

Board Contract # \_\_\_\_\_

**AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES OF  
INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

**BETWEEN**

**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL WELLNESS**

**AND**

**TRANSITIONS–MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION**

**FOR**

**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

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**STANDARD TERMS**  
**AND CONDITIONS**

**AGREEMENT**  
**FOR SERVICES OF INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made by and between the County of Santa Barbara, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereafter County or Department) and **Transitions-Mental Health Association** with an address at P.O. Box 15408, San Luis Obispo, California 93406 (hereafter Contractor) wherein Contractor agrees to provide and County agrees to accept the services specified herein (hereafter Agreement).

**WHEREAS**, Contractor represents that it is specially trained, skilled, experienced, and competent to perform the special services required by County and County desires to retain the services of Contractor pursuant to the terms, covenants, and conditions herein set forth;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

**1. DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE.**

Director at phone number 805-681-5220 is the representative of County and will administer this Agreement for and on behalf of County. Jill Bolster-White at phone number (805) 540-6505 is the authorized representative for Contractor. Changes in designated representatives shall be made only after advance written notice to the other party.

**2. NOTICES.**

Any notice or consent required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be given to the respective parties in writing, by personal delivery or facsimile, or with postage prepaid by first class mail, registered or certified mail, or express courier service, as follows:

To County:                    Director  
                                  County of Santa Barbara  
                                  Department of Behavioral Wellness  
                                  300 N. San Antonio Road  
                                  Santa Barbara, CA 93110  
                                  Fax: 805-681-5262

To Contractor:             Jill Bolster-White, Executive Director  
                                  Transitions-Mental Health Association  
                                  P.O. Box 15408  
                                  San Luis Obispo, CA 93406  
                                  Fax: 805-540-6501

or at such other address or to such other person that the parties may from time to time designate in accordance with this Notices section. If sent by first class mail, notices and consents under this section shall be deemed to be received five (5) days following their deposit in the U.S. mail. This Notices section shall not be construed as meaning that either party agrees to service of process except as required by applicable law.

**3. SCOPE OF SERVICES.**

Contractor agrees to provide services to County in accordance with EXHIBITS A(s) and E(s) attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**4. TERM.**

Contractor shall commence performance on February 1, 2024 and end performance upon completion, but no later than June 30, 2026 unless otherwise directed by County or unless earlier terminated.

**5. COMPENSATION OF CONTRACTOR.**

In full consideration for Contractor's services, Contractor shall be paid for performance under this Agreement in accordance with the terms of EXHIBIT B(s) attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**6. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.**

It is mutually understood and agreed that Contractor (including any and all of its officers, agents, and employees), shall perform all of its services under this Agreement as an independent Contractor as to County and not as an officer, agent, servant, employee, joint venturer, partner, or associate of County. Furthermore, County shall have no right to control, supervise, or direct the manner or method by which Contractor shall perform its work and function. However, County shall retain the right to administer this Agreement so as to verify that Contractor is performing its obligations in accordance with the terms and conditions hereof. Contractor understands and acknowledges that it shall not be entitled to any of the benefits of a County employee, including but not limited to vacation, sick leave, administrative leave, health insurance, disability insurance, retirement, unemployment insurance, workers' compensation and protection of tenure. Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for providing to, or on behalf of, its employees all legally-required employee benefits. In addition, Contractor shall be solely responsible and save County harmless from all matters relating to payment of Contractor's employees, including compliance with Social Security withholding and all other regulations governing such matters. It is acknowledged that during the term of this Agreement, Contractor may be providing services to others unrelated to the County or to this Agreement.

**7. STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE.**

Contractor represents that it has the skills, expertise, required clinical supervision, and licenses/permits necessary to perform the services required under this Agreement. Accordingly, Contractor shall perform all such services in the manner and according to the standards observed by a competent practitioner of the same profession in which Contractor is engaged. All products of whatsoever nature, which Contractor delivers to County pursuant to this Agreement, shall be prepared in a first class and workmanlike manner and shall conform to the standards of quality normally observed by a person practicing in Contractor's profession. Contractor shall correct or revise any errors or omissions, at County's request without additional compensation. Permits and/or licenses shall be obtained and maintained by Contractor without additional compensation.

**8. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION.**

Contractor certifies to County 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, including but not limited to exclusion from participation in any federal health care

program under Sections 1128 or 1128A of the Social Security Act. Contractor certifies that it shall not contract with a subcontractor that is so debarred, suspended, excluded or ineligible.

**9. TAXES.**

Contractor shall pay all taxes, levies, duties, and assessments of every nature due in connection with any work under this Agreement and shall make any and all payroll deductions required by law. County shall not be responsible for paying any taxes on Contractor's behalf, and should County be required to do so by state, federal, or local taxing agencies, Contractor agrees to promptly reimburse County for the full value of such paid taxes plus interest and penalty, if any. These taxes shall include, but not be limited to, the following: FICA (Social Security), unemployment insurance contributions, income tax, disability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance.

**10. CONFLICT OF INTEREST.**

Contractor covenants that Contractor 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 in any manner or degree with the performance of services required to be performed under this Agreement. Contractor further covenants that in the performance of this Agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed by Contractor. Contractor must promptly disclose to the County, in writing, any potential conflict of interest. County retains the right to waive a conflict of interest disclosed by Contractor if County determines it to be immaterial, and such waiver is only effective if provided by County to Contractor in writing. Contractor acknowledges that state laws on conflict of interest apply to this Agreement including, but not limited to, the Political Reform Act of 1974 (Gov. Code, § 81000 et seq.), Public Contract Code Section 10365.5, and Government Code Section 1090.

**11. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.**

- A. County shall be the owner of the following items incidental to this Agreement upon production, whether or not completed: all data collected, all documents of any type whatsoever, all photos, designs, sound or audiovisual recordings, software code, inventions, technologies, and other materials, and any material necessary for the practical use of such items, from the time of collection and/or production whether or not performance under this Agreement is completed or terminated prior to completion. Contractor shall not release any of such items to other parties except after prior written approval of County. County shall be the legal owner and Custodian of Records for all County client files generated pursuant to this Agreement. Contractor shall comply with all Federal and State confidentiality laws, including Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) §5328; 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 290dd-2; and 45 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), Parts 160 – 164 setting forth the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). Contractor shall inform all of its officers, employees, and agents of the confidentiality provision of said laws. Contractor further agrees to provide County with copies of all County client file documents resulting from this Agreement without requiring any further written release of information. Within Privacy limitations, County shall have the unrestricted authority to publish, disclose, distribute, and/or otherwise use in whole or in part, any reports, data, documents or other materials prepared under this Agreement.

B. Unless otherwise specified in Exhibit A(s), Contractor hereby assigns to County all copyright, patent, and other intellectual property and proprietary rights to all data, documents, reports, photos, designs, sound or audiovisual recordings, software code, inventions, technologies, and other materials prepared or provided by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement (collectively referred to as "Copyrightable Works and Inventions"). County shall have the unrestricted authority to copy, adapt, perform, display, publish, disclose, distribute, create derivative works from, and otherwise use in whole or in part, any Copyrightable Works and Inventions. Contractor agrees to take such actions and execute and deliver such documents as may be needed to validate, protect and confirm the rights and assignments provided hereunder. Contractor warrants that any Copyrightable Works and Inventions and other items provided under this Agreement will not infringe upon any intellectual property or proprietary rights of any third party. Contractor at its own expense shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless County against any claim that any Copyrightable Works or Inventions or other items provided by Contractor hereunder infringe upon intellectual or other proprietary rights of a third party, and Contractor shall pay any damages, costs, settlement amounts, and fees (including attorneys' fees) that may be incurred by County in connection with any such claims. This Ownership of Documents and Intellectual Property provision shall survive expiration or termination of this Agreement.

**12. NO PUBLICITY OR ENDORSEMENT.**

Contractor shall not use County's name or logo or any variation of such name or logo in any publicity, advertising or promotional materials. Contractor shall not use County's name or logo in any manner that would give the appearance that the County is endorsing Contractor. Contractor shall not in any way contract on behalf of or in the name of County. Contractor shall not release any informational pamphlets, notices, press releases, research reports, or similar public notices concerning the County or its projects, without obtaining the prior written approval of County.

**13. COUNTY PROPERTY AND INFORMATION.**

All of County's property, documents, and information provided for Contractor's use in connection with the services shall remain County's property, and Contractor shall return any such items whenever requested by County and whenever required according to the Termination section of this Agreement. Contractor may use such items only in connection with providing the services. Contractor shall not disseminate any County property, documents, or information without County's prior written consent.

**14. RECORDS, AUDIT, AND REVIEW.**

A. Contractor shall make available for inspection, copying, evaluation, or audit, all of its premises; physical facilities, or such parts thereof as may be engaged in the performance of the Agreement; equipment; books; records, including but not limited to beneficiary records; prescription files; documents, working papers, reports, or other evidence; contracts; financial records and documents of account, computers; and other electronic devices, pertaining to any aspect of services and activities performed, or determination of amounts payable, under this Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "Records"), at any time by County, Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of General Services, Bureau of State Audits, Health and Human Services (HHS), Inspector General, U.S.

Comptroller General, or other authorized federal or state agencies, or their designees (“Authorized Representative”) (hereinafter referred to as “Audit”).

- B.** Any such Audit shall occur at the Contractor’s place of business, premises, or physical facilities during normal business hours, and to allow interviews of any employees who might reasonably have information related to such Records. Contractor shall maintain Records in accordance with the general standards applicable to such book or record keeping and shall follow accounting practices and procedures sufficient to evaluate the quality and quantity of services, accessibility and appropriateness of services, to ensure fiscal accountability, and to properly reflect all direct and indirect costs of whatever nature claimed to have been incurred in the performance of this Agreement, including any matching costs and expenses. All records must be capable of verification by qualified auditors.
- C.** This Audit right will exist for 10 years from: the close of the State fiscal year in which the Agreement was in effect or if any litigation, claim, negotiation, Audit, or other action involving the Records has been started before the expiration of the 10-year period, the Records shall be retained until completion of the action and resolution of all issues which arise from it, or until the end of the regular 10-year period, whichever is later.
- D.** Contractor shall retain all records and documents originated or prepared pursuant to Contractor's or subcontractor's performance under this Agreement, including beneficiary grievance and appeal records identified in 42 C.F.R. § 438.416 and the data, information and documentation specified in 42 Code of Federal Regulations Sections 438.604, 438.606, 438.608, and 438.610 for the 10-year period as determined in Section 14.C (Records, Audit, and Review).
- E.** If this Agreement is completely or partially terminated, the Records, relating to the work terminated shall be preserved and made available for the 10-year period as determined in Section 14.C (Records, Audit, and Review).
- F.** Contractor shall ensure that each of its sites keep a record of the beneficiaries being treated at each site. Contractor shall keep and maintain records for each service rendered, to whom it was rendered, and the date of service, pursuant to Welfare & Institutions Code Section 14124.1 and 42 C.F.R. Sections 438.3(h) and 438.3(u). Contractor shall retain such records for the 10-year period as determined in Section 14.C (Records, Audit, and Review).
- G.** Contractor may, at its discretion, following receipt of final payment under this Agreement, reduce its accounts, books and records related to this Agreement to microfilm, computer disk, CD ROM, DVD, or other data storage medium. Upon request by an Authorized Representative to inspect, audit or obtain copies of said records, the Contractor must supply or make available applicable devices, hardware, and/or software necessary to view, copy and/or print said records. Applicable devices may include, but are not limited to, microfilm readers and microfilm printers, etc.
- H.** The Authorized Representatives may Audit Contractor at any time if there is a reasonable possibility of fraud or similar risk.



- I. Contractor agrees to include a similar right of Authorized Representatives to audit records and interview staff in any subcontract related to performance of this Agreement.
- J. If federal, state or County audit exceptions are made relating to this Agreement, Contractor shall reimburse all costs incurred by federal, state, and/or County governments associated with defending against the audit exceptions or performing any audits or follow-up audits, including but not limited to: audit fees, court costs, attorneys' fees based upon a reasonable hourly amount for attorneys in the community, travel costs, penalty assessments and all other costs of whatever nature. Immediately upon notification from County, Contractor shall reimburse the amount of the audit exceptions and any other related costs directly to County as specified by County in the notification. The provisions of the Records, Audit, and Review section shall survive any expiration or termination of this Agreement.

**15. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE.**

Contractor agrees to the indemnification and insurance provisions as set forth in EXHIBIT C – Standard Indemnification and Insurance Provisions attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**16. NONDISCRIMINATION.**

County hereby notifies Contractor that County's Unlawful Discrimination Ordinance (Article XIII of Chapter 2 of the Santa Barbara County Code) applies to this Agreement and is incorporated herein by this reference with the same force and effect as if the ordinance were specifically set out herein and Contractor agrees to comply with said ordinance. Contractor shall also comply with the nondiscrimination provisions set forth in EXHIBIT A–1 General Provisions: MHS to this Agreement.

**17. NONEXCLUSIVE AGREEMENT.**

Contractor understands that this is not an exclusive Agreement and that County shall have the right to negotiate with and enter into contracts with others providing the same or similar services as those provided by Contractor as the County desires.

**18. NON-ASSIGNMENT.**

Contractor shall not assign, transfer or subcontract this Agreement or any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of County and any attempt to so assign, subcontract or transfer without such consent shall be void and without legal effect and shall constitute grounds for termination.

**19. TERMINATION.**

- A. **By County.** County may, by written notice to Contractor, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part at any time, whether for County's convenience, for nonappropriation of funds, or because of the failure of Contractor to fulfill the obligations herein.
  - 1. **For Convenience.** County may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part upon thirty (30) days written notice. During the thirty (30) day period, Contractor shall, as directed by County, wind down and cease its services as quickly and efficiently as reasonably possible, without performing unnecessary services or activities and

by minimizing negative effects on County from such winding down and cessation of services.

**2. For Nonappropriation of Funds.**

- i. The parties acknowledge and agree that this Agreement is dependent upon the availability of County, State, and/or federal funding. If funding to make payments in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement is not forthcoming from the County, State and/or federal governments for the Agreement, or is not allocated or allotted to County by the County, State and/or federal governments for this Agreement for periodic payment in the current or any future fiscal period, then the obligations of County to make payments after the effective date of such non-allocation or non-funding, as provided in the notice, will cease and terminate.
- ii. As permitted by applicable State and Federal laws regarding funding sources, if funding to make payments in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement is delayed or is reduced from the County, State, and/or federal governments for the Agreement, or is not allocated or allotted in full to County by the County, State, and/or federal governments for this Agreement for periodic payment in the current or any future fiscal period, then the obligations of County to make payments will be delayed or be reduced accordingly or County shall have the right to terminate the Agreement. If such funding is reduced, County in its sole discretion shall determine which aspects of the Agreement shall proceed and which Services shall be performed. In these situations, County will pay Contractor for Services and Deliverables and certain of its costs. Any obligation to pay by County will not extend beyond the end of County's then-current funding period.
- iii. Contractor expressly agrees that no penalty or damages shall be applied to, or shall accrue to, County in the event that the necessary funding to pay under the terms of this Agreement is not available, not allocated, not allotted, delayed or reduced.

**3. For Cause.** Should Contractor default in the performance of this Agreement or materially breach any of its provisions, County may, at County's sole option, terminate or suspend this Agreement in whole or in part by written notice. Upon receipt of notice, Contractor shall immediately discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise) and notify County as to the status of its performance. The date of termination shall be the date the notice is received by Contractor, unless the notice directs otherwise.

