

AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES #5484
AMENDMENT I

This Amendment I to that Agreement for Services #5484, is made and entered into by and between the County of El Dorado, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereinafter referred to as "County") and Nancy M. Callahan, Ph.D., a sole proprietorship, doing business as (dba) I.D.E.A. Consulting, duly qualified to conduct business in the State of California, whose principal place of business is 2108 Alameda Avenue, Davis, CA 95616; (hereinafter referred to as "Consultant");

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Contractor has been engaged by County to provide technical assistance and support in behavioral health quality assurance activities, implementation of policies and procedures, establishment of outcome measures, and implementation of recommendations, in accordance with Agreement for Services #5484, dated March 23, 2021, incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, Contractor has represented to County that it is specially trained, experienced, expert, and competent to perform the special services described in Article I, "Scope of Services;" that it is an independent and bona fide business operation, advertises and holds itself as such, is in possession of a valid business license, and is customarily engaged in an independently established business that provides similar services to others; and County relies upon those representations; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have mutually agreed to extend the term of said Agreement, hereby amending **ARTICLE II – Term**; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have mutually agreed to amend **ARTICLE III – Compensation for Services**, **ARTICLE IV - Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Compliance**, **ARTICLE IX – Independent Consultant**, **ARTICLE XII – Default, Term, Cancellation**, **ARTICLE XV – Indemnity**, and **ARTICLE XIX – Conflict of Interest**; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have mutually agreed to add **ARTICLE XXXIII – Confidentiality**, **ARTICLE XXXIV – Litigation**, **ARTICLE XXXV – Force Majeure**, and **ARTICLE XXXVI – Waiver**; and

WHEREAS, unless otherwise specified herein, the following terms and conditions shall be effective upon final execution of this Amendment I to that Agreement 5484; and

NOW THEREFORE, the parties do hereby agree that Agreement for Services #5484 shall be amended a First time as follows:

1) Articles II, III, IV, IX, XII, XV, and XIX shall be amended in their entirety to read as follows:

ARTICLE II

Term: This Agreement shall become effective upon final execution by both parties hereto and shall cover the period from April 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025, unless earlier terminated in accordance with Article IX “Fiscal Considerations” or Article XI “Default, Termination, and Cancellation.”

ARTICLE III

Compensation for Services: For services provided herein, including any deliverables that may be identified herein, County agrees to pay Consultant upon the satisfactory completion and County’s acceptance of work, monthly in arrears and within forty-five (45) days following the County’s receipt and approval of itemized invoice(s) identifying services rendered.

Rates:

Role	Hourly Rate
Executive Director	\$125.00
All other staff	\$90.00

It is a requirement of this Agreement that Contractor shall submit an original invoice, similar in content and format with **Exhibit A** to the original Agreement. Itemized invoices shall follow the format specified by County and shall reference this Agreement number on their faces and on any enclosures or backup documentation. Copies of documentation attached to invoices shall reflect Contractor’s charges for the specific services billed on those invoices.

Invoices shall be submitted as follows, or as otherwise directed in writing by County:

<i>Email (preferred method):</i>	<i>U.S. Mail:</i>
<p><u>BHinvoice@edcgov.us</u></p> <p>Please include on the subject line: “Contract #5484, Service Month, Description / Program”</p>	<p>County of El Dorado Health and Human Services Agency – Fiscal Unit 3057 Briw Road, Suite B Placerville, California 95667</p>

For services provided herein, including any deliverables that may be identified herein, Consultant shall submit invoices for services fifteen (15) days following the end of a “service month.” For billing purposes, a “service month” shall be defined as a calendar month during which Contractor provides services in accordance with the Article titled, “Scope of Services.” For all satisfactory services provided herein, County agrees to Pay Consultant monthly in arrears and within forty-five (45) days following the County’s receipt and approval of itemized invoices(s) identifying services rendered. County may withhold or delay any payment if Contractor fails to comply with any provision of this Agreement.

Maximum Obligation: Total amount of this Agreement, inclusive of all costs and expenses, shall not exceed **\$779,953**.

ARTICLE IV

Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Compliance: As a condition of Consultant performing services for the County of El Dorado, Consultant shall execute that Business Associate Agreement which is attached hereto as **Amended Exhibit B**, which is incorporated herein for all intents and purposes.

