

**AGREEMENT FOR SERVICE 104-S1511**  
Senior Peer Counseling

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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 EDCA Lifeskills, Inc., a California non-profit public benefit corporation qualified as a tax exempt organization under Title 26 Code of Federal Regulations Section 1.501 (c) (3) commonly referred to as Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, whose principal place of business is 893 Spring Street, Placerville, CA 95667 (hereinafter referred to as “Contractor”) and whose Agent for Service of Process is David Del Rio, 893 Spring Street, Placerville, CA 95667.

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, County has determined that it is necessary to obtain a contractor to provide peer counseling services, outreach, linkage to other services, and stigma and discrimination reduction in support of the Senior Peer Counseling Prevention and Early Intervention project through the County’s Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Contractor and its approved subcontractor have 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 (hereinafter any reference to “State” shall mean the State of California unless otherwise specified) and local laws; and

**WHEREAS**, County has determined that the provision of these services provided by Contractor and its approved subcontractor is in the public's best interest, and that these services are more economically and feasibly performed by outside independent Contractors as well as authorized by 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 Service:**

Prevention and Early Intervention services are designed to be of short-term duration, usually six-months or less, however some individuals may require services for a longer defined period of time. Children with severe emotional disturbance as defined by Welfare and Institutions Code

Section 5600.3(a) and adults with a severe mental illness as defined by Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5600.3(b) must be referred by Contractor to County Health and Human Services Agency, Mental Health Division (HHSA/MHD) for assessment.

Older adults, age 55 and over, will be eligible for services under this program. Senior Peer Counseling (SPC) provides free confidential individual peer counseling to adults age 55 and older (older adults). The mission of SPC is to provide trained older adult volunteers to provide peer counseling to other older adults to cope with issues such as grief, loneliness, and depression often associated with the aging process. These volunteers are provided with training and supervision by licensed clinical supervisor (Licensed Clinical Supervisor). Older adult mental health needs have been underserved for several reasons. Compared to other age groups, older adults are more likely to be sensitive to the stigma associated with mental health problems and therefore refrain from seeking mental health services. SPC volunteers, as older adults themselves, are less threatening than professional mental health service providers and present immediate credibility to their clients as a peer. SPC is accessible to older adults, providing volunteers who can meet clients in their homes or in familiar community settings. SPC volunteers evaluate the needs of potential clients, frequently referring them or assisting them in making contact with other community services, including the HHSA/MHD for services. SPC also provides community education and collaboration with other adult services and professionals. Volunteers make informational presentations to interested service groups and agencies and attend numerous community forums.

The approach of SPC peer counseling is to meet the expressed needs of the individual and provide prevention and early intervention on mental health issues. SPC focuses on wellbeing, empowering clients to find their own solutions, make independent decisions, and thereby become active participants in their own lives. Volunteer peer counselors assess lifestyle issues known to contribute to mental health and help clients select habits and activities that support emotional, cognitive, and physical wellbeing.

The goals of this program are to encourage older adults to focus on increasing the number of positive “Therapeutic Lifestyle Changes” (TLCs) in which they engage to develop client improvements in well-being. With assistance from their peer counselor, at the beginning of peer counseling, clients choose a presenting problem (emotional/cognitive/behavioral) which they wish to alleviate. SPC peer counselors assist clients in regular self-assessment of their feelings of well-being using a standardized measurement tool.

- A. MHSA General Standards: Contractor must adhere to and demonstrate compliance, as applicable, with MHSA General Standards for:
1. Community Collaboration: “Community Collaboration” means a process by which clients and/or families receiving services, other community members, agencies, organizations, and businesses work together to share information and resources in order to fulfill a shared vision and goals, in compliance with client confidentiality requirements.
  2. Cultural Competence: “Cultural Competence” means the provision of services in manner that incorporates the diverse belief systems concerning mental illness, health, healing, and wellness that exist among different racial/ethnic, cultural, and linguistic groups.



3. Client Driven Services: “Client Driven” means that the client has the primary decision-making role in identifying his/her needs, preferences and strengths and a shared decision-making role in determining the services and supports that are most effective and helpful for him/her. Client driven programs/services use clients’ input as the main factor for planning, policies, procedures, service delivery, evaluation and the definition and determination of outcomes.
  4. Family Driven Services: “Family Driven” means that families of children and youth with serious emotional disturbance have a primary decision-making role in the care of their own children, including the identification of needs, preferences and strengths, and a shared decision-making role in determining the services and supports that would be most effective and helpful for their children. Family driven programs/services use the input of families as the main factor for planning, policies, procedures, service delivery, evaluation, and the definition and determination of outcomes.
  5. Wellness, Recovery, and Resilience Focused: “Wellness, Recovery, and Resilience Focused” includes the provision or services in a manner that focuses on the consumer’s wellness, increasing resiliency, and promoting recovery utilizing hope, personal empowerment, respect, social connections, self-responsibility, and self-determination.
  6. Integrated Service Experiences: “Integrated Service Experience” means the client, and when appropriate the client’s family, accesses a full range of services provided by multiple agencies, programs and funding sources in a comprehensive and coordinated manner.
- B. PEI Program Requirements: Contractor must adhere to and demonstrate compliance with the requirements that PEI programs provide:
1. Outreach to families, employers, primary care health care providers, and others to recognize the early signs of potentially severe and disabling mental illnesses.
  2. Access and linkage to medically necessary care provided by county mental health programs for children with severe mental illness, as defined by Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5600.3(a), and for adults and seniors with severe mental illness, as defined in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5600.3(b), as early in the onset of these conditions as practicable.
  3. Reduction in stigma associated with either being diagnosed with a mental illness or seeking mental health services.
  4. Reduction in discrimination against people with mental illness.
- C. Subcontractor: Contractor will sub-contract with Carolyn Sauer, Psy.D., a Psychologist duly qualified to conduct business in the State of California, whose principal place of business is 309 Placerville Drive, Placerville, CA 95667 (Subcontractor), and the County consents to Contractor subcontracting, delegating, or assigning services with this individual as the Licensed Clinical Supervisor and other SPC program-related services as specified in this Agreement.
- D. Services: Contractor and its Subcontractor agree to furnish services in support of the SPC program funded through the Wellness Outreach Program for Vulnerable Adults of the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) component. The service categories under this Agreement are:
1. Duties of Contractor and Subcontractor: Contractor will provide administrative and fiscal support for the SPC program and Subcontractor will provide supervision, training, and planning and general administration (including but not limited to ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the program) services for the SPC volunteers.



