

**AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES #6989**

School/Community-Based Dialectical Behavior Therapy  
and  
Transitional Age Youth First Episode Psychosis – NAVIGATE Model

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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 Sierra Child and Family Services, Inc., a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, duly qualified to conduct business in the State of California, whose principal place of business is 4250 Fowler Lane, Suite 204, Diamond Springs, CA 95619 (Mailing: PO Box 1987, Diamond Springs, CA 95619), (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor");

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, County has determined that it is necessary to obtain a Contractor to provide School/Community-Based Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) and Transitional Age Youth First Episode Psychosis (FEP) services;

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

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

**WHEREAS**, County has determined that the provision of such services provided by Contractor are in the public's best interest and that there are specialty skills, qualifications, and equipment not expressly identified in County classifications involved in the performance of the work in accordance with El Dorado County Ordinance Code, Chapter 3.13.030(b), El Dorado County Charter, Section 210(b)(6), and/or Government Code Section 31000;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, County and Contractor mutually agree as follows:

## ARTICLE I

### Scope of Services:

- A. **Dialectical Behavior Therapy Services:** Contractor agrees to provide a licensed, waived, or registered mental health professional (“Clinician”), and if necessary, a Mental Health Worker or Mental Health Assistant, for the provision of DBT and DBT-informed services (“DBT services”) to eligible students (“Youth”) at high schools in El Dorado County, or at locations in the community as approved by County.
- 1) Said Clinician shall provide DBT services and groups when school is in session. During school summer break, winter break, or other times of school closures or holidays (collectively referred to as "school holiday periods"), DBT services may be provided on a modified basis to meet the needs of the students and families. If necessary, a Mental Health Worker or Mental Health Assistant will assist with co-facilitating DBT services or perform other supporting activities that do not require a Clinician. Contractor also may provide DBT groups, integrated through the Student Wellness Centers at the high schools.
  - 2) DBT services shall emphasize wellness and recovery, and be resilience-focused: “Wellness, Recovery, and Resilience Focused” includes the provision of 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.
  - 3) DBT services may include, but are not limited to the following: Assessment, Youth group classes, individual counseling, family counseling, parent/family DBT skills group, peer “Skills Coaches” training, and consultation groups. Youth participating in DBT groups are eligible for supplemental individual and family counseling.
  - 4) A six (6) week Parent/Family DBT Skills Group will be offered to parents/families who want to participate. Parent/Family DBT Skills Group will be co-facilitated by a Clinician and Youth DBT participants, giving the Youth participants an opportunity (with support) to educate their caregivers on the skills they are learning/using and encouraging parent/family support (and own use) with the new skill set.
  - 5) During summer and winter school breaks, therapeutic social and recreational DBT groups will be offered, which will provide an opportunity for Youth to continue to have support as well as provide opportunities to practice their DBT skills in a more relaxed recreational environment.
  - 6) Following successful completion of all of the DBT modules, Youth who demonstrate effective use of the skills in their own life, and those who express a willingness, can assist in facilitating as Peer “Skills Coaches” under the guidance of a Clinician, and while participating in a mandatory DBT Consultation Group.
  - 7) For those Youth with more pervasive concerns, skill development as well as early engagement with local behavioral health providers will help to protect against the development of behavioral health disorders, especially for at-risk individuals characterized by early indicators of mental health needs (e.g., school difficulties, attention problems, sad or anxious mood, and/or family conflict). When necessary, Contractor shall provide written referrals and ensure linkages to services as may be needed to address service needs and/or barriers to service. Contractor shall develop a referral, tracking, and monitoring process for Youth receiving services. Contractor shall follow up with the Youths to verify services were pursued, identify any barriers to service that arose, and help identify options to address barriers.

