

**EL DORADO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

**Meeting of
October 17, 2006**

AGENDA TITLE: Agreement #153-S0711 with Sierra Child and Family Services, Inc.

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DEPARTMENT: Mental Health	DEPT SIGNOFF:	CAO USE ONLY:
CONTACT: John Bachman, PhD	<i>John Bachman</i>	<i>10/4 a</i> <i>Laura Schwartz</i>
DATE: 10/3/2006	PHONE: 621-5106	

DEPARTMENT SUMMARY AND REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

The Mental Health Department requests the Board approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Agreement #153-S0711 with Sierra Child and Family Services, Inc. to provide services to emotionally disturbed minors on an "as requested" basis for the Mental Health Department. The term of this Agreement is retroactive from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

This agreement replaces an agreement with the vendor that expires on June 30, 2007. There are a number of changes that need to be made to the current contract, including an increase to the not-to-exceed amount. All parties involved desired a new contract instead of a contract amendment.

CAO RECOMMENDATIONS: *Recommend approval* *Lauren A. Hill*
10/5/06

Financial impact? () Yes (X) No	Funding Source: () Gen Fund (X) Other
BUDGET SUMMARY:	Other: State SB 163 Funds, Medi-Cal, EPSDT
Total Est. Cost <u>\$579,000.00</u>	CAO Office Use Only:
Funding	4/5's Vote Required () Yes (X) No
Budgeted <u>\$579,000.00</u>	Change in Policy () Yes (X) No
New Funding _____	New Personnel () Yes (X) No
Savings** _____	CONCURRENCES:
Other _____	Risk Management <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Total Funding <u>\$579,000.00</u>	County Counsel <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Change in Net County Cost	Other _____

***Explain**

BOARD ACTIONS:

Vote: Unanimous _____ Or _____
Ayes: _____
Noes: _____
Abstentions: _____
Absent: _____

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered into the minutes of the Board of Supervisors

Date: _____

Attest: Cindy Keck, Board of Supervisors Clerk

By: _____

EL DORADO COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE



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October 3, 2006

Board of Supervisors
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

Subject: Agreement #153-S0711 with Sierra Child and Family Services, Inc.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Mental Health Department recommends that the Board approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Agreement #153-S0711 with Sierra Child and Family Services, Inc.. The term of this agreement is from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS: Sierra Child and Family Services, Inc. (SCFS) provides needed mental health services for children on an "as requested" basis for the Mental Health Department. A two-year contract for services with SCFS is currently in effect through June 30, 2007; however, for a variety of reasons a new contract is needed. A new contract is needed to increase the not-to-exceed amount from that of the existing contract, to add/delete some scope of service language from the existing contract, to change the provisional charge rates of the existing contract and to allow for additional services to be provided by SCFS. Although these changes could have been accomplished via a contract amendment, both parties involved and the Purchasing agent felt that it would be cleaner to simply create a new contract.

This Agreement is retroactive due to two significant issues. First, it became apparent near the end of the FY 05/06 that the not-to-exceed amount of this two year contract would need to be increased to cover greater than anticipated services in the second year. This increase was necessary as a result of an increasing demand for children's services coupled with the Department's inability to meet this increase internally due to staff vacancies. If the only need had been to increase the not-to-exceed amount, this simple change could have been accomplished quickly and simply as a contract amendment. However, an additional issue was the need to revise language within the contract to detail the contractor's obligations to comply with Medi-Cal regulations as well as a number of other substantive issues. These changes were significant and required a good deal of explanation and discussion with the contractor. To assure continuity of treatment to the children and families we serve, on-going counseling was continued while these contract revisions were completed. The retroactive effective date is necessary to reimburse the contractor for those on-going services provided after the previous not-to-exceed amount was reached.

This Agreement has been approved by County Counsel and Risk Management, and a copy is on file in the Board Clerk's Office.

The Administrator of this Agreement shall be Thomas Michaelson, Department Analyst.

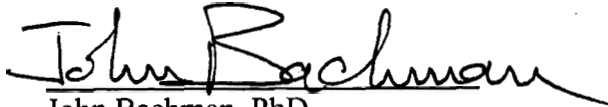
FISCAL IMPACT: The total funding for this Agreement is \$579,000.00. The Department in turn will bill Medi-Cal for these services and be reimbursed at the rate of 90%. So the net cost to the Department will be approximately \$57,900.00, funded by Realignment and SB 163 revenues.

NET COUNTY COST: None.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN FOLLOWING APPROVAL:

1. Board Clerk's Office will forward executed Agreement to Mental Health Department for further processing.
2. CAO's Procurements and Contracts Division will create a blanket purchase order.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Bachman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "J" and "B".

John Bachman, PhD
Acting Director

CONTRACT ROUTING SHEET

Date Prepared: 8/31/06

Need Date: _____

PROCESSING DEPARTMENT:

Department: CAO/Proc. & Contracts
Dept. Contact: Pam Carlone
Phone #: 5833
Department Head Signature: Bonnie H. Rich

CONTRACTOR:

Name: Sierra Child & Family Services
Address: 6692-B Merchandise Way
Diamond Springs, CA 95619
Phone: 626-2589, Ext. 101

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COUNTY COUNSEL
Samuel Williams

CONTRACTING DEPARTMENT: Mental Health

Service Requested: Specialty M/H Services for Children

Contract Term: Expires 6/30/07 Contract Value: \$579,000

Compliance with Human Resources requirements? Yes: _____ No: _____

Compliance verified by: _____

COUNTY COUNSEL: (Must approve all contracts and MOU's)

Approved: _____ Disapproved: _____ Date: 9-5-06 By: Carl Sam
Approved: _____ Disapproved: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

DATE	ASSIGNMENT	ATTORNEY	DEPT./INDEX NO.	BY:
<u>8/31/06</u>	<u>ED</u>	<u>ED</u>	<u>02600</u>	<u>ED</u>

PLEASE FORWARD TO RISK MANAGEMENT THANKS!