**B. By Contractor.** Should County fail to pay Contractor all or any part of the payment set forth in EXHIBIT B(s), Contractor may, at Contractor's option terminate this Agreement if such failure is not remedied by County within thirty (30) days of written notice to County of such late payment.

**C. Upon Termination.** Contractor shall deliver to County all data, estimates, graphs, summaries, reports, and all other property, records, documents or papers as may have been accumulated or produced by Contractor in performing this Agreement, whether

completed or in process, except such items as County may, by written permission, permit Contractor to retain. Notwithstanding any other payment provision of this Agreement, County shall pay Contractor for satisfactory services performed to the date of termination to include a prorated amount of compensation due hereunder less payments, if any, previously made. In no event shall Contractor be paid an amount in excess of the full price under this Agreement nor for profit on unperformed portions of service. Contractor shall furnish to County such financial information as in the judgment of County is necessary to determine the reasonable value of the services rendered by Contractor. In the event of a dispute as to the reasonable value of the services rendered by Contractor, the decision of County shall be final. The foregoing is cumulative and shall not affect any right or remedy which County may have in law or equity.

**20. SUSPENSION FOR CONVENIENCE.**

The Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee may, without cause, order Contractor in writing to suspend, delay, or interrupt the services under this Agreement in whole or in part for up to 120 days. County shall incur no liability for suspension under this provision and suspension shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement.

**21. SECTION HEADINGS.**

The headings of the several sections, and any Table of Contents appended hereto, shall be solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning, construction or effect hereof.

**22. SEVERABILITY.**

If any one or more of the provisions contained herein shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, then such provision or provisions shall be deemed severable from the remaining provisions hereof, and such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision hereof, and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

**23. REMEDIES NOT EXCLUSIVE.**

No remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to County is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy or remedies, and each and every such remedy, to the extent permitted by law, shall be cumulative and in addition to any other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or otherwise.

**24. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.**

Time is of the essence in this Agreement and each covenant and term is a condition herein.

**25. NO WAIVER OF DEFAULT.**

No delay or omission of County to exercise any right or power arising upon the occurrence of any event of default shall impair any such right or power or shall be construed to be a waiver of any such default or an acquiescence therein; and every power and remedy given by this Agreement to County shall be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient in the sole discretion of County.

**26. ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENT.**

In conjunction with the matters considered herein, this Agreement contains the entire understanding and agreement of the parties and there have been no promises, representations, agreements, warranties or undertakings by any of the parties, either oral or written, of any character or nature hereafter binding except as set forth herein. This Agreement may be altered, amended or modified only by an instrument in writing, executed by the parties to this Agreement and by no other means. Each party waives their future right to claim, contest or assert that this Agreement was modified, canceled, superseded, or changed by any oral agreements, course of conduct, waiver or estoppel. Requests for changes to the terms and conditions of this Agreement after April 1 of the Fiscal Year for which the change would be applicable shall not be considered. All requests for changes shall be in writing. Changes shall be made by an amendment pursuant to this section. Any amendments or modifications that do not materially change the terms of this Agreement (such as changes to the Designated Representative or Contractor's address for purposes of Notice) may be approved by the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara must approve all other amendments and modifications.

**27. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS.**

All representations, covenants and warranties set forth in this Agreement, by or on behalf of, or for the benefit of any or all of the parties hereto, shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of such party, its successors and assigns.

**28. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW.**

Contractor shall, at its sole cost and expense, comply with all County, State and Federal ordinances; statutes; regulations; orders including, but not limited to, executive orders, court orders, and health officer orders; policies; guidance; bulletins; information notices; and letters including, but not limited to, those issued by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) now in force or which may hereafter be in force with regard to this Agreement. The judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction, or the admission of Contractor in any action or proceeding against Contractor, whether County is a party thereto or not, that Contractor has violated any such ordinance, statute, regulation, order, policy, guidance, bulletin, information notice, and/or letter shall be conclusive of that fact as between Contractor and County.

**29. CALIFORNIA LAW AND JURISDICTION.**

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Any litigation regarding this Agreement or its contents shall be filed in the County of Santa Barbara, if in state court, or in the federal district court nearest to Santa Barbara County, if in federal court.

**30. 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.

**31. 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, Contractor hereby warrants that it shall not have breached the terms or conditions of any other contract or agreement to which Contractor is obligated, which breach would have a material effect hereon.

**32. SURVIVAL.**

All provisions of this Agreement which by their nature are intended to survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement shall survive such termination or expiration.

**33. PRECEDENCE.**

In the event of conflict between the provisions contained in the numbered sections of this Agreement and the provisions contained in the Exhibits, the provisions of the Exhibits shall prevail over those in the numbered sections.

**34. COMPLIANCE WITH PRIVACY LAWS AND DATA SECURITY AUTHORITIES.**

Contractor shall, at its sole cost and expense, comply with all applicable healthcare privacy and data security authorities including, but not limited to, those authorities specified in EXHIBIT A-1 General Provisions: MHS, Section 8.A now in force or which may hereafter be in force and shall develop and maintain comprehensive patient confidentiality policies and procedures, provide annual training of all staff regarding those policies and procedures, and demonstrate reasonable efforts to secure written and/or electronic data.

**35. COURT APPEARANCES.**

Upon request, Contractor shall cooperate with County in making available necessary witnesses for court hearings and trials, including Contractor's staff that have provided treatment to a client referred by County who is the subject of a court proceeding. County shall issue subpoenas for the required witnesses upon request of Contractor.

**36. UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS, COST PRINCIPLES, AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS.**

The Contractor shall comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. Part 200 and 45 C.F.R. Part 75, which are hereby incorporated by reference in this Agreement.

**37. MANDATORY DISCLOSURE.**

**A. Prohibited Affiliations.**

1. Contractor shall not knowingly have any prohibited type of relationship with the following:
  - i. An individual or entity that is debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from participating in procurement activities under the Federal Acquisition Regulation or from participating in non-procurement activities under regulations issued under Executive Order No. 12549 or under guidelines implementing Executive Order No. 12549. (42 C.F.R. § 438.610(a)(1).)

- ii. An individual or entity who is an affiliate, as defined in the Federal Acquisition Regulation at 48 C.F.R. Section 2.101, of a person described in this section. (42 C.F.R. § 438.610(a)(2).)
2. The Contractor shall not have a prohibited type of relationship by employing or contracting with providers or other individuals and entities excluded from participation in any Federal health care program (as defined in Section 1128B(f) of the Social Security Act) under either Section 1128 (42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7), 1128A (42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7a), 1156 (42 U.S.C. 1320c-5), or 1842(j)(2) (42 U.S.C. § 1395u(j)(2)) of the Social Security Act. (42 C.F.R. §§ 438.214(d)(1), 438.610(b).)
3. The Contractor shall not have the types of relationships prohibited by Subsection A (Prohibited Affiliations) of this Section 37 (Mandatory Disclosure) with an excluded, debarred, or suspended individual, provider, or entity as follows:
  - i. A director, officer, agent, managing employee, or partner of the Contractor. (42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7(b)(8)(A)(ii); 42 C.F.R. § 438.610(c)(1).)
  - ii. A subcontractor of the Contractor, as governed by 42 C.F.R. § 438.230. (42 C.F.R. § 438.610(c)(2).)
  - iii. A person with beneficial ownership of five (5) percent or more of the Contractor's equity. (42 C.F.R. § 438.610(c)(3).)
  - iv. An individual convicted of crimes described in Section 1128(b)(8)(B) of the Social Security Act. (42 C.F.R. § 438.808(b)(2).)
  - v. A network provider or person with an employment, consulting, or other arrangement with the Contractor for the provision of items and services that are significant and material to the Contractor's obligations under this Agreement. (42 C.F.R. § 438.610(c)(4).)
  - vi. The Contractor shall not employ or contract with, directly or indirectly, such individuals or entities for the furnishing of health care, utilization review, medical social work, administrative services, management, or provision of medical services (or the establishment of policies or provision of operational support for such services). (42 C.F.R. § 438.808(b)(3).)

**B. Written Disclosures.**

1. **Written Notice of Prohibited Affiliations.** The Contractor shall provide to County written disclosure of any prohibited affiliation identified by the Contractor or its subcontractors. (42 C.F.R. § 438.608(c)(1).)
2. **Ownership or Controlling Interests.** Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 455.104, Medicaid providers, other than an individual practitioner or group of practitioners; fiscal agents; and managed care entities (“Disclosing Entities”) must disclose certain information related to persons who have an “ownership or control interest” in the Disclosing Entity, as defined in 42 C.F.R. § 455.101. (For the purposes of this section “person with an ownership or control interest” means a person or corporation that – a. Has an ownership interest totaling five percent or more in a Disclosing Entity; b. Has an indirect ownership interest equal to five percent or

more in a Disclosing Entity; c. Has a combination of direct and indirect ownership interests equal to five percent or more in a Disclosing Entity. d. Owns an interest of five percent or more in any mortgage, deed of trust, note, or other obligation secured by the Disclosing Entity if that interest equals at least five percent of the value of the property or assets of the Disclosing Entity.) The disclosure must include the following information:

- i. The name, address, date of birth, and Social Security Number of any **managing employee**, as that term is defined in 42 C.F.R. § 455.101. For purposes of this disclosure, Contractor may use the business address for any member of its Board of Directors.
  - ii. The name and address **of any person (individual or corporation) with an ownership or control interest** in the Disclosing Entity. The address for corporate entities must include as applicable primary business address, every business location, and P.O. Box address.
  - iii. Date of birth and Social Security Number (in the case of an individual).
  - iv. Other tax identification number (in the case of a corporation) with an ownership or control interest in the Disclosing Entity (or fiscal agent or managed care entity) or in any subcontractor in which the Disclosing Entity (or fiscal agent or managed care entity) has a five percent or more interest.
  - v. Whether the person (individual or corporation) with an ownership or control interest in the Disclosing Entity (or fiscal agent or managed care entity) is related to another person with ownership or control interest in the Disclosing Entity as a spouse, parent, child, or sibling; or whether the person (individual or corporation) with an ownership or control interest in any subcontractor in which the Disclosing Entity has a five percent or more interest is related to another person with ownership or control interest in the Disclosing Entity as a spouse, parent, child, or sibling.
  - vi. The name of any other Disclosing Entity in which an owner of the Disclosing Entity has an ownership or control interest.
  - vii. Is an officer or director of a Disclosing Entity that is organized as a corporation.
  - viii. Is a partner in a Disclosing Entity that is organized as a partnership.
3. **Timing for Disclosure of Ownership and Controlling Interests.** Contractor shall complete a Disclosure of Ownership or Controlling Interest form provided by County upon submitting a provider application; before entering into or renewing its contract; annually, upon request during the re-validation of enrollment process under 42 C.F.R. Section 455.104; within 35 days after any change of ownership; or upon any person newly obtaining an interest of 5% or more of any mortgage, deed of trust, note or other obligation secured by Contractor, and that interest equals at least 5% of Contractor's property or assets.
4. **Business Transactions. (42 C.F.R. § 455.105).**

- i. Contractor agrees to furnish to County or the Secretary of DHCS on request, information related to business transactions. Contractor shall submit, within 35 days of the date on a request by County or the Secretary of DHCS full and complete information about:
  - a. The ownership of any subcontractor with whom the provider has had business transactions totaling more than \$25,000 during the 12-month period ending on the date of the request; and
  - b. Any significant business transactions between the provider and any wholly owned supplier, or between the provider and any subcontractor, during the 5-year period ending on the date of the request.

**5. Crimes.**

- i. **Violations of Criminal Law.** Contractor must disclose, in a timely manner, in writing to the County all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting this Agreement. Contractor is required to report certain civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings to the System for Award Management (SAM) located at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov). Failure to make required disclosures can result in any of the remedies for noncompliance described in 45 C.F.R. Section 75.371 and/or 2 C.F.R. § 200.339, including suspension or debarment. (See also 2 C.F.R. parts 180 and 376, 31 U.S.C. § 3321, and 41 U.S.C. § 2313.)
- ii. **Persons Convicted of Crimes Related to Federal Health Care Programs.** Contractor shall submit the following disclosures to County regarding its owners, persons with controlling interest, agents, and managing employee's criminal convictions prior to entering into this Agreement and at any time upon County's request:
  - a. The identity of any person who is a managing employee of the Contractor who has been convicted of a crime related to federal health care programs. (42 C.F.R. § 455.106(a)(1), (2).)
  - b. The identity of any person who is an agent of the Contractor who has been convicted of a crime related to federal health care programs. (42 C.F.R. § 455.106(a)(1), (2).) For this purpose, the word "agent" has the meaning described in 42 C.F.R. Section 455.101.
- iii. **Timing for Disclosures of Crimes.** The Contractor shall supply disclosures regarding crimes before entering into the contract and at any time upon the County or DHCS' request.

**C. Lobbying.** Contractor shall complete a Certification Regarding Lobbying as set forth in Exhibit D, Attachment 1, and, if applicable, a Lobbying Restrictions and Disclosure Certification as set forth in Exhibit D, Attachment 2, of this Agreement, which are incorporated herein by this reference.

- 1. 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. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

2. Contractor also agrees by signing this Agreement that he or she shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower-tier subcontracts, which exceed \$100,000 and that all such sub recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.
3. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

#### **D. Remedies.**

1. **Denial of Federal Financial Participation (FFP) for Failure to Provide Timely Disclosures.**
  - i. FFP is not available in expenditures for services furnished by Contractors who fail to comply with a request made by the County or Secretary of DHCS under this section Mandatory Disclosures, or under 42 C.F.R. § 420.205 (Medicare requirements for disclosure).
  - ii. FFP will be denied in expenditures for services furnished during the period beginning on the day following the date the information was due to the County or the Secretary of DHCS and ending on the day before the date on which the information was supplied.
  - iii. A provider shall be required to reimburse those Medi-Cal funds received during any period for which material information was not reported, or reported falsely, to the County or DHCS (Welf. & Inst. Code § 14043.3).
2. **Other Remedies.** County or DHCS may pursue any remedies provided by law, including but not limited to, the right to withhold payments, disallow costs, or issue a CAP, pursuant to Cal. Health and Safety Code, Section 11817.8(h) for Contractor's failure to provide required disclosures.

#### **38. PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS.**

Contractor shall comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 C.F.R. 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.

**39. DOMESTIC PREFERENCES FOR PROCUREMENTS.**

**A.** As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the CONTRACTOR should, to the greatest extent practicable, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including, but not limited to, iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this section must be included in all subcontractor agreements.

**B.** For purposes of this section:

1. "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.
2. "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.

**40. CLEAN AIR ACT AND FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT.**

Contractor shall comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 7401-7671q) and pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. §§ 1251-1387). Contractor shall promptly disclose, in writing, to the COUNTY, the Federal Awarding Agency, and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), whenever, in connection with the award, performance, or closeout of this contract or any subcontract thereunder, the Contractor has credible evidence that Contractor itself, a principal, employee, agent, or subcontractor of the Contractor has committed a violation of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 7401-7671q) or the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. §§ 1251-1387).

**41. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT.**

**A.** Contractors are prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to:

1. Procure or obtain;
2. Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or
3. Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Public Law 115-232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
  - i. 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).

- ii. Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.
  - iii. Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the 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.
- B.** In implementing the prohibition under Public Law 115-232, section 889, subsection (f), paragraph (1), heads of executive agencies administering loan, grant, or subsidy programs shall 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 communications equipment and services, to procure replacement equipment and services, and to ensure that communications service to users and customers is sustained.
- C.** See Public Law 115-232, section 889 for additional information.
- D.** See also § 200.471.

