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## AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES #194-S1511

Therapeutic Counseling and Substance Abuse Treatment Services

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**THIS AGREEMENT** 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 Community Recovery Resources, a California Corporation, duly qualified to conduct business in the State of California whose principal place of business is 180 Sierra College Drive, Grass Valley, CA 95945 (Mailing: PO Box 6028, Auburn, CA 95604) and whose Agent for Service of Process is Warren A. Daniels, 10936 Lakeshore North, Auburn, CA 95602 (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor").

### RECITALS

**WHEREAS**, County has determined that it is necessary to obtain a Contractor to provide therapeutic counseling, substance abuse assessments, substance abuse treatment services, and other services on an "as requested" basis for clients referred by the County of El Dorado Health and Human Services Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, Contractor has represented to County that it is specially trained, experienced, expert, and competent to perform the special 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 (all references to "State" in this Agreement shall mean the State of California unless otherwise specified), and local laws; and

**WHEREAS**, County has determined that the provision of these services by Contractor is in the public's best interest, and that these services are more economically and feasibly performed by outside independent Contractors. The County has determined that these are authorized by the County of El Dorado 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 shall provide personnel and services necessary to provide single or multiple units or sessions of therapeutic counseling, substance abuse assessment and treatment services, classes or other requested services (service) on an “as requested” basis to clients (Client) referred by County’s Health and Human Services Agency (HHS).

### A. Professional License Requirements:

1. Therapeutic counseling services shall be provided by a currently Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT), or Psychologist whose license has been issued and is regulated by the State of California. Certified and Registered Counselors also may provide substance abuse counseling services, per California Code of Regulations Title 9, Chapter 8, Section 13000 et seq. Said licenses or certifications must be considered clear, i.e., license renewal fees have been paid, continuing education requirements (if applicable) have been met, and there have been no actions or revocations placed against it by the State licensing or certifying agency.
  - a. The California Department of Consumer Affairs, Board of Behavioral Sciences and the California Department of Consumer Affairs, Board of Psychology does not have reciprocity with any other state licensing board. Therefore, any LCSW, MFT, or Psychologist who is providing HHS approved services to a Client who is receiving services outside California must have a current, clear license issued and regulated by the appropriate certifying agency for the state in which they are practicing.
  - b. Contractor shall notify County within five (5) business days of any pending Federal, State, County, City, or licensing or governing agency investigations or investigation findings, disciplinary actions, or administrative actions found against Contractor or Contractor’s employees’ professional license(s). This includes but is not limited to formal accusations, citations, revocations, suspensions, stayed revocations or suspensions, probation, voluntary or mandatory surrender of license, or formal public reprimand.
    - i. Within five (5) business days of formal accusations, citations, revocations, suspensions, stayed revocations or suspensions, probation, voluntary or mandatory surrender of license, or formal public reprimand, Contractor shall provide County with copies of Court accusations and/or dispositions relating to Contractor or Contractor’s employee’s license.
    - ii. Contractor shall provide initial and ongoing proof of compliance with probationary stipulations.
2. If any service is delegated to an intern, the intern must be pre-licensed by the appropriate certifying state agency and all service assignments must be under the direct supervision of a currently licensed Psychologist, Psychiatrist, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, or Marriage and Family Therapist as described above. No intern shall be the sole author of any written initial visit report or any other report that pertains to Client or Client’s treatment plan. All Client-related documents must be reviewed, approved, and signed by said licensed Psychologist, Psychiatrist, LCSW, or MFT.

B. Services: Contractor shall be responsible for the provision of services in accordance with the written HHS Authorization. Services may include, but are not limited to:

1. Case Management: This function shall be performed to integrate and coordinate all necessary services and to help ensure successful treatment and recovery. Case management may include evaluating insurance and payment resources, determining the nature of services to be provided, planning the delivery of treatment services, identifying appropriate treatment resources, referring Client(s) to other resources as appropriate, monitoring Client progress, documenting treatment, participating in case conferences, and other similar types of activities. For Clients referred by the CalWORKs/Welfare-to-Work program, said case management shall include addressing the circumstances which led the Client to CalWORKs assistance, including engaging in problem-solving and identifying goals with the ultimate goal of obtaining financial self-sufficiency. For Clients referred by the Child Protective Services program, said case management shall include addressing the circumstances which led the Client to Child Protective Services interventions, including assisting the Client in problem solving, identifying goals, and exploring alternative behaviors.

The cost of said case management shall be included within County's Standardized Rate for service, including but not limited to the Initial Visit, Initial Alcohol and Other Drug Assessment (AOD), Monthly Client Progress Reports, Multidisciplinary Team Meeting, etc., and shall not be billed separately.

1. Court Meetings and Court Appearances: As arranged by and upon notification from the Court, or as the Court directs County, or upon subpoena, Contractor shall attend client-related Court meetings (Court Meeting) and Court sessions (Court Appearances.)
  - a. Court Meetings are mandatory case compliance meetings directed by the Court. Contractor shall be paid for their attendance at Court Meetings using the Regular Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) Outpatient Drug Free (ODF) Individual Counseling face-to-face visit Unit of Service Rate as their hourly rate for time actually spent at the Court Meeting. Contractor is required to sign in with the Court Clerk at said meeting and, as requested by County, may be required to provide Minutes of the Court to further verify their attendance at same. Failure to sign in with the Court Clerk or provide Minutes of the Court as requested by the County may delay payment. If the Court's Meeting is cancelled by the Court less than 24 hours in advance of its scheduled calendar time and is not rescheduled for the same month, Contractor may invoice for the scheduled length of that month's cancelled Court Meeting, not to exceed two (2) hours.
  - b. Court Appearances are mandatory court case appearances as directed by the Court. Contractor shall be paid for their attendance at Court Appearances using the Drug Medi-Cal DMC ODF Individual Counseling face-to-face visit Unit of Service Rate as their hourly rate and pro-rated for time actually spent at the Court Appearance. Contractor may not invoice County if Court Appearance is cancelled.
2. Detoxification Services: Upon HHSA's written Authorization, Contractor shall provide a treatment program to include medically supervised detoxification services, individual and group counseling, stress reduction, drug/alcohol information, nutrition, access to Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous meetings, exercise, and other community and referred resource services.