RISK MANAGEMENT: (All contracts and MOU's except boilerplate grant funding agreements)

Approved: Disapproved: _____ Date: 9/6/06 By: St. Sletto
Approved: _____ Disapproved: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

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OTHER APPROVAL: (Specify department(s) participating or directly affected by this contract)

Departments: _____
Approved: _____ Disapproved: _____ Date: _____ By: _____
Approved: _____ Disapproved: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

ORIGINAL

AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES #153-S0711

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered by and between the County of El Dorado, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY") and Sierra Child and Family Services, Inc., a California Corporation, duly qualified to conduct business in the State of California, whose principal place of business is 6692-B Merchandise Way, Diamond Springs, CA, 95619, and whose licensed community care facility is located at 4300 Forni Road, Placerville, CA 95667 (hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTOR");

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, COUNTY has determined that it is necessary to obtain a CONTRACTOR to provide Specialty Mental Health Services for children (hereinafter referred to as "Beneficiaries") on an "as requested" basis for the El Dorado County Department of Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR has represented to COUNTY that it is duly qualified and licensed to perform the Specialty Mental Health Services required hereunder and COUNTY has determined to rely upon such representations; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the parties hereto that such services be in conformity with all applicable federal, state and local laws; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY has determined that the provision of these services provided by CONTRACTOR is in the public's best interest, and that these services are more economically and feasibly performed by outside independent contractors as well as authorized by El Dorado COUNTY Charter, Section 210 (b) (6) and/or Government Code 31000;

NOW, THEREFORE, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR mutually agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

Scope of Services: CONTRACTOR agrees to furnish licensed facilities, personnel and services necessary to provide therapeutic treatment for Beneficiaries on an "as requested" basis for the Mental Health Department.

CONTRACTOR shall provide the following services to COUNTY Beneficiaries: **Specialty Mental Health Services** as defined in California Code of Regulations, Title 9, Rehabilitative and Developmental Services, Section 1810.247. CONTRACTOR shall provide quality care in a manner consistent with efficient, cost effective delivery of covered services.

CONTRACTOR shall provide covered services to a Beneficiary in the same manner in which it provides said services to all other individuals receiving services from CONTRACTOR subject to any limitations contained in Beneficiaries' treatment plans.

CONTRACTOR agrees to provide documentation or reports to COUNTY when requested to assure CONTRACTOR'S compliance with contract terms.

While COUNTY Beneficiaries may be placed by the COUNTY in CONTRACTOR'S facility, CONTRACTOR recognizes that COUNTY is under no obligation to place any Beneficiary in CONTRACTOR'S facility.

Services shall include, but not be limited to, those set forth in Exhibit "A", marked "Description of Services", incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof.

ARTICLE II

Term: This Agreement shall become effective when fully executed by both parties hereto and cover the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

ARTICLE III

Compensation for Services: COUNTY shall pay CONTRACTOR for services as set forth herein. CONTRACTOR shall provide invoices to the COUNTY on a monthly basis in arrears, within 30 calendar days following the end of the month. Payment will be made for actual services rendered and will not be made for service units the beneficiary did not attend or receive. Each claim shall describe: a) units of service by individual beneficiary served, and b) dates of service detail for each beneficiary. COUNTY shall review, approve and pay all complete and valid invoices within 30 days of receipt.

CONTRACTOR reserves the right to increase rates to reflect cost increases over those listed below by giving COUNTY 30 days written notice of such change in accordance with ARTICLE XIX – Notice to Parties herein. COUNTY Mental Health Director must approve such rate changes in writing.

PROVISIONAL RATES:

Specialty Mental Health Services for FY 06/07

Mental Health Services	\$1.75 per minute
Mental Health Case Management	\$1.75 per minute
Therapeutic Behavioral Services	\$1.00 per minute
Family Specialist	\$1.00 per minute
Non-Medi-Cal Reimbursable SB 163 Services	\$1.00 per minute
Psychological Testing	\$2.44 per minute
Equine Assisted Psychotherapy	
Individual	\$2.00 per minute
Family/Group	\$2.00 per minute
Total cost of Mental Health Services provided	\$555,555
After Hours Crisis *	\$2,000 per month
Total Net to Sierra Child and Family Services	\$579,000

***Note – the After Hours Crisis charge is a flat rate each month and is a non Medi-Cal SB 163 cost.**

Cost Limitations:

The total amount of this Agreement shall not exceed \$579,000.00 for the one (1) year period.

ARTICLE IV

Cost Report: It is agreed between COUNTY and CONTRACTOR that the rates stated are intended to represent the CONTRACTOR'S actual cost as presented in the required Annual Cost Report. Should the Annual Cost Report reflect a rate that is less than that stated herein, CONTRACTOR agrees to reimburse COUNTY for all amounts paid in excess of the Annual Cost Report rate. Reimbursement shall be remitted to COUNTY not later than December 31st for the preceding fiscal/contractual year. If the Annual Cost Report reflects a rate that is more than that stated herein, COUNTY agrees to reimburse CONTRACTOR for all amounts paid in excess of the Annual Cost Report rate.

CONTRACTOR shall submit the Annual Cost Report to COUNTY on or before October 31 of each year. CONTRACTOR shall prepare the Cost Report in accordance with all Federal, State, and County requirements and generally accepted accounting principles. CONTRACTOR shall allocate direct and indirect costs to and between programs, cost centers, services, and funding sources in accordance with such requirements and consistent with prudent business practice. Such costs and allocations shall be supported by source documentation maintained by CONTRACTOR, and available at any time to Administrator upon reasonable notice.

CONTRACTOR shall document that costs are reasonable and allowable and directly or indirectly related to the services provided hereunder. The Cost Report shall be the final financial record of services rendered under this Agreement for subsequent audits, if any.

Final settlement will not exceed the Statewide Maximum Allowable (SMA) rate for each type of service, and will be based upon the actual and reimbursable costs for services hereunder, less applicable revenues, not to exceed COUNTY's total maximum obligation of \$579,000.00. If the SMA rate is adjusted during the contract term, the final settlement must not exceed the adjusted SMA rate. CONTRACTOR shall not claim expenditures to COUNTY which are not reimbursable pursuant to applicable federal, State, and COUNTY laws, regulations and requirements.

Any payment made by COUNTY to CONTRACTOR which is subsequently determined to have been for a non-reimbursable expenditure or service, shall be repaid by CONTRACTOR to COUNTY in cash within forty-five (45) days of submittal of the Cost Report or COUNTY may elect to reduce any amount owed CONTRACTOR by an amount not to exceed the reimbursement due COUNTY.

If at any time during the term of the contract the Statewide Maximum Allowable (SMA) rate is lowered to an amount below the provisional rate, the provisional rate must immediately be reduced to the new SMA rate.

ARTICLE V

Limitation of County Liability for Disallowances: Notwithstanding any other provision of the Agreement, COUNTY shall be held harmless from any Federal or State audit disallowance resulting from payments made to CONTRACTOR pursuant to this Agreement, less the amounts already submitted to the State for the disallowed claim.

To the extent that a Federal or State audit disallowance results from a claim or claims for which CONTRACTOR has received reimbursement for services provided, COUNTY shall recoup within 30 days from CONTRACTOR through offsets to pending and future claims or by direct billing, amounts equal to the amount of the disallowance in that fiscal year, less the amounts already remitted to the State for the disallowed claim. All subsequent claims submitted to COUNTY applicable to any previously disallowed claim may be held in abeyance, with no payment made, until the federal or state disallowance issue is resolved.