- 8) Outreach and Engagement Activities: Outreach and Engagement activities are required DBT program requirements. Contractor shall not invoice County for costs (aside from staff time) related to outreach and engagement activities. Contractor shall have food provided at all peer Skills Coaching training, the DBT skills groups, and at the parent/family DBT groups. Providing food to the training and groups also brings fidelity to the model. DBT groups on campus are offered during breakfast and lunch hours and shall have food available to assist in the learning process by building rapport and providing a nurturing environment conducive to learning therapeutic coping skills and strategies. At the parent/family groups, a light dinner meal will be provided to all participants. Providing food will serve to provide a relaxing environment conducive to learning and enhancing the meal and it will prevent parents from entering the meeting late due to preparing dinner. Outreach and Engagement Activities also includes participant transportation costs to ensure that participants are able to access services. Transportation costs may include, but are not limited to, bus passes and gas cards.
- 9) Socialization Activities: To assist participants in skill use in a community setting, as well as provide support during school holiday periods, therapeutic social and recreational DBT groups will be offered. These activities will help the clients develop healthy leisure skills and reinforce social connectedness. Both therapists and peer Skills Coaches will work closely with clients individually and within the group to encourage skills use in relevant contexts, thus enhancing their ability to manage their lives more effectively. Socialization activities are required DBT program requirements. Contractor shall not invoice County for costs (aside from staff time) related to socialization activities.
- 10) DBT Module: At all sites served under this Agreement, Contractor shall utilize a recurring 12-14 week, five (5) module DBT group, using Alec Miller's Model designed for an Outpatient Adolescent population.
- 11) Performance Indicators: Contractor shall report on the following performance indicators:
  - a) Each participant can verbally identify one skill from each module of the DBT Skills Training;
  - b) Participants will stay enrolled in, and consistently attend and engage in, school (e.g., excused absences only and Youth shall complete homework); and
- 12) Cultural Competency: Contractor shall at all times, have the internal capacity to provide the services called for in this Agreement with the personnel that have the requisite cultural and linguistic competence required to provide the services under this Agreement. Said services shall be provided at no cost to program participants.

B. **First Episode Psychosis Services**: The FEP program shall serve Youth age fourteen (14) through twenty-four (24), who have experienced or are experiencing the symptoms of early psychosis, including but not limited to:

- Onset of psychotic symptoms in the past twenty-four (24) months;
- Subthreshold symptoms of psychosis;
- Recent deterioration in Youth with a parent or sibling with a psychotic disorder.

These Youth may also have a concurrent substance use disorder.

Contractor agrees to provide clinical staff and, if necessary, mental health worker or mental health assistant, for the provision of FEP services to eligible clients. All clients will be

served regardless of insurance status (e.g., private insurance, Medi-Cal, Medicare, or uninsured).

- 1) **EDAPT Model:** Clients will be identified either by County Behavioral Health or contractor staff for referral to the FEP program. Contractor shall utilize the Coordinated Specialty Care EDAPT model offered by UC Davis to strengthen and build programs and expertise to effectively meet the needs of these high risk, high need individuals and their families. Contractor shall provide the following EDAPT elements:
  - a) **Psychiatric Assessment Assistance:** Contractor shall provide case management and linkage assistance to ensure a thorough psychiatric and psychosocial assessment to determine areas where targeted treatment is needed.
  - b) **Medication Management:** Contractor shall provide case management supports and services to clients and family members to ensure medication compliance and monitoring of medication efficacy and side effects.
  - c) **Case Management and Support:** Contractor shall provide a clinical case manager who helps to identify the client's unique needs and recovery goals, which will be used to assist development of a treatment plan that encourages the client to build upon their strengths and take an active role in treatment decisions.
  - d) **Individual / Family Psychoeducation and Support Groups:** Groups as often as weekly for clients and their family members designed to provide support and improve understanding of the illness, develop stress and symptom management techniques, and enhance communication and problem-solving skills. Specific groups may include:
    - Peer Symptom Management Groups
    - Substance Abuse Management Groups
    - Family Member Support Groups
    - Creative Arts Groups
  - e) **Multi-family Psychoeducational and Support Groups:** As often as weekly multi-family groups for families based upon the PIER treatment model. Psychoeducation and support will be provided to increase understanding about the illness, improve stress management and communication skills within the family, and develop problem solving skills.
  - f) **Education and Employment Support:** Contractor shall provide or link clients to supported education and employment services within their community. These services can be provided within the client's home, school, or workplace to improve everyday functioning and help clients achieve their goals of social, academic and occupational recovery.
- 2) **Crisis Support / Stabilization:** Contractor shall provide an On-Call Mental Health Worker Aide / Family Advocate to provide on-call telephone support for families at the time of crisis. The On-Call MH Aide will coordinate with crisis staff in the ED to provide appropriate support during the crisis, talking with family/support persons to help them understand what to expect while in the ED; before they go to the psychiatric hospital when the person meets criteria for inpatient

hospitalization; and after discharge from the ED or hospitalization. The On-Call MH Aide will also link the individual and the family/support to other members of the FEP team and other community resources to provide assistance and a smooth transition to longer term treatment options.