3. Initial Visit and/or Initial AOD Assessment: Contractor shall collect demographic, financial, health, family, living situation, and other pertinent information as necessary to establish Client records and to support reporting requirements. Also includes dissemination of required information to Client(s) including but not limited to Contractor confidentiality policies, complaint procedures, and admission procedures. Initial Visit and/or Initial AOD Assessment also includes identifying appropriate treatments and frequency of treatments, referring Client(s) to other resources as appropriate, planning the delivery of treatment services, documenting treatment plans, and addressing goals to be reached including action steps/target dates. For Welfare-to-Work Client(s), Initial Visit and/or Initial AOD Assessment shall identify and include a plan to participate in Welfare-to-Work approved activities, as appropriate. For Child Protective Services Client(s), Initial Visit and/or Initial AOD Assessment shall identify and include a plan to participate in the Child Protective Services case plan.
4. Multidisciplinary Team Meetings: Upon HHSA's written Authorization, Contractor shall attend multidisciplinary team meetings and County shall only pay Contractor for attendance at multidisciplinary team meetings when County specifically requests Contractor's attendance. The definition of multidisciplinary team meetings as it applies to this Agreement excludes any community-based teams or organizations in which County considers Contractor, Contractor's staff, or assigns to be regular standing members. Contractor shall be paid for these appearances at the DMC rate for Regular DMC individual counseling session rate for time actually spent at the meeting.
5. Residential Services: Upon HHSA's written Authorization, Contractor shall provide residential treatment services. Client(s) admitted to residential treatment shall receive counseling services. The cost of said counseling services shall be included within County's Standardized Rate for service and shall not be billed separately.
6. Substance Abuse Tests: Upon HHSA's written Authorization, Contractor shall provide substance abuse tests. All tests (negative and positive) shall be sent to a lab for confirmation at no additional cost. Test results shall be received from the lab within approximately five (5) days. HHSA shall receive written confirmation of all positive and negative test results. Clients admitted to residential or transitional living shall receive drug testing services. The cost of said drug testing services shall be included within the County's Standardized Rate for residential or transitional living treatment services and shall not be billed separately.
7. Therapeutic Individual/Group/Family Counseling: Upon HHSA's written Authorization, Contractor shall provide individual, group, and family counseling services.
8. Transitional Living Services: Upon HHSA's written Authorization, Contractor shall provide cooperative living arrangements with a requirement to be free from alcohol and other drugs, sometimes referred to as a "sober living environment," a "sober living home," "transitional housing," or "alcohol and drug free housing."

Services shall only be provided following approval via signed HHSA Authorization. Multiple units of service ("Multiple Units") shall be defined as one or more units of same or similar service(s) provided to Client(s) on a single day, as more fully defined under the Article titled "Compensation for Services."

Contractor shall immediately contact the appropriate HHSA staff, at no charge to County, to inform them of Client appointment no-shows, cancellations, or any other urgent concerns directly affecting Client or Client's treatment plan.

- C. Reports: Contractor shall provide written reports, including but not limited to the following:
1. Court Documents – Upon request, and within the time limit specified by County, Contractor shall provide HHSA staff with comprehensive written reports for County's use in court. Contractor shall be compensated for the report(s) at the Regular DMC individual counseling session rate with a maximum limit of a two (2) session rates charged per report. The written initial visit and/or initial AOD assessment report(s) are specifically excluded from the court documents reimbursement rate, as these services shall be provided at no charge to County and as further defined under "Initial Visit Report/Initial AOD Assessment."
  2. Initial Visit/Initial AOD Assessment Report - Within thirty calendar (30) days of Client's initial visit/initial AOD assessment, Contractor shall provide appropriate HHSA staff, at no charge to County, with a written initial visit/initial AOD assessment report that shall detail Contractor's professional evaluation of Client's needs including the recommended type of therapy to be utilized, the recommended number/frequency of sessions and whether or not additional or different services may be required or recommended. Once recommended services have been pre-approved via an HHSA Authorization and Contractor has initiated services, Contractor may not make any alterations without first securing a revised HHSA Authorization from the appropriate HHSA staff.
  3. Monthly Client Progress Reports - Contractor shall provide appropriate HHSA staff, at no charge to County, with a brief written progress report that outlines the primary issues being addressed with each Client, their progress to date as evidenced by observable behaviors or cognitions, and ongoing treatment goals (see Exhibit A, marked "Monthly Client Progress Report," incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof) no later than thirty (30) days after the end of each Client's service month. A "service month" shall be defined as a calendar month during which Contractor provides Client services in accordance with "Scope of Services." If an alternate progress report is used, all fields noted on Exhibit A are mandatory.

The above written reports are a required deliverable of this Agreement and Contractor's failure to provide them to HHSA within the specified time limits described above shall be considered a breach of this Agreement. County shall not be obligated to pay for the services provided to the client until the requested written reports have been submitted. It is a further requirement of this Agreement that all written reports submitted to HHSA shall contain the report writer's original signature. It is recommended, but not required, that all original signatures be made using blue ink. This signature shall act as a declaration that the contents of the written report(s) are accurate.

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**ARTICLE II**

**Term:** This Agreement shall become effective when fully executed by all parties hereto and shall expire three (3) years from the date thereof, unless terminated earlier pursuant to the provisions contained herein this Agreement under the Article(s) titled “Default, Termination, and Cancellation” or “Fiscal Considerations.”

**ARTICLE III**

**Compensation for Services:** Prior to the commencement of any HHSa authorized service(s), Contractor shall determine the category that Client falls under as set forth in the chart listed below:

<i><b>Client Insurance Category</b></i>	<i><b>Procedures to Follow to Receive Reimbursement for Services</b></i>
<b>Uninsured Clients</b>	For Clients without health insurance coverage, Contractor shall bill County for authorized service(s) provided in accordance with the rates set forth below. Contractor shall not charge <u>any</u> amount whatsoever to Clients who do not have health insurance.
<b>Medi-Cal Clients with no “share of costs”</b>	Contractors who are Medi-Cal providers shall bill Medi-Cal for authorized service(s) provided. Contractor shall <u>not</u> bill Client or County for any difference between their “regular” fee and what they receive from Medi-Cal for services rendered, any co-pay(s), any deductible, or any other amount(s).
<b>Medi-Cal Clients with “share of costs”</b>	Contractors who are Medi-Cal providers shall bill Medi-Cal for authorized service(s) provided and shall bill County for Client’s share of costs, up to the rate amount set forth in this Agreement. Contractor shall <u>not</u> bill Client or County for any additional costs, including but not limited to the difference between their “regular” fee and what they receive from Medi-Cal for services rendered, any co-pay(s), any deductible(s), or any other amount(s).
<b>Clients with private health insurance coverage</b>	Contractor shall bill Client’s private health insurance carrier as primary insurance carrier for all authorized service(s) provided. Contractor shall only bill County for any insurance-required Client co-pay or deductible amounts. Contractor shall <u>not</u> bill Client or County for any difference between their “regular” fee and what they receive from private insurance for services rendered, any co-pay(s), any deductible(s), or any other amount(s). If Client’s private health insurance company does not cover the ordered service(s), Contractor shall follow the above procedures for Uninsured Clients.