CONTRACTOR shall reply in a timely manner to any request for information or to audit exceptions by County, State and Federal audit agencies that directly relate to the services to be performed under this Agreement.

ARTICLE VI

Certification of Program Integrity: CONTRACTOR shall comply with all State and Federal statutory and regulatory requirements for certification of claims including Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 438.

CONTRACTOR shall ensure that each Medi-Cal beneficiary for whom the CONTRACTOR is submitting a claim for reimbursement has met the following criteria:

An assessment of the Medi-Cal beneficiary was conducted in compliance with the requirements established in the Mental Health Plan (MHP) contract between El Dorado County and the State Department of Mental Health, a copy of which will be provided to CONTRACTOR by COUNTY under separate cover.

The Medi-Cal beneficiary was eligible to receive Medi-Cal services at the time the services were provided to the beneficiary.

The services included in the claim were actually provided to the beneficiary.

Medical necessity was established for the beneficiary as defined in statute for the service or services provided, for the timeframe in which the services were provided.

A treatment plan was developed and maintained for the beneficiary that met all plan requirements established in the MHP contract between COUNTY and the State Department of Mental Health.

For each beneficiary with EPSDT supplemental specialty mental health services included in the claim, all requirements for MHP payment authorization in the MHP contract for EPSDT supplemental specialty mental health services were met, and any reviews for such service or services were conducted prior to the initial authorization and any re-authorization periods as established in the MHP contract between COUNTY and the State Department of Mental Health

NOTE: Authority: Sections 5775, 14043.75 and 14680 Welfare and Institutions Code.

ARTICLE VII

Standard of Performance: CONTRACTOR shall perform all services required pursuant to this Agreement in the manner and according to the standards observed by a competent practitioner of the profession in which CONTRACTOR is engaged in the geographical area in which CONTRACTOR practices its profession. All products of whatsoever nature which CONTRACTOR delivers to COUNTY pursuant to this Agreement shall be prepared in a substantial first class and workmanlike manner and conform to the standards or quality normally observed by a person practicing in CONTRACTOR'S profession.

ARTICLE VIII

Business Interruption: In the event the operations of CONTRACTOR or substantial portion thereof are interrupted by war, fire, insurrection, bankruptcy, riots, the elements, earthquakes, acts of God, or, without limiting the foregoing, any other cause beyond CONTRACTOR'S power, CONTRACTOR agrees to develop a plan with COUNTY which in good faith shall assure the safety and welfare of all COUNTY Beneficiaries until such time as usual services can be renewed or until all Beneficiaries can be released or transferred to appropriate settings.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit or reduce COUNTY'S obligation to pay CONTRACTOR for services rendered prior or subsequent to an event described herein.

ARTICLE IX

Confidentiality: CONTRACTOR shall maintain the confidentiality of all records, including billings, together with any knowledge therein acquired, in accordance with all applicable State and Federal statutes and regulations, as they exist or may thereafter be amended or changed.

CONTRACTOR, and all CONTRACTOR's staff, employees and representatives shall not disclose or use, directly or indirectly, at any time, such confidential information, other than in the performance of this Agreement.

Prior to providing any services pursuant to this agreement, all CONTRACTOR's employees and volunteer staff of CONTRACTOR shall agree, in writing, with CONTRACTOR to maintain confidentiality of any and all patient information and records which may be obtained in the course of providing services. The written agreement shall specify that it is effective irrespective of the subsequent termination of CONTRACTOR's employees and volunteers. Proof of same shall be provided to COUNTY upon written request.

HIPAA Compliance: CONTRACTOR agrees, to the extent required by 42 U.S.C. 1171 et seq., Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), to comply with applicable requirements of law and subsequent amendments relating to protected health information, as well as any task or activity CONTRACTOR performs on behalf of COUNTY, to the extent COUNTY would be required to comply with such requirements.

More specifically, CONTRACTOR will not use or disclose confidential information other than as permitted or required by this contract and will notify COUNTY of any discovered instances of breaches of confidentiality.

Without limiting the rights and remedies of COUNTY elsewhere as set forth in this agreement, COUNTY may terminate this agreement without penalty or recourse if determined that CONTRACTOR violated a material term of the provisions of this section.

CONTRACTOR ensures that any subcontractors' agents receiving health information related to this contract agree to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to CONTRACTOR with respect to such information.

ARTICLE X

Licensure and Laws: CONTRACTOR shall, throughout the term of this Agreement, maintain all necessary licenses, permits, approvals, certificates, waivers and exemptions necessary for the provision of services hereunder and as required by federal, state and local laws or any other appropriate governmental agency. CONTRACTOR represents and warrants to COUNTY that CONTRACTOR shall, at its sole cost and expense, keep in effect or obtain at all times during the term of this Agreement, any licenses, permits, and approvals which are legally required for CONTRACTOR to practice its profession at the time the services are performed. CONTRACTOR is responsible to submit verification to COUNTY semi-annually that Licensed Mental Health professionals' licenses and registrations are current.

CONTRACTOR shall notify the COUNTY Contract Administrator, or Case Management Program Coordinator, immediately in writing, of its inability to obtain or maintain, irrespective of the pendency of an appeal, such permits, licenses, approvals, certificates, waivers and exemptions.

CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of the State of California Standard Agreement between COUNTY and the State Department of Mental Health (DMH) for Managed Mental Health Care including, but not limited to, payment authorizations, utilization

review, beneficiary brochure and provider lists, service planning, cooperation with the State Mental Health Plan's Quality Improvement (QI) Program, and cost reporting.

CONTRACTOR shall possess and maintain Mental Health Organizational Provider certification, and comply with the DMH requirements thereof, including on-site reviews at least once every three years.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable laws, governmental regulations and requirements as they exist now or may hereafter be amended or changed. These regulations shall be deemed to include policies and procedures as set forth in State Department of Mental Health Letters.

ARTICLE XI

Nondiscrimination: During the performance of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR and all subcontractors shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations and ordinances, including the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and Fair Employment and Housing Act, and will not discriminate against employees, applicants or Beneficiaries because of race, sex, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, disability (including HIV and AIDS), medical condition (Cancer), age (over 40), marital status, denial of Family and Medical Care Leave and use of Pregnancy Disability Leave in regard to any position for which the employee or applicant is qualified. CONTRACTOR agrees to take affirmative action to employ, advance in employment and otherwise treat qualified disabled individuals without discrimination based upon the aforementioned discrimination bases in all employment practices such as the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment, advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

ARTICLE XII

Records: CONTRACTOR shall, subject to the provisions of applicable law, upon reasonable advance notice and during normal business hours or at such other times as may be agreed upon, make available accounting and administrative books and records, program procedures, as well as documentation relating to licensure and accreditation, as they pertain to this Agreement and/or care, and to allow interviews of any employees who might reasonably have information related to such records. The CONTRACTOR shall be subject to the examination and audit of the State Auditor General for a period of three years after final payment under contract (Government Code, Section 8546.7).