- 3) Outreach and Engagement Activities: Contractor may provide food at family meetings and other groups where Youth, parents, caregivers, and friends that the Youth wish to include, will be invited to participate and learn about how to be a support to the Youth. In those meetings, refreshments and snacks are available to assist with the learning process, by building rapport, and creating a nurturing environment conducive to learning therapeutic coping skills and strategies. Providing food brings fidelity to the model. This category also includes transportation costs to ensure that participants are able to access services. Contractor shall not invoice County for costs (aside from staff time) related to outreach and engagement activities.
- 4) Performance Indicators: Contractor shall report on the following performance indicators:
  - a) Engagement:
    - i. Youth will continue to engage with their case manager in an effort to achieve their treatment goals.
    - ii. Youth who are attending school will stay enrolled in, and consistently attend and engage in, school (e.g., excused absences only and Youth shall complete homework).
    - iii. Youth who are working will remain employed to the extent that continued employment is with the Youth's control (e.g., quitting a job versus a company layoff).
    - iv. Youth seeking employment will utilize services at the County's Employment Resource Center, at least two (2) times per week.
    - v. Youth who are volunteering will continue to volunteer to the extent that the activity does not interfere with their treatment, education, or employment.
  - b) Youth shall maintain medication compliance and attend all medication support appointments. Contractor shall monitor attendance and attend appointments when appropriate.
  - c) Youth shall graduate from FEP services into a lower level of services while achieving the above-identified performance indicators.
  - d) Contractor shall use the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) or Adult Needs and Strengths Assessment (ANSA) for each Youth, as age appropriate, every three (3) months.
  - e) Contractor shall implement the Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC-35) for each Youth, as age appropriate, every three (3) months.
- 5) Cultural Competency: Contractor shall at all times, have the internal capacity to provide the services called for in this Agreement with the personnel that have the requisite cultural and linguistic competence required to provide the services under this Agreement. Said services shall be provided at no cost to program participants.

**ARTICLE II**

**Term:** This Agreement shall become effective upon final execution by both parties hereto and shall cover the period **July 1, 2022** through **June 30, 2024**, unless terminated earlier pursuant to the provisions contained herein below in the Article(s) titled “Fiscal Considerations” or “Default, Termination, and Cancellation.”

**ARTICLE III**

**Compensation for Services:**

A. **Rates:** For the purposes of this Agreement, the hourly rate paid to Contractor shall be all-inclusive (i.e., wages, benefits, overhead, and administrative costs) and in accordance with the following:

Staff	Rate per hour
Clinician	\$48/hour
Mental Health Worker or Mental Health Assistant	\$32/hour

B. **Invoices:** It is a requirement of this Agreement that Contractor shall submit an original invoice, similar in content and format with the following sample available at: [https://www.edcgov.us/Government/hhsa/Pages/hhsa\\_contractor\\_resources.aspx](https://www.edcgov.us/Government/hhsa/Pages/hhsa_contractor_resources.aspx). Itemized invoices shall follow the format specified by County and shall reference this Agreement number on their faces and on any enclosures or backup documentation. Copies of documentation attached to invoices shall reflect Contractor’s charges for the specific services billed on those invoices.

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

<i>Email (preferred method):</i>	<i>U.S. Mail:</i>
<u>BHinvoice@edcgov.us</u> Please include in the subject line: “Contract #, Service Month, Description / Program	County of El Dorado Health and Human Services Agency Attn: Finance Unit 3057 Briw Road, Suite B Placerville, CA 95667-5321

or to such other location as County directs.

For services provided herein, including any deliverables that may be identified herein, Contractor shall submit invoices for services fifteen (15) days following the end of a “service month.” For billing purposes, a “service month” shall be defined as a calendar month during which Contractor provides services in accordance with Article I, “Scope of Services”. For all satisfactory 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. County may withhold or delay any payment if Contractor fails to comply with any provision of this Agreement.

- 1) **Supplemental Invoices:** For the purpose of this Agreement, supplemental invoices shall be defined as invoices submitted for additional services rendered during a month for which a prior invoice has already been submitted to County. Supplemental invoices

should include the standard invoice format with description of services rendered and a detailed explanation why the invoice was not submitted in the approved timeframe.