2. Intake and Assessment for Mental Health Services: SPC peer counselors shall perform an initial intake and assessment for older adults identified to have risk factors for mental illness, including loneliness and isolation. SPC peer counselors will work with their clients to identify a presenting problem at the start of peer counseling.
  3. Individual Peer Counseling: SPC peer counselors shall provide peer counseling to older adults in their homes or in other familiar community settings to help the clients improve their personal well-being and interpersonal relationships.
  4. Guidance and Support: SPC peer counselors will encourage their clients to focus on modifying habits to lead to positive physical, emotional and cognitive improvements in the following areas:
    - a. Exercise
    - b. Nutrition / Diet
    - c. Nature
    - d. Relationships
    - e. Recreation / Enjoyable Activities
    - f. Relaxation / Stress Management
    - g. Religious / Spiritual Involvement
    - h. Contribution / Service
  5. Case Management: SPC peer counselors will complete a pre- and post-rating form which will measure TLCs, primarily pro-health and pro-mental health activities and habits in order to encourage improvement in overall well-being.
  6. Outreach: Contractor, Subcontractor and/or SPC volunteers shall develop and distribute publicity materials (such as, but not limited to, newspaper announcements, flyers, senior center announcements, service organization presentations) to recruit new volunteers for training, including residents of outlying areas such as Pollock Pines, Somerset, and Georgetown, and to inform the public of available SPC services. Community informational presentations to agencies, service organizations and other groups will be made to inform the community, and more specifically older adults, about SPC services.
  7. Training: Initial training for new SPC peer counselors and continuing training for all SPC peer counselors will be provided.
  8. Group Supervision: Supervision for SPC peer counselors will be provided by Licensed Clinical Supervisor.
  9. Stigma and Discrimination Reduction: SPC peer counselors will raise awareness about mental wellness through staff training, individual discussions with clients and community presentations. This program will also be linked with other stigma and discrimination reduction activities as appropriate.
  10. Program Planning and Administrative Support: Contractor shall provide or subcontract with staff to provide program planning, implementation and support activities, such as scheduling trainings, program development and implementation, outcome measure identification/development, compiling data, reporting, invoicing, and other general administrative activities.
- E. Personnel, Supplies and Equipment: Contractor shall provide or subcontract with staff trained in the service models provided. Contractor shall furnish all supplies and equipment required to provide services.



Contractor will provide HHSA/MHD within 45-days of the execution of this Agreement verification that staff, interns and volunteers performing services under this Agreement have met the training and/or credential requirements, are qualified to perform the duties and functions required to fulfill the contract obligations, and have verified staff, interns and volunteers are not on State and/or Federal exclusion lists. Contractor shall keep records of all employee licenses/credentials for a minimum of five (5) years.

Contractor shall maintain, at Contractor's sole cost, access to bilingual interpreters, if needed, to provide services.

- F. Referrals for Services: SPC peer counselors shall provide clients with referrals for non-mental health services to meet the needs of the client, as necessary. SPC peer counselors shall provide a written referral for services. SPC peer counselors shall follow-up with the older adult to verify services were pursued, identify any barriers to service that arrived, and help identify options to address service barriers. SPC peer counselors may make new referrals as may be needed to address further service needs or barriers to service.
- G. Service Locations: Services shall be provided by SPC peer counselors at the primary office and/or satellite office location(s) of SPC. SPC peer counselors are encouraged to provide services in local communities throughout the western slope of El Dorado County to the extent possible, at sites including but not limited to client's home, other venues convenient for clients, community events, educational settings, and/or faith-based organizations.
- H. Meetings: Contractor, Licensed Clinical Supervisor or SPC peer counselors will participate in community strengthening coalition meetings (comprised of County agencies and providers, such as hospitals and health care providers, Health and Human Services Agency, including Mental Health, Public Health, and other community-based providers of mental health services, and education) normally held monthly, quarterly cultural competency meetings scheduled by HHSA/MHD, and periodic service collaboration meetings as requested by HHSA/MHD. These meetings are for the purposes of collaboration, service integration, quality improvement, and to review the Contractor's activities under this Agreement. HHSA/MHD or Contractor may request additional meetings.
- I. Satisfaction Surveys and Outcome Measures:
  - 1. Measurement 1: SPC peer counselors complete a pre- and post-rating form with the client to measure TLCs, primarily pro-health and pro-mental health activities and habits which have been shown to lead to positive physical, emotional, and cognitive improvements in people of all ages. The categories to be measured are:
    - a. Exercise
    - b. Nutrition / Diet
    - c. Nature
    - d. Relationships
    - e. Recreation / Enjoyable Activities
    - f. Relaxation / Stress Management
    - g. Religious / Spiritual Involvement
    - h. Contribution / Service
  - 2. Measurement 2: SPC peer counselors will record the clients' self-reported improvement in the presenting problem selected by each client at the start of peer counseling.
  - 3. Measurement 3: Outcome Rating Scale (ORS) measurement tool, which measures the following four psychological categories:

- a. Individually (personal well-being)
- b. Interpersonally (family, close relationships)
- c. Socially (work, school, friendships)
- d. Overall (general sense of well-being)

Licensed Clinical Supervisor shall provide ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the program services, which may include supervision, training, and planning and general administration. Contractor bears sole responsibility for obtaining the authorization for and cost of use of all survey, assessment, and evaluation tools.