CONTRACTOR shall maintain adequate medical records of each individual beneficiary which shall include a record of services provided by the various professional personnel in sufficient detail to make possible an evaluation of services, and contain all data necessary as required by the California State Department of Mental Health and federal regulations, including records of beneficiary interviews, progress notes and treatment plans. The MHP and other relevant parties shall have access to relevant clinical records to the extent permitted by State and Federal laws.

Beneficiary records and notes shall be maintained by CONTRACTOR. Appropriate beneficiary information will be available to COUNTY upon client discharge. Such records and information shall be provided each party hereto pursuant to procedures designed to protect the confidentiality of beneficiary medical records applicable legal requirements and recognized standards of professional practice.

Upon termination of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR agrees to cooperate with beneficiaries and subsequent contractors with respect to the orderly and prompt transfer of copies of medical records of beneficiaries. This Agreement does not preclude CONTRACTOR from assessing reasonable charges for the expense of transferring such records if appropriate.

All beneficiary records shall be retained by CONTRACTOR for seven (7) years or one (1) year beyond the beneficiaries reaching majority, whichever is greater. Majority is defined as eighteen (18) years of age.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain complete financial records which clearly reflect the actual cost and related fees received for each type of service for which payment is claimed. The beneficiary eligibility determination and fees charged to, and collected from, beneficiaries must also be reflected therein. Any apportionment of costs shall be made in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

ARTICLE XIII

Changes to Agreement: This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the parties hereto. Said amendments shall become effective only when in writing and fully executed by duly authorized officers of the parties hereto.

ARTICLE XIV

CONTRACTOR to COUNTY: It is understood that the services provided under this Agreement shall be prepared in and with cooperation from COUNTY and its staff. It is further agreed that in all matters pertaining to this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall act as CONTRACTOR only to COUNTY and shall not act as CONTRACTOR to any other individual or entity affected by this Agreement nor provide information in any manner to any party outside of this Agreement that would conflict with CONTRACTOR's responsibilities to COUNTY during term hereof.

ARTICLE XV

Assignment and Delegation: CONTRACTOR is engaged by COUNTY for its unique qualifications and skills as well as those of its personnel. CONTRACTOR shall not subcontract, delegate or assign services to be provided, in whole or in part, to any other person or entity without prior written consent of COUNTY.

ARTICLE XVI

Independent Contractor/Liability: CONTRACTOR is, and shall be at all times, deemed independent and shall be wholly responsible for the manner in which it performs services required by terms of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR exclusively assumes responsibility for acts of its employees, associates, and subcontractors, if any are authorized herein, as they relate to services to be provided under this Agreement during the course and scope of their employment.

CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for performing the work under this Agreement in a safe, professional, skillful and workmanlike manner and shall be liable for its own negligence and negligent acts of its employees. COUNTY shall have no right of control over the manner in which work is to be done and shall, therefore, not be charged with responsibility of preventing risk to CONTRACTOR or its employees.

ARTICLE XVII

Fiscal Considerations: The parties to this Agreement recognize and acknowledge that COUNTY is a political subdivision of the State of California. As such, El Dorado County is subject to the provisions of Article XVI, Section 18 of the California Constitution and other similar fiscal and procurement laws and regulations and may not expend funds for products, equipment or services not budgeted in a given fiscal year.

It is further understood that in the normal course of COUNTY business, COUNTY will adopt a proposed budget prior to a given fiscal year, but that the final adoption of a budget does not occur until after the beginning of the fiscal year.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, COUNTY shall give notice of cancellation of this Agreement in the event of adoption of a proposed budget that does not provide for funds for the services, products or equipment subject herein. Such notice shall become effective upon the adoption of a final budget which does not provide funding for this Agreement. Upon the effective date of such notice, this Agreement shall be automatically terminated and COUNTY released from any further liability hereunder.

In addition to the above, should the Board of Supervisors during the course of a given year for financial reasons reduce, or order a reduction, in the budget for any COUNTY department for which services were contracted to be performed, pursuant to this paragraph in the sole discretion of the COUNTY, this Agreement may be deemed to be canceled in its entirety subject to payment for services performed prior to cancellation.

ARTICLE XVIII

Default, Termination, and Cancellation:

- A. **Default:** Upon the occurrence of any default of the provisions of this Agreement, a party shall give written notice of said default to the party in default (notice). If the party in default does not cure the default within ten (10) days of the date of notice (time to cure), then such party shall be in default. The time to cure may be extended at the discretion of the party giving notice. 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 on which the extension of time to cure expires.

Notice given under this section shall specify the alleged default and the applicable Agreement provision and shall demand that the party in default perform the provisions of this Agreement within the applicable period of time. No such notice shall be deemed a termination of this Agreement unless the party giving notice so elects in this notice, or the party giving notice so elects in a subsequent written notice after the time to cure has expired.

- B. Bankruptcy: This Agreement, at the option of the COUNTY, shall be terminable in the case of bankruptcy, voluntary or involuntary, or insolvency of CONTRACTOR.
- C. Ceasing Performance: COUNTY may terminate this Agreement in the event CONTRACTOR 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 seven (7) calendar days upon written notice by COUNTY for any reason. If such prior termination is effected, COUNTY will pay for satisfactory services rendered prior to the effective dates as set forth in the Notice of Termination provided to CONTRACTOR, and for such other services, which COUNTY may agree to in writing as necessary for contract resolution. In no event, however, shall COUNTY be obligated to pay more than the total amount of the contract. Upon receipt of a Notice of Termination, CONTRACTOR 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. In the event of termination for default, COUNTY reserves the right to take over and complete the work by contract or by any other means.

Upon receipt of Notice of Termination by COUNTY, CONTRACTOR shall do the following:

1. Comply with termination instructions provided by the COUNTY Contract Administrator in a manner which is consistent with recognized standards of quality patient care and prudent business practice.
2. Obtain immediate clarification from the COUNTY Contract Administrator, written or oral, regarding any unsettled or outstanding issues of contract performance.
3. Until the effective date of termination, continue to provide the same level of service required by this Agreement.
4. Until the effective date of termination, COUNTY shall continue to pay CONTRACTOR for services not in dispute in the manner specified in ARTICLE III, Compensation for Services.

If any of CONTRACTOR'S licenses are revoked, this Agreement shall be terminated automatically, without notice, effective as of the date such license is revoked.

The rights and remedies of COUNTY provided in ARTICLE XV Default, Termination and Cancellation shall not be exclusive, and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

ARTICLE XIX

Notice to Parties: All notices to be given by the parties hereto shall be in writing and served by depositing same in the United States Post Office, postage prepaid and return receipt requested.