After determining the proper insurance category Client falls under, and unless as otherwise defined in this Agreement, provided services shall be billed using the County standardized rate structure, which shall use the most current DMC Alcohol and Drug Services Program “Regular

DMC” and “Perinatal DMC” rates (collectively DMC rates) as its benchmark and as set forth in the chart listed below. Furthermore, for the purposes of this Agreement:

- A. DMC rates are for reimbursement reference purposes only and any descriptive information contained within the DMC rate schedule shall not apply to this Agreement unless otherwise specifically addressed. California-approved DMC rates are located on the California Department of Health Services at the following website address: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Pages/ADPBulletinsLtrs.aspx>.<sup>1</sup>
- B. DMC rates shall be subject to an annual adjustment in order to match the most current State-approved DMC rate schedule. Any adjustments to the DMC rate schedule by the State shall become effective the first day of the month that follows California’s announcement that its governor has signed the Budget Bill for that particular Fiscal Year, thereby enacting the California State Budget Act.<sup>2</sup>

<i>Service</i>	<i>County Standardized Rate</i>
<i><b>Court Appearances.</b> Upon Court subpoena and pro-rated for time actually spent at the pertinent court session. If Court Appearance is cancelled, Contractor may <b>not</b> invoice for the appearance.</i>	Current Drug Medi-Cal Rate for Regular DMC Outpatient Drug Free Individual Counseling Unit of Service (UOS) Rate
<i><b>Court Documents Preparation.</b> Upon written request via HHSA Authorization at a rate equivalent to the individual counseling session rate and up to a maximum limit of two (2)-session rates charged per report.</i>	Current Drug Medi-Cal Rate for Regular DMC Outpatient Drug Free Individual Counseling UOS Rate
<i><b>Court Meetings.</b> Upon notification from Court or as Court directs County, and at a rate equivalent to the individual counseling session rate for the time Contractor appeared in person at Court Meeting and pro-rated for time actually spent at the pertinent court session. If Court’s Meeting is cancelled by the Court less than 24 hours in advance of scheduled calendar time and is not rescheduled for the same month, Contractor may invoice for the scheduled length of cancelled Court meeting, not to exceed two (2) hours.</i>	Current Drug Medi-Cal Rate for Regular DMC Outpatient Drug Free Individual Counseling UOS Rate
<i><b>Family Therapy Session.</b> 90 minutes per session upon written request via HHSA Authorization and wherein one (1) or more therapists or counselors treat no more than twelve (12) family members at the same time. Multiple Units of Service shall be allowed upon approval of appropriate HHSA staff.</i>	Current Drug Medi-Cal Rate for Regular or Perinatal DMC Outpatient Drug Free Group Counseling UOS Rate per each attending family member

<sup>1</sup>The California ADP Bulletin contains information on the most current DMC rates, which can be found at the CA Dept. of Health Services (<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Pages/ADPBulletinsLtrs.aspx>). This link will open the “Alcohol and Drug Bulletins and Letters” page. Click on the link titled “Proposed Drug Medi-Cal Rates for Fiscal Year \_\_\_\_” (most current fiscal year) or click on the Exhibit link to open the DMC rate chart.

<sup>2</sup> The most current information on the status of the enactment of the California budget act may usually be found at the following website: <http://www.ebudget.ca.gov>

<b>Service</b>	<b>County Standardized Rate</b>
<b>Group Counseling Session.</b> 90 minutes per session and per group therapy participant upon written request via HHSA Authorization and wherein one (1) or more therapists or counselors treat no less than three (3) and no more than twelve (12) group therapy participants at the same time. Multiple Units of Service shall be allowed upon approval of appropriate HHSA staff.	Current Drug Medi-Cal Rate for Regular or Perinatal DMC Outpatient Drug Free Group Counseling UOS Rate per each attending family member
<b>Individual Counseling Session.</b> 50-60 minutes per session and per individual upon written request via HHSA Authorization. Multiple Units of Service shall be allowed upon approval of appropriate HHSA staff.	Current Drug Medi-Cal Rate for Regular or Perinatal DMC Outpatient Drug Free Group Counseling UOS Rate per each attending family member
<b>Initial AOD Assessment.</b> 50-60 minutes per Initial Assessment and per individual upon written request by County. Initial Assessment shall include face-to-face interviews and all required or relevant laboratory testing, including but not limited to substance abuse testing, at no additional cost to County. The definition of Initial Assessment as it applies to this Agreement is an initial process that identifies Clients who are likely to have alcohol or other drug (AOD) disorders with associated behavioral disorders. Only one (1) Initial Assessment per Client shall be allowed.	Current Drug Medi-Cal Rate for Regular DMC Outpatient Drug Free Individual Counseling UOS Rate
<b>Initial Assessment Results plus Initial Assessment AOD and/or Treatment Plan Report(s).</b> Any reports, results, and/or treatment plans resulting from Client's Initial Assessment, including but not limited to any relevant laboratory testing and/or substance abuse testing results, shall be provided to County within thirty (30) calendar days of Client's initial Assessment, at no charge to County.	No Charge
<b>Initial Visit Report(s).</b> Within thirty (30) calendar days of Client's initial visit and at no charge to County, Contractor shall provide appropriate HHSA staff with a written initial visit report that shall detail Contractor's professional evaluation of Client's needs including the recommended type of therapy to be utilized, the recommended number/frequency of sessions and whether or not additional or different services may be required or recommended. Initial Visit Report must be submitted along with the invoice.	No Charge
<b>Monthly Client Progress Reports.</b> No later than thirty (30) days after the end of each service month, Contractor shall provide the appropriate HHSA staff,	No Charge



<i>Service</i>	<i>County Standardized Rate</i>
<i>at no charge to the County, with a brief written progress report outlining the primary issues being addressed with each Client, their progress, and ongoing treatment goals. Monthly Progress Report must be submitted along with the invoice.</i>	
<i><b>Multidisciplinary Team Meeting.</b> Upon written request via HHSA Authorization and for time actually spent in the meeting. The definition of multidisciplinary team meetings as it applies to this Agreement excludes any community-based teams in which County considers Contractor or Contractor's staff or assigns to be regular standing members.</i>	Current Drug Medi-Cal Rate for Regular DMC for Outpatient Drug Free Individual Counseling UOS Rate

Substance Abuse Testing Services Rates: Contractor shall only bill County for Substance Abuse Testing provided in this Agreement using the below rates. Client(s) admitted to residential treatment or transitional living treatment shall receive drug testing services. The cost of said drug testing services shall be included within Contractor's rate for residential or transitional living treatment services and shall not be billed separately.