J. **Reporting:** Contractor shall collect and provide data as required and in a format approved by HHSA/MHD to document the services provided and demonstrate the outcomes of the SPC project. Contractor must maintain the ability to, and utilize, transmission of data electronically and securely via high-speed internet. Reports must include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. **Monthly:** Within thirty (30) days after the end of each month, Contractor shall submit to HHSA/MHD client demographics, services performed, and service locations in a monthly service delivery reports. The report shall also identify the number of assessments performed, the number and type of referrals for services provided, and whether the client acted upon those referrals. These reports shall be submitted with the monthly invoice.
2. **Quarterly:** Within thirty (30) days after the end of each quarter, Contractor shall submit to HHSA/MHD quarterly unduplicated totals of the number of clients served, client demographics, services performed, and service locations. Satisfaction Surveys and Outcome Measures for the quarter are to be reported. The quarters shall be defined as January through March, April through June, July through September, and October through December.
3. **Fiscal Year Reports:** Within thirty (30) days of the end of each fiscal year, defined as ending June 30 of each calendar year, during the term of this Agreement and within thirty (30) days of the termination of this Agreement, Contractor shall submit to HHSA/MHD unduplicated totals of the number of clients served, client demographics, services performed, and service locations for the term of this Agreement. Satisfaction Surveys and Outcome Measures for the fiscal year are to be reported. This report shall include, at a minimum, the information identified in Exhibit A marked "MHSA Year-End Progress Report," incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof.
4. **Demographics:** Client demographic data is necessary for outcome measurement documentation and reporting to the State, and includes at a minimum:
  - a. Client name or unique identifier;
  - b. Age or date of birth;
  - c. Gender;
  - d. City of residence;
  - e. Primary language;
  - f. Race;
  - g. Ethnicity;
  - h. Economic status (extremely low income, very low income, low income, moderate income, high income);
  - i. Other Status of client (including but not limited to LGBTQ, Blind/Vision Impaired, Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Veteran, Homeless, Disabled); and



- j. Client health insurance status (e.g., Private, Medi-Cal, Medicare, uninsured).
5. Contractor will be notified in writing of any additional reporting requirements identified to meet County, State and/or federal reporting needs.

## ARTICLE II

**Term:** This Agreement shall become effective upon final execution by both parties hereto and shall expire June 30, 2017, unless earlier terminated pursuant to the provisions contained herein under the Articles titled "Fiscal Considerations" or "Default, Termination and Cancellation."

## ARTICLE III

### **Compensation for Services:**

Contractor shall submit monthly invoices no later than thirty (30) days following the end of a "service month" except in those instances where Contractor obtains written approval from County Health and Human Services Agency Director or Director's designee granting an extension of the time to complete billing for services or expenses. For billing purposes, a "service month" shall be defined as a calendar month during which Contractor provides services in accordance with the Article titled "Scope of Services." Invoices shall include backup documentation of staff hours and activities performed, training sign-in sheets and Satisfaction Surveys and Outcome Measures as noted in the Article titled "Scope of Services" and other expenses identified on the invoice in accordance with Subsection C, Rates, below.

- A. For services provided herein, County agrees to pay Contractor monthly in arrears and within forty-five (45) days following the County's receipt and approval of itemized invoice(s) identifying services rendered.
- B. Reimbursable Expenses: In addition to those services specifically addressed in the Article contained herein titled, "Scope of Services," Reimbursable Expenses may also include subcontractors, mileage reimbursements for SPC peer counselors, advertising expenses to recruit new SPC peer counselors and publicize the SPC program, printing costs for outreach materials, office supplies and equipment, training related costs (including facility costs), and part-time administrative support. Reimbursable travel shall be in accordance with the "County of El Dorado, California, Board of Supervisors, Travel Policy (D-1)" (Exhibit B) incorporated herein and made by reference hereof. Original receipts, invoices, or other proof of payment must be submitted with any monthly invoice that includes a claim for Reimbursable Expenses. Reimbursable Expenses in excess of \$500 for advertising expenses, publicity, printing costs, office supplies, and equipment, and facility costs for trainings must be approved by HHS/MHD in writing in advance of incurring the cost to be eligible for reimbursement under this Agreement.
- C. Rates: For the purposes of this Agreement, the hourly rate paid to Contractor shall be all inclusive (e.g., compensation, administrative overhead, communication, fees, insurance, general postage, general printing, general duplication, and all other costs related to business operations except as otherwise specifically noted under subparagraph B, Reimbursable Expenses).

Category	Hourly Rate
Licensed Clinical Supervisor	\$120.00
Administrative Support	\$16.00
Mileage shall be paid in accordance with the County mileage rate in effect at the time of the travel.	

D. Invoices / Remittance: For services provided herein, County agrees to pay Contractor monthly in arrears and within forty-five (45) days following the County's receipt and approval of itemized invoice(s) identifying services rendered. Invoices / Remittance shall be addressed as indicated in the table below or to such other location as County or Contractor may direct per the Article titled "Notice to Parties."

Mail invoices to:	Mail remittance to:
Health and Human Services Agency Finance Unit 3057 Briw Road Placerville, CA 95667	Senior Peer Counseling c/o EDCA Lifeskills 893 Spring Street Placerville, CA 95667

Compensation for services provided under this Agreement is as follows:

Term	Not-to-Exceed
Upon Execution through June 30, 2016	\$80,000
July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017	\$55,000
Total Not-to-Exceed for the term of this Agreement	\$135,000

In no event shall County be obligated to pay Contractor for any amount above the not-to-exceed amount of this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE IV

**Maximum Obligation:** The maximum contractual obligation under this Agreement shall not exceed \$135,000.00 for all of the stated services and during the term of the Agreement.

#### ARTICLE V

**Mandated Reporter Requirements:** California law requires that certain persons are mandated to report suspected child abuse, suspected dependent adult abuse, and suspected domestic violence. Contractor acknowledges and agrees to comply with the following State-required mandated reporter regulations as they apply to the services being rendered by Contractor:

- A. California Penal Code Sections 11160-11163, which covers suspected domestic violence; and
- B. California Penal Code, Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 11164) of Chapter 2 of Title I of Part 4, also known as the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act; and
- C. Welfare and Institutions Code Section 15630, which covers suspected dependent adult abuse.