ARTICLE IX

Independent Contractor: The parties intend that an independent contractor relationship will be created by this contract. Consultant is, and shall be at all times, deemed independent and shall be wholly responsible for the manner in which it performs services required by the terms of this Agreement. Consultant exclusively assumes responsibility for acts of its employees, agents, affiliates, and subcontractors, if any are authorized herein, as they relate to the services or work to be performed under this Agreement during the course and scope of their employment by Consultant. Those persons will be entirely and exclusively under the direction, supervision, and control of Consultant.

County may designate the tasks to be performed and the results to be accomplished under this Agreement, provide information concerning the work or services, approve or disapprove the final work product and/or services provided, and set deadlines for the completion of the work or services, but County will not control or direct the manner, means, methods, or sequence in which Consultant performs the work or services for accomplishing the results. Consultant understands and agrees that Consultant lacks the authority to bind County or incur any obligations on behalf of County.

Consultant, including any subcontractor or employees of Consultant, shall not receive, nor be eligible for, any benefits County provides for its employees, including, but not limited to, vacation pay, paid holidays, life insurance, health insurance, social security, disability insurance, pension, or 457 plans. Consultant shall not receive, nor be eligible for, workers' compensation, including medical and indemnity payments. County is not responsible for withholding, and shall not withhold, Federal Income Contribution Act amounts or taxes of any kind from any payments which it owes Consultant. Consultant shall not be subject to the work schedules or vacation periods that apply to County employees.

Consultant shall be solely responsible for paying its employees, and for withholding Federal Income Contribution Act amounts and other taxes, workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, medical insurance, life insurance, or any other benefit that Consultant provides for its employees.

Consultant acknowledges that it has no authority to bind the County or incur any obligations on behalf of the County with regard to any matter, and shall not make any agreements or representations on the County's behalf.

ARTICLE XII

Default, Termination, and Cancellation:

- A. Termination by Default: If either party becomes aware of an event of default, that party shall give written notice of said default to the party in default that shall state the following:
1. The alleged default and the applicable Agreement provision.
 2. That the party in default has ten (10) days upon receiving the notice to cure the default (Time to Cure).

If the party in default does not cure the default within ten (10) days of the Time to Cure, then such party shall be in default and the party giving notice may terminate the Agreement by issuing a Notice of Termination. The party giving notice may extend the Time to Cure at their discretion. Any extension of Time to Cure must be in writing, prepared by the party in default for signature by the party giving notice, and must specify the reason(s) for the extension and the date in which the extension of Time to Cure expires.

If County terminates this Agreement, in whole or in part, for default:

1. County reserves the right to procure the goods or services, or both, similar to those terminated, from other sources and Consultant shall be liable to County for any excess costs for those goods or services. County may deduct from any payment due, or that may thereafter become due to Consultant, the excess costs to procure from an alternate source.
2. County shall pay Consultant the sum due to Consultant under this Agreement prior to termination, unless the cost of completion to County exceeds the funds remaining in the Agreement. In which case the overage shall be deducted from any sum due Consultant under this Agreement and the balance, if any, shall be paid to Consultant upon demand.
3. County may require Consultant to transfer title and deliver to County any completed work under the Agreement.

The following shall be events of default under this Agreement:

1. Failure by either party to perform in a timely and satisfactory manner any or all of its obligations under this Agreement.
2. A representation or warranty made by Consultant in this Agreement proves to have been false or misleading in any respect.
3. Consultant fails to observe and perform any covenant, condition or agreement on its part to be observed or performed under this Agreement, unless County agrees, in writing, to an extension of the time to perform before that time period expires.
4. A violation of **ARTICLE XXXIX – Conflict of Interest**.

- B. Bankruptcy: County may terminate this Agreement immediately in the case of bankruptcy, voluntary or involuntary, or insolvency of Consultant.

C. **Ceasing Performance:** County may terminate this Agreement immediately in the event Consultant ceases to operate as a business or otherwise becomes unable to substantially perform any term or condition of this Agreement.

D. **Termination or Cancellation without Cause:** County may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, for convenience upon thirty (30) calendar days' written Notice of Termination. If such termination is effected, County will pay for satisfactory services rendered before the effective date of termination, as set forth in the Notice of Termination provided to Consultant, and for any other services that County agrees, in writing, to be necessary for contract resolution. In no event, however, shall County be obligated to pay more than the total amount of the Agreement. Upon receipt of a Notice of Termination, Consultant shall promptly discontinue all services affected, as of the effective date of termination set forth in such Notice of Termination, unless the Notice directs otherwise.