<i>Service</i>	<i>Rate</i>
<i><b>Substance Abuse Tests.</b> Includes urinalysis collection and written analysis or findings. Multiple Units of Service shall be allowed upon approval of appropriate HHSA staff. Substance Abuse tests includes 4 panel urinalysis and 80 hour EtG.</i>	Urinalysis: \$20.00 per test EtG: \$20.00 per test

Residential Services Rates: Contractor may only bill County for residential services provided under this Agreement using the below negotiated rates.

<i>Residential Services</i>		<i>County Negotiated Rate</i>
<b>Residential</b>	Men's Residential Services	\$80.00 per bed day
	Women's Residential Services, includes Parenting and Perinatal* Women.	Current Drug Medi-Cal Rate for Perinatal DMC for Residential Treatment UOS Rate
	Children with Parenting or Perinatal Women's Residential Services (Grass Valley location only)	\$20.00 per day for first child; \$10.00 per day – additional children
	Detoxification Services	\$80.00 per bed day
<b>Transitional Living</b>	Men's Transitional Living Services	\$19.73 per day
	Women's Transitional Living Services, includes Parenting and Perinatal Women	\$19.73 per day

<i>Residential Services</i>	<i>County Negotiated Rate</i>
Children with Parenting or Perinatal Women in Transitional Living Services	\$25.00 per month, per child

*\*Parenting Woman:* A female who is in one or more of the following categories: 1) Has custody of a dependent child age 0-17 years; 2) Is attempting to regain legal custody of a child age 0-17 years; 3) Has voluntarily placed a child age 0-17 years with a caregiver and is attempting to parent. *Perinatal Drug Medi-Cal:* Drug Medi-Cal substance abuse services that are provided to pregnant or postpartum women. The Drug Medi-Cal defined postpartum period is sixty (60) days from the date pregnancy terminated plus the days remaining until the end of the month in which the pregnancy terminated.

Travel expenses, including but not limited to travel time, meals, lodging, and mileage shall not be paid by County.

**HHSA Authorizations for Service(s):**

- A. Contractor shall obtain an HHSA Authorization that has been signed by the appropriate HHSA staff prior to providing any service(s) to any Client(s) detailed under “Scope of Service” or “Compensation for Services;”
- B. Prior to providing any Client service(s) NOT detailed under “Scope of Service” or “Compensation for Services” to Client(s), Contractor shall obtain an HHSA Authorization that has been signed by HHSA staff and the HHSA Director or a member of HHSA Executive Management Team, which shall be defined as Assistant Director or above (“HHSA Executive Management”);
- C. County shall not pay for any services that have not been pre-approved by an HHSA Authorization, incomplete or unsatisfactory services, “no shows,” cancellations, or telephone calls.
- D. HHSA Executive Management reserves the right to review and approve for reimbursement, on a case-by-case basis, service(s) not explicitly addressed under “Scope of Services” or “Compensation for Services.”
- E. Contractor shall not be compensated for services provided to a Client outside the authorized service dates identified on said HHSA Authorization;
- F. A copy of the HHSA Authorization shall be included with the invoice containing the service it pertains to and both documents shall be submitted to HHSA at the address indicated in the Article titled “Compensation for Services.” Failure to submit a copy of the HHSA Authorization with Contractor’s invoice may result in payment being withheld until said Authorization is submitted.
- G. All required written reports must be submitted along with the invoice.

**Invoices:**

It is a requirement of this Agreement that Contractor shall submit an original invoice, which shall act as a declaration that its contents have been reviewed and approved by Contractor. Photocopied or faxed invoices are not acceptable. Invoices with “white-out” types of corrections will not be accepted. HHSA Authorization or other written authorizations for services shall be attached to invoices. Only the name(s) of Clients listed on the HHSA Authorization shall be listed on the invoice. Contractor shall ensure that only billing information is included on the

invoice. Information related to Client(s) diagnosis, prognosis or treatment is not permitted on the invoice.

Each invoice shall contain all of the following data:

- A. Contractor name, address, and phone number.
- B. Service date(s) and number of Units of Service per service date.
  - 1. Multiple Units of Service: Contractor shall ensure that said invoice clearly documents the date and type of each Unit of Service.
- C. Client name(s).
  - 1. The name of each Client present for each individual service covered by the HHSA Authorization.
  - 2. The names of HHSA Clients covered by the HHSA Authorization being seen at the same time for each “group” type of therapy including but not limited to Group Therapy or Family Therapy.
  - 3. For Court Meeting services, Contractor shall include a list of the names of their clients whose cases were discussed or, for Court cancelled meetings as described in the above service / rate table, scheduled to be discussed during said Court Meeting.
- D. Type of service(s) provided.
- E. Agreement rate for each service provided.
  - 1. All fee(s) charged to County shall be in accordance with the rates as set forth in this Agreement.
- F. Total amount billed to the County of El Dorado under the subject invoice.
- G. Statement verifying Contractor has confirmed Client’s appropriate insurance category (see above chart detailing Client insurance coverage) and, if applicable, whether Contractor has billed Client’s said health insurance carrier(s) as primary health insurance carrier(s) and, for Clients with private health insurance coverage, if Contractor is only invoicing County for any private health insurance carrier-required co-pays or deductibles.

Contractor is required to submit monthly invoices and reports with a copy of the Authorization, no later than thirty (30) 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 Client services in accordance with “Scope of Services.” Failure to submit invoices by the 30<sup>th</sup> of the month following the end of a service month, failure to attach the appropriate HHSA Authorization, failure to submit all reports required hereunder, or failure for Contractor to ensure that original invoices are submitted or that required reports contain original verifying signatures shall result in payment(s) being withheld until the appropriate documents are received by staff. Receipt by HHSA of invoices and associated paperwork submitted by Contractor for payment shall not be deemed evidence of allowable costs under this Agreement. Upon request by County, Contractor may be required to submit additional or new information, which may delay reimbursement.

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Invoices and reports shall be sent as follows:

<i>For Service(s) Authorized by West Slope HHS Staff, Please Send Invoices to:</i>	<i>For Service(s) Authorized by East Slope HHS Staff, Please Send Invoices to:</i>
<p style="text-align: center;">County of El Dorado Health and Human Services Agency Attn: Finance Unit 3057 Briw Road, Suite B Placerville, CA 95667-5321</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">County of El Dorado Health and Human Services Agency Attn: Finance Unit 3368 Lake Tahoe Blvd. 100 South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150-7915</p>

For all satisfactory services provided herein, County agrees to pay Contractor monthly in arrears and within forty-five (45) days following County’s receipt and approval of all valid invoice(s) identifying services rendered.