Failure to comply with these reporting requirements may lead to a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or up to six months in jail. A person who makes a report in accordance with these mandates shall not incur civil or criminal liability as a result of any report required or authorized by the above regulations.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

**Special Terms and Conditions:** By signing this Agreement, Contractor acknowledges that, as a sub-recipient of Federal and State funding, Contractor is obligated to adhere to all terms and conditions defined in the Agreement in effect at the time services are provided between County and California Department of Health Care Services, “Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Agreement.” Such terms and conditions are available at the County of El Dorado website<sup>1</sup> “Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Agreement,” in its Exhibits B and C thereto, incorporated by reference as if incorporated herein.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

**Audits:** From time to time, the County or State may inspect the facilities, systems, books, and records of the Contractor to monitor compliance with this Agreement. The Contractor shall promptly remedy any violation of any provision of this Agreement and shall certify the same to the County or State in writing. The fact that the County or State inspects, or fails to inspect, or has the right to inspect, the Contractor’s facilities, systems and procedures does not relieve the Contractor of its responsibilities to comply with this Agreement. The County or State’s failure to detect or detection, but failure to notify the Contractor or require the Contractor’s remediation of any unsatisfactory practice, does not constitute acceptance of such practices or a waiver of the State’s enforcement rights under this Agreement.

The Contractor shall maintain and make available to auditors, at all levels, accounting and program records including supporting source documentation and cooperate with all auditors. The Contractor, auditors performing monitoring, or audits of the Contractor or its sub-contracting service providers shall immediately report to the County or State any incidents of fraud, abuse or other criminal activity in relation to this Agreement, the MHSA or its regulations.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

**Audit by California State Auditor:** Contractor acknowledges that if total compensation under this agreement is greater than \$10,000.00, this Agreement is subject to examination and audit by the California State Auditor for a period of three (3) years, or for any longer period required by law, after final payment under this Agreement, pursuant to California Government Code §8546.7. In order to facilitate these potential examinations and audits, Contractor shall maintain, for a period of at least three (3) years, or for any longer period required by law, after final payment under the contract, all books, records and documentation necessary to demonstrate performance under the Agreement.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.edcgov.us/HHSAForContractors/>

## ARTICLE IX

### **Certifications / Assurances:**

- A. In the event any provision of this Agreement is unenforceable or held to be unenforceable, then the parties agree that all other provisions of this Agreement have full force and effect and shall not be affected hereby.
- B. Contractor acknowledges that this Agreement meets the requirements for the distribution of Mental Health Services Act funding in a Performance Contract as required in Chapter 2 of the Welfare & Institutions Code (WIC) beginning with Section 5650 and agrees to comply with the provisions in Section 5650 through 5667.

## ARTICLE X

**HIPAA Compliance:** By signing this Agreement, Contractor agrees to comply with Exhibit C marked "Business Associate Agreement," attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

## ARTICLE XI

**Confidentiality Requirements:** Acknowledging the Contractor's continuing obligation to follow existing legal mandates regarding protection and/or release of information maintained by the County, the following Confidentiality Requirements apply:

A. General Requirements:

The Contractor shall not disclose data or documents or disseminate the contents of the final or any preliminary report without express permission of the Contract Administrator. Permission to disclose information or documents on one occasion or at public hearings held by the County or State Departments of Mental Health relating to the same shall not authorize the Contractor to further disclose such information or documents on any other occasions.

The Contractor shall not comment publicly to the press or any other media regarding the data or documents generated, collected, or produced in connection with this Agreement, or the County or State Departments of Mental Health staff, the Contractor's own personnel involved in the performance of this Agreement, at a public hearing, or in response to the questions from a legislative committee.

If requested by the County or State, the Contractor shall require each of its employees or officers who will be involved in the performance of this Agreement to agree to the above terms in a form to be approved by the State and shall supply the State with evidence thereof.

Each subcontract shall contain the foregoing provisions related to the confidentiality of data and nondisclosure of the same.

After any data or documents submitted has become a part of the public records of the County or State, the Contractor may, if it wishes to do so at its own expense and upon approval by the County Contract Administrator, publish or utilize the said data or documents but all such published items shall include the following legend:



**LEGAL NOTICE:** *This report was prepared as an account of work sponsored by the County of El Dorado and State Department of Health Care Services, but does not necessarily represent the views of the County or Department or any of its employees except to the extent, if any, that it has formally been approved by the Department. For information regarding any such action, communicate directly with the County and State of California at:*

<b>COUNTY OF EL DORADO</b>	<b>STATE OF CALIFORNIA</b>
Health and Human Services Agency 3057 Briw Road, Suite A Placerville, CA 95667	Department of Health Care Services P.O. Box 952050 Sacramento, CA 94252-2050

*Neither said County nor State Department of Health Care Services / State of California, nor any officer or employee thereof, or the Contractor or any of its subcontractors makes any warranty, express or implied, or assumes any legal liability whatsoever for the contents of this document, nor does any party represent that use of the data contained herein would not infringe upon privately owned rights without obtaining permission or authorization from any party who has any rights in connection with the data.*

“Data” as used in this Agreement means recorded information, regardless of form or characteristics, of a scientific or technical nature. It may, for example, document research, experimental, developmental or engineering work, or be usable or be used to define a design or process, or support a premise or conclusion asserted in any deliverable document called for by this Agreement. The data may be graphic or pictorial delineations in media, such as drawings or photographs, charts, tables, mathematical modes, collections or extrapolations of data or information, etc. It may be in machine form, as punched cards, magnetic tape, computer printouts, or may be retained in computer memory.

“Proprietary data” is such data as the Contractor has identified in a satisfactory manner as being under Contractor’s control prior to commencement of performance of this Agreement and which has been reasonably demonstrated as being of a proprietary force and effect at the time this Agreement is commenced.

“Generated data” is that data, which a Contractor has collected, collated, recorded, deduced, read out, or postulated for utilization in the performance of this Agreement. Any electronic data processing program, model, or software system developed or substantially modified by the Contractor in the performance of this Agreement at Contractor’s expense, together with complete documentation thereof, shall be treated in the same manner as generated data. “Generated data” shall be the property of the State unless and only to the extent that it is specifically provided otherwise herein.