- a) For those situations where a service is disallowed by County on an invoice, or inadvertently not submitted on an invoice, and a corrected invoice is later submitted ("Supplemental Invoice"), Supplemental Invoices for services provided during the period July 1st through June 30th for each fiscal year of this Agreement and received by County after July 31st of the subsequent fiscal year, shall be neither accepted nor paid by the County. Requests for exceptions to pay an invoice received after July 31st of the subsequent year, must be submitted in writing, and must be approved by the Health and Human Services Agency's Chief Fiscal Officer

In the event that Contractor fails to deliver the services, documents or other deliverables required herein, County at its sole option may delay the monthly payment for the period of time of the delay, cease all payments until such time as the deliverables are received, or proceed as set forth herein below in the Article titled "Default, Termination, and Cancellation". In no event shall County be obligated to pay Contractor for any amount above the Maximum Obligation of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE IV**

**Maximum Obligation:** The maximum contractual obligation for services and deliverables provided under this Agreement shall not exceed the following during the term of this Agreement:

Description	Fiscal Year 2022/23	Fiscal Year 2023/24	Not-to-Exceed
DBT Services	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$210,000
FEP Services	\$220,000	\$220,000	\$440,000
<b>Maximum Obligation:</b>			<b>\$650,000</b>

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

**ARTICLE V**

**Federal Funding Notification:** An award/subaward or contract associated with a covered transaction may not be made to a subrecipient or contractor who has been identified as suspended or debarred from receiving federal funds. Additionally, counties must annually verify that the subrecipient and/or contractor remains in good standing with the federal government throughout the life of the agreement/contract.

Pursuant to 2 CFR 180.300(a), counties are required to fulfill their above-mentioned verification responsibilities using the federal System for Award Management (SAM). The federal SAM is an official website of the federal government through which counties can perform queries to identify if a subrecipient or contractor is listed on the federal SAM excluded list and thus suspended or debarred from receiving federal funds.

- A. System for Award Management: Contractor is required to obtain and maintain an active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov). Noncompliance with this

requirement shall result in corrective action, up to and including termination pursuant to the provisions contained herein this Agreement under the Article(s) titled “Fiscal Considerations” or “Default, Termination, and Cancellation.”

1. The Contractor must register and maintain an "Active" status within SAM at <https://sam.gov/content/home>.
2. If County cannot access or verify "Active" status, the Contractor must immediately update the information as required.

B. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance: Pursuant to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Uniform Grants Guidance, all recipients and sub-recipients of federal funds must be provided the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number at the time the contract is awarded. The following are CFDA numbers, award specific information, and program titles for programs administered by the County on behalf of California Department of Health Care Services that may apply to this contract:

<b>Federal Funding Information</b>			
<b>Contractor:</b>	<b>Sierra Child and Family Services, Inc.</b>		<b>UEI #: DU4NSW15VFQ3</b>
<b>Award Term:</b>	<b>July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2024</b>		<b>EIN #: 68-0166134</b>
<b>Total Federal Funds Obligated: \$650,000</b>			
<b>Federal Award Information</b>			
<b>CFDA Number</b>	<b>Federal Award ID Number (FAIN)</b>	<b>Federal Award Date / Amount</b>	<b>Program Title</b>
93.958		07/01/2022	Community Mental Health Services Block Grant Funding
<b>Project Description:</b>	Mental health services for adults with serious mental illness and children with serious emotional disturbance.		
<b>Awarding Agency:</b>	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Center for Mental Health Services		
<b>Pass-through Entity</b>	County of El Dorado, Health and Human Services Agency		
<b>Indirect Cost Rate or de minimus</b>	Indirect Cost Rate: _____		De minimus <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Award is for Research and development.	

**ARTICLE VI**

**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. A copy of Form SF-LLL can be downloaded and completed at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/forms/post-award-reporting-forms.html>.

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 VII**

### **Audits, Compliance, and Monitoring:**

- A. Contractor shall provide a copy of any Audit to County within thirty (30) days of completion of said audit.
- B. Audits and compliance monitoring by any representative of the Federal government, State government, or County may include the review of any and all terms related to this Agreement. Audits or monitoring by the County may be performed by way of annual Contract Monitoring Surveys. Contractors receiving a Contract Monitoring Survey shall, within sixty (60) days of receipt, complete and return the survey along with all documentation, details, and supporting materials required by the survey or otherwise necessary for the County to verify compliance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement. Failure to return the survey within the specified time period may result in the withholding of payment from the Contractor until such time as compliance with the terms of the Agreement can be verified. Verifying compliance may necessitate additional on-site reviews should information submitted by the Contractor be deemed insufficient or inaccurate.
- C. All files, records, documents, sites, and personnel are subject to review by representatives from County, State or Federal government.
- D. Upon notification of an exception or finding of non-compliance, the Contractor shall submit evidence of Corrective Action within thirty (30) days, or as otherwise specified in the notice of required corrective action provided by the County. Continued non-compliance beyond due date for submission of Corrective Action may lead to termination of this Agreement in accordance with the Article titled “Default, Termination, and Cancellation.”
- E. Failure by County to notify or require Corrective Action does not constitute acceptance of the practice of waiver of the County’s right to enforce.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Nondiscrimination:**