**ARTICLE IV**

**Maximum Obligation:** The Social Services CalWORKS/Welfare-to-Work maximum contractual obligation under this Agreement shall not exceed \$63,356.00 for all of the stated services during the term of the Agreement.

The Social Services Child Protective Services maximum contractual obligation under this Agreement shall not exceed \$63,356.00 for all of the stated services during the term of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE V**

**Mandated Reporter Requirements:** Contractor acknowledges and agrees to comply with mandated reporter requirements pursuant to the provisions of Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 11164) of Chapter 2 of Title 1 of Part 4 of the California Penal Code, also known as The Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act, and the Welfare and Institutions Code 15630 et seq. related to elder and dependent adults, as applicable.

**ARTICLE VI**

**Fingerprinting:** Pursuant to California Penal Code §11105.3(a), “Notwithstanding any other law, a human resource agency or an employer may request from the Department of Justice records of all convictions or any arrest pending adjudication involving the offenses specified in subdivision (1) of §15660 of the Welfare and Institutions Code of a person who applies for a license, employment, or volunteer position, in which he or she would have supervisory or disciplinary power over a minor or any person under his or her care.” Therefore, Contractor warrants that its employees, subcontractors, assignees, volunteers and any other persons who, while providing services under this Agreement, have or may have supervisory or disciplinary power over any person or minor under his or her care, have been fingerprinted in order to determine whether they have a criminal history that would compromise the safety of persons or minors with whom they have contact in the course of provision of services under this Agreement. Contractor further warrants that said employees, subcontractors, assignees, volunteers and other

persons have been cleared by Contractor to perform the services described in this Agreement. All fingerprinting services shall be at Contractor's sole expense. More specifically, Contractor agrees that:

- A. Each applicant for paid or volunteer employment by Contractor who shall or may have a supervisory or disciplinary power over a minor or any person under his or her care shall be fingerprinted in order to determine whether they have a criminal history, which would compromise the safety of such minor, or person(s) under his or her care. All fingerprinting shall be at Contractor's sole expense.
- B. The fingerprinting process as set forth above shall be completed and the results of the process shall be obtained before any of the Contractor's employees, subcontractors, assignees or volunteers are assigned or permitted to work with any minor or person referred to Contractor by County. Alternatively, the Contractor may set a hire date prior to obtaining fingerprinting results contingent on the applicant certifying that: (1) his or her employment application truthfully and completely discloses whether he or she has ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor or been on parole or probation and (2) that the applicant understands that a background check shall be conducted and that he or she shall be immediately dismissed from employment if he or she has failed to provide information regarding convictions, has provided incomplete information regarding convictions, has omitted information regarding convictions or if the fingerprinting results reveal any conviction incompatible with employment with Contractor.
- C. Contractor shall maintain, and make immediately available to County upon request, a written fingerprint certification for each employee, volunteer or applicant for paid or volunteer employment for whom fingerprinting is required as detailed above. Such certification shall state that the individual has been fingerprinted, shall provide the date of said fingerprinting, and shall state whether the process has disclosed any criminal history of the individual, which may compromise the safety of minors or other persons with whom that individual has contact. Fingerprint information received from Department of Justice (DOJ) by Contractor shall be retained or disposed of pursuant to current DOJ directives.

## **ARTICLE VII**

**Drug-Free Workplace:** Contractor agrees to maintain a drug-free workplace and remain in compliance with the Federal Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (41 U.S.C. Chapter 10) and the California Drug-Free Workplace Act of 2000 (Gov't Code §8350 et seq.) and any subsequent amendments to either Act thereto. A "drug free workplace" means the site(s) for the performance of work done by Contractor at which Contractor and employees of the Contractor are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of any controlled substance. A list of controlled substances can be found in Schedules I through V of §202 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812) and as further defined in Regulation 21 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1308.11 – 1308.15.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

**Medi-Cal Screening:** If applicable, Contractor shall screen 100% of referred Clients for Medi-Cal eligibility. The screening shall include, but not be limited, to:

- A. Verifying that the Medi-Cal beneficiary is eligible to receive Medi-Cal services at the time Client is referred for service; and
- B. Verifying the County of El Dorado as the responsible County; and
- C. Assessing for valid full scope aid codes; and
- D. Monthly verification of Client eligibility during the time that Contractor provides services to Client.

## **ARTICLE IX**

**Non-Discrimination:** Assurance of compliance with the County of El Dorado Health and Human Services Agency non-discrimination in State and Federally assisted programs requirements as follows:

Contractor hereby agrees that they shall comply with Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 as amended; the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, and in particular Section 272.6; Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; California Civil Code Section 51 et seq., as amended; California Government Code section 11135-11139.5, as amended; California Government Code section 12940 (c), (h) (1), (i), and (j); California Government Code section 4450; Title 22, California Code of Regulations section 98000 – 98413; Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 3105A(e); the Dymally-Alatorre Bilingual Services Act (California Government Code Section 7290-7299.8); Section 1808 of the Removal of Barriers to Interethnic Adoption Act of 1996; and other applicable Federal and State laws, as well as their implementing regulations [including 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 80, 84 and 91, 7 CFR Part 15, and 28 CFR Part 42], by ensuring that employment practices and the administration of public assistance and social services programs are non-discriminatory, to the effect that no person shall, because of ethnic group identification, age, sex, color, disability, medical condition, national origin, race, ancestry, marital status, religion, religious creed, or political belief, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subject to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal or State financial assistance; and hereby give assurance that it shall immediately take any measures necessary to effectuate this Agreement.

This assurance is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all Federal and State assistance; and Contractor hereby gives assurance that administrative methods/procedures which have the effect of subjecting individuals to discrimination or defeating the objectives of the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) Chapter 21, shall be prohibited.

By accepting this assurance, Contractor agrees to compile data, maintain records, and submit reports as required, to permit effective enforcement of the aforementioned laws, rules, and regulations, and permit authorized CDSS or Federal government personnel, during normal working hours, to review such records, books, and accounts as needed to ascertain compliance. If there are any violations of this assurance, CDSS shall have the right to invoke fiscal sanctions or other legal remedies in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code Section 10605, or

Government Code section 11135-11139.5, or any other laws, or the issue may be referred to the appropriate Federal agency for further compliance action and enforcement of this assurance.

This assurance is binding on Contractor directly or through contract, license, or other provider services, as long as it receives Federal or State assistance.

County policy is intended to be consistent with the provisions of all applicable State and Federal laws.

## **ARTICLE X**

**Confidentiality and Information Security Provisions:** Contractor shall comply with applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations, including but not limited to the Code of Federal Regulations Title 45, parts 160-164, regarding the confidentiality and security of Personally Identifiable Information (PII).