ARTICLE XV

Indemnity: To the fullest extent permitted by law, Consultant shall defend at its own expense, indemnify, and hold the County harmless, its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers, against and from any and all liability, claims, suits, losses, damages, or expenses of every name, kind and description, including attorney's fees and costs incurred, brought for, or on account of, injuries to or death of any person, including but not limited to workers, County employees, and the public, or damage to property, or any economic or consequential losses, which are claimed to or in any way arise out of or are connected with the acts or omissions of Consultant or its officers, agents, or employees in rendering the services, operations, or performance hereunder, except for liability, claims, suits, losses, damages or expenses arising from the sole negligence or willful acts of the County, its officers and employees, or as expressly prescribed by statute. This duty of Consultant to indemnify and save County harmless includes the duties to defend set forth in California Civil Code Section 2778.

ARTICLE XIX

Conflict of Interest: The parties to this Agreement have read and are aware of the provisions of Government Code Section 1090 et seq. and the Political Reform Act of 1974 (Section 87100 et seq.), relating to conflict of interest of public officers and employees. Individuals who are working for Consultant and performing work for County and who are considered to be consultant within the meaning of Title 2, California Code of Regulations, Section 18700.3, as it now reads or may thereafter be amended, are required to file a statement of economic interest in accordance with County's Conflict of Interest Code. County's Contract Administrator shall at the time this Agreement is executed make an initial determination whether or not the individuals who will provide services or perform work pursuant to this Agreement are consultants within the meaning of the Political Reform Act and County's Conflict of Interest Code. Statements of economic interests are public records subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act.

Consultant covenants that during the term of this Agreement neither it, or any officer or employee of Consultant, has or shall acquire any interest, directly or indirectly, in any of the following:

1. Any other contract connected with, or directly affected by, the services to be performed by this Agreement.
2. Any other entities connected with, or directly affected by, the services to be performed by this Agreement.
3. Any officer or employee of County that are involved in this Agreement.

If Consultant becomes aware of a conflict of interest related to this Agreement, Consultant shall promptly notify County of the existence of that conflict, and County may, in its sole discretion, immediately terminate this Agreement by giving written notice of termination specified in **ARTICLE XII – Default, Termination, or Cancellation**.

2) Articles XXXIII, XXXIV, XXXV, and XXXVI are hereby added to read as follows:

ARTICLE XXXIII

Confidentiality: Consultant shall maintain the confidentiality and privileged nature of all records, including billing records, together with any knowledge therein acquired, in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations, as they may now exist or may hereafter be amended or changed. Consultant, and all Consultant’s staff, employees, and representatives, shall not use or disclose, directly or indirectly at any time, any said confidential information, other than to County’s Contract Administrator for the purpose of, and in the performance of, this Agreement. This confidentiality provision shall survive after the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XXXIV

Litigation:

- A. County, promptly after receiving notice thereof, shall notify the Consultant in writing of the commencement of any claim, suit, or action against the County or State of California or its officers or employees for which the Consultant must provide indemnification under this Agreement. The failure of the County to give such notice, information, authorization, or assistance shall not relieve the Consultant of its indemnification obligations.
- B. Consultant, promptly after receiving notice thereof, shall immediately notify the County in writing of any claim or action against it which affects, or may affect, this Agreement, the terms and conditions hereunder, or the County or State of California, and shall take such action with respect to said claim or action which is consistent with the terms of this Agreement and the interest of the County and State.

ARTICLE XXXV

Force Majeure: Neither party will be liable for any delay, failure to perform, or omission under this Agreement that is due to any cause that it is beyond its control, not due to its own negligence, and cannot be overcome by the exercise of due diligence. In that event, the affected party will:

1. Promptly give written notice to the other of the fact that it is unable to so perform and the cause(s) that is beyond its control; and

2. Once the cause(s) has ceased, provide written notice to the other party and immediately resume its performance under this Agreement.

For purposes of this Article, “cause that is beyond its control” includes labor disturbances, riots, fires, earthquakes, floods, storms, lightning, epidemics, war, disorders, hostilities, expropriation or confiscation of properties, failure of and delays by carriers, interference by civil or military authorities, whether legal or de facto, and whether purporting to act under some constitution, decree, or law, or otherwise, or acts of God.

ARTICLE XXXVI

Waiver: No failure on the part of the parties to exercise any rights under this Agreement, and no course of dealing with respect to any right hereunder, shall operate as a waiver of that right, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right preclude the exercise of any other right. The remedies herein provided are cumulative and are not exclusive of any other remedies provided by law.