- A. County may require Contractor’s services on projects involving funding from various state and/or federal agencies, and as a consequence, Contractor shall comply with all applicable nondiscrimination statutes and regulations during the performance of this Agreement including but not limited to the following: Contractor and its employees and representatives shall not

unlawfully discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, age, or sex; Contractor shall, unless exempt, comply with the applicable provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code, Sections 12900 et seq.) and applicable regulations promulgated thereunder (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Sections 7285.0 et seq.); the applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code, Section 12990, set forth in Chapter 5 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations incorporated into this Agreement by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full; and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, the California Family Rights Act (Government Code Section 12945.2), the Unruh Civil Rights Act (California Civil Code, Division I, Part 2, Section 51, et seq), the Ralph Civil Rights Act (California Civil Code, Division I, Part 2, Section 51.7), the California Trafficking Victims Protection Act (California Civil Code, Division I, Part 2, Section 52.5), the Disabled Persons Act (California Civil Code, Division I, Part 2.5), and as applicable, Section 11135 et. seq., of the California Government Code, prohibiting discrimination in all state-funded programs. Contractor and its employees and representatives shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause as required by law.

- B. Where applicable, Contractor shall include these nondiscrimination and compliance provisions in any of its agreements that affect or are related to the services performed herein.
- C. Contractor's signature shall provide any certifications necessary under the federal laws, the laws of the State of California, including but not limited to Government Code Section 12990 and Title 2, California Code of Regulations, Section 11102.
- D. Contractor shall comply with **Exhibit A**, "Vendor Assurance of Compliance with the County of El Dorado Health and Human Services Agency Nondiscrimination in State and Federally Assisted Programs," attached hereto, incorporated by reference herein, and thus made a part hereof. Contractor shall acknowledge compliance by signing and returning **Exhibit A** upon request by County.

## **ARTICLE IX**

**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 X**

**Executive Order N-6-22 – Russia Sanctions:** On March 4, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-6-22 (the EO) regarding Economic Sanctions against Russia and Russian entities and individuals. "Economic Sanctions" refers to sanctions imposed by the U.S. government in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine, as well as any sanctions imposed under state law. The EO directs state agencies to terminate contracts with, and to refrain from entering any new contracts with, individuals or entities that are determined to be a target of Economic Sanctions. Accordingly, if this Agreement is funded by state funds and County determines Contractor is a target of Economic Sanctions or is conducting prohibited transactions with sanctioned individuals or entities, that shall be grounds for termination of this agreement. The County shall provide Contractor advance written notice of such termination, allowing Contractor at least thirty (30) calendar days to provide a written response. Termination shall be at the sole discretion of the County.

## **ARTICLE XI**

**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 XII**

**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 understood that this Agreement does not create an exclusive relationship between County and Contractor, and Contractor may perform similar work or services for others. However, Contractor shall not enter into any agreement with any other party or provide any information in any manner to any other party, that would conflict with Contractor's responsibilities or hinder Contractor's performance of services hereunder, unless County's Contract Administrator, in writing, authorizes that agreement or sharing of information.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

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

## **ARTICLE XIV**

**Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Compliance:** As a condition of Contractor performing services for the County of El Dorado, Contractor shall execute that Business Associate Agreement which is attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and incorporated by reference herein.

## **ARTICLE XV**

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

In the event Contractor receives written consent to subcontract services under this Agreement, Contractor is required to ensure subcontractor remains in compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. In addition, Contractor is required to monitor subcontractor's compliance with said terms and conditions and provide written evidence of monitoring to County upon request.

## **ARTICLE XVI**

**Independent Contractor:** The parties intend that an independent contractor relationship will be created by this contract. 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 the terms of this Agreement. Contractor exclusively assumes responsibility for acts of its employees, agents, affiliates, and subcontractors, if any are authorized herein, as they relate to the services or work to be performed under this Agreement during the course and scope of their employment by Contractor. Those persons will be entirely and exclusively under the direction, supervision, and control of Contractor.

County may designate the tasks to be performed and the results to be accomplished under this Agreement, provide information concerning the work or services, approve or disapprove the final work product and/or services provided, and set deadlines for the completion of the work or services, but County will not control or direct the manner, means, methods, or sequence in which Contractor performs the work or services for accomplishing the results.

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

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

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

## **ARTICLE XVII**

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

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

In addition to the above, should the Board of Supervisors during the course of a given year for financial reasons reduce, or order a reduction, in the budget for any County department for which

services were contracted to be performed, pursuant to this paragraph in the sole discretion of the County, this Agreement may be deemed to be canceled in its entirety subject to payment for services performed prior to cancellation.