“Deliverable data” is that data which under terms of this Agreement is required to be delivered to the County or State. Such data shall be the property of the County and State.



The title to the Contractor's proprietary data shall remain in the Contractor's possession throughout the term of this Agreement and thereafter. As to generated data which is reserved to the County by express terms of this Agreement and as to any preexisting or proprietary data which has been utilized to support any premise, postulate or conclusion referred to or expressed in any deliverable hereunder, the Contractor shall preserve the same in a form which may be introduced in evidence in a court of competent jurisdiction at the Contractor's own expense for a period of not less than five (5) years after receipt by the County and State of the final report or termination of this Agreement and any and all amendments hereto, or for three (3) years after the conclusion or resolution of any and all audits or litigation relevant to this Agreement, whichever is later.

Prior to the expiration of such time and before changing the form of or destroying any such data, the Contractor shall notify the County and State of any such contemplated action; and the County or State may within thirty (30) days after said notification determine whether it desires said data to be further preserved and, if the State so elects, the expense of further preserving said data shall be paid for by the State. The Contractor agrees that the County and State shall have unrestricted reasonable access to the same during said three (3) year period and throughout the time during which said data is preserved in accordance with this Agreement, and the Contractor agrees to use best efforts to furnish competent witnesses or to identify such competent witnesses to testify in any court of law regarding said data.

Each party shall designate an employee who shall be responsible for overall security and confidentiality of its data and information systems and each party shall notify the other of any changes in that designation. As of this date, the following are those individuals:

<b>CONTRACTOR</b>	<b>COUNTY of EL DORADO</b>
Senior Peer Counseling, c/o EDCA Lifeskills 893 Spring Street Placerville, CA 95667	Information Security/Privacy Officer 330 Fair Lane Placerville, CA 95667

**B. Confidentiality Requirements relating to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)**

The Contractor shall comply with applicable laws and regulations, including but not limited to Sections 14100.2 and 5328 et seq. of the Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 431.300 et seq. of Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations, and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), including but not limited to Section 1320 d et seq. of Title 42, United States Code and its implementing regulations (including but not limited to Title 45, CFR, Parts 160, 162 and 164) regarding the confidentiality and security of individually identifiable health information (IIHI).

**Permitted Uses and Disclosure of IIHI by the Contractor.**

1. *Permitted Uses and Disclosures.* Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the Contractor may use or disclose IIHI 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, the Contractor may:
  - a. Use and disclose IIHI for the proper management and administration of the Contract or to carry out the legal responsibilities of the Contractor, provided that such use and disclosures are permitted by law.
  - b. Use IIHI to provide data aggregation services to the County or State. Data aggregation means the combining of IIHI created or received by the Contractor for the purposes of this Agreement with IIHI received by the Contractor in its capacity as the Contractor of another HIPAA covered entity, to permit data analyses that relate to the health care operations of the County or State.

C. Responsibilities of the Contractor

The Contractor agrees to prevent use or disclosure of IIHI other than as provided for by this Agreement. The Contractor shall develop and maintain an information private and security program that includes the implementation of administrative, technical, and physical safeguards appropriate to the size and complexity of the 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 IIHI that it creates, receives maintains or transmits; and prevent the use or disclosure of IIHI other than as provided for by this Agreement. The Contractor shall provide the County or State with information concerning such safeguards as the County and State may reasonably request from time to time.

The Contractor shall restrict logical and physical access to confidential, personal (e.g. PHI) or sensitive data to authorized users only.

The Contractor shall implement appropriate authentication methods to ensure information system access to confidential, personal (e.g. IIHI) or sensitive data is only granted to properly authenticated and authorized persons. If passwords are used in user authentication (e.g., username/password combination), the 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 800-68 and the SANS Institute Password Protection Policy.

The 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:

1. Network-based firewall and/or personal firewall
2. Continuously updated anti-virus software
3. Patch-management process including installation of all operating system/software vendor security patches
4. Encrypt all confidential, personal, or sensitive data stored on portable electronic media (including but not limited to, CDs and thumb drives) and on portable computing devices (including, but not limited to, laptop computers and PDAs) with a solution that uses proven industry standard algorithms. The Contractor shall not transmit confidential, personal, or sensitive data via e-mail or other internet transport protocol over a public network unless, at minimum, a 128-bit encryption method (for example AES, 3DES, or RC4) is used to secure the data.



D. Mitigation of Harmful Effects

To mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to the Contractor of a use or disclosure of IIHI by the CONTRACTOR or its subcontractors in violation of the requirements of this Agreement.

1. *Agents and subcontractors of Contractor:* To ensure that any agent, including a subcontractor to which the Contractor provides IIHI received from the State, or created or received by the Contractor, for the purposes of this Agreement shall comply with the same restrictions and conditions that apply through this Agreement to the Contractor with respect to such information.
2. *Notification of Electronic Breach or Improper Disclosure:* During the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall notify the State immediately upon discovery of any breach of Medi-Cal related IIHI and/or data, where the information and/or data is reasonably believed to have been acquired by an unauthorized person. Immediate notification shall be made to the County or State Information Security Officer, within two (2) business days of discovery, at (530) 621-5565 OR (916) 651-6776. 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 the State Information Security Officer, postmarked within thirty (30) working days of the discovery of the breach to "Information Security/Privacy Officer, County of El Dorado, 330 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA 95667."
3. *Employee Training and Discipline:* To train and use reasonable measures to ensure compliance with the requirements of this Agreement by employees who assist in the performance of functions or activities under this Agreement and use or disclose IIHI; and discipline such employees who intentionally violate any provisions of this Agreement, including by termination of employment.
4. *Audits, Inspection and Enforcement:* From time to time, subcontractor may inspect the facilities, systems, books, and records of the Contractor to monitor compliance with this Agreement. The Contractor shall promptly remedy any violation of any provision of this Agreement and shall certify the same to the Subcontractor Information Security Officer in writing. The fact that subcontractor inspects or fails to inspect, or has the right to inspect, the Contractor's facilities, systems, and procedures does not relieve the Contractor of its responsibilities to comply with this Agreement.