Except as herein amended, all other parts and sections of that Agreement #5484 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Requesting Contract Administrator Concurrence:

By: _____
Nicole Ebrahimi-Nuyken, LMFT
Director, Behavioral Health
Health and Human Services Agency

Dated: _____

Requesting Department Head Concurrence:

By: _____
Don Semon, Director
Health and Human Services Agency

Dated: _____

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this First Amendment to that Agreement for Services #5484 on the dates indicated below.

-- COUNTY OF EL DORADO --

Dated: _____

By: _____

Lori Parlin, Chair
Board of Supervisors
"County"

ATTEST:
Kim Dawson
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Dated: _____

-- CONTRACTOR --

By: _____
Nancy M. Callahan, Ph.D.
dba I.D.E.A. Consulting
"Consultant"

Dated: _____

(AMW)

Amended Exhibit B

HIPAA Business Associate Agreement

This Business Associate Agreement is made part of the base contract (“Underlying Agreement”) to which it is attached, as of the date of commencement of the term of the Underlying Agreement (the “Effective Date”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, County and Contractor (hereinafter referred to as Business Associate (“BA”) entered into the Underlying Agreement pursuant to which BA provides services to County, and in conjunction with the provision of such services, certain Protected Health Information (“PHI”) and Electronic Protected Health Information (“EPHI”) may be disclosed to BA for the purposes of carrying out its obligations under the Underlying Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the County and BA intend to protect the privacy and provide for the security of PHI and EPHI disclosed to BA pursuant to the Agreement in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Pub. L. No. 104-191 of 1996 (“HIPAA”), the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, Public Law 111-005 (the “HITECH” Act), and regulation promulgated thereunder by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (the “HIPAA Regulations”) and other applicable laws as may be amended from time to time; and

WHEREAS, County is a Covered Entity, as defined in the Privacy Rule and Security Rule, including but not limited to 45 CFR Section 160.103 ; and

WHEREAS, BA, when a recipient of PHI from County, is a Business Associate as defined in the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule, and the HITECH Act, including but not limited to 42 USC Section 17938 and 45 CFR Section 160.103; and

WHEREAS, “Individual” shall have the same meaning as the term “individual” in 45 CFR § 164.501 and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 CFR § 164.202(g);

WHEREAS, “Breach” shall have the meaning given to such term under the HITECH Act under 42 USC Section 17921; and

WHEREAS, “Unsecured PHI” shall have the meaning to such term under the HITECH Act and any guidance issued pursuant to such Act including, but not limited to 42 USC Section 17932(h).

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

- I. Definitions. Unless otherwise provided in this Business Associate Agreement, capitalized terms shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Privacy Rule, as may be amended from time to time.
- II. Scope of Use and Disclosure by BA of County Disclosed PHI
 - A. BA shall not disclose PHI except for the purposes of performing BA's obligations under the Underlying Agreement. Further, BA shall not use PHI in any manner that would constitute a violation of the minimum necessary policies and procedures of the County, Privacy Rule, Security Rule, or the HITECH Act.
 - B. Unless otherwise limited herein, in addition to any other uses and/or disclosures permitted or authorized by this Business Associate Agreement or required by law, BA may:
 1. Use the PHI in its possession for its proper management and administration and to fulfill any legal obligations.
 2. disclose the PHI in its possession to a third party for the purpose of BA's proper management and administration or to fulfill any legal responsibilities of BA, or as required by law
 3. Disclose PHI as necessary for BA's operations only if:
 - a) Prior to making a disclosure to a third party, BA will obtain written assurances from such third party including:
 - (1) To hold such PHI in confidence and use or further disclose it only for the purpose of which BA disclosed it to the third party, or as required by law; and,
 - (2) The third party will immediately notify BA of any breaches of confidentiality of PHI to the extent it has obtained knowledge of such breach.
 4. Aggregate the PHI and/or aggregate the PHI with that of other data for the purpose of providing County with data analyses related to the Underlying Agreement, or any other purpose, financial or otherwise, as requested by County.
 5. Not disclose PHI disclosed to BA by County not authorized by the Underlying Agreement or this Business Associate Agreement without patient authorization or de-identification of the PHI as authorized in writing by County.
 6. De-identify any and all PHI of County received by BA under this Business Associate Agreement provided that the de-identification conforms to the requirements of the Privacy Rule, 45 CFR and does not preclude timely payment and/or claims processing and receipt.
 - C. BA agrees that it will neither use nor disclose PHI it receives from County, or from another business associate of County, except as permitted or required by this Business Associate Agreement, or as required by law, or as otherwise permitted by law.
- III. Obligations of BA. In connection with its use of PHI disclosed by County to BA, BA agrees to:
 - A. Implement appropriate administrative, technical, and physical safeguards as are necessary to prevent use or disclosure of PHI other than as permitted by the Agreement that reasonably and appropriately protects the confidentiality, integrity, and