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Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor between the **County of Santa Barbara** and **Transitions-Mental Health Association.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have executed this Agreement to be effective as of February 1, 2024.


**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA:**

By:   
STEVE LAVAGNINO, CHAIR  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Date: 6-4-24

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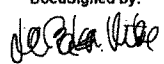
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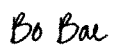
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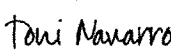
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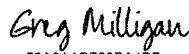
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**THIS AGREEMENT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING EXHIBITS:**

**EXHIBIT A – MHS STATEMENT OF WORK**

EXHIBIT A-1 General Provisions: MHS

EXHIBIT A-2 Central Coast Hotline: After-Hours Access Line

**EXHIBIT B – FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

EXHIBIT B General Financial Provisions: MHS

EXHIBIT B-1 Schedule of Rates and Contract Maximum: MHS

EXHIBIT B-2 Contractor Budget

**EXHIBIT C – STANDARD INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE PROVISIONS**

**EXHIBIT D – CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING**

**EXHIBIT E – PROGRAM GOALS, OUTCOMES, AND MEASURES**

**EXHIBIT BAA – HIPAA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT**

**EXHIBIT A-1**  
**GENERAL PROVISIONS**  
**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (MHS)**  
**STATEMENT OF WORK**

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**EXHIBIT A-1- MHS  
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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**The following provisions shall apply to all programs operated under this Agreement, included as Exhibit A-2, as though separately set forth in the scope of work specific to each Program.**

**1. PERFORMANCE.**

A. In the performance of this Agreement, Contractor shall adhere to all applicable County, State, and Federal laws including, but not limited to, the statutes and regulations set forth below and the applicable sections of the State Medicaid plan and waiver, all of which are incorporated by this reference. Contractor shall comply with any changes to these statutes and regulations that may occur during the Term of this Agreement and any new applicable statutes or regulations without the need for an amendment(s) to this Agreement. To the extent there is a conflict between federal or state law or regulation and a provision in this Agreement, Contractor shall comply with the federal or state law or regulation and the conflicting Agreement provision shall no longer be in effect. Contractor's performance shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the following:

1. All laws and regulations, and all contractual obligations of the County under the County Mental Health Plan ("MHP") (Contract No. 22-20133) between the County and the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), available at [www.countyofsb.org/behavioral-wellness](http://www.countyofsb.org/behavioral-wellness), including, but not limited to, Subsections D, G, and H of Section 6(B) of Exhibit E of the MHP and the applicable provisions of Exhibit D(F) of the MHP referenced in Section 19.D (State Contract Compliance) of this Exhibit. Contractor shall comply with the MHP (Contract No. 22-20133), which is incorporated by this reference;
2. The Behavioral Wellness Steering Committee Vision and Guiding Principles, available at <https://www.countyofsb.org/274/Behavioral-Wellness>;
3. All applicable laws and regulations relating to patients' rights, including but not limited to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5325, California Code of Regulations, Title 9, Sections 862 through 868, and 42 Code of Federal Regulations Section 438.100;
4. All applicable Medicaid laws, regulations, including applicable sub-regulatory guidance and contract provisions (42 C.F.R. § 438.230, subd. (c)(2));
5. All applicable laws, regulations, and guidelines of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA);
6. California Code of Regulations Title 9, Division 1; and
7. 42 C.F.R. § 438.900 *et seq.* requiring the provision of services to be delivered in compliance with federal regulatory requirements related to parity in mental health and substance use disorder benefits.

**B.** Contractor shall be at all times currently enrolled with the California Department of Health Care Services as a Medicaid provider, consistent with the provider disclosure, screening and enrollment requirements of 42 C.F.R. part 455, subparts B and E.

**2. STAFF.**

**A.** Contractor staff providing direct services to clients shall be trained and skilled at working with persons with serious mental illness (SMI), and shall adhere to professionally recognized evidence-based best practices for rehabilitation assessment, service planning, and service delivery. In addition, these staff shall receive Documentation Training in accordance with the *Behavioral Wellness Mandatory Trainings Policy and Procedure #5.008*, as may be amended, available at <https://www.countyofsb.org/904/Policies-Procedures>.

**B.** Contractor shall ensure that any staff identified on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (“CMS”) Exclusions List or other applicable list shall not provide services under this Agreement nor shall the cost of such staff be claimed to Medi-Cal. Contractor shall not employ or subcontract with providers excluded from participation in Federal health care programs under either sections 1128 or 1128A of the Social Security Act.

**C.** All staff performing services under this Agreement with access to the Behavioral Wellness electronic medical record shall be reviewed and approved by Behavioral Wellness Quality Care Management (QCM) Division, in accordance with *Behavioral Wellness Policy and Procedure #4.015, Staff Credentialing and Re-Credentialing*.

**D.** Contractor shall notify County through the ServiceNow CBO Onboarding/Offboarding Portal within one business day for the unexpected termination of staff when staff separates from employment or is terminated from working under this Agreement, or within one week of the expected last day of employment or for staff planning a formal leave of absence.

**E.** At any time prior to or during the term of this Agreement, the County may require that Contractor staff performing work under this Agreement undergo and pass, to the satisfaction of County, a background investigation, as a condition of beginning and continuing to work under this Agreement. County shall use its discretion in determining the method of background clearance to be used. The fees associated with obtaining the background information shall be at the expense of the Contractor, regardless if the Contractor’s staff passes or fails the background clearance investigation.

**F.** County may request that Contractor’s staff be immediately removed from performing work under this Agreement for good cause during the term of the Agreement. Upon such request, Contractor shall remove such staff immediately.

**G.** County may immediately deny or terminate County facility access, including all rights to County property, computer access, and access to County software, to Contractor’s staff that does not pass such investigation(s) to the satisfaction of the County, or whose conduct is incompatible with County facility access.

**H.** Disqualification, if any, of Contractor staff, pursuant to this Section regarding Staff or any other provision of law, shall not relieve Contractor of its obligation to complete all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.



**3. LICENSES, PERMITS, REGISTRATIONS, ACCREDITATIONS, AND CERTIFICATIONS.**

- A. Contractor shall obtain and maintain in effect during the term of this Agreement, all licenses, permits, registrations, accreditations, and certifications (including, but not limited to, certification as a Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal provider if Title XIX Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal services are provided hereunder), as required by all Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines, and directives, which are applicable to Contractor's facility(ies) and services under this Agreement. Contractor shall further ensure that all of its officers, employees, and agents, who perform services hereunder, shall obtain and maintain in effect during the term of this Agreement all licenses, permits, registrations, supervision agreements, accreditations, and certificates which are applicable to their performance hereunder. A copy of such documentation shall be provided to Behavioral Wellness QCM Division, upon request.
- B. In the event the license/certification status of any Contractor staff member cannot be confirmed, the staff member shall be prohibited from providing services under this Agreement.
- C. If Contractor is a participant in the Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal program, Contractor shall keep fully informed of and in compliance with all current Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal Policy Letters, including, but not limited to, procedures for maintaining Medi-Cal certification of all its facilities, and the requirements of *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policy and Procedure #4.005 – Site Certification for Specialty Mental Health Services*.

**4. REPORTS.**

- A. **Programmatic.** Contractor shall submit quarterly programmatic reports to County, which shall be received by County no later than 25 calendar days following the end of the quarter being reported. Programmatic reports shall include the following:
  - 1. Contractor shall state whether it is or is not progressing satisfactorily in achieving all the terms of this Agreement and if not, shall specify what steps will be taken to achieve satisfactory progress;
  - 2. Contractor shall include a narrative description of Contractor's progress in implementing the provisions of this Agreement, details of outreach activities and their results, any pertinent facts or interim findings, staff changes, status of Licenses and Certifications, changes in population served and reasons for any such changes;
  - 3. The number of active cases and number of clients admitted/ discharged; and
  - 4. The Measures described in Exhibit E, Program Goals, Outcomes, and Measures, as applicable, or as otherwise agreed by Contractor and County. Amendments to Exhibit E do not require a formal amendment to this Agreement, but shall be agreed to in writing by Contractor and the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee. In addition, Contractor may include any other data that demonstrate the effectiveness of Contractor's programs.
  - 5. Any other program specific reporting requirement, if any, as described in the individual programmatic Statement of Work Exhibits.

**B. Annual Mandatory Training Report.** Contractor shall submit, no later than June 15th of each year unless requested earlier by County, to the County Training Coordinator evidence of completion of the Mandatory Trainings identified in the Section regarding Training Requirements.

**C. Additional Reports.**

1. Contractor shall maintain records and make statistical reports as required by County and DHCS or other government agency, on forms provided by or acceptable to the requesting agency. In addition to reports required under this Agreement, upon County's request, Contractor shall make additional reports or provide other documentation as required by County concerning Contractor's activities as they affect the services hereunder. County will be specific as to the nature of information requested and allow thirty (30) days for Contractor to respond.
2. As a condition of funding for Quality Assurance (QA) activities, Contractor QA staff shall provide a monthly report to QCM consisting of documentation reviews performed, associated findings, and corrective action. The QA reports shall be received by County no later than 30 calendar days following the end of the month being reported.

**5. BACKGROUND CHECKS.**

**A. Consent to Criminal Background Check, Fingerprinting (42 C.F.R. § 455.450, Welf. & Inst. Code § 14043.38).** Contractor consents to criminal background checks, including fingerprinting when required to do so by federal or state law. Within 30 days of a request from CMS or DHCS, Contractor, or any person with a 5% or more direct or indirect ownership interest in Contractor, shall submit a set of fingerprints in a form and manner determined by CMS or DHCS.

**B. Mandatory Termination.** As determined by DHCS, Contractor may be subject to mandatory termination from the Medi-Cal program for any of the following reasons:

1. Failure to cooperate with and provide accurate, timely information in response to all required Medi-Cal screening methods, including failure to submit fingerprints as required (42 C.F.R. § 455.416); or
2. Conviction of a criminal offense related to a person's involvement with Medi-care, Medi-Cal, or any other Title XX or XXI program in the last 10 years (42 C.F.R. § 455.416, 42 C.F.R. § 455.106).

**6. MEDI-CAL VERIFICATION.** Contractor shall be responsible for verifying client's Medi-Cal eligibility status and will take steps to reactivate or establish eligibility where none exists.

**7. SITE STANDARDS.**

**A.** Contractor agrees to comply with all Medi-Cal requirements, including, but not limited to those specified in the *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policies and Procedures* referenced in Section 17 (Additional Program Requirements), and be approved to provide Medi-Cal services based on Medi-Cal site certification, per *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policy and Procedure #4.005- Site Certification for Specialty Mental Health Services*.

- B.** For programs located at Contractor's sites, Contractor shall develop and maintain a written disaster plan for the Program site and shall provide annual disaster training to staff that addresses, at a minimum: emergency staffing levels for the continuation of services under the Program, patient safety, facility safety, safety of medication storage and dispensing medication, and protection of client records, as required by this Agreement.

**8. CONFIDENTIALITY.**

- A.** Contractor agrees to require its employees, agents, or subcontractors to agree, to maintain the confidentiality of patient records pursuant to: Title 42 United State Code (USC) Section 290 dd-2; Title 42 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), Part 2; Title 42 C.F.R. Section 438.224; 45 C.F.R. Section 96.132(e), 45 C.F.R. Parts 160, 162, and 164; Title 22 California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 51009; Welfare & Institutions Code (W&IC) Section 5328 et seq. and Sections 14100.2 and 14184.102; Health and Safety Code (HSC) Sections 11812 and 11845.5; Civil Code Sections 56 – 56.37, 1798.80 – 1798.82, and 1798.85; Exhibit D(F), Section 14 (Confidentiality of Information) of the MHP (Contract No. 22-20133); and Section 34 (Compliance with Privacy Laws and Data Securities Authorities) of this Agreement, as applicable. Patient records must comply with all appropriate State and Federal requirements.
- B.** Contractor shall ensure that no list of persons receiving services under this Agreement is published, disclosed, or used for any purpose except for the direct administration of services under this Agreement or other uses authorized by law that are not in conflict with requirements for confidentiality contained in the preceding codes.
- C.** Contractor shall comply with Exhibit F to the MHP (Contract No. 22-20133) to the extent Contractor is provided Personal Health Information ("PHI"), Personal Information ("PI"), or Personally Identifiable Information ("PII") as defined in Exhibit F of the MHP from County to perform functions, services, or activities specified in this Agreement.
- D.** Contractor shall make itself and any subcontractors, employees or agents assisting Contractor in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, available to County or DHCS at no cost to testify as witnesses, or otherwise, in the event of litigation or administrative proceedings being commenced against County, DHCS, its directors, officers or employees based upon claimed violations of privacy involving inactions or actions by Contractor, except where Contractor or its subcontractor, employee or agent is a named adverse party.
- E.** Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement for any reason, Contractor shall return or destroy all PHI, PI and PII accessed in a database maintained by County, received by Contractor from County, or acquired or created by Contractor in connection with performing functions, services, or activities specified in this Agreement on behalf of County that Contractor still maintains in any form, and shall retain no copies of such PHI, PI or PII. If return or destruction is not feasible, Contractor shall notify County of the conditions that make the return or destruction infeasible, and County and Contractor shall determine the terms and conditions under which Contractor may retain the PHI, PI or PII. Contractor shall continue to extend the protections of Exhibit F of the MHP to such 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 subsection shall also apply to Department PHI, PI and PII that is in the possession of subcontractors or agents of Contractor.

**9. CLIENT AND FAMILY MEMBER EMPOWERMENT.**

- A. Contractor agrees to support active involvement of clients and their families in treatment, recovery, and policy development.
- B. Contractor shall actively participate in the planning design, and execution of County's Quality Improvement Program as described in Cal. Code. Regs., Title 9, § 1810.440(a)(2)(A).
- C. Contractor shall adopt *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policy and Procedures #4.020 Beneficiary Problem Resolution Process*, available at [www.countyofsb.org/behavioral-wellness](http://www.countyofsb.org/behavioral-wellness), to address client/family complaints in compliance with beneficiary grievance, appeal, and fair hearing procedures and timeframes as specified in 42 C.F.R. Section 438.400 through 42 C.F.R. Section 438.424.
- D. Contractor shall take a beneficiary's rights into account when providing services and comply with *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policy and Procedure #3.000 Beneficiary Rights*.
- E. Contractor shall obtain and retain a written medication consent form signed by the beneficiary in accordance with *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policy and Procedures #8.009 Medication Consent for Adults* to the extent Contractor is a "provider" as defined by the MHP (Contract No. 22-20133).

**10. CULTURAL COMPETENCE.**

- A. **Report on Capacity.** Contractor shall report on its capacity to provide culturally competent services to culturally diverse clients and their families upon request from County, including:
  - 1. The number of bilingual and bicultural staff (as part of the quarterly staffing report), and the number of culturally diverse clients receiving Program services; and
  - 2. Efforts aimed at providing culturally competent services such as trainings provided to staff, changes or adaptations to service protocol, community education/outreach, etc.
- B. **Communicate in Preferred Language.** At all times, the Contractor's Program(s) shall be staffed with personnel who can communicate in the client preferred language, or Contractor shall provide interpretation services, including American Sign Language (ASL).
- C. **Bilingual Staff for Direct Service Positions.** Contractor will strive to fill direct service positions with bilingual staff in County's threshold language (Spanish) that is reflective of the specific needs of each region. Contractor percentage goals are calculated based on U.S. Census language data by region: Santa Barbara service area (including Goleta and Carpinteria) – 31% Santa Maria service area (including Orcutt and Guadalupe) – 60% ; and Lompoc service area (including Buellton and Solvang) –41% .