Termination for Cause

Upon the County or State's knowledge of a material breach of this Agreement by the Contractor, the County or State shall:

1. Provide an opportunity for the Contractor to cure the breach or end the violation and terminate this Agreement if the Contractor does not cure the breach or end the violation within the time specified by the County or State; or
2. Immediately terminate this Agreement if the Contractor has breached a material term of this Agreement and cure is not possible; or
3. If neither cure nor termination is feasible, the State Information Security Officer shall report the violation to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

E. Judicial or Administrative Proceedings

The County or State may terminate this Agreement, effective immediately, if (i) the Contractor is found liable in a civil matter or guilty in a criminal matter proceeding for a violation of the



HIPAA Privacy or Security Rule or (ii) a finding or stipulation that the Contractor has violated a privacy or security standard or requirement of HIPAA, or other security or privacy laws is made in an administrative or civil proceeding in which the Contractor is a party.

F. Effect of Termination

Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement for any reason, the Contractor shall return or destroy all IIHI received from the State that the Contractor still maintains in any form, and shall retain no copies of such IIHI or, if return or destruction is not feasible, it shall continue to extend the protections of this Agreement to such information, and limit further use of such IIHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction of such IIHI infeasible. This provision shall apply to IIHI that is in the possession of subcontractors or agents of the Contractor.

G. Miscellaneous Provisions

1. *Disclaimer:* The State makes no warranty or representation that compliance by the Contractor with this Agreement, HIPAA or the HIPAA regulations shall be adequate or satisfactory for the Contractor's own purposes or that any information in the Contractor's possession or control, or transmitted or received by the Contractor is, or will be, secure from unauthorized use or disclosure. The Contractor is solely responsible for all decisions made by the Contractor regarding the safeguarding of IIHI.
2. *Assistance in Litigation or Administrative Proceedings:* The Contractor shall make itself, and use its best efforts to make any subcontractors, employees or agents assisting the Contractor in the performance of its obligation under this Agreement, available to the County or state at no cost to the County or State to testify as witnesses, or otherwise, in the event of litigation or administrative proceedings being commenced against the State, its directors, officers or employees for claimed violation of HIPAA, the HIPAA regulations or other laws relating to security and privacy based upon actions or inactions of the Contractor and/or its subcontractor, employee, or agent, except where the Contractor or its subcontractor, employee or agent is named adverse party.
3. *No Third-Party Beneficiaries:* Nothing expressed or implied in the terms and conditions of this Agreement is intended to confer, nor shall anything herein confer, upon any person other than the County or the State, or the Contractor and their respective successors or assignees, any rights remedies, obligations or liabilities whatsoever.
4. *Interpretation:* The terms and conditions in this Agreement shall be interpreted as broadly as necessary to implement and comply with HIPAA, the HIPAA regulations and applicable State or local laws. The parties agree that any ambiguity in the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that complies and is consistent with applicable laws.
5. *Regulatory References:* A reference in the terms and conditions of this Agreement to a section in the HIPAA regulations means the section as in effect or as amended.
6. *Survival:* The respective rights and obligations of the Contractor under herein this Agreement shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.
7. *No Waiver of Obligations:* No change, waiver, or discharge of any liability or obligation hereunder on any one or more occasions shall be deemed a waiver of performance of any continuing or other obligation, or shall prohibit enforcement of any obligation, on any other occasion.
8. *Signatures:* This Agreement is of no force and effect until signed by both of the parties hereto. The Contractor shall not commence performance prior to the beginning of this Agreement or upon final approval.



## **ARTICLE XII**

**Conflict Resolution:** Should a dispute arise between the Contractor and the County relating to services provided under this Agreement governed by the dispute resolution process set forth in California Code of Regulation (CCR) Title 9, Division 1, Chapter 14, §5845(d)(10), County and Contractor shall follow the California Department of Mental Health Issue Resolution Guidance dated October 2011 available at [http://www.dmh.ca.gov/Prop\\_63/MHSA/Issue\\_Resolution.asp](http://www.dmh.ca.gov/Prop_63/MHSA/Issue_Resolution.asp) and incorporated by reference herein

For any disputes other than those governed by the dispute resolution process set forth in California Code of Regulation (CCR) Title 9, Division 1, Chapter 14, §5845(d)(10), the Contractor and County shall follow the County of El Dorado MHSA Issue Resolution Process available at:

[http://www.edcgov.us/Government/MentalHealth/MHSA\\_Issue\\_Resolution\\_Process.aspx](http://www.edcgov.us/Government/MentalHealth/MHSA_Issue_Resolution_Process.aspx) and incorporated by reference herein.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

**Disallowed Costs:** The Contractor shall use funds provided under this Agreement only for the purposes specified in this Agreement and in the MHSA Agreement available at <http://www.edcgov.us/HHSAForContractors/>.

## **ARTICLE XIV**

**Record Retention:** Contractor agrees to make all of its books and records pertaining to the goods and services furnished under the terms of the contract available for inspection, examination, or copying by authorized County, State or Federal agencies, or their duly authorized representatives, at all reasonable times at Contractor's place of business or at such other mutually agreeable location in California, in a form maintained in accordance with the general standards applicable to such book or record keeping, for a term of at least five (5) years from the close of the County's fiscal year in which the contract was in effect, or any longer period as may be required by Federal or State law including, but not limited to any record retention laws pertaining to minors, psychiatric health facilities, psychology clinics, psychologists and/or other licensed professionals. If at the end of the applicable retention period, there is litigation or an audit or other investigation involving those books or records, Contractor shall retain the books or records until the resolution of such litigation, audit, or investigation.

The County or their designee shall have access to and right to examine, monitor, and audit all records, documents, conditions, and activities related to programs funded by this Agreement. For purposes of this section "access to" means that the Contractor shall at all times maintain a complete set of records and documents related to programs funded by this Agreement and shall make these records available to the State or County, or their respective designee in a central location.