Personally Identifiable Information means any information that identifies, relates to, describes, or is capable of being associated with, a particular individual, including but not limited to, his or her name, signature, social security number, passport number, driver's license or state identification card number, insurance policy number, education, employment, employment history, bank account number, credit card number, or any other financial information.

### **A. Permitted Uses and Disclosures of PII by Contractor.**

1. Permitted Uses and Disclosures. Contractor shall develop and maintain an information privacy and security program that includes the implementation of administrative, technical, and physical safeguards appropriate to the size and complexity of Contractor's operations and the nature and scope of its activities. The information privacy and security programs must reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the PII that it creates, receives, maintains, or transmits; and prevent the use or disclosure of PII other than as provided for in this Agreement. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, Contractor, may use or disclose PII to perform functions, activities or services identified in this Agreement provided that such use or disclosure would not violate Federal or State laws or regulations.
2. Specific Uses and Disclosures provisions. Except as otherwise indicated in the Agreement, Contractor shall:
  - a. Use and disclose only PII for the proper management and administration of Contractor or to carry out the legal responsibilities of Contractor, provided that such use and disclosures are permitted by law; and
  - b. Take all reasonable steps to destroy, or arrange for the destruction of a client's records within its custody or control containing personal information that is no longer to be retained by Contractor by (1) shredding, (2) erasing, or (3) otherwise modifying the personal information in those records to make it unreadable or undecipherable through any means.

### **B. Responsibilities of Contractor.**

1. Contractor agrees to safeguards:
  - a. To prevent use or disclosure of PII other than as provided for by this Agreement.

- Contractor shall provide County with information concerning such safeguards as County may reasonably request from time to time; and
- b. Contractor shall restrict logical and physical access to confidential, personal (e.g., PII) or sensitive data to authorized users only; and
  - c. Contractor shall implement a system to identify appropriate authenticated and authorized persons. If passwords are used in user authentication (e.g., username/password combination), Contractor shall implement strong password controls on all compatible computing systems that are consistent with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication 800-86 and SANS Institute Password Protection Policy.
2. Contractor shall implement the following security controls on each server, workstation, or portable (e.g. laptop computer) computing device that processes or stores confidential, personal, or sensitive data:
    - a. Network based firewall or personal firewall; and
    - b. Continuously updated anti-virus software; and
    - c. Patch-management process including installation of all operating system/software vendor security patches.
  3. Mitigation of Harmful Effects. Contractor shall mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Contractor of a use or disclosure of PII by Contractor or its subcontractors.
  4. Agents and Subcontractors of Contractor. The same restrictions and conditions that apply through this Agreement to Contractor, shall also apply to Contractor's subcontractors and agents.
  5. Notification of Electronic Breach or Improper Disclosure. During the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall notify County immediately upon discovery of any breach of PII or data, where the information or data are reasonably believed to have been acquired by an unauthorized person. Immediate notification shall be made to County Privacy Officer, within two business days of discovery, at (530) 621-5565. Contractor shall take prompt corrective action to cure any deficiencies and any action pertaining to such unauthorized disclosure required by applicable Federal and State laws and regulations. Contractor shall investigate such breach and provide a written report of the investigation to County Privacy Officer, postmarked within thirty (30) working days of the discovery of the breach.

## **ARTICLE XI**

**HIPAA Compliance:** As a condition of Contractor performing services for the County of El Dorado, Contractor agrees to fully comply with all terms and conditions of County's Business Associate Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit B (incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof).

## **ARTICLE XII**

**Release of Information:** Contractor shall ensure that the County of El Dorado Health and Human Services Agency is included as a receiving party on all Release of Information forms used in the performance of services under this Agreement.



### ARTICLE XIII

**Debarment and Suspension Certification:** By signing this Agreement, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal suspension and debarment regulations including, but not limited to 45 CFR 76 and Contractor further certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals or affiliates or any sub-contractor utilized under the Agreement:

- A. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any federal department or agency;
- B. Have not within a three (3)-year period preceding this application/proposal/Agreement been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- C. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in the above Paragraph B;
- D. Have not within a three (3)-year period preceding this Agreement had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default;
- E. Shall not knowingly enter in to any lower tier or subrecipient covered transaction with any person(s) who are proposed for debarment under Federal regulations (i.e., 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4) or are debarred, suspended, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in such transactions, unless authorized by the State; and
- F. Shall include a clause titled, "Debarment and Suspension Certification" that essentially sets forth the provisions herein, in all lower tier or subrecipient covered transactions in accordance with 45 CFR. Part 76.

If the Contractor is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, the Contractor shall submit an explanation in writing to County.

The terms and definitions herein have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Federal Executive Order 12549 (<http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/codification/executive-order/12549.html>).

If the Contractor knowingly violates this certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal and State Governments, County may immediately terminate this Agreement for cause or default.

### ARTICLE XIV

**Accounting Systems and Financial Records:** Contractor shall be required to establish and maintain accounting systems and financial records that accurately account for and reflect all federal funds received, including all matching funds from the State, County and any other local or private organizations. Contractor's records shall reflect the expenditure and accounting of said funds in accordance with all State laws and procedures for expending and accounting for all funds and receivables, as well as meet the financial management standards in 45 CFR Part 92 and all current revisions of OMB Circular A-122. More particularly, Contractors are responsible for complying with OMB Circular A-122 and 45 CFR Part 92, and the allowability of the costs

covered therein. Contractor must obtain written approval from a member of the HHS Executive Management prior to the expenditure of any "special" or unusual costs in order to avoid possible disallowances or disputes based on any potential unreasonableness or unallowability of expenditures as detailed under the specific cost principles of OMB Circular A-122. In order to obtain the most current regulations, the user should consult not only the latest version of the CFR, but also the List of (CFR) Sections Affected (LSA) issued in the current month. The *Federal Register* home page offers links to both the *Federal Register* and the CFR. Electronic CFR (e-CFR) versions are available online via the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) website. Please note that documents on e-CFR, although updated daily, are unofficial editorial compilations of CFR material and *Federal Register* amendments and on-line versions may not be the most current version available.

#### **ARTICLE XV**

**Annual Audit:** Pursuant to the Single Audit Act and the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") Circular A-133, any entity that receives a total of \$500,000 or more per year in federal funds for the purposes of carrying out federal programs must complete an annual audit. The funding threshold is aggregate funds from all sources. Contractor shall mail a certified copy of said completed annual audit to County's Health and Human Services Agency at the address listed in Agreement's "Notice to parties" Article within thirty (30) days of Contractor's receipt of same. All adverse audit findings must be documented and included with completed annual audit. Certified evidence of correction(s) of adverse audit findings shall be provided to County at the HHS address listed in Agreement's Article titled "Notice to Parties."

