject to all applicable federal and state privacy and security laws and regulations, Covered Entity or DHCS may conduct a reasonable inspection of the facilities, systems, books and records of Business Associate to monitor compliance with this Exhibit B. Business Associate shall promptly remedy any violation of any provision of this Exhibit B. The fact that Covered Entity or DHCS inspects, or fails to inspect, or has the right to inspect, Business Associate's facilities, systems and procedures does not relieve Business Associate of its responsibility to comply with this Exhibit B. Covered Entity's or DHCS's failure to detect a non-compliant practice, or a failure to report a detected noncompliant practice to Business Associate does not constitute acceptance of such practice or a waiver of Covered Entity's enforcement rights under the JPA Agreement or related documents, including this Exhibit B.
12. **Due Diligence.** Business Associate shall exercise due diligence and shall take reasonable steps to ensure that it remains in compliance with this Exhibit B and is in compliance with applicable provisions of HIPAA, the HITECH Act and the HIPAA regulations, and other applicable state and federal law, and that its agents, subcontractors and vendors are in compliance with their obligations as required by this Exhibit B.



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13. **Term.** The Term of this Exhibit B shall extend beyond the termination of the Agreement and shall terminate when all DHCS PHI is destroyed or returned to Covered Entity, in accordance with 45 CFR Section 1 64.504(e)(2)(ii)(1), and when all DHCS PI and PII is destroyed in accordance with Attachment A.
14. **Effect of Termination.** Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement for any reason, Business Associate shall return or destroy all DHCS PHI, PI and PII that Business Associate still maintains in any form, and shall retain no copies of such PHI, PI or PII. If return or destruction is not feasible, Business Associate shall notify Covered Entity and DHCS of the conditions that make the return or destruction infeasible, and Covered Entity, DHCS, and Business Associate shall determine the terms and conditions under which Business Associate may retain the PHI, PI or PII. Business Associate shall continue to extend the protections of this Exhibit B to such DHCS PHI, PI and PII, and shall limit further use of such data to those purposes that make the return or destruction of such data infeasible. This provision shall apply to DHCS PHI, PI and PII that is in the possession of subcontractors or agents of Business Associate.

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**Attachment A**  
**Data Security Requirements**

**1. Personnel Controls**

- a. **Employee Training.** All workforce members who assist in the performance of functions or activities on behalf of the Covered Entity with respect to DHCS-provided information, or access or disclose DHCS PHI or PI must complete information privacy and security training, at least annually, at Business Associate's expense. Each workforce member who receives information privacy and security training must sign a certification, indicating the member's name and the date on which the training was completed. These certifications must be retained for a period of six (6) years following termination of this Agreement.
- b. **Employee Discipline.** Appropriate sanctions must be applied against workforce members who fail to comply with privacy policies and procedures or any provisions of these requirements, including termination of employment where appropriate.
- c. **Confidentiality Statement.** All persons that will be working with DHCS PHI or PI must sign a confidentiality statement that includes, at a minimum, General Use, Security and Privacy Safeguards, Unacceptable Use, and Enforcement Policies. The statement must be signed by the workforce member prior to access to DHCS PHI or PI. The statement must be renewed annually. Business Associate shall retain each person's written confidentiality statement for Covered Entity or DHCS inspection for a period of six (6) years following termination of this Agreement.
- d. **Background Check.** Before a member of the workforce may access DHCS PHI or PI, a background screening of that worker must be conducted. The screening should be commensurate with the risk and magnitude of harm the employee could cause, with more thorough screening being done for those employees who are authorized to bypass significant technical and operational security controls. Business Associate shall retain each workforce member's background check documentation for a period of three (3) years.

**2. Technical Security Controls**

- a. **Workstation/Laptop encryption.** All workstations and laptops that store DHCS PHI or PI either directly or temporarily must be encrypted using a FIPS 140-2 certified algorithm which is 128bit or higher, such as Advanced Encryption Standard (AES). The encryption solution must be full disk unless approved by the DHCS Information Security Office.
- b. **Server Security.** Servers containing unencrypted DHCS PHI or PI must have sufficient administrative, physical, and technical controls in place to protect that data, based upon a risk assessment/system security review.
- c. **Minimum Necessary.** Only the minimum necessary amount of DHCS PHI or PI required to perform necessary business functions may be copied, downloaded, or exported.

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- d. **Removable media devices.** All electronic files that contain DHCS PHI or PI data must be encrypted when stored on any removable media or portable device (i.e. USB thumb drives, floppies, CD/DVD, Blackberry, backup tapes etc.). Encryption must be a FIPS 140-2 certified algorithm which is 128bit or higher, such as AES.
- e. **Antivirus software.** All workstations, laptops and other systems that process and/or store DHCS PHI or PI must install and actively use comprehensive anti-virus software solution with automatic updates scheduled at least daily.
- f. **Patch Management.** All workstations, laptops and other systems that process and/or store DHCS PHI or PI must have critical security patches applied, with system reboot if necessary. There must be a documented patch management process which determines installation timeframe based on risk assessment and vendor recommendations. At a maximum, all applicable patches must be installed within 30 days of vendor release. Applications and systems that cannot be patched within this time frame due to significant operational reasons must have compensatory controls implemented to minimize risk until the patches can be installed. Applications and systems that cannot be patched must have compensatory controls implemented to minimize risk, where possible.
- g. **User IDs and Password Controls.** All users must be issued a unique user name for accessing DHCS PHI or PI. Username must be promptly disabled, deleted, or the password changed upon the transfer or termination of an employee with knowledge of the password. Passwords are not to be shared. Passwords must be at least eight characters and must be a non-dictionary word. Passwords must not be stored in readable format on the computer. Passwords must be changed at least every 90 days, preferably every 60 days. Passwords must be changed if revealed or compromised. Passwords must be composed of characters from at least three of the following four groups from the standard keyboard:
  - h. Upper case letters (A-Z)
  - i. Lower case letters (a-z)
  - j. Arabic numerals (0-9)
  - k. Non-alphanumeric characters (punctuation symbols)
- l. **Data Destruction.** When no longer needed, all DHCS PHI or PI must be wiped using the Gutmann or US DHCS of Defense (DoD) 5220.22-M (7 Pass) standard, or by degaussing. Media may also be physically destroyed in accordance with NIST Special Publication 800-88. Other methods require prior written permission of the DHCS Information Security Office.
- m. **System Timeout.** The system providing access to DHCS PHI or PI must provide an automatic timeout, requiring re-authentication of the user session after no more than 20 minutes of inactivity.