## ARTICLE XV

**Release of Information:** Contractor shall ensure that County 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 XVI

**Standards of Conduct:** The following standards apply to Contractor and, in the event County agrees in writing to Contractor subcontracting services under this Agreement, pursuant to the Article titled "Assignment and Delegation," Contractor shall ensure the following standards are included in any subcontract hereto:

- A. Every reasonable course of action shall be taken to maintain the integrity of this expenditure of public funds and to avoid favoritism and questionable or improper conduct. This Agreement shall be administered in an impartial manner, free from efforts to gain person, financial or political gain.
- B. Any executive or employee of the Contractor shall not solicit or accept money or any other consideration from a third person for the performance of an act reimbursed in whole or part by the County or the State. Supplies, materials, equipment, or services purchased with Agreement funds shall be used solely for purposes allowed under this Agreement. No member of the Contractor's Board will cast a vote on the provision of services by that member (or any organization which that member represents) or vote on any matter which would provide direct financial benefit to that member (or immediate family of the member) or any business or organization which the member directly represents.
- C. The County, by written notice to the Contractor, may terminate the right of the Contractor to proceed under this Agreement if it is found, after notice and hearing by the County or State, that gratuities were offered or given by the Contractor or any agent or representative of the Contractor to any officer or employee of the County or State with a view toward securing a contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to the awarding, amending, or performing of such Agreement, provided that the existence of the fact upon which the County or State makes such findings that shall be an issue may be reviewed in any competent court.
- D. In the event this Agreement is terminated as provided in the paragraph above, the County or State shall be entitled:
  1. To pursue the same remedies against the Contractor as it could pursue in the event of the breach of the Agreement by the Contractor, and
  2. As a predetermined amount of liquidated damages in addition to any other damages to which it may be entitled by law, to exemplary damages in an amount which shall be not less than three (3) times the cost incurred by the County or State in providing any such gratuities to any such officer or employee.
- E. The rights and remedies of the Contractor provided in this clause shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement. The Contractor warrants by execution of this Agreement that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Agreement upon a contract or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees of the Contractor, for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty, the State shall have the right to annul this Agreement without

liability, paying only for the values of the work actually returned or, in its discretion, to deduct from the contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

- F. Contractor, and any subcontractors and/or consultants retained by the Contractor with funds provided under this Agreement must comply with the provisions of California Government Code Section 19990, et seq.

## **ARTICLE XVII**

### **Subcontracting:**

The Contractor certifies that:

- A. Any work or services specified in this Agreement which will be performed by other than the Contractor shall be evidenced by a written Agreement specifying the terms and conditions of such performance.
- B. The Contractor shall maintain and adhere to an appropriate system, consistent with Federal, State and local law, for the award and monitoring of contracts that contain acceptable standards for insuring accountability.
- C. The system for awarding contracts will contain safeguards to ensure that the Contractor does not contract with any entity whose officers have been convicted of fraud or misappropriation of funds.
- D. Subcontractors shall comply with the Confidentiality requirements set forth in the Article titled "Confidentiality Requirements" of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE XVIII**

**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 XIX**

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

## **ARTICLE 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.



## **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**

**Fiscal Considerations:** The parties to this Agreement recognize and acknowledge that County is a political subdivision of the State of California. As such, El Dorado County is subject to the provisions of Article XVI, Section 18 of the California Constitution and other similar fiscal and procurement laws and regulations and may not expend funds for products, equipment or services not budgeted in a given fiscal year. It is further understood that in the normal course of County business, County will adopt a proposed budget prior to a given fiscal year, but that the final adoption of a budget does not occur until after the beginning of the fiscal year.

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

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

## **ARTICLE XXIII**

### **Default, Termination, and Cancellation:**

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

Notice given under this section shall specify the alleged default and the applicable Agreement provision and shall demand that the party in default perform the provisions of this Agreement within the applicable period of time. No such notice shall be deemed a termination of this Agreement unless the party giving notice so elects in this notice, or the party giving notice so elects in a subsequent written notice after the time to cure has expired. In the event of termination for default, County reserves the right to take over and complete the work by contract or by any other means.

- B. Bankruptcy: This Agreement, at the option of the County, shall be terminable in the case of bankruptcy, voluntary or involuntary, or insolvency of Contractor.
- C. Ceasing Performance: County may terminate this Agreement in the event Contractor ceases to operate as a business, or otherwise becomes unable to substantially perform any term or condition of this Agreement.
- D. Termination or Cancellation without Cause: County may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part upon seven (7) calendar days written notice by County without cause. If such prior termination is effected, County will pay for satisfactory services rendered prior to the effective dates as set forth in the Notice of Termination provided to Contractor, and for such other services, which County may agree to in writing as necessary for contract resolution. In no event, however, shall County be obligated to pay more than the total amount of the contract. Upon receipt of a Notice of Termination, Contractor shall promptly discontinue all services affected, as of the effective date of termination set forth in such Notice of Termination, unless the notice directs otherwise.

#### **ARTICLE XXIV**

**Termination Process:** The County may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part when it has determined that the Contractor has substantially violated a specific provision of the MHSA regulations or implementing State legislation. The County shall provide a termination notice in writing to the Contractor.

Upon Contractor's receipt of notice of termination from the County, and except as otherwise directed in the notice, Contractor shall:

- A. Stop work on the date specified in the notice;
- B. Place no further orders nor enter into any further subcontracts for materials, services or facilities except as necessary to complete work under the Agreement up to the effective date of termination;
- C. Terminate all orders and subcontracts;
- D. Promptly take all other reasonable and feasible steps to minimize any additional cost, loss or expenditure associated with work terminated, including, but not limited to reasonable settlement of all outstanding liability and claims arising out of termination of orders and subcontracts;
- E. Deliver or make available to the State all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and such other information and materials as may have been accumulated by the Contractor under this Agreement, whether completed, partially completed, or in progress.

In the event of termination, an equitable adjustment in the funds provided by this Agreement shall be made. Such adjustment shall include reasonable compensation for all services rendered,



materials, supplies, and expenses incurred pursuant to this Agreement prior to the effective date of termination.

In the event an adjustment is made as specified above, the Contractor shall promptly return to the County all unexpended distributions advanced pursuant to this Agreement.