- D. Cultural Considerations When Providing Services.** Contractor shall provide services that consider the cultural aspects of mental illness, as well as the ethnic and cultural diversity of clients and families served. Additionally, any materials provided to the public must be printed in Spanish (threshold language).
- E. Services and Programs in Spanish.** Services and programs offered in English must also be made available in Spanish, if clients identify Spanish as their preferred language, as specified in subsection B above.
- F.** As applicable, a measurable and documented effort must be made to conduct outreach to and to serve the marginalized, underserved, and non-served communities of Santa Barbara County.
- G.** Contractor shall establish a process by which Spanish speaking staff who provide direct services in Spanish or interpretive services are tested for proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in the Spanish language.

**11. COMPLIANCE PROGRAM.**

- A.** If Contractor identifies an issue or receives notification of a complaint concerning an incident of potential fraud, waste or abuse, in addition to notifying County, Contractor shall conduct an internal investigation to determine the validity of the issue/complaint, and develop and implement corrective action, if needed.
- B.** County shall suspend payments to Contractor when it or the State determines there is a credible allegation of fraud. Contractor shall implement and maintain arrangements or procedures that include provision for the suspension of payments to independent contractors for which the State, or County, determines there is a credible allegation of fraud. (42 C.F.R. §§ 438.608(a), (a)(8) and 455.23.)
- C.** Contractor shall notify County within 30 calendar days when it has identified payments in excess of amounts specified for reimbursements of Medi-Cal services or when it has identified or recovered overpayments due to potential fraud. (42 C.F.R. § 438.608(a), (a)(2).) Contractor shall return any overpayments pursuant to Exhibit B, Section VI.H (Overpayments) of this Agreement.

**12. NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.**

- A.** Contractor shall maintain and share, as appropriate, a beneficiary health record in accordance with professional standards. (42 C.F.R. § 438.208(b)(5).) Contractor shall ensure that, in the course of coordinating care, each beneficiary's privacy is protected in accordance with this Agreement all federal and state privacy laws, including but not limited to 45 C.F.R. parts 160 and 164, subparts A and E, to the extent that such provisions are applicable. (42 C.F.R. § 438.208(b)(6).)
- B.** Contractor shall immediately notify Behavioral Wellness Quality Care Management ("QCM") Division at 805-681-4777 or by email at BWELLQCM@sbcbswell.org in the event of:
  - 1. Known serious complaints against licensed/certified staff;
  - 2. Restrictions in practice or license/certification of staff as stipulated by a State agency;

3. Staff privileges restricted at a hospital;
  4. Other action instituted which affects staff license/certification or practice (for example, sexual harassment accusations); or
  5. Any event triggering Incident Reporting, as defined in *Behavioral Wellness Policy and Procedure #4.004, Unusual Occurrence Reporting*.
- C. Contractor shall immediately contact the Behavioral Wellness Compliance Hotline (805-884-6855) should any of the following occur:
1. Suspected or actual misappropriation of funds under Contractor's control;
  2. Legal suits initiated specific to the Contractor's practice;
  3. Initiation of criminal investigation of the Contractor; or
  4. Breach of Privacy Laws.
- D. For clients receiving direct services from both Behavioral Wellness and Contractor staff, Contractor shall immediately notify the client's Behavioral Wellness Case Manager or other Behavioral Wellness staff involved in the client's care, or the applicable Regional Manager should any of the following occur:
1. Side effects requiring medical attention or observation;
  2. Behavioral symptoms presenting possible health problems; or
  3. Any behavioral symptom that may compromise the appropriateness of the placement.
- E. Contractor may contact Behavioral Wellness Contracts Division at [bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org](mailto:bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org) for any contractual concerns or issues.
- F. "Immediately" means as soon as possible but in no event more than twenty-four (24) hours after the triggering event. Contractor shall train all personnel in the use of the Behavioral Wellness Compliance Hotline (805-884-6855).

### 13. MONITORING.

- A. Contractor agrees to abide by the *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policies and Procedures* referenced in Section 17 (Additional Program Requirements) and to cooperate with the County's utilization review process which ensures medical necessity, appropriateness and quality of care. This review may include clinical record review, client survey, and other utilization review program monitoring practices. Contractor shall cooperate with these programs, and will furnish necessary assessment and Client Service Plan information, subject to Federal or State confidentiality laws and provisions of this Agreement.
- B. Contractor shall identify a senior staff member who will be the designated Behavioral Wellness QCM Division contact and will participate in any provider QCM meetings to review current and coming quality of care issues.
- C. Contractor shall provide a corrective action plan if deficiencies in Contractor's compliance with the provisions of the MHP (Contract No. 22-20133) or this Agreement are identified by County.

- D. County shall monitor the performance of Contractor on an ongoing basis for compliance with the terms of the MHP and this Agreement. County shall assign senior management staff as contract monitors to coordinate periodic review meetings with Contractor's staff regarding quality of clinical services, fiscal and overall performance activity, and provider recertification requirements. County's Care Coordinators, Quality Improvement staff, and the Program Managers or their designees shall conduct periodic on-site and/or electronic reviews of Contractor's clinical documentation.
- E. Contractor shall allow DHCS, CMS, the Office of the Inspector General, the Comptroller General of the United States, and other authorized federal and state agencies, or their duly authorized designees, to evaluate Contractor's, and its subcontractors', performance under this Agreement, including the quality, appropriateness, and timeliness of services provided. This right shall exist for 10 years from the term end date of this Agreement or in the event the Contractor has been notified that an audit or investigation of this Agreement has been commenced, until such time as the matter under audit or investigation has been resolved, including the exhaustion of all legal remedies, whichever is later. (See 42 C.F.R. § 438.3(h).) If monitoring activities identify areas of non-compliance, Contractor will be provided with recommendations and a corrective action plan. Contractor shall be liable to County for any penalties assessed against County for Contractor's failure to comply with the required corrective action.

#### 14. **NONDISCRIMINATION.**

##### **A. State Nondiscrimination Provisions.**

1. **No Denial of Benefits on the Basis of Protected Classification.** During the performance of this Agreement, Contractor and its subcontractors shall not deny this Agreement's benefits to any person on the basis of any ground protected under state law including race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, military and veteran status, or other protected category and will not use any policy or practice that has the effect of discriminating on such basis.
2. **No Discrimination on the Basis of Health or Protected Classification.** Consistent with the requirements of applicable federal law, such as 42 Code of Federal Regulations, sections 438.3(d)(3) and (4), and state law, the Contractor shall not, on the basis of health status or need for health care services, discriminate against Medi-Cal eligible individuals in Santa Barbara County who require an assessment or meet medical necessity criteria for specialty mental health services. Nor shall Contractor engage in any unlawful discriminatory practices in the admission of beneficiaries, assignments of accommodations, treatment, evaluation, employment of personnel, or in any other respect on the basis of race, color, gender, gender identity, religion, marital status, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or mental or physical handicap or disability.
3. **No Discrimination against Handicapped Persons.** The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (codified at 29 U.S.C. § 794), prohibiting exclusion, denial of benefits, and

discrimination against qualified individuals with a disability in any federally assisted program or activity, and shall comply with the implementing regulations Parts 84 and 85 of Title 45 of the C.F.R., as applicable.

4. **Determination of Medical Necessity.** Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, the Contractor may require a determination of medical necessity pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 9, Sections 1820.205, 1830.205 and/or 1830.210, prior to providing covered services to a beneficiary.
5. **No Discrimination under State Law.** Contractor shall ensure that the evaluation and treatment of employees and applicants for employment are free of such discrimination. Contractor and subcontractors shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code § 12900 et seq.), the regulations promulgated thereunder (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 11000 et seq.), the provisions of Article 9.5, Chapter 1, Part 1, Division 3, Title 2 of the Government Code (Gov. Code §§ 11135-11139.5), and the regulations or standards adopted by the awarding state agency to implement such article. Contractor shall permit access by representatives of the Department of Fair Employment and Housing and the awarding state agency upon reasonable notice at any time during normal business hours, but in no case less than 24 hours' notice, to such of its books, records, accounts, and all other sources of information and its facilities as said Department or Agency shall require to ascertain compliance with this clause. Contractor and its subcontractors shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other agreement. (See Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 11105.)

**B. Federal Nondiscrimination Provisions.**

1. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment on the basis of any ground protected under federal law including race, color, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental handicap or disability, age or status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that qualified applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental handicap, disability, age or status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and career development opportunities and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Federal Government or DHCS, setting forth the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause, Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the affirmative action clause required by the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974 (38 U.S.C. § 4212). Such notices shall state the Contractor's obligation under the law to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified applicants without discrimination based on their race, color, religion, sex, national origin physical or mental handicap, disability, age or status



as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era and the rights of applicants and employees.

2. The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advancements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin physical or mental handicap, disability, age or status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era.
3. The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding a notice, to be provided by the Federal Government or the State, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under the provisions herein and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
4. The Contractor will comply with all provisions of and furnish all information and reports required by Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974 (38 U.S.C. § 4212) and of the Federal Executive Order No. 11246 as amended, including by Executive Order 11375, 'Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,' and as supplemented by regulation at 41 C.F.R. part 60, "Office of the Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
5. The Contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Federal Executive Order No. 11246 as amended, including by Executive Order 11375, 'Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,' and as supplemented by regulation at 41 C.F.R. part 60, "Office of the Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to its books, records, and accounts by the State and its designated representatives and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
6. In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the requirements of the provisions herein or with any federal rules, regulations, or orders which are referenced herein, this Agreement may be cancelled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for further federal and state contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Federal Executive Order No. 11246 as amended and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Federal Executive Order No. 11246 as amended, including by Executive Order 11375, 'Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,' and as supplemented by regulation at 41 C.F.R. part 60, "Office of the Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

7. The Contractor shall include the provisions of Sections 14(B)(1) through 14(B)(7) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to Federal Executive Order No. 11246 as amended, including by Executive Order 11375, 'Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,' and as supplemented by regulation at 41 C.F.R. part 60, "Office of the Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," or Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or 38 U.S.C. Section 4212 of the Vietnam Era Veteran's Readjustment Assistance Act, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs or DHCS may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance provided, however, that in the event the Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation by a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by DHCS, the Contractor may request in writing to DHCS, who, in turn, may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the State and of the United States.

C. **Subcontracts.** The Contractor shall include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this Agreement (Sections 14 and 19, respectively) in all subcontracts to perform work under this Agreement.

**15. COLLABORATIVE MEETINGS.**

- A. Behavioral Wellness shall conduct a Collaborative Meeting at least annually, and more frequently, if needed, with Contractor to collaboratively discuss programmatic, fiscal, and contract matters.
- B. As a condition of funding for Quality Assurance (QA) activities, Contractor QA staff shall attend bi-monthly County Quality Improvement Committee (QIC) meetings.

**16. TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.**

- A. Contractor shall ensure that all staff providing services under this Agreement complete mandatory trainings, including through attendance at County-sponsored training sessions as available. The following trainings must be completed at hire and annually thereafter:
  - 1. HIPAA Privacy and Security;
  - 2. Consumer and Family Culture;
  - 3. Behavioral Wellness Code of Conduct;
  - 4. Cultural Competency;
  - 5. County Electronic Health Record (EHR), including SmartCare for service and administrative staff who enter and analyze data in the system (at hire and as needed); and
  - 6. MHSA Overview Training (only at hire, not annually).
- B. Training Requirements for Contractor staff who provide direct services/document in

County Electronic Health Record (EHR), including SmartCare. The following trainings must be completed at hire and annually thereafter:

1. Documentation Training;
2. Assessment and Treatment Plan;
3. Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) or Adult Needs and Strengths (ANSA) assessment training and certification exam:
  - a. Contractors who provide services to clients ages zero through 20 years old shall complete the CANS certification training and exam.
  - b. Contractors who provide services to clients ages 21 years old and older shall complete the ANSA.
  - c. Contractors providing services to clients of both age groups may select either of these assessment tool trainings and need not compete both; and
4. Any additional applicable trainings in accordance with the *Behavioral Wellness Mandatory Trainings Policy and Procedure #5.008*, as may be amended, available at <https://www.countyofsb.org/904/Policies-Procedures>.

C. Annual training and certification of clinicians is required for use of the CANS or ANSA. In order to be certified in the CANS or ANSA clinicians must demonstrate reliability on a case vignette of .70 or greater.

#### 17. **ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.**

- A. **Beneficiary Handbook.** Contractor shall provide the County of Santa Barbara Beneficiary Handbook to each potential beneficiary and beneficiary in an approved method listed in the *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policy and Procedures #4.008 Beneficiary Informing Materials* when first receiving Specialty Mental Health Services and upon request. Contractor shall document the date and method of delivery to the beneficiary in the beneficiary's file. Contractor shall inform beneficiaries that information is available in alternate formats and how to access those formats. (1915(b) Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services Waiver, § (2), subd. (d), at p. 26, attachments 3, 4; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, § 1810.360(e); 42 C.F.R. § 438.10.)
- B. **Written Materials in English and Spanish.** Contractor shall provide all written materials for beneficiaries and potential beneficiaries, including provider directories, County of Santa Barbara Beneficiary Handbook, appeal and grievance notices, denial and termination notices, and Santa Barbara County's mental health education materials, in English and Spanish as applicable. (42 C.F.R. § 438.10(d)(3).) Contractor shall maintain adequate supply of County-provided written materials and shall request additional written materials from County as needed.
- C. **Maintain Provider Directory.** Contractor shall maintain a provider directory on its agency website listing licensed individuals employed by the provider to deliver [mental health] services; the provider directory must be updated at least monthly to include the

following information:

1. Provider's name;
  2. Provider's business address(es);
  3. Telephone number(s);
  4. Email address;
  5. Website as appropriate;
  6. Specialty in terms of training, experience and specialization, including board certification (if any);
  7. Services/ modalities provided;
  8. Whether the provider accepts new beneficiaries;
  9. The provider's cultural capabilities;
  10. The provider's linguistic capabilities;
  11. Whether the provider's office has accommodations for people with physical disabilities;
  12. Type of practitioner;
  13. National Provider Identifier Number;
  14. California License number and type of license; and
  15. An indication of whether the provider has completed cultural competence training.
- D. Policy and Procedure #2.001.** Contractor shall comply with *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policy and Procedures #2.001 Network Adequacy Standards and Monitoring.*
- E. Policy and Procedure #3.000.** Contractor shall comply with *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policy and Procedures #3.000 Beneficiary Rights.*
- F. Policy and Procedure #3.004.** Contractor shall comply with *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policy and Procedures #3.004 Advance Directives – Adult Outpatient Services* on advance directives and the County's obligations for Physician Incentive Plans, as applicable.
- G. Policy and Procedure #4.000.** Contractor shall comply with *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policy and Procedures #4.000 Authorization of Outpatient Specialty Mental Health Services.*
- H. Policy and Procedure #4.001.** Contractor shall comply with *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policy and Procedures #4.001 Authorization of Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS), applicable to providers providing children services.*
- I. Policy and Procedure #4.008.** Contractor shall comply with *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policy and Procedures #4.008 Beneficiary Informing Materials.*
- J. Policy and Procedure #4.012.** Contractor shall comply with *Department of Behavioral*