#### **ARTICLE XVIII**

**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.

#### **ARTICLE XIX**

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

A. Termination by Default: If either party becomes aware of an event of default, that party shall give written notice of said default to the party in default that shall state the following:

- 1) The alleged default and the applicable Agreement provision.
- 2) That the party in default has ten (10) days upon receiving the notice to cure the default (Time to Cure).

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

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

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

The following shall be events of default under this Agreement:

- 1) Failure by either party to perform in a timely and satisfactory manner any or all of its obligations under this Agreement.
  - 2) A representation or warranty made by Contractor in this Agreement proves to have been false or misleading in any respect.
  - 3) Contractor fails to observe and perform any covenant, condition or agreement on its part to be observed or performed under this Agreement, unless County agrees, in writing, to an extension of the time to perform before that time period expires.
  - 4) A violation of the Article titled "Conflict of Interest."
- B. Bankruptcy: County may terminate this Agreement immediately in the case of bankruptcy, voluntary or involuntary, or insolvency of Contractor.
- C. Ceasing Performance: County may terminate this Agreement immediately 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, for convenience upon thirty (30) calendar days' written Notice of Termination. If such termination is effected, County will pay for satisfactory services rendered before the effective date of termination, as set forth in the Notice of Termination provided to Contractor, and for any other services that County agrees, in writing, to be necessary for contract resolution. In no event, however, shall County be obligated to pay more than the total amount of the Agreement. Upon receipt of a Notice of Termination, 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 XX**

**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 B  
Placerville, CA 95667  
ATTN: Contracts Unit  
[hhsa-contract@edcgov.us](mailto:hhsa-contract@edcgov.us)

or to such other location as the County directs.

with a copy to

COUNTY OF EL DORADO  
Chief Administrative Office  
Procurement and Contracts Division  
330 Fair Lane  
Placerville, CA 95667  
ATTN: Purchasing Agent

Notices to Contractor shall be addressed as follows:

SIERRA CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES, INC.  
P.O. Box 1987  
Diamond Springs, CA 95619  
ATTN: Executive Director  
[barryh@sierrachild.org](mailto:barryh@sierrachild.org)

or to such other location as the Contractor directs.

#### **ARTICLE XXI**

**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 above 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 XXII**

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

#### **ARTICLE XXIII**

**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.
- 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 XXIV**

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

- A. Promptly give written notice to the other of the fact that it is unable to so perform and the cause(s) that is beyond its control; and
- B. Once the cause(s) has ceased, provide written notice to the other party and immediately resume its performance under this Agreement.

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

#### **ARTICLE XXV**

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

#### **ARTICLE XXVI**

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

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

- A. Any other contract connected with, or directly affected by, the services to be performed by this Agreement.
- B. Any other entities connected with, or directly affected by, the services to be performed by this Agreement.
- C. Any officer or employee of County that are involved in this Agreement.

If Contractor becomes aware of a conflict of interest related to this Agreement, Contractor shall promptly notify County of the existence of that conflict, and County may, in its sole discretion, immediately terminate this Agreement by giving written notice as detailed in the Article titled "Default, Termination and Cancellation."

Pursuant to Government Code section 84308 (SB 1439, the Levine Act), Contractor shall complete and sign the attached **Exhibit C**, marked "California Levine Act Statement," incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof, regarding campaign contributions by Contractor, if any, to any officer of County.

#### **ARTICLE XXVII**

**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 XXVIII**

**County Payee Data Record Form:** All independent Contractors or corporations providing services to County who do not have a Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 (Form W-9) on file with County must file a County Payee Data Record Form with County.

#### **ARTICLE XXIX**

**County Business License:** County's Business License Ordinance provides that it is unlawful for any person to furnish supplies or services, or transact any kind of business in the unincorporated territory of El Dorado County without possessing a County business license unless exempt under County Ordinance Code Section 5.08.070. Contractor warrants and represents that it shall comply with all of the requirements of County's Business License Ordinance, where applicable, prior to beginning work under this Agreement and at all times during the term of this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE XXX**

**Licenses:** Contractor hereby represents and warrants that Contractor and any of its subcontractors employed under this Agreement has all the applicable licenses, permits, and certifications that are legally required for Contractor and its subcontractors to practice its profession or provide the

services or work contemplated under this Agreement in the State of California. Contractor and its subcontractors shall obtain or maintain said applicable licenses, permits, or certificates in good standing throughout the term of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE XXXI**

**Administrator:** The County Officer or employee with responsibility for administering this Agreement is Angelina Larrigan, Manager of Mental Health Programs, Behavioral Health Division, or successor.