#### **ARTICLE XVI**

**Audit by California State Auditor:** Contractor acknowledges that contracts involving the expenditure of public funds in excess of \$10,000 are subject to examination and audit by the California State Auditor pursuant to Government Code Section 8546.7. Contractor shall provide Federal, State, or County authorities with access to any books, documents, papers, and records of Contractor, which are directly pertinent to this specific Agreement for the purpose of audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions. In order to facilitate these potential examinations and audits, Contractor shall maintain all books, documents, papers, and records necessary to demonstrate performance under this Agreement for a period of at least three (3) years after final payment or for any longer period required by law.

#### **ARTICLE XVII**

**Transfer of Records:** In the event that Contractor ceases operation, all physical and electronic files that are subject to audit shall be transferred to the County for proper storage of physical records and electronic data. Contractor shall notify County of impending closure as soon as such closure has been determined, and provide County with a complete list of records in its possession pertaining to County Clients and operational costs under this Agreement. County shall promptly advise Contractor which records are to be transferred to the custody of County. Contractor shall properly destroy records not transferred to custody of County, and Contractor shall provide documentation of proper destruction of all such records to County.

## ARTICLE XVIII

**Compliance with All Federal, State and Local Laws and Regulations:** Contractor shall comply with all Federal, State and local laws including, but not limited to, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 (42USC12101 et. seq.) and California Government Code Sections 11135-11139.5, and all regulations, requirements, and directives pertinent to its operations. Contractor shall abide by manuals, directives and other guidance issued by the State of California. All appropriate manuals and updates shall be available for review or reference by Contractor from County's Health and Human Services Agency.

Contractor shall further comply with all applicable laws relating to wages and hours of employment and occupational safety and to fire, safety, and health and sanitation regulations. Such laws shall include, but not be limited to, the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act, the Davis-Bacon Act, the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, the Clean Air Act and amendments, the Clean Water Act and amendments, and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

Contractor further warrants that it has all necessary licenses, permits, notices, approvals, certificates, waivers and exemptions necessary for the provision of services hereunder and required by the laws and regulations of the United States, the State of California, the County of El Dorado and all other appropriate governmental agencies and shall maintain these throughout the term of the Agreement.

## 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 Section 87100 relating to conflict of interest of public officers and employees. Contractor attests that it has no current business or financial relationship with any County employee(s) that would constitute a conflict of interest with provision of services under this contract and shall not enter into any such business or financial relationship with any such employee(s) during the term of this Agreement. County represents that it is unaware of any financial or economic interest of any public officer or employee of Contractor relating to this Agreement. It is further understood and agreed that if such a financial interest does exist at the inception of this Agreement either party may immediately terminate this Agreement by giving written notice as detailed in the Article in the Agreement titled, "Default, Termination, and Cancellation."

## ARTICLE XX

**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.

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**ARTICLE XXI**

**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 XXII**

**Continuous Operation:** Contractor shall operate continuously throughout the term of this Agreement with at least the minimum number and type of staff required to meet applicable Federal, State, and County requirements, and which are necessary for the provision of services hereunder.

**ARTICLE XXIII**

**Fiscal Considerations:** The parties to this Agreement recognize and acknowledge that County is a political subdivision of the State of California. As such, the County of El Dorado 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.

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## **ARTICLE XXIV**

**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 XXV**

### **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 with 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 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 the other party 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 upon seven (7) calendar days upon written notice by County without cause to the other party for any reason. If such prior termination is effected, County shall 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.

## **ARTICLE XXVI**

**Change of Address:** In the event of a change in address for Contractor's principal place of business, Contractor's Agent for Service of Process, or Notices to Contractor, Contractor shall notify County in writing pursuant to the provisions contained herein this Agreement under the Article titled "**Notice to Parties.**" Said notice shall become part of this Agreement upon acknowledgment in writing by the County Contract Administrator, and no further amendment of the Agreement shall be necessary provided that such change of address does not conflict with any other provisions of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE XXVII**

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

Notice to County shall be in duplicate and addressed as follows:

COUNTY OF EL DORADO  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY  
3057 BRIW ROAD  
PLACERVILLE, CA 95667-5321  
ATTN: CONTRACTS UNIT

Or to such other location as County directs with a copy to

COUNTY OF EL DORADO  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTS DIVISION  
360 FAIR LANE, LOWER LEVEL  
PLACERVILLE, CA 95667-5321  
ATTN: TERRI DALY, PURCHASING AGENT

Notices to Contractor shall be addressed as follows:

COMMUNITY RECOVERY RESOURCES  
180 SIERRA COLLEGE DRIVE  
GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945  
ATTN: WARREN DANIELS, CEO, OR SUCCESSOR

Or to such other location as Contractor directs.

**ARTICLE XXVIII**

**Indemnity:** Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold County harmless against and from any and all claims, suits, losses, damages and liability for damages 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 Contractor's services, operations or performance hereunder, regardless of the existence or degree of fault or negligence on the part of County, Contractor, subcontractor(s) and employee(s) or any of these, except for the sole or active negligence of County, its officers and employees, or as expressly proscribed 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.

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## ARTICLE XXIX

**Insurance:** Contractor shall provide proof of a policy of insurance satisfactory to the County of El Dorado Risk Manager (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.
  1. If Contractor has no employees, they shall not be required to obtain Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability insurance. Should, during the term of this Agreement, Contractor hire one or more employees who will provide any services related to this Agreement, Contractor shall immediately obtain full Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability insurance and furnish County with certificate(s) for same.
- B. Commercial General Liability Insurance of not less than \$1,000,000.00 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage and a \$2,000,000.00 aggregate limit.
- C. Automobile Liability Insurance of not less than \$1,000,000.00 is required in the event Contractor uses motor vehicles 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.
- E. Contractor shall furnish a certificate of insurance satisfactory to the Risk Manager as evidence that the above-required insurance is being maintained.
- F. The insurance shall be issued by an insurance company acceptable to the County of El Dorado Risk Management Department or be provided through partial or total self-insurance likewise acceptable to Risk Management.
- 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 and Contractor agrees that no work or services shall be performed prior to the giving of such approval. In the event 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 for breach pursuant to the provisions contained herein this Agreement under the Article titled "Default, Termination, and Cancellation."
- H. The certificate of insurance must include the following provisions stating that:
  1. The insurer shall not cancel the insured's coverage without prior written notice to County, and;
  2. The County of El Dorado, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers are included as additional insured on an "Additional Insured Endorsement" page, but only insofar as the operations under this Agreement are concerned. This provision shall apply to the general liability policy.
- I. Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects County, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by County, its officers, officials, employees, or volunteers shall be excess of Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
- J. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by County. Either:

1. Insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects County, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers; or
  2. 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 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 both insurance and evidence of insurance to County that shall cover 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 Risk Management, as essential for the protection of County.