availability of the PHI in accordance with Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 160 and Part 164, Subparts A and C (the “HIPAA Privacy Rule” and the “HIPAA Security Rule”) in effect or as may be amended, including but not limited to 45 CFR 164.308, 164.310, 164.312, and 164.504(e)(2) . BA shall comply with the policies, procedures, and documentation requirements of the HIPAA Security Rule.

B. Report to County within 24 hours of any suspected or actual breach of security, intrusion, or unauthorized use or disclosure of PHI of which BA becomes aware and/or any actual or suspected use or disclosure of data in violation of any applicable federal or state laws or regulations. BA shall take prompt corrective action to cure any such deficiencies and any action pertaining to such unauthorized disclosure required by applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

C. Report to County in writing of any access, use, or disclosure of PHI not permitted by the Underlying Agreement and this Business Associate Agreement, and any Breach of Unsecured PHI of which it becomes aware without unreasonable delay and in no case later than five (5) days. To the extent the Breach is solely a result of BA’s failure to implement reasonable and appropriate safeguards as required by law, and not due in whole or part to the acts or omissions of the County, BA may be required to reimburse the County for notifications required under 45 CFR 164.404 and CFR 164.406.

D. BA shall not use or disclose PHI for fundraising or marketing purposes. BA shall not disclose PHI 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. BA shall not directly or indirectly receive remuneration in exchange of PHI, except with the prior written consent of the County and as permitted by the HITECH Act, 42 USC Section 17935(d)(2); however, this prohibition shall not affect payment by County to BA for services provided pursuant to the Agreement.

IV. PHI Access, Amendment, and Disclosure Accounting. BA agrees to:

A. Provide access, at the request of County, within five (5) days, to PHI in a Designated Record Set, to the County, or to an Individual as directed by the County. If BA maintains an Electronic Health Record, BA shall provide such information in electronic format to enable County to fulfill its obligations under the HITECH Act, including, but not limited to, 42 USC Section 17935(e).

B. Within ten (10) days of receipt of a request from County, incorporate any amendments or corrections to the PHI in accordance with the Privacy Rule in the event that the PHI in BA’s possession constitutes a Designated Record Set.

C. To assist the County in meeting its disclosure accounting under HIPAA:

1. BA agrees to implement a process that allows for an accounting to be collected and maintained by BA and its agents or subcontractors for at least six (6) years prior to the request. However, accounting of disclosure from 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 BA maintains an electronic health record and is subject to this requirement. At the minimum, the information collected shall include: (i) the date of disclosure; (ii) the name of the entity or person who received PHI and, if known, the address of the entity or person; (iii) a brief description of PHI 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.

2. Within in 30 days of notice by the County, BA agrees to provide to County information collected in accordance with this section to permit the County to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI.

- D. Make available to the County, or to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (the "Secretary"), BA's internal practices, books and records relating to the use of and disclosure of PHI for purposes of determining BA's compliance with the Privacy Rule, subject to any applicable legal restrictions. BA shall provide County a copy of any PHI that BA provides to the Secretary concurrently with providing such information to the Secretary.

V. Obligations of County.

- A. County agrees that it will promptly notify BA in writing of any restrictions on the use and disclosure of PHI agreed to by County that may affect BA's ability to perform its obligations under the Underlying Agreement, or this Business Associate Agreement.
- B. County agrees that it will promptly notify BA in writing of any changes in, or revocation of, permission by any Individual to use or disclose PHI, if such changes or revocation may affect BA's ability to perform its obligations under the Underlying Agreement, or this Business Associate Agreement.
- C. County agrees that it will promptly notify BA in writing of any known limitation(s) in its notice of privacy practices to the extent that such limitation may affect BA's use of disclosure of PHI.
- D. County shall not request BA to use or disclose PHI in any manner that would not be permissible under the Privacy Rule if done by County, except as may be expressly permitted by the Privacy Rule.
- E. County will obtain any authorizations necessary for the use or disclosure of PHI, so that BA can perform its obligations under this Business Associate Agreement and/or the Underlying Agreement.