Notices to COUNTY shall be addressed as follows:

COUNTY OF EL DORADO
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
344 PLACERVILLE DRIVE, SUITE 20
PLACERVILLE, CA 95667
ATTN: THOMAS MICHAELSON, DEPARTMENT ANALYST

or to such other location as the COUNTY directs.

Notices to CONTRACTOR shall be addressed as follows:

SIERRA CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES
6692-B MERCHANDISE WAY
DIAMOND SPRINGS, CA 95619
ATTN: BARRY HARWELL

or to such other location as the CONTRACTOR directs.

ARTICLE XX

Indemnity: The CONTRACTOR shall defend, indemnify, and hold the COUNTY harmless against and from any and all claims, suits, losses, damages and liability for damages of every name, kind and description, including attorneys 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 CONTRACTOR's services, operations, or performance hereunder, regardless of the existence or degree of fault or negligence on the part of the COUNTY, the CONTRACTOR, subcontractor(s) and employee(s) of any of these, except for the sole, or active negligence of the COUNTY, its officers and employees, or as expressly prescribed by statute. This duty of CONTRACTOR to indemnify and save COUNTY harmless includes the duties to defend set forth in California Civil Code Section 2778.

ARTICLE XXI

Insurance: CONTRACTOR shall provide proof of a policy of insurance satisfactory to the El Dorado COUNTY Risk Manager and documentation evidencing that CONTRACTOR maintains insurance that meets the following requirements:

- A. Full Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance covering all employees of CONTRACTOR as required by law in the State of California.

- B. Commercial General Liability Insurance of not less than \$1,000,000.00 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage.
- C. Automobile Liability Insurance of not less than \$1,000,000.00 is required in the event motor vehicles are used by the CONTRACTOR in the performance of the Agreement.
- D. In the event CONTRACTOR is a licensed professional, and is performing professional services under this Agreement, professional liability (for example, malpractice insurance) is required with a limit of liability of not less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence. For the purposes of this Agreement, professional liability is required.
- E. CONTRACTOR shall furnish a certificate of insurance satisfactory to the El Dorado COUNTY Risk Manager as evidence that the insurance required above is being maintained.
- F. The insurance will be issued by an insurance company acceptable to the Risk Management Division, or be provided through partial or total self-insurance likewise acceptable to the Risk Management Division.
- G. CONTRACTOR agrees that the insurance required above shall be in effect at all times during the term of this Agreement. In the event said insurance coverage expires at any time or times during the term of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR agrees to provide at least thirty (30) days prior to said expiration date, a new certificate of insurance evidencing insurance coverage as provided for herein for not less than the remainder of the term of the Agreement, or for a period of not less than one (1) year. New certificates of insurance are subject to the approval of the Risk Management Division and CONTRACTOR agrees that no work or services shall be performed prior to the giving of such approval. In the event the CONTRACTOR fails to keep in effect at all times insurance coverage as herein provided, COUNTY may, in addition to any other remedies it may have, terminate this Agreement upon the occurrence of such event.
- H. The certificate of insurance must include the following provisions stating that:
 - 1. The insurer will not cancel the insured's coverage without thirty (30) days prior written notice to COUNTY, and;
 - 2. The COUNTY of El Dorado, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers are included as additional insured, but only insofar as the operations under this Agreement are concerned. This provision shall apply to the general liability policy.
- I. The CONTRACTOR's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance 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.
- J. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the COUNTY, either: the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects the COUNTY, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers; or the CONTRACTOR shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses.

- K. Any failure to comply with the reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to the COUNTY, its officers, officials, employees or volunteers.
- L. The insurance companies shall have no recourse against the COUNTY of El Dorado, its officers and employees or any of them for payment of any premiums or assessments under any policy issued by any insurance company.
- M. CONTRACTOR's obligations shall not be limited by the foregoing insurance requirements and shall survive expiration of this Agreement.
- N. In the event CONTRACTOR cannot provide an occurrence policy, CONTRACTOR shall provide insurance covering claims made as a result of performance of this Agreement for not less than three (3) years following completion of performance of this Agreement.
- O. Certificate of insurance shall meet such additional standards as may be determined by the contracting COUNTY Department either independently or in consultation with the Risk Management Division, as essential for the protection of the COUNTY.

ARTICLE XXII

Interest of Public Official: No official or employee of COUNTY who exercises any functions or responsibilities in review or approval of services to be provided by CONTRACTOR under this Agreement shall participate in or attempt to influence any decision relating to this Agreement which affects personal interest or interest of any corporation, partnership, or association in which he/she is directly or indirectly interested; nor shall any such official or employee of COUNTY have any interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement or the proceeds thereof.

ARTICLE XXIII

Interest of CONTRACTOR: CONTRACTOR covenants that CONTRACTOR presently has no personal interest or financial interest, and shall not acquire same in any manner or degree in either: 1) any other contract connected with or directly affected by the services to be performed by this Agreement; or, 2) any other entities connected with or directly affected by the services to be performed by this Agreement. CONTRACTOR further covenants that in the performance of this Agreement no person having any such interest shall be employed by CONTRACTOR.

ARTICLE XXIV

California Residency (Form 590): All independent CONTRACTORs providing services to the COUNTY must file a State of California Form 590, certifying their California residency or, in the case of a corporation, certifying that they have a permanent place of business in California. The CONTRACTOR will be required to submit a Form 590 prior to execution of an Agreement or COUNTY shall withhold seven (7) percent of each payment made to the CONTRACTOR during term of the Agreement. This requirement applies to any agreement/contract exceeding \$1,500.00.

ARTICLE XXV

Taxpayer Identification Number (Form W-9): All independent CONTRACTORS or corporations providing services to the COUNTY must file a Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Form W-9, certifying their Taxpayer Identification Number.

ARTICLE XXVI

Administrator: The COUNTY Officer or employee with responsibility for administering this Agreement is Thomas Michaelson, Department Analyst, Mental Health Department, or successor.

ARTICLE XXVII

Authorized Signatures: The parties to this Agreement represent that the undersigned individuals executing this Agreement on their respective behalf are fully authorized to do so by law or other appropriate instrument and to bind upon said parties to the obligations set forth herein.

ARTICLE XXVIII

Partial Invalidity: If any provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will continue in full force and effect without being impaired or invalidated in any way.

ARTICLE XXIX

Venue: Any dispute resolution action arising out of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, litigation, mediation, or arbitration, shall be brought in El Dorado County, California, and shall be resolved in accordance with the laws of the State of California. CONTRACTOR waives any removal rights it might have under Code of Civil Procedure Section 394.