**ARTICLE XXV**

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

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

With a copy to:

COUNTY OF EL DORADO-CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
360 FAIR LANE  
PLACERVILLE, CA 95667  
ATTN: TERRI DALY, PURCHASING AGENT, or SUCCESSOR

Or to such other location as the County directs.

Notices to Contractor shall be addressed as follows:

EDCA LIFESKILLS  
893 SPRING STREET  
PLACERVILLE, CA 95667  
ATTN: DAVID DEL RIO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, or SUCCESSOR

And:

SENIOR PEER COUNSELING  
2900 BEDFORD AVENUE  
PLACERVILLE, CA 95667  
ATTN: CAROLYN SAUER, PSY.D., LICENSED CLINICAL SUPERVISOR, or SUCCESSOR

Or to such other location as the Contractor directs.

## **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**

**Indemnity:** The Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold the County, its Officers, employees, agents, and representatives 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 the Contractor's services, operations, or performance hereunder, regardless of the existence or degree of fault or negligence on the part of the County, the Contractor, subcontractor(s) and employee(s) of any of these, except for the sole, or active negligence of the County, its officers and employees, or as expressly prescribed by statute. This duty of Contractor to indemnify and save County harmless includes the duties to defend set forth in California Civil Code Section 2778.

## **ARTICLE XXVIII**

**Debarment and Suspension Certification:** By signing this agreement, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal suspension and debarment regulations and Contractor further certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals or affiliates or any subcontractor 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 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 2;
- 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 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 entitled, "Debarment and Suspension Certification" that essentially sets forth the provisions herein, in all lower tier or subrecipient covered transactions.

The terms and definitions herein have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Federal Executive Order 12549.

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 XXIX**

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

- A. Full Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance covering all employees of Contractor as required by law in the State of California.
- B. Commercial General Liability Insurance of not less than \$1,000,000.00 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage 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 motor vehicles are used by the Contractor in the performance of the Agreement.
  1. Contractor warrants and represents that Contractor will not use any automobiles/vehicles in performing any services under this Agreement. Should, during the term of this Agreement Contractor, use any automobiles/vehicles to perform services under this Agreement, Contractor shall immediately obtain Automobile Liability Insurance of not less than \$1,000,000 and furnish County with certificate for same.
- D. In the event Contractor is a licensed professional or professional consultant, and is performing professional services under this Agreement, professional liability 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 County of El Dorado Risk Manager as evidence that the insurance required above is being maintained.
- F. The insurance will be issued by an insurance company acceptable to Risk Management, 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 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 Risk Management and Contractor agrees that no work or services shall be performed prior to the giving of such approval. In the event the Contractor fails to keep in effect at all times insurance coverage as herein provided, County may, in addition to any other remedies it may have, terminate this Agreement upon the occurrence of such event.
- H. The certificate of insurance must include the following provisions stating that:
  1. The insurer will not cancel the insured's coverage without 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, but only insofar as the operations under this Agreement are concerned. This provision shall apply to the general liability policy.
- I. The Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the County, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County, its officers, officials, employees, or volunteers shall be in excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
  - J. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the County, either: the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects the County, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers; or the Contractor shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses.
  - K. Any failure to comply with the reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to the County, its officers, officials, employees, or volunteers.
  - L. The insurance companies shall have no recourse against the County of El Dorado, its officers and employees or any of them for payment of any premiums or assessments under any policy issued by any insurance company.
  - M. Contractor's obligations shall not be limited by the foregoing insurance requirements and shall survive expiration of this Agreement.
  - N. In the event Contractor cannot provide an occurrence policy, Contractor shall provide insurance covering claims made as a result of performance of this Agreement for not less than three (3) years following completion of performance of this Agreement.
  - O. Certificate of insurance shall meet such additional standards as may be determined by the contracting County Department either independently or in consultation with Risk Management, as essential for protection of the County.

#### **ARTICLE XXX**

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

#### **ARTICLE 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 no person having any such interest shall be employed by Contractor.



#### **ARTICLE XXXII**

**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 XXXIII**

**California Residency (Form 590):** If Contractor is a California resident, Contractors must file a State of California Form 590, certifying its California residency or, in the case of a corporation, certifying that it has a permanent place of business in California. The Contractor will be required to submit a Form 590 prior to execution of an Agreement or County shall withhold seven (7) percent of each payment made to the Contractor during term of the Agreement. This requirement applies to any agreement/contract exceeding \$1,500.00.

#### **ARTICLE 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**

**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 County of El Dorado without possessing a County business license unless exempt under County Code Section 5.08.070.

#### **ARTICLE XXXVII**

**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 XXXVIII**

**Administrator:** The County Officer or employee with responsibility for administering this Agreement is Ren Scammon, Program Manager I, 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**

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

#### **ARTICLE XLI**

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

#### **ARTICLE XLII**

**Litigation:** The 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. The Contractor shall immediately notify the County 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 XLIII**

**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 XLIV**

**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 XLV**

**Entire Agreement:** This document and the documents referred to herein or exhibits hereto are the entire Agreement for Services 104-S1511 between the parties and they incorporate or supersede all prior written or oral Agreements or understandings.

**REQUESTING CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR CONCURRENCE:**

By: Ren Scammon Dated: 7/16/14  
Ren Scammon, Program Manager I  
Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)  
Health and Human Services Agency

**REQUESTING DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCURRENCE:**

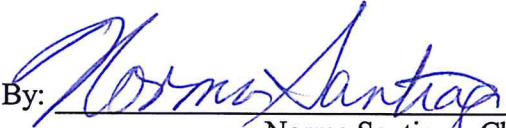
By: Don Ashton Dated: 7/17/14  
Don Ashton, M.P.A., Director  
Health and Human Services Agency

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement for Services 104-S1511 on the dates indicated below.

- - COUNTY OF EL DORADO - -

Dated: 8/12/14

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

ATTEST:  
James S. Mitrisin,  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors


By:   
Deputy Clerk

Dated: 8/12/14

- - CONTRACTOR - -

EDCA LIFESKILLS  
A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION

By:   
David Del Rio, Executive Director  
"Contractor"

Dated: ~~7/12/15~~ 7/12/14 

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