VI. Term and Termination.

- A. Term. This Business Associate Agreement shall commence upon the Effective Date and terminate upon the termination of the Underlying Agreement, as provided therein when all PHI provided by the County to BA, or created or received by BA on behalf of the County, is destroyed or returned to the County, or, or if it is infeasible to return or destroy PHI, protections are extended to such information, in accordance with the termination provisions in this Section.
- B. Termination for Cause. Upon the County's knowledge of a material breach by the BA, the County shall either:
 1. Provide an opportunity for the BA to cure the breach or end the violation and terminate this Agreement if the BA does not cure the breach or end the violation within the time specified by the County.
 2. Immediately terminate this Agreement if the BA has breached a material term of this Agreement and cure is not possible; or

3. If neither termination nor cures are feasible, the County shall report the violation to the Secretary.

C. Effect of Termination.

1. Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this section, upon termination of this Agreement, for any reason, the BA shall, at the option of County, return or destroy all PHI that BA or its agents or subcontractors still maintain in any form, and shall retain no copies of such PHI.
2. In the event that the County determines that returning or destroying the PHI is infeasible, BA shall provide to the County notification of the conditions that make return or destruction infeasible, and BA shall extend the protections of this Agreement to such PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as the BA maintains such PHI. If County elects destruction of the PHI, BA shall certify in writing to County that such PHI has been destroyed.

VII. Indemnity

- A. BA shall indemnify and hold harmless all Agencies, Districts, Special Districts and Departments of the County, their respective directors, officers, Board of Supervisors, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and representatives (collectively "County") from any liability whatsoever, based or asserted upon any services of BA, its officers, employees, subcontractors, agents or representatives arising out of or in any way relating to BA's performance under this Business Associate Agreement, including but not limited to property damage, bodily injury, or death or any other element of any kind or nature whatsoever including fines, penalties or any other costs and resulting from any reason whatsoever to the extent arising from the performance of BA, its officers, agents, employees, subcontractors, agents or representatives under this Business Associate Agreement. BA shall defend, at its sole expense, all costs and fees including but not limited to attorney fees, cost of investigation, defense and settlements or awards against the County in any claim or action based upon such alleged acts or omissions.
- B. With respect to any action or claim subject to indemnification herein by BA, BA shall, at its sole cost, have the right to use counsel of its choice, subject to the approval of County, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, and shall have the right to adjust, settle, or compromise any such action or claim without the prior consent of County; provided, however, that any such adjustment, settlement or compromise in no manner whatsoever limits or circumscribes BA's indemnification of County as set forth herein. BA's obligation to defend, indemnify and hold harmless County shall be subject to County having given BA written notice within a reasonable period of time of the claim or of the commencement of the related action, as the case may be, and information and reasonable assistance, at BA's expense, for the defense or settlement thereof. BA's obligation hereunder shall be satisfied when BA has provided to County the appropriate form of dismissal relieving County from any liability for the action or claim involved.
- C. The specified insurance limits required in the Underlying Agreement of this Business Associate Agreement shall in no way limit or circumscribe BA's obligations to indemnify and hold harmless the County herein from third party claims arising from the issues of this Business Associate Agreement.

- D. In the event there is conflict between this clause and California Civil Code Section 2782, this clause shall be interpreted to comply with Civil Code Section 2782. Such interpretation shall not relieve the BA from indemnifying the County to the fullest extent allowed by law.
 - E. In the event there is a conflict between this indemnification clause and an indemnification clause contained in the Underlying Agreement of this Business Associate Agreement, this indemnification shall only apply to the subject issues included within this Business Associate Agreement.
- VIII. Amendment. The parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this Business Associate Agreement from time to time as is necessary for County to comply with the Privacy Rule, 45 CFR, and HIPAA generally.
- IX. Survival. The respective rights and obligations of this Business Associate Agreement shall survive the termination or expiration of this Business Associate Agreement.
- X. Regulatory References. A reference in this Business Associate Agreement to a section in the Privacy Rule means the section as in effect or as amended.
- XI. Conflicts. Any ambiguity in this Business Associate Agreement and the Underlying Agreement shall be resolved to permit County to comply with the Privacy Rule, 45 CFR, and HIPAA generally.

Approval and Signatures

By: _____
 Nancy M. Callahan, Ph.D.
 dba I.D.E.A. Consulting
 "BA Representative"

Dated: _____

By: _____
 Nicole Ebrahimi-Nuyken, LMFT
 Director, Behavioral Health
 "HHSA Representative"

Dated: _____