ARTICLE XXX

Entire Agreement: This document and the documents referred to herein or exhibits hereto are the entire Agreement between the parties and they incorporate or supersede all prior written or oral Agreements or understandings.

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CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR CONCURRENCE:

By: T.P. Michaelson Dated: 9-19-06
Thomas P. Michaelson, Department Analyst
Mental Health Department

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCURRENCE:

By: Barry Wasserman Dated: 9/19/06
Barry Wasserman, Interim Director
Mental Health Department

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement the day and year first below written.

-- COUNTY OF EL DORADO --

Dated: _____

By: _____

Chairman
Board of Supervisors
"COUNTY"

ATTEST:
Cindy Keck
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____ Date: _____
Deputy Clerk

-- CONTRACTOR --

Dated: 9/20/06

SIERRA CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES, INC.
A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION

By: 
BARRY HARWELL, Executive Director
"CONTRACTOR"

EXHIBIT "A"

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

CONTRACTOR shall provide EPSDT Supplemental Specialty Mental Health Services as defined in California Code of Regulations, Title 9, Chapter 11, Section 1810.247. CONTRACTOR shall also provide mental health services to minors designated by the COUNTY as 26.5 and SB163.

I. EPSDT SUPPLEMENTAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE DEFINITIONS

- A. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (MHS)** are interventions designed to provide the maximum reduction of mental disability and restoration or maintenance of functioning consistent with the requirements for learning, development, independent living and enhanced self-sufficiency. [Title 9, Chapter 11, Section 1810.227 California Code of Regulations]

Service activities are directed toward achieving the individual's goals and include:

- **Assessment:** A service which may include a clinical analysis of the history and current status of an individual's mental, emotional, or behavioral disorder, and diagnosis. Assessment can also include an appraisal of the individual's community functioning in several areas which may include living situation, daily activities, social support systems, and health status. Relevant cultural issues are to be addressed in all assessment activities.
- **Collateral:** A service activity involving a significant support person in an individual's life with the intent of improving or maintaining the mental health status of the individual. The individual may or may not be present for this service activity. A "support person" is someone in a non-professional relationship with the individual. Collateral services may be delivered to an individual or group (e.g. parents of clients) of individuals.
- **Therapy:** A therapeutic intervention that focuses primarily on symptom reduction as a means to decrease functional impairments. Therapy may be delivered to an individual or group of individuals, and may include family therapy at which the individual is present.
- **Rehabilitation:** A service which may include assistance in improving, maintaining, or restoring an individual's, or group of individuals', functional skills. These include daily living skills, social and leisure skills, grooming and personal hygiene skills, meal preparation skills, relational skills, and/or medication education.
- **Plan Development:** A service activity that consists of working with the individual and their support people to develop the client's treatment plan. May also include the process of getting the treatment plan approved and services authorized.

B. **CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES (CM)** are activities provided to assist individuals to access needed medical, educational, social, prevocational, vocational, rehabilitative, or other needed community services for eligible individuals. These activities may include:

- **Consultation:** inter-agency and intra-agency **consultation** (or collaboration) regarding the individual's care. This activity involves people in professional relationships with the individual, e.g. CPS worker, probation officer, teacher, mental health staff, pediatrician.
- **Linkage:** locating and securing for the individual needed services and resources in the community. **Examples:** linking an individual with funding (SSI, Medi-Cal, etc.), medical/dental care, education, vocational training, parenting classes, etc.. This is normally a one-time activity. e.g. locating a low-cost dentist and linking an individual with the provider of dental care.
- **Access:** Activities related to assisting an individual to access mental health services. **Example:** phoning Dial-A-Ride (or a relative or a Group Home operator) on behalf of an individual unable to arrange transportation on their own due to mental illness and impairment in functioning. **Example:** providing interpretation and identification of cultural factors on behalf of an individual during a medication evaluation appointment. [Interpretation, in and of itself, is not a billable service.]
- **Placement:** locating and securing appropriate living environment for the individual (can include pre-placement visits, placement, and placement follow-up). Case management **placement** can also be billed while an individual is in an acute psychiatric hospital, when the individual is within 30-days of discharge, but only if the living environment at discharge from the hospital is in question or has yet to be determined.

C. **CRISIS INTERVENTION (CI)** is an emergency response service enabling the individual to cope with a crisis, while maintaining her/his status as a functioning community member to the greatest extent possible. A crisis is an unplanned event that results in the individual's need for immediate service intervention in order to avoid the need for a higher level of care. Crisis Intervention services are limited to stabilization of the presenting emergency. The emergency may or may not conclude with acute hospitalization.

D. **THERAPEUTIC BEHAVIORAL SERVICES (TBS)** provides short-term one-to-one assistance to children or youth under the age of 21 who have behaviors that put them at risk of losing their placement. It has been determined that it is highly likely that without TBS the minor may need a higher level of care, or that the minor may not successfully transition to a lower level of care. TBS can be provided at home, in a group home, in the community, and during evening and weekend hours as needed. The minor must be receiving other specialty mental

health services concurrent with TBS. Authorization of TBS services happens separately from authorization of other Specialty Mental Health services.

II. ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS

- A. **Beneficiary** as defined in California Code of Regulation Title 9, Chapter 11, Section 1810.205 means any person who is certified as eligible under the Medi-Cal Program according to Title 22, Section 51001.
- B. **EPSDT** refers to Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment of eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries as funded, administered and regulated by the Federal and State governments, with specific reference to Short/Doyle Medi-Cal services provided to any beneficiary under the age of 21 with non-restricted Medi-Cal eligibility.
- C. **Medi-Cal Statewide Maximum Allowance (SMA)** means the maximum reimbursement rate set by the State for Medi-Cal funded mental health services in the State of California.
- D. **Provisional Rate** means the projected cost of services less the projected revenues. This rate shall be based upon historical cost and actual cost data provided by the CONTRACTOR to the COUNTY in the cost report. Provisional rates shall approximate the actual costs. Costs of services shall not exceed the Statewide Maximum Allowance (SMA). If at any time during the term of the contract the SMA rate is lowered to an amount below the provisional rate, the provisional rate must immediately be reduced to the new SMA rate.