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- n. **Warning Banners.** All systems providing access to DHCS PHI or PI must display a warning banner stating that data is confidential, systems are logged, and system use is for business purposes only by authorized users. User must be directed to log off the system if they do not agree with these requirements.
- o. **System Logging.** The system must maintain an automated audit trail which can identify the user or system process which initiates a request for DHCS PHI or PI, or which alters DHCS PHI or PI. The audit trail must be date and time stamped, must log both successful and failed accesses, must be read only, and must be restricted to authorized users. If DHCS PHI or PI is stored in a database, database logging functionality must be enabled. Audit trail data must be archived for at least 3 years after occurrence.
- p. **Access Controls.** The system providing access to DHCS PHI or PI must use role based access controls for all user authentications, enforcing the principle of least privilege.
- q. **Transmission encryption.** All data transmissions of DHCS PHI or PI outside the secure internal network must be encrypted using a FIPS 140-2 certified algorithm which is 128bit or higher, such as AES. Encryption can be end to end at the network level, or the data files containing DHCS PHI can be encrypted. This requirement pertains to any type of DHCS PHI or PI in motion such as website access, file transfer, and E-Mail.
- r. **Intrusion Detection.** All systems involved in accessing, holding, transporting, and protecting DHCS PHI or PI that are accessible via the Internet must be protected by a comprehensive intrusion detection and prevention solution.

### 3. Audit Controls

- a. **System Security Review.** Business Associate must ensure audit control mechanisms that record and examine system activity are in place. All systems processing and/or storing DHCS PHI or PI must have at least an annual system risk assessment/security review which provides assurance that administrative, physical, and technical controls are functioning effectively and providing adequate levels of protection. Reviews should include vulnerability scanning tools.
- b. **Log Reviews.** All systems processing and/or storing DHCS PHI or PI must have a routine procedure in place to review system logs for unauthorized access.
- c. **Change Control.** All systems processing and/or storing DHCS PHI or PI must have a documented change control procedure that ensures separation of duties and protects the confidentiality, integrity and availability of data.

### 4. Business Continuity / Disaster Recovery Controls

- a. **Emergency Mode Operation Plan.** Business Associate must establish a documented plan to enable continuation of critical business processes and protection of the security of DHCS PHI or PI held in an electronic format in the event of an emergency. Emergency means any circumstance or situation that causes normal computer operations to become unavailable for use in performing the work required under this Agreement for more than 24 hours.

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- b. **Data Backup Plan.** Business Associate must have established documented procedures to backup DHCS PHI to maintain retrievable exact copies of DHCS PHI or PI. The plan must include a regular schedule for making backups, storing backups offsite, an inventory of backup media, and an estimate of the amount of time needed to restore DHCS PHI or PI should it be lost. At a minimum, the schedule must be a weekly full backup and monthly offsite storage of DHCS data.

#### 5. Paper Document Controls

- a. **Supervision of Data.** DHCS PHI or PI in paper form shall not be left unattended at any time, unless it is locked in a file cabinet, file room, desk or office. Unattended means that information is not being observed by an employee authorized to access the information. DHCS PHI or PI in paper form shall not be left unattended at any time in vehicles or planes and shall not be checked in baggage on commercial airplanes.
- b. **Escorting Visitors.** Visitors to areas where DHCS PHI or PI is contained shall be escorted and DHCS PHI or PI shall be kept out of sight while visitors are in the area.
- c. **Confidential Destruction.** DHCS PHI or PI must be disposed of through confidential means, such as cross cut shredding and pulverizing.
- d. **Removal of Data.** Only the minimum necessary DHCS PHI or PI may be removed from the premises of Business Associate except with express written permission of DHCS. DHCS PHI or PI shall not be considered "removed from the premises" if it is only being transported from one of Business Associate's locations to another of Business Associates locations.
- e. **Faxing.** Faxes containing DHCS PHI or PI shall not be left unattended and fax machines shall be in secure areas. Faxes shall contain a confidentiality statement notifying persons receiving faxes in error to destroy them. Fax numbers shall be verified with the intended recipient before sending the fax.
- f. **Mailing.** Mailings containing DHCS PHI or PI shall be sealed and secured from damage or inappropriate viewing of such PHI or PI to the extent possible. Mailings which include 500 or more individually identifiable records of DHCS PHI or PI in a single package shall be sent using a tracked mailing method which includes verification of delivery and receipt, unless the prior written permission of DHCS to use another method is obtained.