*Wellness' Policy and Procedures #4.012 Contracted Provider Relations.*

- K. Policy and Procedure #4.014.** Contractor shall comply with *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policy and Procedures #4.014 Service Triage for Urgent and Emergency Conditions.*
- L. Policy and Procedure #5.008.** Mandatory Trainings Contractor shall comply with *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policy and Procedures #5.008 Mandatory Training.*
- M. Policy and Procedure #8.100.** Contractor shall comply with *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policy and Procedures #8.100 Mental Health Client Assessment.*
- N. Policy and Procedure #8.101.** Contractor shall comply with *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policy and Procedures #8.101 Client Problem Lists, Treatment Plans, and Treatment Progress Notes.*
- O. Policy and Procedure #8.102.** Contractor shall comply with *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policy and Procedures #8.102 CalAIM Documentation Reform-Progress Note Requirements.*
- P. Accessibility.** Contractor shall ensure that it provides physical access, reasonable accommodations, and accessible equipment for Medi-Cal beneficiaries with physical or mental disabilities. (42 C.F.R. § 438.206(b)(1) and (c)(3).)
- Q. Hours of Operation.** Contractor shall maintain hours of operation during which services are provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries that are no less than the hours of operation during which Contractor offers services to non-Medi-Cal beneficiaries. If Contractor only offers services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries, maintain hours of operation which are comparable to the hours Contractor makes available for Medi-Cal services not covered by County or another Mental Health Plan.
- R. Access to Routine Appointments.** Contractor shall provide access to routine appointments (1st appointment within 10 business days). When not feasible, Contractor shall give the client the option to re-contact the County's Access team toll free at (888) 868-1649 and request another provider who may be able to serve the client within the 10 business day standard.
- S. Hold Harmless.** Contractor agrees to hold harmless the State and beneficiaries in the event the County cannot or does not pay for services performed by the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement.
- T. Client Assessment, Problem List, and Treatment Plan (or Treatment Plan Progress Note).** Contractor shall complete an Assessment, Problem List, and Treatment Plan (or Treatment Plan Progress Note for targeted case management and peer support services) for each client receiving Program services in accordance with CalAIM requirements, applicable Behavioral Wellness Policies and Procedures, and the Behavioral Wellness Clinical Documentation Manual available at <https://www.countyofsb.org/behavioral-wellness/asset.c/5670>.
- U. SIGNATURE PAD.** County shall purchase one signature pad for the duration of the term of this Agreement for each physical address identified for Contractor in this Agreement. The signature pad will be compatible with the County's Electronic Health Record (EHR), SmartCare. Contractor shall use the electronic versions of the Client

Assessment, Client Plan, and Medication Consent Form to ensure a complete client medical record exists within SmartCare. Contractor shall obtain client signatures on these electronic documents using the signature pads. Upon initial purchase, County shall install the signature pads on Contractor's hardware and provide a tutorial for Contractor's staff. Contractor shall be responsible for ongoing training of new staff.

- V. In the event that Contractor damages or loses the signature pads provided by County, Contractor shall be responsible for purchasing a new SmartCare compatible signature pad as a replacement from the County inventory at the current cost of replacement. The expected life of a signature pad is a minimum of three years.

**19. STATE CONTRACT COMPLIANCE.**

- A. This Agreement is subject to any additional statutes, restrictions, limitations, or conditions enacted by the Congress which may affect the provisions, terms, or funding of this Agreement in any manner. Either the County or Contractor may request consultation and discussion of new or changed statutes or regulations, including whether contract amendments may be necessary.
- B. To the extent there is a conflict between federal or state law or regulation and a provision in the MHP (Contract No. 22-20133) or this Agreement, County and Contractor shall comply with the federal or state law or regulation and the conflicting Agreement provision shall no longer be in effect pursuant to the MHP, Exhibit E, Section 6(B).
- C. Contractor agrees that DHCS, through County, has the right to withhold payments until Contractor has submitted any required data and reports to DHCS, as identified in this Agreement and in accordance with any applicable statute.
- D. The following provisions of the MHP, Exhibit D(F) are hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement: Sections 1 Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Requirements; 2 Travel and Per Diem Reimbursement; 3 Procurement Rules; 4 Equipment Ownership/Inventory/Disposition; 5 Subcontract Requirements; 6 Income Restrictions; 7 Audit and Record Retention; 8 Site Inspection; 9 Federal Contract Funds; 11 Intellectual Property Rights; 12 Air or Water Pollution Requirements; 13 Prior Approval of Training Seminars, Workshops, or Conferences; 14 Confidentiality of Information; 15 Documents, Publications, and Written Reports; 18 Human Subjects Use Requirements; 20 Debarment and Suspension Certification; 21 Smoke-Free Workplace Certification; 25 Officials Not to Benefit; 27 Prohibited Use of State Funds for Software; 32 Suspension or Stop Work Notification; 33 Public Communications; and 34 Compliance with Statutes and Regulations; and 35 Lobbying Restrictions and Disclosure Certification.
- E. The DHCS may revoke this Agreement, in whole or in part, or may revoke the activities or obligations delegated to Contractor by the County, or pursue other remedies permitted by State or Federal law, if DHCS determines that Contractor has not performed satisfactorily. In such event, this Agreement shall be terminated in accordance with the Standard Terms and Conditions section regarding Termination.

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**EXHIBIT A-2**  
**STATEMENT OF WORK: MHS**  
**CENTRAL COAST HOTLINE: AFTER-HOURS ACCESS LINE**

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- 1. PROGRAM SUMMARY.** As the Mental Health Plan for Santa Barbara County, the Department of Behavioral Wellness (hereafter County) is required by the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to provide residents of Santa Barbara County with twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week access to information on obtaining specialty mental health services. The County is also required by DHCS to provide residential substance use disorder (SUD) treatment screenings within twenty-four (24) hours of request. This is a requirement of the County Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) of care that began on December 1, 2018.

The Department of Behavioral Wellness provides these services through a 24/7 toll-free Access Line. Contractor shall, through its Central Coast Hotline: After-Hours Access Line (hereafter “the Program”), provide support to callers in all languages transferred from the Santa Barbara County Access Line after hours, i.e., beyond normal weekday business hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and inclusive of weekends and holidays. The Program is an American Association of Suicidology (AAS) accredited crisis call line devoted to callers who need mental health crisis support and resources, mental health information and referral, suicide prevention and general support and human connection. This after-hours line is often used by community members, agencies, and law enforcement in lieu of crisis lines, other emergency services, or general informational needs. This enhances after-hours access, as well as multilingual capacity, for the community by providing information and referrals to individuals not needing immediate crisis services. However, the program is designed, and staff are trained, to offer crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to those who do call in crisis. The program staff will link community members to the appropriate crisis services available based on their need.

The Program is not intended to be therapeutic treatment services. However, Contractor’s staff are trained to provide immediate crisis intervention support as needed. Language translation and text or telephone (TTY) capability will be provided to inform Medi-Cal beneficiaries and other clients about how to access mental health services, including urgent and crisis conditions; how to use the Medi-Cal beneficiary problem resolution and fair hearing processes; and to respond to general questions and concerns regarding the Mental Health Plan and Department of Behavioral Wellness’ services, during evenings, weekends, and holidays through the term of this Agreement. The Program shall serve residents/callers throughout Santa Barbara County.

- 2. PROGRAM GOALS.** Contractor shall:
- A.** Assist community members with resources and education regarding mental health and substance use disorder services;
  - B.** Provide links to Contractor and County programs in addition to other mental health services and substance use disorder services throughout the area;
  - C.** Act as a central hub and dispatch center for crisis needs; and
  - D.** Provide caller response in English and Spanish in addition to a variety of other

languages via the Language Line.

### **3. SERVICES.**

#### **A. Call Center Services.** Contractor shall:

1. Provide support to callers in all languages transferred from the Santa Barbara County Access Line after hours, i.e., beyond normal weekday business hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Pacific Time Zone and inclusive of weekends and all County holidays (as defined below);
  - i. The County may request additional services outside of the time schedule specified in this section 3.A.1 and section 4 (Operations) below (“extra coverage”). The provision of these additional services/extra coverage is subject to Contractor staff availability and handled on a per request basis with 72 hours’ advanced notice. The provision of additional services/extra coverage by Contractor shall be approved by Contractor and the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee in writing but does not require a formal amendment to this Agreement and shall not alter the Maximum Contract Amount.
  - ii. County Holidays:
    - Christmas Day
    - New Year’s Day
    - M.L.King Jr.’s Birthday
    - Lincoln’s Birthday
    - Washington’s Birthday
    - Memorial Day
    - Juneteenth
    - Independence Day
    - Labor Day
    - Columbus Day
    - Veteran’s Day
    - Thanksgiving Day
    - Thanksgiving Friday
2. Provide de-escalation and safety planning for callers experiencing a mental health crisis;
3. Dispatch Mobile Crisis to the community when de-escalation and safety planning are not effective;
4. Communicate and coordinate with Mobile Crisis, law enforcement, and community members;
5. Conduct identified screenings for both mental health and substance use to determine level of care needed;
  - i. Schedule new mental health clients in intake slots for intake appointments;
  - ii. Communicate and coordinate with substance use programs to schedule new clients for intake appointments;



- iii. For clients screened as needing residential SUD treatment services, provide information to the County Access Line at the end of each shift (8:00 AM) for authorization;
6. Provide appropriate practitioners listed in Section 6 (Staffing Requirements) below, to perform the services described in this Agreement:
    - i. Recruit, train, and supervise staff in order to maintain the volume of calls, providing appropriate mental health referrals, community resource information, other support options, stigma reduction, and crisis and/or suicide intervention services, including Mobile Crisis referral; and
    - ii. Program staff and volunteers shall receive regular cultural competency training in the areas of welcoming, understanding personal culture, consumer stories, family perspective, LGBTQIA diversity, and Latino culture. Crisis line specialists training is approximately 60+ hours.

**B. Timeliness.**

1. The monthly average speed of answer will be less than 20 seconds; and no longer than two (2) minutes in the queue.
2. Calls dispositioned as Emergent/Crisis that cannot be de-escalated over the phone shall be linked to Mobile Crisis immediately using the state-supplied Screening and Dispatch tool in SmartCare.
3. Any queuing message will be made available to the client in both English and Spanish.

**C. Confidentiality of Client Information.** Contractor has a duty under federal and state law to protect certain health information and shall comply with Section 34 (Compliance With Privacy Laws And Data Security Authorities) and Exhibit A-1, Section 8 (Confidentiality).

**D. Connection.** Contractor shall provide, at its sole cost and expense, a direct inward dial toll-free telephone number, which County may use to direct calls to Contractor.

**E. Interpretation Services and Text Capability.** Contractor shall, at its sole cost and expense:

1. Arrange for interpretation services for callers with limited English proficiency; and
2. Provide text capability for hearing- and speech-impaired clients, such as text messaging or text telephone (TTY).

**F. Emergency; Quality and Call Recording.**

1. Contractor may trace any call, and contact dispatch and/or consult with emergency services, consistent with applicable state and federal laws, without prior consent of County. It is understood that the ability to trace is limited and may not always be possible:
2. Contractor agrees to take reasonable and appropriate action in the event of

emergency situations;

3. Priority in emergency situations will be given to clients and public safety; and
4. County will be contacted as soon as practicable given the circumstances:
  - i. County acknowledges that Contractor records calls for internal quality purposes.
  - ii. County may request to listen to call recordings.
5. Contractor agrees to assist County by providing any necessary and available information requested by County to facilitate County's response to reported calls.

**G. Responsibility to Report Child or Elder Abuse.**

1. In accordance with the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act, commencing at Penal Code section 11164, and the Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act, commencing at Welf. & Inst. Code section 15600, as applicable, Contractor is responsible for reporting cases of possible child, elder, or vulnerable adult abuse.
  - i. File the Confidential Report form for Child Abuse <https://oag.ca.gov/sites/all/files/agweb/pdfs/childabuse/bcia4084.pdf> or call Child Welfare Services at 800-367-0166 with a written report within 36 hours.
  - ii. File the Confidential Report form for Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult <https://www.reporttoaps.org/> or call Adult Protective Services at (844) 751-6729 or after hours at Sheriff Dispatch (805) 692-5744 with a report filed within 36 hours.
  - iii. In the event of immediate danger, call 911.
2. Contractor agrees to assist County by providing any necessary and available information requested by County to facilitate County's response to reported calls.

**4. OPERATIONS.**

- A. Location.** The Program shall serve residents/callers throughout Santa Barbara County.
- B. Hours of Operation and Staff Coverage.** The Program shall operate during Santa Barbara County Access Line's "after hours," i.e., beyond normal weekday business hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Pacific Time Zone and inclusive of weekends and holidays (as defined in Section 3.A).

**5. DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS.**

- A. Document After-Hours Calls.** Contractor shall implement and maintain a procedure to document all after-hours calls from the County's Access Line in County's Electronic Health Record (EHR), SmartCare. Contractor shall make every effort to obtain the following logged information:
  1. Caller's name;
  2. Date and time of the call;

3. Disposition of the call, including location; and
4. Evidence of triaging for urgency (e.g.: asking about suicide/crisis).

**B. Use SmartCare.** Contractor shall utilize the tools in SmartCare to communicate client calls and needs as follows:

1. When Contractor receives a call regarding a client already open to Behavioral Wellness or a County Contracted Provider, Contractor will email/flag the treating team with a notification that this client called after hours.
2. When Contractor receives a call that requires urgent follow up, Contractor will email/flag the crisis team in the appropriate region.

**C. Data Reporting.** Contractor will provide its standard monthly performance report broken out by region (Lompoc, Santa Barbara, and Santa Maria if available) for the County on a monthly basis.

## **6. TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.**

In addition to the required trainings described in Exhibit A-1, Section 16 (Training Requirements), Contractor shall:

- A.** Train and provide evidence of training as directed by County to its staff to provide callers with information about:
1. How to access specialty mental health services, and substance use disorder treatment, including assessment;
  2. How to obtain services for an urgent condition; and
  3. How to access the beneficiary problem resolution process (how to reach Patient's Rights and log a concern).
- B.** Ensure that Program staff and volunteers receive regular cultural competency training in the areas of welcoming, understanding personal culture, consumer stories, family perspective, LGBTQIA diversity, and Latino culture. Crisis line specialists training is approximately 60+ hours.

**7. STAFFING REQUIREMENTS.** Contractor shall adhere to the Program staffing requirements outlined below unless otherwise approved by the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee in writing. Any changes to these requirements do not require a formal amendment to this Agreement and shall not alter the Maximum Contract Amount.

- A.** Contractor warrants that all staff (including volunteers) for this Program have the background, training, work experience, accreditation, licenses, and supervision necessary for the performance of services in a manner of, and according to the standards observed by a practitioner of the same profession and in keeping with all pertinent Federal, State and County laws.
- B.** Contractor warrants that said accreditation and licensing information furnished to County is complete and accurate and agrees to notify County promptly of any changes in this information.
- C.** The Program shall be staffed as follows. Program staff may include volunteers.
1. 0.50 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) **Program Manager** shall be responsible for

management of Central Coast Hotline, providing one-to-one engagements that deliver key information regarding the signs, symptoms, and care options related to mental illness and suicide. The Program Manager is responsible for the management, trauma informed supervision, and coordination of staff, the call center, and program. Responsibilities include recruitment, training, and retention of staff.

2. 2.45 FTE **Hotline Crisis Line Specialists** shall answer calls from the public, including calls forwarded after-hours from County and Contractor programs during after-hours and overnight periods. The Hotline Crisis Line Specialists offer support and encouragement to callers, refer them to mental health and related resources in the community, and assess for crises. In the event that a caller is in a crisis, the staff shall provide follow-up linkage to appropriate crisis intervention personnel. This service promotes recovery and wellness, encouraging callers in their self-care.
3. 0.75 FTE **Program Coordinator** shall provide administrative oversight of Crisis Line Specialists. The Program Coordinator's responsibilities will include recruitment, training, and retention of staff; shift scheduling; outreach; providing resources to crisis line specialists; linkages to programs; data tracking and reporting; and fill support as needed.
4. 0.07 FTE **Clinical Director** shall provide administrative oversight and support for the program and is responsible for evaluation and reporting for contract and supervision of staff.