**ARTICLE XXXII**

**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 XXXIII**

**Electronic Signatures:** Each party agrees that the electronic signatures, whether digital or encrypted, of the parties included in this Agreement, are intended to authenticate this writing and to have the same force and effect as manual signatures. Electronic Signature means any electronic visual symbol or signature attached to or logically associated with a record and executed and adopted by a party with the intent to sign such record, including facsimile or email electronic signatures, pursuant to the California Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1633.1 to 1633.17) as amended from time to time.

**ARTICLE XXXIV**

**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 XXXV**

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

**ARTICLE XXXVI**

**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.

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**ARTICLE XXXVII**

**Additional Terms and Conditions:** Contractor acknowledges and agrees that this Agreement is intended to implement the following programs and agreements: Funding Agreement 2022-24 Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG), or as may be amended or replaced, made by reference a part hereof, and available at [https://www.edcgov.us/Government/hhsa/Pages/hhsa\\_contractor\\_resources.aspx](https://www.edcgov.us/Government/hhsa/Pages/hhsa_contractor_resources.aspx).

**ARTICLE XXXVIII**

**Counterparts:** This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original copy of this Agreement and all of which, when taken together, will be deemed to constitute one and the same agreement.

**ARTICLE XXXIX**

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

**Requesting Contract Administrator Concurrence:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Angelina Larrigan  
Manager of Mental Health Programs  
Behavioral Health Division  
Health and Human Services Agency

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**Requesting Department Head Concurrence:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Olivia Byron-Cooper, MPH  
Interim Director  
Health and Human Services Agency

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement #6989 on the dates indicated below.

**-- COUNTY OF EL DORADO --**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Wendy Thomas, Chair  
Board of Supervisors  
"County"

ATTEST:  
Kim Dawson  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**-- CONTRACTOR --**

SIERRA CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES, INC.  
(A CALIFORNIA NONPROFIT CORPORATION)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Barry Harwell  
Executive Director/ CEO  
"Contractor"

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT A**  
**“VENDOR ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH**  
**THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY**  
**NONDISCRIMINATION IN STATE**  
**AND FEDERALLY ASSISTED PROGRAMS”**

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NAME OF VENDOR/RECIPIENT: Sierra Child and Family Services, Inc.

HEREBY AGREES THAT it will 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 nondiscriminatory, 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 will 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 THE VENDOR/RECIPIENT 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, will be prohibited.

BY ACCEPTING THIS ASSURANCE, the vendor/recipient 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 and/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 the vendor/recipient directly or through contract, license, or other provider services, as long as it receives federal or state assistance.

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Date  
4250 Fowler Lane, Ste 204, Diamond Springs, CA 95619  
Address of vendor/recipient

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Signature  
  
(08/13/01)

**CR50-Vendor Assurance of Compliance**

## **Exhibit B**

### **HIPAA Business Associate Agreement**

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

#### **RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, County and Contractor (hereinafter referred to as Business Associate (“BA”)) entered into the Underlying Agreement pursuant to which BA provides services to County, and in conjunction with the provision of such services, certain Protected Health Information (“PHI”) and Electronic Protected Health Information (“E PHI”) 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 E PHI disclosed to BA pursuant to the Agreement in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Pub. L. No. 104-191 of 1996 (“HIPAA”), the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, Public Law 111-005 (the “HITECH” Act), and regulation promulgated thereunder by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (the “HIPAA Regulations”) and other applicable laws as may be amended from time to time; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

D. BA shall not use or disclose PHI for fundraising or marketing purposes. BA shall not disclose PHI to a health plan for payment or health care operations purposes if the patient has requested this special restriction, and has paid out of pocket in full for the health care item or service to which the PHI solely relates. BA shall not directly or indirectly receive remuneration in exchange of PHI, except with the prior written consent of the County and as permitted by the HITECH Act, 42 USC Section 17935(d)(2); however, this prohibition shall not affect payment by County to BA for services provided pursuant to the Agreement.

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

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

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

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

1. BA agrees to implement a process that allows for an accounting to be collected and maintained by BA and its agents or subcontractors for at least six (6) years prior to the request. However, accounting of disclosure from Electronic Health Record for treatment, payment, or health care operations purposes are required to be collected and maintained for only three (3) years prior to the request, and only to the extent that BA maintains an electronic health record and is subject to this requirement. At the minimum, the information collected shall include: (i) the date of disclosure; (ii) the name of the entity or person who received PHI and, if known, the address of the entity or person; (iii) a brief description of PHI disclosed and; (iv) a brief

statement of purpose of the disclosure that reasonably informs the individual of the basis for the disclosure, or a copy of the individual's authorization, or a copy of the written request for disclosure.