III. SCOPE AND QUALITY OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY CONTRACTOR

A. **Values and Vision**: The CONTRACTOR shall abide by the El Dorado Mental Health Plan's goal of creating a "best practice" service delivery model for Mental Health, within available budget resources that will meet the critical mental health needs of El Dorado County residents. Central to this goal is a commitment to collaborative planning among the Mental Health Providers, consumers, their families, and the Mental Health Plan. Principles guiding this effort include:

- Cultural competence throughout the system
- Age appropriate services for children, young adults, adults, and seniors
- A single point of coordinated care for each client
- Client and family involvement in service planning
- Geographically accessible, community-based services
- Patients' Rights advocacy and protection

B. **Medical Necessity** for EPSDT Specialty Mental Health Services is to be met continuously by the beneficiary for the duration of provision of services. Eligibility for EPSDT Specialty Mental Health Services is established by completion of an assessment with the beneficiary and their family. The assessment must establish **Medical Necessity** defined as follows by the State Department of Mental Health:

Medical Necessity is the principal criteria by which the Mental Health Plan decides authorization and/or reauthorization for covered services. Medical Necessity must exist in order to determine when mental health treatment is eligible for reimbursement under Plan benefits.

Eligibility For Mental Health Treatment (A, B and C must be present)

A. Diagnostic Criteria

Must have one of the following DSM IV diagnoses, which will be the focus of the intervention being provided.

Included Diagnoses:

- Pervasive Developmental Disorder, except Autistic Disorder which is excluded.
- Attention Deficit and Disruptive Behavior Disorders
- Feeding and Eating Disorders of Infancy or Early Childhood
- Elimination Disorders
- Other Disorders of Infancy, Childhood, or Adolescence
- Schizophrenia and Other Psychotic Disorders
- Mood Disorders
- Factitious Disorders
- Dissociative Disorders
- Paraphilias
- Gender Identity Disorders
- Eating Disorders
- Impulse-Control Disorders Not Otherwise Specified
- Adjustment Disorders
- Personality Disorders, excluding Antisocial Personality Disorder
- Medication-Induced Movement Disorders

Excluded Diagnoses:

- Mental Retardation
- Learning Disorders
- Motor Skills Disorder
- Communication Disorders
- Autistic Disorders (Other Pervasive Developmental Disorders are included)
- Tic Disorders
- Delirium, Dementia, and Amnesic and Other Cognitive Disorders
- Mental Disorders Due to a General Medical Condition
- Substance-Related Disorders
- Sexual Dysfunctions
- Sleep Disorders
- Antisocial Personality Disorder
- Other conditions that may be a focus of clinical attention, except medication induced movement disorders which are included

A beneficiary may receive services for an included diagnosis when an excluded diagnosis is also present.

B. Impairment Criteria

Must have 1,2, or 3 (at least one) of the following as a result of the mental disorder(s) identified in the diagnostic (“A”) criteria:

1. A significant impairment in an important area of life functioning, or
2. A probability of significant deterioration in an important area of life functioning, or
3. Children also qualify if there is a probability the child will not progress developmentally as individually appropriate. (Children covered under EPSDT qualify if they have a mental disorder which can be corrected or ameliorated, current DHS EPSDT regulations also apply).

C. Intervention Related Criteria

Must have all: 1,2, and 3 below:

1. The focus of proposed interventions is to address the condition identified in impairment criteria “B” above, and
2. It is expected the beneficiary will benefit from the proposed intervention by significantly diminishing the impairment, or preventing significant deterioration in an important area of life functioning, and/or for children it is probable the child will progress developmentally as individually appropriate (or if covered by EPSDT can be corrected or ameliorated), and
3. The condition would not be responsive to physical healthcare based treatment.

EPSDT beneficiaries with an included diagnosis and a substance related disorder may receive specialty mental health services directed at the substance use component. The intervention must be consistent with, and necessary to the attainment of, the specialty mental health treatment goals.

IV. GENERAL PROGRAM AND SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

- A. CONTRACTOR shall provide comprehensive specialized mental health services, as defined in the California Code of Regulations Title 9, Chapter 11, to children and youth who meet the criteria established in, and in accordance with, the El Dorado County Mental Health Plan (MHP).
- B. CONTRACTOR shall obtain written pre-authorization for all mental health services from the El Dorado County Quality Improvement Unit. Services rendered by CONTRACTOR without pre-authorization shall not be reimbursed.
- C. CONTRACTOR shall adhere to guidelines in accordance with Policy and Procedures issued by the El Dorado County Quality Improvement Unit.
- D. CONTRACTOR shall not accept a referral for a child/youth if s/he cannot be offered an appointment to be seen within ten (10) business days.

- E. CONTRACTOR shall screen 100% of referred children/youth for Medi-Cal eligibility monthly for all children/youth receiving services. The eligibility screening shall include verifying El Dorado County as the responsible County, and assessing for valid full scope aid codes.
 - 1. If the child/youth becomes ineligible for Medi-Cal, CONTRACTOR shall take the necessary steps to ensure the timely re-instatement of Medi-Cal eligibility.
 - 2. If the child/youth is not Medi-Cal eligible, CONTRACTOR shall screen the child for Healthy Families eligibility and assist the child and family with the Healthy Families application and eligibility process.
- F. CONTRACTOR shall screen 100% of referred Healthy Families beneficiaries for Healthy Families eligibility upon receipt of referral and monthly thereafter.
- G. CONTRACTOR shall use the Uniform Method of Determining Ability to Pay (UMDAP), also referred to as "Client Registration", established by the State Department of Mental Health to determine the personal financial liability of all children/youth.
 - 1. CONTRACTOR shall explain the financial obligations to the family/care-provider and child/youth at the time of the first visit.
 - 2. CONTRACTOR shall, if the family requests, complete a Request for UMDAP Fee Reduction/Waiver and submit to the COUNTY, for families with significant financial issues. CONTRACTOR shall notify the financially responsible party that they remain financially responsible until otherwise stated in writing from the COUNTY. Screening for Healthy Families eligibility and enrollment is required before an UMDAP Fee Reduction/Waiver would be considered.
- H. CONTRACTOR shall provide Chapter 26.5 (Government Code) services in accordance with Government Code Sections 7572.5, 7576, 7582, 7585, and 7586.
 - 1. CONTRACTOR shall coordinate with El Dorado County Quality Improvement Unit to include tracking Chapter 26.5 status and notification of all changes to the level of services for all Chapter 26.5 eligible children and youth.
 - 2. CONTRACTOR shall attend Individualized Education Program (IEP) Team Meetings.
- I. CONTRACTOR shall collaborate with all parties involved with the child and family including but not limited to parents, schools, doctors, social services, Alta Regional, Alcohol and Drug Division, and Probation. CONTRACTOR shall provide referral and linkages as appropriate.