**D.** Program staff shall be Qualified Mental Health Workers (QMHW) or Mental Health Workers (MHW) as defined in *Behavioral Wellness Policy and Procedure #4.015, Staff Credentialing and Re-Credentialing*, as may be amended.

## **8. PROGRAM EVALUATION, PERFORMANCE AND OUTCOME MEASURES.**

Regular test calls will be conducted by Contractor and County staff.

## **9. CONFIDENTIAL AND PROPRIETARY INFORMATION.**

- A.** Contractor acknowledges that during the term of this Agreement, it may receive from County certain confidential and proprietary data, customer lists, program features, systems and procedures, and various other proprietary information.
- B.** Contractor agrees that it shall not use or disclose any such confidential information to any third party unless expressly authorized, in writing, by County unless such disclosure is subject to court order or subpoena.

## **10. RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNTY.**

**A. Provision of Program Information.** County shall provide Contractor with timely updates related to the Program so that Contractor can provide County's clients with accurate information as well as reach County on-call staff, including, but not limited to, the following information:

1. Provide to Contractor current program information;
2. On-call staff contact information:

3. Client alerts;
4. Benefit descriptions; and
5. Policies, guidelines and other information necessary for Contractor to render the services described in this Agreement.

**B. Release of Client Information.** County agrees to provide to Contractor any information regarding individual clients that either Contractor or County deem necessary to ensure consistent treatment and client safety and as permitted under applicable law and this Agreement.

**C. Access to County Staff.** County shall provide Contractor with twenty-four (24) hours, seven (7) days per week access to the mobile crisis team

**EXHIBIT B**  
**FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

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**EXHIBIT B**

**GENERAL FINANCIAL PROVISIONS- MHS**

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(Applicable to programs described in Exhibit A-2)

With attached *Exhibit B-1* MHS (Schedule of Rates and Contract Maximum) and  
*Exhibit B-2* (Entity Budget by Program).

This Agreement provides for reimbursement for services up to the Maximum Contract Amount, reflected in Section II below and Exhibit B-1-MHS. For Medi-Cal and all other services provided under this Agreement, Contractor shall comply with all applicable requirements necessary for reimbursement in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) §§ 14705-14711, and other applicable Federal, State and local laws, regulations, rules, manuals, policies, guidelines and directives.

**I. PAYMENT FOR SERVICES.**

- A. Performance of Services.** Contractor shall be compensated on a cost reimbursement basis, subject to the limitations described in this Agreement and all exhibits hereto, for deliverables as established in the Exhibit B(s) based on satisfactory performance of the services described in Exhibit A(s).
- B. Limitations on Use of Funds Received Pursuant to this Agreement.** Contractor shall use the funds provided by County exclusively for the purposes of performing the services described in Exhibit A(s) to this Agreement. For Contractor Programs that are funded with Federal funds expenses shall comply with the requirements established in OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and all other applicable regulations. Violation of this provision or use of County funds for purposes other than those described in the Exhibit A(s) shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.
- C. Funding Sources.** The Behavioral Wellness Director or designee may reallocate between funding sources with discretion, including to utilize and maximize any additional funding or FFP provided by local, State, or Federal law, regulation, policy, procedure, or program. Reallocation of funding sources does not alter the Maximum Contract Amount and does not require an amendment to this Agreement.
- D. Beneficiary Liability for Payment.**
1. Contractor shall not submit a claim to, or demand or otherwise collect reimbursement from, the beneficiary or persons acting on behalf of the beneficiary for any specialty mental health or related administrative services provided under this Agreement, except to collect other health insurance coverage, share of cost, and co-payments. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, § 1810.365 (a).)
  2. Contractor shall not hold beneficiaries liable for debts in the event that County becomes insolvent; for costs of covered services for which the State does not pay County; for costs of covered services for which the State or County does not pay to Contractor; for costs of covered services provided under a contract, referral or other arrangement rather than from the County; or for payment of subsequent screening and treatment needed to diagnose the specific condition of or stabilize a

beneficiary. (42 C.F.R. § 438.106 and Cal. Code Regs. tit 9, § 1810.365(c).)

3. Contractor shall not bill beneficiaries, for covered services, any amount greater than would be owed if the Contractor provided the services directly. (42 C.F.R. § 483.106(c).)

**G.** DHCS assumes no responsibility for the payment to Contractor for services used in the performance of this Agreement. County accepts sole responsibility for the payment of Contractors in the performance of this Agreement per the terms of this Agreement.

## **II. MAXIMUM CONTRACT AMOUNT.**

The Maximum Contract Amount of this Agreement shall not exceed **\$826,292**, inclusive of \$150,593 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, \$331,225 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, and \$344,474 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, in funding, and shall consist of County, State, and/or Federal funds as shown in Exhibit B-1–MHS and subject to the provisions in Section I (Payment for Services). Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in no event shall County pay Contractor more than this Maximum Contract Amount for Contractor’s performance hereunder without a properly executed amendment.

## **III. OPERATING BUDGET AND FEE FOR SERVICE RATES**

**A. Operating Budget.** For Non Medi-Cal Programs, Contractor shall provide County with an Operating Budget on a format acceptable to, or provided by County, based on costs of net of revenues as described in this Exhibit B-MHS, Section VI (Accounting for Revenues). The approved Operating Budget shall be attached to this Agreement as Exhibit B-2. County may disallow any expenses in excess of the adopted operating budget. Contractor shall request, in advance, approval from County for any budgetary changes. Indirect costs are limited to 15% of direct costs for each program and must be allocated in accordance with a cost allocation plan that adheres with OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.

## **IV. ACCOUNTING FOR REVENUES.**

**A. Accounting for Revenues.** Contractor shall deduct grants, contributions, and any other revenue received for contract services in determining the net amount due by the County.

**B. Internal Procedures.** Contractor shall maintain internal financial controls which adequately ensure proper billing and collection procedures

## **V. BILLING AND PAYMENT PROCEDURES AND LIMITATIONS.**

### **A. Invoice Submission.**

1. Contractor shall submit a written invoice within 15 calendar days of the end of the month in which non-Medi-Cal services are delivered that: i) depicts the actual costs of providing the services less any applicable revenues, ii) states the amount owed by County, and iii) includes the Agreement number and signature of Contractor’s authorized representative. Actual cost is the actual amount paid or incurred, including direct labor and costs supported by financial statements, time records,



invoices, and receipts.

2. The Program Contract Maximums specified in Exhibit B-1-MHS and this Exhibit B MHS are intended to cover services during the entire term of the Agreement, unless otherwise specified in the Exhibit A(s) to this Agreement (such as time-limited or services tied to the school year). Under no circumstances shall Contractor cease services prior to June 30 due to an accelerated draw down of funds earlier in the Fiscal Year. Failure to provide services during the entire term of the Agreement may be considered a breach of contract and subject to the Termination provisions specified in the Agreement.
  3. The Behavioral Wellness Director or designee shall review the monthly invoice to confirm accuracy of the data submitted. County shall make payment for approved invoice within thirty (30) calendar days of a complete invoice and all requested supporting documentation.
- B. Monthly Financial Statements.** Within 15 calendar days of the end of the month in which services are delivered, Contractor shall submit monthly financial statements reflecting the previous month's and cumulative year to date direct and indirect costs and other applicable revenues for Contractor's programs described in the Exhibit A(s).
- C. Withholding of Payment for Non-submission of Service Data and Other Information.** If any required service data, invoice, financial statement or report is not submitted by Contractor to County within the time limits described in this Agreement or if any such information is incomplete, incorrect, or is not completed in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement, then payment shall be withheld until County is in receipt of complete and correct data and such data has been reviewed and approved by Behavioral Wellness Director or designee. Behavioral Wellness Director or designee shall review such submitted service data within sixty (60) calendar days of receipt.
- D. Withholding of Payment for Unsatisfactory Clinical Documentation.** Behavioral Wellness Director or designee shall have the option to deny payment for services when documentation of clinical services does not meet minimum Federal, State and County written standards. County may also deny payment for services that are provided without a current client service plan when applicable authorities require a plan to be in place.
- E. Claims Submission Restrictions.**
1. No Payment for Services Provided Following Expiration/ Termination of Agreement. Contractor shall have no claim against County for payment of any funds or reimbursement, of any kind whatsoever, for any service provided by Contractor after the expiration or other termination of this Agreement. Should Contractor receive any such payment, it shall immediately notify County and shall immediately repay all such funds to County. Payment by County for services rendered after expiration/termination of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of County's right to recover such payment from Contractor. This provision shall survive the expiration or other termination of this Agreement.
- F. Claims Certification and Program Integrity.** Contractor shall certify that all services

entered by Contractor into County's EHR for any payor sources covered by this Agreement are true and accurate to the best of Contractor's knowledge.

- G. Overpayments.** If the Contractor discovers an overpayment, Contractor must notify the County in writing of the reason for the overpayment. Any overpayments of contractual amounts must be returned via direct payment within 30 calendar days to the County after the date on which the overpayment was identified. County may withhold amounts from future payments due to Contractor under this Agreement or any subsequent agreement if Contractor fails to make direct payment within the required timeframe.

## **VI. REPORTS.**

- A. Audited Financial Reports.** Contractor is required to obtain an annual financial statement audit and submit to County a copy of their audited annual financial statement, including management comments. This report shall be submitted within thirty (30) days after the report is received by Contractor.
- B. Single Audit Report.** If Contractor is required to perform a single audit and/or program specific audit, per the requirements of OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements of Federal Awards, Contractor shall submit a copy of such single audit to County within thirty (30) days of receipt.

## **VII. AUDITS AND AUDIT APPEALS.**

- A. Audit by Responsible Auditing Party.** At any time during the term of this Agreement or after the expiration or termination of this Agreement, in accordance with State and Federal law including but not limited to WIC Section 14170 et seq., authorized representatives from the County, State or Federal governments (Responsible Auditing Party) may conduct an audit or site review of Contractor regarding the mental health services/activities provided under this Agreement.
- B. Settlement.** Settlement of the audit findings will be conducted according to the Responsible Auditing Party's procedures in place. In the case of a State Medi-Cal audit, the State and County will perform a post-audit Medi-Cal settlement that is based on State audit findings. Such settlement will take place when the State initiates its settlement action which customarily is after the issuance of the audit report by the State and before the State's audit appeal process. However, if the Responsible Auditing Party stays its collection of any amounts due or payable because of the audit findings, County will also stay its settlement of the same amounts due or payable until the Responsible Auditing Party initiates its settlement action with County. If an audit adjustment is appealed then the County may, at its own discretion, notify Contractor but stay collection of amounts due until resolution of the State administrative appeals process.
- C. Invoice for Amounts Due.** County shall issue an invoice to Contractor for any amount due to the County after the Responsible Auditing Party issues an audit report. The amount on the County invoice is due by Contractor to County thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the invoice.
- D. Appeal.** Contractor may appeal any such audit findings in accordance with the audit appeal process established by the Responsible Auditing Party performing the audit.

**EXHIBIT B-1- MHS**  
**SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CONTRACT MAXIMUM**  
 (Applicable to programs described in Exhibit A2)

**EXHIBIT B-1 MH**  
**DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL WELLNESS**  
**SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CONTRACT MAXIMUM**

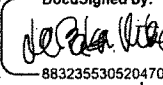
**CONTRACTOR NAME:** Transitions Mental Health Association **FISCAL YEARS:** 2023-2024  
2024-2025  
2025-2026

Contracted Service	Program	Reimbursement Method	Contract Allocation
After Hours Access Line - Network Adequacy	Central Coast Hotline	Cost Reimbursement	\$ 826,292
			<b>\$ 826,292</b>

Contract Maximum by Program & Estimated Funding Sources					Total
Funding Sources (1)	PROGRAM(S)				
	FY 23-24 Central Coast Hotline Start Up	FY 23-24 Central Coast Hotline	FY 24-25 Central Coast Hotline	FY 25-26 Central Coast Hotline	
State Revenue (Realignment, MHSA)	\$ 89,583				\$ 89,583
Federal Medi-Cal Administration (2)		\$ 61,010	\$ 331,225	\$ 344,474	\$ 736,709
<b>TOTAL CONTRACT PAYABLE FY23-24:</b>	<b>\$ 89,583</b>	<b>\$ 61,010</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 150,593</b>
<b>TOTAL CONTRACT PAYABLE FY24-25:</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 331,225</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 331,225</b>
<b>TOTAL CONTRACT PAYABLE FY25-26:</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 344,474</b>	<b>\$ 344,474</b>
<b>TOTAL CONTRACT PAYABLE</b>		<b>\$ 61,010</b>	<b>\$ 331,225</b>	<b>\$ 344,474</b>	<b>\$ 826,292</b>

CONTRACTOR SIGNATURE:

FISCAL SERVICES SIGNATURE:

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(1) The Director or designee may reallocate between funding sources at his/her discretion during the term of the contract, including to utilize and maximize any additional funding or FFP provided by local, State, or Federal law, regulation, policy, procedure, or program. Reallocation of funding sources does not alter the Maximum Contract Amount and does not require an amendment to the contract.

(2) Source of Medi-Cal match is State and Local Funds including but not limited to Realignment, MHSA, General Fund, Grants, Other Departmental Funds and SB 163.