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

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

V. Obligations of County.

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

VI. Term and Termination.

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

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

C. Effect of Termination.

1. Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this section, upon termination of this Agreement, for any reason, the BA shall, at the option of County, return or destroy all PHI that BA or its agents or subcontractors still maintain in any form, and shall retain no copies of such PHI.

2. In the event that the County determines that returning or destroying the PHI is infeasible, BA shall provide to the County notification of the conditions that make return or destruction infeasible, and BA shall extend the protections of this Agreement to such PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as the BA maintains such PHI. If County elects destruction of the PHI, BA shall certify in writing to County that such PHI has been destroyed.

VII. Indemnity

A. BA shall indemnify and hold harmless all Agencies, Districts, Special Districts and Departments of the County, their respective directors, officers, Board of Supervisors, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and representatives (collectively "County") from any liability whatsoever, based or asserted upon any services of BA, its officers, employees, subcontractors, agents or representatives arising out of or in any way relating to BA's performance under this Business Associate Agreement, including but not limited to property damage, bodily injury, or death or any other element of any kind or nature whatsoever including fines, penalties or any other costs and resulting from any reason whatsoever to the extent arising from the performance of BA, its officers, agents, employees, subcontractors, agents or representatives under this Business Associate Agreement. BA shall defend, at its sole expense, all costs and fees including but not limited to attorney fees, cost of investigation, defense and settlements or awards against the County in any claim or action based upon such alleged acts or omissions.

B. With respect to any action or claim subject to indemnification herein by BA, BA shall, at its sole cost, have the right to use counsel of its choice, subject to the approval of County, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, and shall have the right to adjust, settle, or compromise any such action or claim without the prior consent of County; provided, however, that any such adjustment, settlement or compromise in no manner whatsoever limits or circumscribes BA's indemnification of County as set forth herein. BA's obligation to defend, indemnify and hold harmless County shall be subject to County having given BA written notice within a reasonable period of time of the claim or of the commencement of the related action, as the case may be, and information and reasonable assistance, at BA's expense, for the defense or settlement thereof. BA's obligation hereunder shall be satisfied when BA has provided to County the appropriate form of dismissal relieving County from any liability for the action or claim involved.

C. The specified insurance limits required in the Underlying Agreement of this Business Associate Agreement shall in no way limit or circumscribe BA's obligations to indemnify and hold harmless the County herein from third party claims arising from the issues of this Business Associate Agreement.

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

**Approval and Signatures**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Barry Harwell  
 Executive Director/CEO  
 Sierra Child and Family Services, Inc.  
 "BA Representative"

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Angelina Larrigan  
 Manager of Mental Health Programs  
 Behavioral Health Division  
 "HHS Representative"

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sierra Child and Family Services, Inc.**

**Exhibit C**

**California Levine Act Statement**

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California Government Code section 84308, commonly referred to as the "Levine Act," prohibits any officer of El Dorado County from participating in any action related to a contract if he or she receives any political contributions totaling more than two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) within the previous twelve (12) months, and for twelve (12) months following the date a final decision concerning the contract has been made, from the person or company awarded the contract. The Levine Act also requires disclose of such contribution by a party to be awarded a specific contract. An officer of El Dorado County includes the Board of Supervisors, and any elected official (collectively "Officer"). It is the Contractor's/Consultant's responsibility to confirm the appropriate "officer" and name the individual(s) in their disclosure.

Have you or your company, or any agent on behalf of you or your company, made any political contributions of more than \$250 to an Officer of the County of El Dorado in the twelve months preceding the date of the submission of your proposals or the anticipated date of any Officer action related to this contract?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

If yes, please identify the person(s) by name:  
If no, please type N/A.

Do you or your company, or any agency on behalf of you or your company, anticipate or plan to make any political contribution of more than \$250 to an Officer of the County of El Dorado in the twelve months following any Officer action related to this contract?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

If yes, please identify the person(s) by name:  
If no, please type N/A.

Answering YES to either of the two questions above does not preclude the County of El Dorado from awarding a contract to your firm or any taking any subsequent action related to the contract. It does, however, preclude the identified Officer(s) from participating in any actions related to this contract.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of authorized individual

\_\_\_\_\_  
Type or write name of company

\_\_\_\_\_  
Type or write name of authorized individual