- J. CONTRACTOR shall involve child/parents/caregivers/guardian in all treatment planning and decision-making regarding the child's services as documented in the child/youth's Treatment Plan.
- K. CONTRACTOR shall provide clinical supervision to all treatment staff in accordance with the State Board of Behavioral Sciences and State Board of Psychology.
- L. CONTRACTOR shall attend COUNTY sponsored Provider Meetings and other work groups as requested.
- M. CONTRACTOR shall provide clients with a copy of the El Dorado County Mental Health Plan Grievance and Appeal brochures and "Guide to Medi-Cal Mental Health Services." If requested, CONTRACTOR shall assist clients/families in the Grievance or Appeal process outlined in the above referenced documents.
- N. CONTRACTOR shall complete all Performance Outcomes requirements in accordance with the State Department of Mental Health, and El Dorado County Mental Health Department.
- O. CONTRACTOR shall adhere to the guidelines in accordance with policies and procedures issued by COUNTY Quality Improvement Unit including but not limited to:
 - 1. CONTRACTOR shall complete all chart documentation as defined in the Quality Improvement Unit.
 - 2. CONTRACTOR shall participate in all COUNTY required Utilization Reviews.
 - 3. CONTRACTOR shall conduct their own internal Utilization Review.
 - 4. CONTRACTOR shall comply with audit requests by the COUNTY.
- P. CONTRACTOR is prohibited from using any unconventional mental health treatments on children. Such unconventional treatments include, but are not limited to, any treatments that violate the children's personal rights as provided in Title 22, Division 6, Chapter 1, Section 80072(3) of the California Code of Regulations. Use of any such treatments by CONTRACTOR or any therapist providing services for CONTRACTOR shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement and may be cause for termination of this Agreement.

V. SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTPATIENT

- A. CONTRACTOR shall provide a full range of quality mental health outpatient services to the child/youth and families/care providers individually, and in various combinations, as indicated by clinical need and reflected in the Treatment Plan.

Services shall be provided in accordance with the El Dorado County Mental Health Plan.

1. Mental health services shall be provided to the individual child or youth, and may include family or significant support persons.
 2. Services shall be provided anywhere in the community including home, school, office or other sites. Place of service shall enhance delivery and access to service. CONTRACTOR hours shall be flexible to include weekends and evenings to accommodate the family/care provider.
 3. The length, type and duration of mental health services shall be defined in the Treatment Plan. Length of service will be based on clinical need as determined by the case carrying Clinician/Therapist/Service Coordinator in collaboration with the child/youth/family, but will not exceed the time authorized by El Dorado County Quality Improvement Unit on the Treatment Plan.
 4. The client shall be defined as the authorized child/youth that is receiving mental health services from the CONTRACTOR. In cases where there is more than one (1) child/youth in the same family receiving mental health services, each child/youth is considered to be a separate client.
- B. CONTRACTOR shall provide referrals and/or facilitate linkage to community social services for needs such as housing, food, clothing and transportation.

VI. SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FOR SB 163 WRAPAROUND

- A. CONTRACTOR shall provide a full range of quality mental health services to the child/youth and families/care providers individually, and in various combinations, as indicated by clinical need and reflected in the Treatment Plan. Services shall be provided in accordance with the El Dorado County Mental Health Plan.
1. Mental health services shall include, but are not limited to therapy (individual and group), rehabilitation, collateral, plan development, case management, and crisis intervention services.
 2. Mental health services shall be provided to the individual child or youth, and are to include family and significant support persons.
 3. Services are to be provided anywhere in the community including home, school, office or other sites. Place of service shall enhance delivery and access to service. CONTRACTOR hours shall be flexible to include weekends and evenings to accommodate the family/care provider.

4. CONTRACTOR shall develop Treatment Plans to address the target behaviors causing impairment in functioning.
 5. The length, type and duration of mental health services shall be defined in the Treatment Plan or Reauthorization Assessment. Length of service will be based on clinical need as determined by the case carrying Clinician/Therapist/Service coordinator in collaboration with the child/youth/family, but will not exceed the length authorized.
- B. CONTRACTOR shall provide a comprehensive array of specialized mental health services, including flexible wraparound services, to eligible children and youth in accordance with the Department of Social Services All County Information Notice Number I-28-99.
 - C. CONTRACTOR shall provide Wraparound services to children and youth who are eligible for Medi-Cal, Title IV-E Waiver dollars, SB 1667 funds, or Chapter 26.5 services, and who meet the El Dorado County Mental Health Department target population criteria and would benefit from intensive Wraparound services.
 - D. Target population to be served is children and youth at risk of RCL 10/14 out of home care, or currently placed in RCL 10/14 care.
 - E. CONTRACTOR shall provide referrals and/or facilitate linkage to community social services for needs such as housing, food, clothing, and transportation
 - F. CONTRACTOR shall develop a Family Team that is comprised of family, friends, agency staff and people who are involved with the child and family to support the family. The Family Team shall determine service needs. The Family Team is to complete a strength-based assessment, along with a Family Team Plan that included a crisis plan, within 15 days of the referral.
 - G. CONTRACTOR shall be available 24 hours per day 7 days per week including holidays to provide: 1) Immediate face to face response to a crisis call, 2) Immediate support services to all family members, 3) Emergency Family Team meeting to revise safety plans as needed.
 - H. CONTRACTOR shall have a Policy and Procedure to address after-hours work and supervisor availability.
 - I. CONTRACTOR shall incorporate all goals and objectives on the Individual Education Plan (IEP) related to the child/youth's mental health needs into the child/youth's Treatment Plan.

VII. SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FOR THERAPEUTIC BEHAVIORAL SERVICES (TBS)

- A. CONTRACTOR shall provide Therapeutic Behavioral Service (TBS) in accordance with the State Department of Mental Health guidelines, and as outlined in the El Dorado County Mental Health Plan.

- B. CONTRACTOR shall develop the TBS Client Plan in order to provide an array of individualized, one-to-one services that target behaviors or symptoms which jeopardize existing placements, or which are barriers to transitioning to a lower level of residential placement.
- C. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that services are available at times and locations that are convenient for parents/care providers and acceptable to the child/youth.
- D. CONTRACTOR shall develop a Transition Plan at the inception of TBS.
 - 1. The Transition Plan shall outline the decrease and/or discontinuance of TBS when they are no longer needed, or appear to have reached a plateau in effectiveness.
 - 2. When applicable, CONTRACTOR shall include a plan for transition to adult services when the child/youth turns twenty-one (21) years old, and is no longer eligible for TBS.
- E. CONTRACTOR shall provide services at any community location not otherwise prohibited by regulations. These may include homes, foster homes, group homes, after school programs, and other community settings.
- F. CONTRACTOR shall incorporate all goals and objectives on the IEP related to the child/youth's mental health needs into the child/youth's TBS client plan when appropriate.
- G. CONTRACTOR shall provide the number of service hours to the child/youth as indicated on the TBS client plan. Service hours shall not exceed twenty four (24) hours on any given day.
- H. CONTRACTOR shall comply with all TBS policies and procedures developed by the El Dorado Mental Health Department.
- I. CONTRACTOR shall comply with all State Department of Mental Health (DMH) letters related to TBS readily available on the DMH website.