**EXHIBIT B-2**  
**ENTITY BUDGET BY PROGRAM**

**Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness Contract Budget Packet**  
**Entity Budget By Program**

AGENCY NAME: Transitions-Mental Health Association

COUNTY FISCAL YEAR: FY 2023-26

LINE#	COLUMN #	1	3	4	5	6	7
	I. REVENUE SOURCES:		COUNTY BEHAVIORAL WELLNESS PROGRAMS TOTALS	Central Coast Hotline FY 23-24 Start Up Budget	Central Coast Hotline FY 23-24 Operating Budget	Central Coast Hotline FY 24-25 Operating Budget	Central Coast Hotline FY 25-26 Operating Budget
1	Contributions		\$ 85,009	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,452	\$ 42,557
2	Foundations/Trusts		\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3	Miscellaneous Revenue		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4	Behavioral Wellness Funding		\$ 826,292	\$ 89,583	\$ 61,010	\$ 331,225	\$ 344,474
5	Grant and Contract Revenue		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6	Other: Dept of Rehab		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7	Other: Sales		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8	Other: Rents		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
9	Other: AFDC		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10	Total Other Revenue		\$ 911,301	\$ 89,583	\$ 61,010	\$ 373,677	\$ 387,031
	II. Client and Third Party Revenues:						
11	Client Fees		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12	SSI		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
13	Other (specify)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
14	Total Client and Third Party Revenues		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
15	GROSS PROGRAM REVENUE BUDGET		\$ 911,301	\$ 89,583	\$ 61,010	\$ 373,677	\$ 387,031

**EXHIBIT B-2 (cont.)**  
**ENTITY BUDGET BY PROGRAM**

	COUNTY BEHAVIORAL WELLNESS PROGRAMS TOTALS	Central Coast Hotline FY 23-24 Start Up Budget	Central Coast Hotline FY 23-24 Operating Budget	Central Coast Hotline FY 24-25 Operating Budget	Central Coast Hotline FY 25-26 Operating Budget	
<b>III. DIRECT COSTS</b>						
<b>III.A. Salaries and Benefits Object Level</b>						
16	Salaries (Complete Staffing Schedule)	\$ 560,614	\$ 45,109	\$ 32,729	\$ 237,286.00	\$ 245,490
17	Employee Benefits	\$ 80,656	\$ 6,884	\$ 4,618	\$ 33,899.00	\$ 35,255
18	Payroll Taxes	\$ 42,703	\$ 3,391	\$ 2,380	\$ 18,152.00	\$ 18,780
19	Salaries and Benefits Subtotal	\$ 683,973	\$ 55,384	\$ 39,727	\$ 289,337	\$ 299,525
<b>III.B Services and Supplies Object Level</b>						
20	Housing Rent/Occupancy, Utilities	\$ 23,850	\$ 7,162	\$ 2,000	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,488
21	Office & Program Expense	\$ 3,471	\$ 78	\$ 333	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,560
22	Insurance	\$ 2,403	\$ 473	\$ 400	\$ 750.00	\$ 780
23	Staff Development & Training	\$ 8,087	\$ 3,564	\$ 1,667	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,456
24	Telephone, Technology, Telecommunication	\$ 7,539	\$ 2,083	\$ 560	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,496
25	Transportation/Mileage Reimbursements	\$ 3,519	\$ 400	\$ 671	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,248
26	Advertising/Pre Employment	\$ 1,018	\$ 69	\$ 133	\$ 400.00	\$ 416
27	Marketing/Public Relations	\$ 3,643	\$ 300	\$ 283	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,560
28	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 41,965	\$ 5,327	\$ 3,998	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,640
29	Furniture & Equipment/Computers	\$ 5,599	\$ -	\$ 2,233	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 1,716
30	Professional / Contract Fees	\$ 3,395	\$ 1,408	\$ 763	\$ 600.00	\$ 624
31	Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 1,427	\$ 203	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 624
32	Printed Material & Postage	\$ 2,837	\$ 1,521	\$ 500	\$ 400.00	\$ 416
33	Services and Supplies Subtotal	\$ 108,754	\$ 22,588	\$ 13,542	\$ 35,600	\$ 37,024
<b>III.C. Client Expense Object Level Total (Not Medi-Cal Reimbursable)</b>						
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
34	Client Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
35	<b>SUBTOTAL DIRECT COSTS</b>	<b>\$ 792,728</b>	<b>\$ 77,972</b>	<b>\$ 53,269</b>	<b>\$ 324,937</b>	<b>\$ 336,549</b>
<b>IV. INDIRECT COSTS</b>						
36	Administrative Indirect Costs (Reimbursement limited to 15%)	\$ 118,574	\$ 11,611	\$ 7,741	\$ 48,740.00	\$ 50,482
37	<b>GROSS DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS</b>	<b>\$ 911,301</b>	<b>\$ 89,583</b>	<b>\$ 61,010</b>	<b>\$ 373,677</b>	<b>\$ 387,031</b>

**EXHIBIT C**  
**STANDARD**  
**INDEMNIFICATION**  
**AND**  
**INSURANCE PROVISIONS**

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**EXHIBIT C**

**INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

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**(For contracts involving the care/supervision of children, seniors or vulnerable persons)**

INDEMNIFICATION

CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify, defend (with counsel reasonably approved by COUNTY) and hold harmless COUNTY and its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers from and against any and all claims, actions, losses, damages, judgments and/or liabilities arising out of this Agreement from any cause whatsoever, including the acts, errors or omissions of any person or entity and for any costs or expenses (including but not limited to attorneys' fees) incurred by COUNTY on account of any claim except where such indemnification is prohibited by law. CONTRACTOR'S indemnification obligation applies to COUNTY'S active as well as passive negligence but does not apply to COUNTY'S sole negligence or willful misconduct.

NOTIFICATION OF ACCIDENTS AND SURVIVAL OF INDEMNIFICATION PROVISIONS

CONTRACTOR shall notify COUNTY immediately in the event of any accident or injury arising out of or in connection with this Agreement. The indemnification provisions in this Agreement shall survive any expiration or termination of this Agreement.

INSURANCE

CONTRACTOR shall procure and maintain for the duration of this Agreement insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder and the results of that work by the CONTRACTOR, its agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors.

A. Minimum Scope of Insurance

Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

1. **Commercial General Liability (CGL):** Insurance Services Office (ISO) Form CG 00 01 covering CGL on an "occurrence" basis, including products-completed operations, personal & advertising injury, with limits no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate.
2. **Automobile Liability:** Insurance Services Office Form Number CA 0001 covering, Code 1 (any auto), or if CONTRACTOR has no owned autos, Code 8 (hired) and 9 (non-owned), with limit no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage.
3. **Workers' Compensation:** Insurance as required by the State of California, with Statutory Limits, and Employer's Liability Insurance with limit of no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease. *(Not required if CONTRACTOR provides written verification that it has no employees)*

4. **Professional Liability:** (Errors and Omissions) Insurance appropriate to the CONTRACTOR'S profession, with limit no less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence or claim, \$2,000,000 aggregate.
5. **Sexual Misconduct Liability:** Insurance covering actual or alleged claims for sexual misconduct and/or molestation with limits of not less than \$2 million per claim and \$2 million aggregate, and claims for negligent employment, investigation, supervision, training or retention of, or failure to report to proper authorities, a person(s) who committed any act of abuse, molestation, harassment, mistreatment or maltreatment of a sexual nature.

If the CONTRACTOR maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown above, the COUNTY requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or the higher limits maintained by the CONTRACTOR. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to the COUNTY.

**B. Other Insurance Provisions**

The insurance policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

1. **Additional Insured** – COUNTY, its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds on the CGL policy with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the CONTRACTOR including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to the CONTRACTOR'S insurance at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or both CG 20 10, CG 20 26, CG 20 33, or CG 20 38; and CG 20 37 forms if later revisions used).
2. **Primary Coverage** – For any claims related to this contract, the CONTRACTOR'S insurance coverage shall be primary insurance primary coverage at least as broad as ISO CG 20 01 04 13 as respects the COUNTY, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the COUNTY, its officers, officials, employees, or volunteers shall be excess of the CONTRACTOR'S insurance and shall not contribute with it.
3. **Notice of Cancellation** – Each insurance policy required above shall provide that coverage shall not be canceled, except with notice to the COUNTY.
4. **Waiver of Subrogation Rights** – CONTRACTOR hereby grants to COUNTY a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer of said CONTRACTOR may acquire against the COUNTY by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. CONTRACTOR agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to effect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not the COUNTY has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer.
5. **Deductibles and Self-Insured Retention** – Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the COUNTY. The COUNTY may require the CONTRACTOR to purchase coverage with a lower deductible or retention or provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses within the retention.



6. **Acceptability of Insurers** – Unless otherwise approved by Risk Management, insurance shall be written by insurers authorized to do business in the State of California and with a minimum A.M. Best’s Insurance Guide rating of “A- VII”.
7. **Verification of Coverage** – CONTRACTOR shall furnish the COUNTY with proof of insurance, original certificates and amendatory endorsements as required by this Agreement. The proof of insurance, certificates and endorsements are to be received and approved by the COUNTY before work commences. However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive the CONTRACTOR’S obligation to provide them. The CONTRACTOR shall furnish evidence of renewal of coverage throughout the term of the Agreement. The COUNTY reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by these specifications, at any time.
8. **Failure to Procure Coverage** – In the event that any policy of insurance required under this Agreement does not comply with the requirements, is not procured, or is canceled and not replaced, COUNTY has the right but not the obligation or duty to terminate the Agreement. Maintenance of required insurance coverage is a material element of the Agreement and failure to maintain or renew such coverage or to provide evidence of renewal may be treated by COUNTY as a material breach of contract.
9. **Subcontractors** – CONTRACTOR shall require and verify that all subcontractors maintain insurance meeting all the requirements stated herein, and CONTRACTOR shall ensure that COUNTY is an additional insured on insurance required from subcontractors.
10. **Claims Made Policies** – If any of the required policies provide coverage on a claims-made basis:
  - i. The Retroactive Date must be shown and must be before the date of the contract or the beginning of contract work.
  - ii. Insurance must be maintained and evidence of insurance must be provided for at least five (5) years after completion of contract work.
  - iii. If coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a Retroactive Date prior to the contract effective date, the CONTRACTOR must purchase “extended reporting” coverage for a minimum of five (5) years after completion of contract work.
11. **Special Risks or Circumstances** – COUNTY reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer, coverage, or other special circumstances.

Any change requiring additional types of insurance coverage or higher coverage limits must be made by amendment to this Agreement. CONTRACTOR agrees to execute any such amendment within thirty (30) days of receipt.

Any failure, actual or alleged, on the part of COUNTY to monitor or enforce compliance with any of the insurance and indemnification requirements will not be deemed as a waiver of any rights on the part of COUNTY.

**EXHIBIT D**

**CERTIFICATION**

**REGARDING LOBBYING**

**Attachment 1  
State of California  
Department of Health Care Services**

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING**

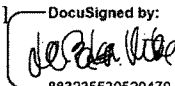
The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(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 shall complete and submit Standard Form LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities" in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall 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 shall 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 shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

<p>Transitions-Mental Health Association</p> <hr/> <p>Name of Contractor</p> <hr/> <p>Contract / Grant Number</p> <hr/> <p>Date</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Jill Bolster-white</p> <hr/> <p>DocuSigned by: Person Signing for Contractor</p>  <p style="font-size: small;">883235530520470...</p> <hr/> <p>Signature of Person Signing for Contractor</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Executive Director</p> <hr/> <p>Title</p>
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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.

Attachment 2

Approved by OMB  
0348-0046

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING**

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352

(See reverse for public burden disclosure)

<p>1. Type of Federal Action:  <input type="checkbox"/> a. contract                  b. grant                  c. cooperative agreement                  d. loan                  e. loan guarantee                  f. loan insurance</p>	<p>2. Status of Federal Action:  <input type="checkbox"/> a. bid/offer/application                  b. initial award                  c. post-award</p>	<p>3. Report Type:  <input type="checkbox"/> a. initial filing                  b. material change                  For Material Change Only: Year                  _____ quarter _____                  date of last report _____.</p>
<p>4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity:</p> <p>Prime                                  Subawardee                  Tier __, if known:</p> <p>Congressional District If known:</p>		<p>5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime:</p> <p>Congressional District If known:</p>
<p>6. Federal Department Agency</p>	<p>7. Federal Program Name/Description:</p> <p>CDFA Number, if applicable: _____</p>	
<p>8. Federal Action Number, if known:</p>	<p>9. Award Amount, if known:</p> <p>\$ _____</p>	
<p>10.a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant  <i>(If individual, last name, first name, MI):</i></p>	<p>b. Individuals Performing Services <i>(including address if different from 10a. (Last name, First name, MI):</i></p>	
<p>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.</p>	<p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Print Name: _____</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Telephone No.: _____ Date: _____</p>	
<p><b>Federal Use Only</b></p>		<p>Authorized for Local Reproduction Standard Form-LLL (Rev. 7-97)</p>

### 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 follow up 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 grants.
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.  
  
(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.

**EXHIBIT E**

**PROGRAM GOALS, OUTCOMES,  
AND MEASURES**

**EXHIBIT E****PROGRAM GOALS, OUTCOMES, AND MEASURES**

<b>Transitions Mental Health Association Central Coast Hotline: After Hours Access Line (PEI: ACCESS &amp; LINKAGE)</b>		
<b>Program Goals</b>	<b>Outcomes</b>	<b>Measures</b>
1. Assist community members with resources and education regarding mental health and substance use disorder services	A. Total # calls	#
	B. % calls requesting services screened for level of care	100
	C. Total # calls referred to MH only	#
	D. Total # calls referred to SU only	#
	E. Total # calls referred to both MH and SU	#
	F. Average time to answer calls	< 20 seconds
	G. Average time in queue	< 2 minutes
2. Provide links to Contractor and County programs in addition to other mental health services and substance use disorder services throughout the area	A. % SUD RTP requests referred to County at end of shift (8 AM)	100
	B. % of routine/non-urgent mental health calls that are scheduled for intake appointments	100
	C. % of routine/non-urgent SUD calls that are linked/scheduled to substance use programs	100
3. Act as a central hub and dispatch center for crisis needs	A. % calls triaged for level of urgency	100
	B. % of urgent calls are linked to crisis services or clinic within 48 hrs.	100
	C. # of potentially emergent/crisis calls that were de-escalated	#
	D. % of emergent/crisis calls linked to crisis services immediately but no later than 30 minutes after call received	100

\*Changes to Exhibit E do not require a formal amendment to this Agreement but shall be agreed to in writing by the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee and shall not alter the Maximum Contract Amount

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**EXHIBIT BAA**

**HIPAA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT (BAA)**

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This Business Associate Agreement (“BAA”) supplements and is made a part of the Agreement between COUNTY (referred to herein as “Covered Entity”) and CONTRACTOR (referred to herein as “Business Associate”).

**RECITALS**

Covered Entity wishes to disclose certain information to Business Associate pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, some of which may constitute Protected Health Information (“PHI”) (defined below).

Covered Entity and Business Associate intend to protect the privacy and provide for the security of PHI disclosed to Business Associate pursuant to the Agreement in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191 (“HIPAA”), the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, Public Law 111-005 (“HITECH Act”), and 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164, Subpart C (the “Security Rule”), Subpart D (the “Data Breach Notification Rule”) and Subpart E (the “Privacy Rule”) (collectively, the “HIPAA Regulations”).

As part of the HIPAA Regulations, the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule (defined below) require Covered Entity to enter into a contract containing specific requirements with Business Associate prior to the disclosure of PHI, as set forth in, but not limited to, Title 45, Sections 164.314(a), 164.502(e) and 164.504(e) of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) and contained in this BAA.

In consideration of the mutual promises below and the exchange of information pursuant to this BAA, the parties agree as follows:

**1. Definitions**

- a. **Breach** shall have the meaning given to such term under the HITECH Act [42 U.S.C. Section 17921].
- b. **Business Associate** shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule, and the HITECH Act, including but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. Section 17938 and 45 C.F.R. Section 160.103.
- c. **Covered Entity** shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 160.103.
- d. **Data Aggregation** shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.501.
- e. **Designated Record Set** shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.501.
- f. **Electronic Protected Health Information** means Protected Health Information that is maintained in or transmitted by electronic media.
- g. **Electronic Health Record** shall have the meaning given to such term in the HITECH Act, including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. Section 17921.
- h. **Health Care Operations** shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.501.



- i. **Privacy Rule** shall mean the HIPAA Regulation that is codified at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A and E.
- j. **Protected Health Information or PHI** means any information, whether oral or recorded in any form or medium: (i) that relates to the past, present or future physical or mental condition of an individual; the provision of health care to an individual; or the past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual; and (ii) that identifies the individual or with respect to which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify the individual, and shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.501. Protected Health Information includes Electronic Protected Health Information [45 C.F.R. Sections 160.103, 164.501].
- k. **Protected Information** shall mean PHI provided by Covered Entity to Business Associate or created or received by Business Associate on Covered Entity's behalf.
- l. **Security Rule** shall mean the HIPAA Regulation that is codified at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A and C.
- m. **Unsecured PHI** shall have the meaning given to such term under the HITECH Act and any guidance issued pursuant to such Act including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. Section 17932(h).