#### **ARTICLE XXX**

**Interest of Public Official:** No official or employee of the County of El Dorado 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 the County of El Dorado have any interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement or the proceeds thereof.

#### **ARTICLE XXXI**

**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 Contractor shall employ no person having any such interest.

#### **ARTICLE XXXII**

**Lobbying Certification:** The Contractor, by signing this Agreement, hereby certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- A. No federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the Contractor, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or



employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

- B. If any funds other than federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement, the Contractor shall complete and submit Standard Form SF-LLL, OMB Number 0348-0046 "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities" in accordance with its instructions.

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

#### **ARTICLE XXXIII**

**California Residency (Form 590):** If Contractor is a California resident, Contractor must file a State of California Form 590, certifying their California residency or, in the case of a corporation, certifying that it has a permanent place of business in California. Contractor shall 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 Contractor during term of the Agreement. This requirement applies to any Agreement exceeding \$1,500.00.

#### **ARTICLE XXXIV**

**Nonresident Withholding:** If Contractor is not a California resident, Contractor shall provide documentation that the State of California has granted a withholding exemption or authorized reduced withholding prior to execution of this Agreement or County shall withhold seven (7) percent of each payment made to the Contractor during term of the Agreement as required by law. This requirement applies to any agreement/contract exceeding \$1,500.00. Contractor shall indemnify and hold the County harmless for any action taken by the California Franchise Tax Board.

#### **ARTICLE XXXV**

**Taxpayer Identification Number (Form W-9) and County Payee Data Record Form:** All independent Contractors or Corporations providing services to County must file a Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 with County, which certifies their Taxpayer Identification Number. All independent Contractors or Corporations providing services to County may also be required to file a County-issued "Payee Data Record" form with County.

#### **ARTICLE XXXVI**

**Taxes:** Contractor certifies that as of today's date, it is not in default on any unsecured property taxes or other taxes or fees owed by Contractor to County. Contractor agrees that it shall not default on any obligations to County during the term of this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE XXXVII**

**County Business License:** It is unlawful for any person to furnish supplies or services, or transact any kind of business in the unincorporated territory of the County of El Dorado without possessing a County business license unless exempt under County Code Section 5.08.070.

#### **ARTICLE XXXVIII**

**Administrator:** The County Officer or employee with responsibility for administering this Agreement for Employment Services/Welfare-to-Work is Mabelle Rae, Program Manager, or successor. The County Officer or employee with responsibility for administering this Agreement for Child Protective Services is Pam Carter, Program Manager, or successor.

#### **ARTICLE XXXIX**

**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 XL**

**Waivers:** Failure of County to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall in no event be considered a waiver of any part of such provision or any other provision contained herein. No waiver by County of any breach or default by Contractor shall operate as a waiver of any succeeding breach of the same terms in the Agreement or other default or breach of any of Contractor's obligations under the Agreement. No waiver shall have any effect unless it is specific, irrevocable, and in writing.

#### **ARTICLE XLI**

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

#### **ARTICLE XLII**

**Venue:** Any dispute resolution action rising out of this Agreement, including, but not limited to litigation, mediation or arbitration, shall be brought in the County of El Dorado, California, and shall be resolved in accordance with the laws, of the State of California.

**ARTICLE XLIII**

**Litigation:** County, promptly after receiving notice thereof, shall notify the Contractor 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 Contractor must provide indemnification under this Agreement. The failure of the County to give such notice, information, authorization, or assistance shall not relieve the Contractor of its indemnification obligations.

Contractor, 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 XLIV**

**No Third Party Beneficiaries:** Nothing in this Agreement is intended, nor will be deemed, to confer rights or remedies upon any person or legal entity not a party to this Agreement.

**ARTICLE XLV**

**Conflict Prevention and Resolution:** The terms of this Agreement shall control over any conflicting terms in any referenced document, except to the extent that the end result would constitute a violation of Federal or State law. In such circumstances, and only to the extent the conflict exists, this Agreement shall be considered the controlling document.

**ARTICLE XLVI**

**Entire Agreement:** This Agreement for Services #194-S1511 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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**REQUESTING CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR CONCURRENCE:**

By: Machelle Rae Dated: 10/6/2014  
Machelle Rae,  
Program Manager, Employment Services/Welfare-to-Work  
Health and Human Services Agency

By: Pam Carter Dated: 10/7/14  
Pam Carter,  
Program Manager I, Child Welfare  
Health and Human Services Agency

**REQUESTING DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCURRENCE:**

By: Don Ashton, M.P.A. Dated: 10/8/14  
Don Ashton, M.P.A.  
Director  
Health and Human Services Agency

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement for Services #194-S1511 on the dates indicated below.

-- COUNTY OF EL DORADO --

Dated: 11-17-14

By: Norma Santiago  
Norma Santiago, Chair  
Board of Supervisors  
"County"

ATTEST:

James S. Mitrisin  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Stephan Tyler  
Deputy Clerk

Dated: 11-17-14

-- CONTRACTOR --

COMMUNITY RECOVERY RESOURCES  
A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION

By: Warren Daniels  
Warren Daniels, CEO  
"Contractor"

Dated: 10/17/14

By: Marcy Kelly  
Corporate Secretary

Dated: 10/22/14

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**County of El Dorado  
Health and Human Services Agency  
Monthly Client Progress Report**

Provider's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Client's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Worker's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dates of sessions since last report (please indicate no shows by writing "N/A" next to the date):**

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**Assessment, goals, and treatment plan:**

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**Progress since last report:**

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Please complete a progress report on each client referred by the County of El Dorado Health and Human Services Agency- Social Services Division on a monthly basis and send the report to the appropriate office listed below:

West Slope Vendors, send report to:	East Slope Vendors, send report to:
County of El Dorado Health and Human Services ATTN: Accounting Unit 3057 Briw Road Placerville, CA 95667	County of El Dorado Health and Human Services ATTN: Accounting Unit 3368 Lake Tahoe Blvd., #100 South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

\_\_\_\_\_  
Provider's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **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”).

#### **R E C I T A L S**

**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:

1. 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.

2. 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:
        - (i) 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,
        - (ii) The third party will immediately notify BA of any breaches of confidentiality of PHI to 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.
3. 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 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.
4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.
8. 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.
  9. Survival. The respective rights and obligations of this Business Associate Agreement shall survive the termination or expiration of this Business Associate Agreement.
  10. 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.
  11. 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.