## 2. Obligations of Business Associate

- a. **Permitted Uses.** Business Associate shall not use Protected Information except for the purpose of performing Business Associate's obligations under the Agreement and as permitted under the Agreement and this BAA. Further, Business Associate shall not use Protected Information in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy Rule or the HITECH Act if so used by Covered Entity. However, Business Associate may use Protected Information (i) for the proper management and administration of Business Associate, (ii) to carry out the legal responsibilities of Business Associate, or (iii) for Data Aggregation purposes for the Health Care Operations of Covered Entity [45 C.F.R. Sections 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(A) and 164.504(e)(4)(i)].
- b. **Permitted Disclosures.** Business Associate shall not disclose Protected Information except for the purpose of performing Business Associate's obligations under the Agreement and as permitted under the Agreement and this BAA. Business Associate shall not disclose Protected Information in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy Rule or the HITECH Act if so disclosed by Covered Entity. However, Business Associate may disclose Protected Information (i) for the proper management and administration of Business Associate; (ii) to carry out the legal responsibilities of Business Associate; (iii) as required by law; or (iv) for Data Aggregation purposes for the Health Care Operations of Covered Entity. If Business Associate discloses Protected Information to a third party, Business Associate must obtain, prior to making any such disclosure, (i) reasonable written assurances from such third party that such Protected Information will be held confidential as provided pursuant to this BAA and only disclosed as required by law or for the purposes for which it was disclosed to such third party, and (ii) a written agreement from such third party to immediately notify Business Associate of any breaches of confidentiality of the Protected Information, to the extent the third party has obtained knowledge of such breach [42 U.S.C. Section 17932; 45 C.F.R. Sections 164.504(e)(2)(i), 164.504(e)(2)(i)(B), 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(A) and 164.504(e)(4)(ii)].

- c. **Prohibited Uses and Disclosures.** Business Associate shall not use or disclose Protected Information for fundraising or marketing purposes. Business Associate shall not disclose Protected Information to a health plan for payment or health care operations purposes if the patient has requested this special restriction, and has paid out of pocket in full for the health care item or service to which the PHI solely relates [42 U.S.C. Section 17935(a)]. Business Associate shall not directly or indirectly receive remuneration in exchange for Protected Information, except with the prior written consent of Covered Entity and as permitted by the HITECH Act, 42 U.S.C. section 17935(d)(2); however, this prohibition shall not affect payment by Covered Entity to Business Associate for services provided pursuant to the Agreement. Business Associate shall mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Business Associate of a use or disclosure of PHI by Business Associate in violation of this Agreement, the BAA, or the HIPAA Regulations.
- d. **Appropriate Safeguards.** Business Associate shall implement appropriate safeguards as are necessary to prevent the use or disclosure of Protected Information otherwise than as permitted by the Agreement or this BAA, including, but not limited to, administrative, physical and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of the Protected Information, in accordance with 45 C.F.R. Sections 164.308, 164.310, and 164.312. [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(B); 45 C.F.R. Section 164.308(b)]. Business Associate shall comply with the policies and procedures and documentation requirements of the HIPAA Security Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.316 [42 U.S.C. Section 17931].
- e. **Reporting of Improper Access, Use or Disclosure.** Business Associate shall report to Covered Entity in writing of any access, use or disclosure of Protected Information not permitted by the Agreement and this BAA, and any Breach of Unsecured PHI, as required by the Data Breach Notification Rule, of which it becomes aware without unreasonable delay and in no case later than five (5) business days after discovery [42 U.S.C. Section 17921; 45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(C); 45 C.F.R. Section 164.308(b)].
- f. **Business Associate's Subcontractors and Agents.** Business Associate shall ensure that any agents and subcontractors to whom it provides Protected Information, agree in writing to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to Business Associate with respect to such PHI and implement the safeguards required by paragraph (d) above with respect to Electronic PHI [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(D); 45 C.F.R. Section 164.308(b)]. Business Associate shall implement and maintain sanctions against agents and subcontractors that violate such restrictions and conditions and shall mitigate the effects of any such violation (see 45 C.F.R. Sections 164.530(f) and 164.530(e)(1)).
- g. **Access to Protected Information.** To the extent that the Covered Entity keeps a designated record set then Business Associate shall make Protected Information maintained by Business Associate or its agents or subcontractors in Designated Record Sets available to Covered Entity for inspection and copying within five (5) days of a request by Covered Entity to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under state law [Health and Safety Code Section 123110] and the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.524 [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(E)]. If Business Associate maintains an Electronic Health Record, Business Associate shall provide such information in electronic format to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its

obligations under the HITECH Act, including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. Section 17935(e).

- h. Amendment of PHI for Business Associate who is Required to Maintain a Record Set.** If Business Associate is required to maintain a designated record set on behalf of the Covered Entity the Business Associate shall within ten (10) days of receipt of a request from Covered Entity for an amendment of Protected Information or a record about an individual contained in a Designated Record Set, Business Associate or its agents or subcontractors shall make such Protected Information available to Covered Entity for amendment and incorporate any such amendment to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.526. If any individual requests an amendment of Protected Information directly from Business Associate or its agents or subcontractors, Business Associate must notify Covered Entity in writing within five (5) days of the request. Any approval or denial of amendment of Protected Information maintained by Business Associate or its agents or subcontractors shall be the responsibility of Covered Entity [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(F)].
- i. Accounting Rights.** Within ten (10) days of notice by Covered Entity of a request for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Information, Business Associate and its agents or subcontractors shall make available to Covered Entity the information required to provide an accounting of disclosures to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.528, and the HITECH Act, including but not limited to 42 U.S.C. Section 17935(c), as determined by Covered Entity. Business Associate agrees to implement a process that allows for an accounting to be collected and maintained by Business Associate and its agents or subcontractors for at least six (6) years prior to the request. However, accounting of disclosures from an Electronic Health Record for treatment, payment or health care operations purposes are required to be collected and maintained for only three (3) years prior to the request, and only to the extent that Business Associate maintains an electronic health record and is subject to this requirement. At a minimum, the information collected and maintained shall include: (i) the date of disclosure; (ii) the name of the entity or person who received Protected Information and, if known, the address of the entity or person; (iii) a brief description of Protected Information disclosed and (iv) a brief statement of purpose of the disclosure that reasonably informs the individual of the basis for the disclosure, or a copy of the individual's authorization, or a copy of the written request for disclosure. In the event that the request for an accounting is delivered directly to Business Associate or its agents or subcontractors, Business Associate shall within five (5) days of a request forward it to Covered Entity in writing. It shall be Covered Entity's responsibility to prepare and deliver any such accounting requested. Business Associate shall not disclose any Protected Information except as set forth in Sections 2.b. of this BAA [45 C.F.R. Sections 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(G) and 165.528]. The provisions of this subparagraph shall survive the termination of this Agreement.
- j. Governmental Access to Records.** Business Associate shall make its internal practices, books and records relating to the use and disclosure of Protected Information available

- to Covered Entity and to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Secretary) for purposes of determining Business Associate's compliance with the Privacy Rule [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(H)]. Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity a copy of any Protected Information that Business Associate provides to the Secretary concurrently with providing such Protected Information to the Secretary.
- k. **Minimum Necessary.** Business Associate (and its agents or subcontractors) shall request, use and disclose only the minimum amount of Protected Information necessary to accomplish the purpose of the request, use, or disclosure [42 U.S.C. Section 17935(b); 45 C.F.R. Section 164.514(d)(3)]. Business Associate understands and agrees that the definition of "minimum necessary" is in flux and shall keep itself informed of guidance issued by the Secretary with respect to what constitutes "minimum necessary."
  - l. **Data Ownership.** Business Associate acknowledges that Business Associate has no ownership rights with respect to the Protected Information.
  - m. **Business Associate's Insurance.** Business Associate represents and warrants that it purchases commercial insurance to cover its exposure for any claims, damages or losses arising as a result of a breach of the terms of this BAA.
  - n. **Notification of Possible Breach.** During the term of the Agreement, Business Associate shall notify Covered Entity within twenty-four (24) hours of any suspected or actual breach of security, or any access, use or disclosure of Protected Information not permitted by the Agreement or this BAA or unauthorized use or disclosure of PHI of which Business Associate becomes aware and/or any actual or suspected use or disclosure of data in violation of any applicable federal or state laws or regulations. Business Associate shall take (i) prompt corrective action to cure any such deficiencies and (ii) any action pertaining to such unauthorized disclosure required by applicable federal and state laws and regulations. [42 U.S.C. Section 17921; 45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(C); 45 C.F.R. Section 164.308(b)]
  - o. **Breach Pattern or Practice by Covered Entity.** Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 17934(b), if the Business Associate knows of a pattern of activity or practice of the Covered Entity that constitutes a material breach or violation of the Covered Entity's obligations under the Agreement or this BAA or other arrangement, the Business Associate must take reasonable steps to cure the breach or end the violation. If the steps are unsuccessful, the Business Associate must terminate the Agreement or other arrangement if feasible, or if termination is not feasible, report the problem to the Secretary. Business Associate shall provide written notice to Covered Entity of any pattern of activity or practice of the Covered Entity that Business Associate believes constitutes a material breach or violation of the Covered Entity's obligations under the Agreement or this BAA or other arrangement within five (5) days of discovery and shall meet with Covered Entity to discuss and attempt to resolve the problem as one of the reasonable steps to cure the breach or end the violation.
  - p. **Audits, Inspection and Enforcement.** Within ten (10) days of a written request by Covered Entity, Business Associate and its agents or subcontractors shall allow Covered Entity to conduct a reasonable inspection of the facilities, systems, books, records,

agreements, policies and procedures relating to the use or disclosure of Protected Information pursuant to this BAA for the purpose of determining whether Business Associate has complied with this BAA; provided, however, that (i) Business Associate and Covered Entity shall mutually agree in advance upon the scope, timing and location of such an inspection, (ii) Covered Entity shall protect the confidentiality of all confidential and proprietary information of Business Associate to which Covered Entity has access during the course of such inspection; and (iii) Covered Entity shall execute a nondisclosure agreement, upon terms mutually agreed upon by the parties, if requested by Business Associate. The fact that Covered Entity inspects, or fails to inspect, or has the right to inspect, Business Associate's facilities, systems, books, records, agreements, policies and procedures does not relieve Business Associate of its responsibility to comply with this BAA, nor does Covered Entity's (i) failure to detect or (ii) detection, but failure to notify Business Associate or require Business Associate's remediation of any unsatisfactory practices, constitute acceptance of such practice or a waiver of Covered Entity's enforcement rights under the Agreement or this BAA, Business Associate shall notify Covered Entity within ten (10) days of learning that Business Associate has become the subject of an audit, compliance review, or complaint investigation by the Office for Civil Rights.

- q. **Compliance with HIPAA Workforce Training.** As set forth in section 164.530 of 45 CFR Business Associate is expected to adhere to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) regulations to the extent necessary to comply with Covered Entity's legal obligations and to develop and maintain comprehensive consumer confidentiality policies and procedures, provide annual training of all affected staff regarding those policies and procedures including Security and Privacy safeguards, and demonstrate reasonable effort to secure written and/or electronic data to document the provision of such training and agrees to make available to the Covered Entity upon request. The parties should anticipate that this agreement will be modified as necessary for full compliance with HIPAA.

### 3. Termination

- a. **Material Breach.** A breach by Business Associate of any provision of this BAA, as determined by Covered Entity, shall constitute a material breach of the Agreement and shall provide grounds for immediate termination of the Agreement, any provision in the Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(iii)].
- b. **Judicial or Administrative Proceedings.** Covered Entity may terminate the Agreement, effective immediately, if (i) Business Associate is named as a defendant in a criminal proceeding for a violation of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the HIPAA Regulations or other security or privacy laws or (ii) a finding or stipulation that the Business Associate has violated any standard or requirement of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the HIPAA Regulations or other security or privacy laws is made in any administrative or civil proceeding in which the party has been joined.
- c. **Effect of Termination.** Upon termination of the Agreement for any reason, Business Associate shall, at the option of Covered Entity, return or destroy all Protected Information that Business Associate or its agents or subcontractors still maintain in any form, and shall retain no copies of such Protected Information. If return or destruction is

not feasible, as determined by Covered Entity, Business Associate shall continue to extend the protections of Section 2 of this BAA to such information, and limit further use of such PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction of such PHI infeasible. [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(ii)(2)(I)]. If Covered Entity elects destruction of the PHI, Business Associate shall certify in writing to Covered Entity that such PHI has been destroyed.

#### **4. Indemnification**

If Business Associate fails to adhere to any of the privacy, confidentiality, and/or data security provisions set forth in this BAA or if there is a Breach of PHI in Business Associate's possession and, as a result, PHI or any other confidential information is unlawfully accessed, used or disclosed, Business Associate agrees to reimburse Covered Entity for any and all costs, direct or indirect, incurred by Covered Entity associated with any Breach notification obligations. Business Associate also agrees to pay for any and all fines and/or administrative penalties imposed for such unauthorized access, use or disclosure of confidential information or for delayed reporting if it fails to notify the Covered Entity of the Breach as required by this BAA.

#### **5. Disclaimer**

Covered Entity makes no warranty or representation that compliance by Business Associate with this BAA, HIPAA, the HITECH Act, or the HIPAA Regulations will be adequate or satisfactory for Business Associate's own purposes. Business Associate is solely responsible for all decisions made by Business Associate regarding the safeguarding of PHI.

#### **6. Certification**

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

#### **7. Amendment to Comply with Law**

The parties acknowledge that state and federal laws relating to data security and privacy are rapidly evolving and that amendment of the Agreement or this BAA 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, the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule and other applicable laws relating to the security or confidentiality of PHI. The parties understand and agree that Covered Entity must receive satisfactory written assurance from Business Associate that Business Associate will adequately safeguard all Protected Information. Upon the request of either party, the other party agrees to promptly enter into negotiations concerning the terms of an amendment to this BAA embodying written assurances consistent with the standards and requirements of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule or other applicable laws. Covered Entity may terminate the Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice in the event (i) Business Associate does not promptly enter into negotiations to amend the Agreement or this BAA when requested

by Covered Entity pursuant to this Section or (ii) Business Associate does not enter into an amendment to the Agreement or this BAA providing assurances regarding the safeguarding of PHI that Covered Entity, in its sole discretion, deems sufficient to satisfy the standards and requirements of applicable laws.

#### **8. Assistance in Litigation of Administrative Proceedings**

Business Associate shall make itself, and any subcontractors, employees or agents assisting Business Associate in the performance of its obligations under the Agreement or this BAA, available to Covered Entity, at no cost to Covered Entity, to testify as witnesses, or otherwise, in the event of litigation or administrative proceedings being commenced against Covered Entity, its directors, officers or employees based upon a claimed violation of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule, or other laws relating to security and privacy, except where Business Associate or its subcontractor, employee or agent is named adverse party.

#### **9. No Third-Party Beneficiaries**

Nothing express or implied in the Agreement or this BAA is intended to confer, nor shall anything herein confer, upon any person other than Covered Entity, Business Associate and their respective successors or assigns, any rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities whatsoever.

#### **10. Effect on Agreement**

Except as specifically required to implement the purposes of this BAA, or to the extent inconsistent with this BAA, all other terms of the Agreement shall remain in force and effect.

#### **11. Entire Agreement of the Parties**

This BAA supersedes any and all prior and contemporaneous business associate agreements between the parties and constitutes the final and entire agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof. Covered Entity and Business Associate acknowledge that no representations, inducements, promises, or agreements, oral or otherwise, with respect to the subject matter hereof, have been made by either party, or by anyone acting on behalf of either party, which are not embodied herein. No other agreement, statement or promise, with respect to the subject matter hereof, not contained in this BAA shall be valid or binding.

#### **12. Interpretation**

The provisions of this BAA shall prevail over any provisions in the Agreement that may conflict or appear inconsistent with any provision in this BAA. This BAA and the Agreement shall be interpreted as broadly as necessary to implement and comply with HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule. The parties agree that any ambiguity in this BAA shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that complies and is consistent with HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule.