# COUNTY OF SONOMA AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES

This agreement ("Agreement"), dated as of	, 2025 ("Effective Date").
is by and between the County of Sonoma, a politi	cal subdivision of the State of California,
(hereinafter "County") and Progress Foundation (	hereinafter "Contractor").

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, Contractor represents that it is a non-profit organization, duly qualified, licensed, and experienced in the management and provision of crisis residential services specializing on recovery and the treatment of individuals with mental health, co-occurring conditions, and other related services; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Board of Supervisors, it is necessary and desirable to use the services of Contractor for those services.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals and the mutual covenants contained herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

#### AGREEMENT

#### 1. Scope of Services

# 1.1. Contractor's Specified Services

Contractor shall perform the services described in Exhibit A (Scope of Work), attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference (hereinafter "Exhibit A"), within the times or by the dates provided for in Exhibit A and pursuant to Article 7 (Prosecution of Work). In the event of a conflict between the body of this Agreement and Exhibit A, the provisions in the body of this Agreement shall control.

#### 1.2. Cooperation with County

Contractor shall cooperate with County and County staff in the performance of all work hereunder.

#### 1.3. Performance Standard

Contractor shall perform all work hereunder in a manner consistent with the level of competency and standard of care normally observed by a person practicing in Contractor's profession. County has relied upon the professional ability and training of Contractor as a material inducement to enter into this Agreement. Contractor hereby agrees to provide all services under this Agreement in accordance with generally accepted professional practices and standards of care, as well as the requirements of applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, it being understood that acceptance of Contractor's work by County shall not operate as a waiver or release. If County determines that any of Contractor's work is not in accordance with such level of competency and standard of care, County, in its sole discretion, shall have the right to do any or all of the following: (a) require Contractor to meet with County to review the quality of the work and resolve matters of concern; (b) require Contractor to repeat the work at no additional charge until it is satisfactory; (c) terminate this Agreement pursuant to the provisions of Article 4 (Termination); or (d) pursue any and all other remedies at law or in equity.

# 1.4. Assigned Personnel

- a. Contractor shall assign only competent personnel to perform work hereunder. In the event that at any time County, in its sole discretion, desires the removal of any person or persons assigned by Contractor to perform work hereunder, Contractor shall remove such person or persons immediately upon receiving written notice from County.
- b. Any and all persons identified in this Agreement or any exhibit hereto as the project manager, project team, or other professional performing work hereunder are deemed by County to be key personnel whose services were a material inducement to County to enter into this Agreement, and without whose services County would not have entered into this Agreement. Contractor shall not remove, replace, substitute, or otherwise change any key personnel without the prior written consent of County.
- c. In the event that any of Contractor's personnel assigned to perform services under this Agreement become unavailable due to resignation, sickness, or other factors outside of Contractor's control, Contractor shall be responsible for timely provision of adequately qualified replacements.

# 1.5. Contract Exhibits

This Agreement includes the following exhibits, which are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein. In the event of a conflict between the terms in the body of this Agreement and any of the following exhibits, the terms in the body of this Agreement shall control.

Exhibit A. Scope of Work

Exhibit B. Payment Terms and Conditions

Exhibit C. Insurance Requirements

Exhibit D. Special Terms and Conditions - Information Privacy & Security - HIPAA Business Associate Addendum

Exhibit F. California Department of Health Care Services Specialty Mental Health Services Medi-Cal Contract Special Terms and Conditions

#### 2. Payment

For all services and incidental costs required hereunder, Contractor shall be paid in accordance with the following terms:

## 2.1. Payment for Services

In full consideration of Contractor's satisfactory performance in providing services detailed in Exhibit A, Contractor shall be paid in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Exhibit B (Payment Terms and Conditions), attached hereto and incorporated by this reference provided, however, that total payments to Contractor shall not exceed \$00,000; \$00,000 for the initial term plus \$00,000 for the extensions) without the prior written approval of County.

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The Department of Health Services Director may, at their sole discretion, upon exercising their options to extend the term of this Agreement as set forth in Section 2.2, increase the total payments to Contractor up to a maximum of \$00,000.

Unless otherwise noted in this Agreement, payments shall be made within the normal course of County business after presentation of an invoice in a form approved by County for services performed. Expenses not expressly authorized by the Agreement shall not be reimbursed. Payments shall be made only upon the satisfactory completion of the services and review of invoices for completeness as determined by County. In the event of a conflict between the body of this Agreement and Exhibit B, the provisions in the body of this Agreement shall control.

# 2.2. Maximum Payment Obligation

In no event shall County be obligated to pay Contractor more than the total sum of \$4,627,272, including \$764,873 for FY 25-26, \$1,542,424 for FY 26-27, \$1,542,424 for FY 27-28, and \$777,551 for FY 28-29, under the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

## 2.3. California Franchise Tax Withhold

Pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) Section 18662, County shall withhold seven percent of the income paid to Contractor for services performed within the State of California under this Agreement for payment and reporting to the California Franchise Tax Board if Contractor does not qualify as: (1) a corporation with its principal place of business in California, (2) an LLC or partnership with a permanent place of business in California, (3) a corporation/LLC or partnership qualified to do business in California by the Secretary of State, or (4) an individual with a permanent residence in the State of California.

If Contractor does not qualify, County requires that a completed and signed California Form 587 be provided by Contractor in order for payments to be made. If Contractor is qualified, then County requires a completed California Form 590. California Forms 587 and 590 remain valid for the duration of the Agreement provided there is no material change in facts. By signing either form, Contractor agrees to promptly notify County of any changes in the facts. Forms should be sent to County pursuant to Article 12 (Method and Place of Giving Notice, Submitting Bills, and Making Payments). To reduce the amount withheld, Contractor has the option to provide County with either a full or partial waiver from the State of California.

#### 2.4. Disallowance of Payment

In the event that Contractor claims or receives payment from County for a service, reimbursement for which is later disallowed by County, State of California, or the United States Government, then Contractor shall promptly refund the disallowed amount to County upon request, or at its option, County may offset the amount disallowed from any payment due or that becomes due to Contractor under this Agreement or any other agreement.

#### 2.5. Overpayment

If County overpays Contractor for any reason, Contractor agrees to return the amount of such overpayment to County, or at County's option, permit County to offset the amount of such overpayment against future payments owed to Contractor under this Agreement or any other agreement.

#### 2.6. Budget Line Amendments

County Department of Health Services Director is authorized to approve and execute a "Budget Revision Form," which revises program funds in the line items set forth in the Program Budget Summary, so long as changes do not result in an increase in County's maximum payment obligation as set forth in Article 2 (Payment) of this Agreement.

# 2.7. Federal Funding

This Section 2.7 is applicable if all or part of this Agreement will be paid with federal awards.

# 2.7.1. Required Information.

As a pass-through entity, County is required to provide certain information regarding federal award(s) to Contractor as a subrecipient. In signing this Agreement, Contractor acknowledges receipt of the following information regarding federal award(s) that will be used to pay this Agreement:

CFDA Number:

CFDA Title:

Federal Agency:

Award Name:

Federal Award(s) Amount:

Unique Entity ID (UEI)/DUNS Number:

# 2.7.2. Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations Part 200.

As a subrecipient of federal awards, Contractor is subject to the provisions of Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations Part 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (hereinafter "2 CFR Part 200"). In signing this Agreement, Contractor acknowledges that it understands and will comply with the provisions of 2 CFR Part 200. One provision of 2 CFR Part 200 requires a subrecipient that expends \$1,000,000 in federal awards during its fiscal year to have an audit performed in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200. If such an audit is required, Contractor agrees to provide County with a copy of the audit report within 9 months of Contractor's fiscal year-end. Questions regarding 2 CFR Part 200 can be directed to County's Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office – General Accounting Division.

#### 2.7.3. Audits

Contractor agrees that all expenditures of state and federal funds furnished to Contractor pursuant to this Agreement are subject to audit by County, state agencies, and/or federal agencies. Contractor warrants that it shall comply with the audit requirements as set forth in 2 CFR Part 200. County agrees to provide 14-days' notice of intent of County to audit Contractor. Contractors subject to the Single Audit Act of 1984 and Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 shall annually submit an independent audit conforming to 2 CFR Part 200, which applies to non-profit organizations.

#### 2.7.4. Copy of Audit

Contractor agrees that a copy of audits performed shall be submitted to County no later than 30 days after completion of the audit report, or no later than 9 months after the end of Contractor's fiscal year, whichever comes first. Contractor's agreement(s) with audit firms shall have a clause to permit access by County, state agencies, and/or federal agencies to the working papers of the external independent auditor.

# 2.7.5. Retention of Audit Report

Contractor agrees that audit reports and work papers shall be retained for a minimum of 10 years from the date of the audit report, unless the auditor is notified in writing by County, a state agency, and/or a federal agency to extend the retention period.

#### 2.7.6. Repayment

Contractor is responsible for the repayment of all audit exceptions and disallowances taken by County, state agencies, and/or federal agencies related to services provided by Contractor under this Agreement. Unallowable costs that have been claimed and reimbursed will be refunded to the program that reimbursed the unallowable costs either by cash refund or by offset to subsequent claims.

# 3. Term of Agreement

The term of this Agreement shall be from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2028 unless terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 (Termination).

#### 4. Termination

#### 4.1. Termination Without Cause

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, at any time and without cause, County shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to terminate this Agreement by giving 5 days' advance written notice to Contractor.

# 4.2. Termination for Cause

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, should Contractor fail to perform any of its obligations hereunder within the time and in the manner herein provided or otherwise violate any of the terms of this Agreement, County may immediately terminate this Agreement by giving Contractor written notice of such termination, stating the reason for termination.

# 4.3. Delivery of Work Product and Final Payment Upon Termination

In the event of termination, Contractor, within 14 days following the date of termination, shall deliver to County all materials and work product subject to Section 9.11 (Ownership and Disclosure of Work Product) and all reports, original drawings, graphics, plans, studies, and other data or documents, in whatever form or format, assembled or prepared by Contractor or Contractor's subcontractors, consultants, and other agents in connection with this Agreement, and shall submit to County an invoice showing the services performed, hours worked, and copies of receipts for reimbursable expenses up to the date of termination.

## 4.4. Payment Upon Termination

Upon termination of this Agreement by County, Contractor shall be entitled to receive, as full payment for all services satisfactorily rendered and reimbursable expenses properly incurred hereunder, an amount which bears the same ratio to the total payment specified in the Agreement as the services satisfactorily rendered hereunder by Contractor bear to the total services otherwise required to be performed for such total payment; provided, however, that if services which have been satisfactorily rendered are to be paid on a per-hour or per-day basis, Contractor shall be entitled to receive as full payment an amount equal to the number of hours or days actually worked prior to the termination times the applicable hourly or daily rate; and further

provided, however, that if County terminates the Agreement for cause pursuant to Section 4.2 (Termination for Cause), County shall deduct from such amount the amount of damage, if any, sustained by County by virtue of the breach of the Agreement by Contractor.

# 4.5. Authority to Terminate

The Board of Supervisors has the authority to terminate this Agreement on behalf of County. In addition, the Purchasing Agent or Department of Health Services' Head, in consultation with County Counsel, shall have the authority to terminate this Agreement on behalf of County.

# 4.6. Obligations After Termination

The following shall remain in full force and effect after termination of this Agreement: (1) Section 2.7 (Federal Funding), (2) Article 5 (Indemnification), (3) Section 9.4 (Records Maintenance), (4) Section 9.4.1 (Right to Audit, Inspect, and Copy Records), (5) Section 9.7 (Confidentiality), and (6) Section 13.5 (Applicable Law and Forum).

# 4.7. Change in Funding

Contractor understands and agrees that County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately upon written notice to Contractor in the event that (1) any state and/or federal agency and/or other funder(s) reduces, withholds, or terminates funding which County anticipated using to pay Contractor for services provided under this Agreement, or (2) County has exhausted all funds legally available for payments due under this Agreement.

#### 5. Indemnification

Contractor agrees to accept all responsibility for loss or damage to any person or entity, including County, and to indemnify, hold harmless, and release County, its officers, agents, and employees from and against any actions, claims, damages, liabilities, disabilities, or expenses that may be asserted by any person or entity, including Contractor, that arise out of, pertain to, or relate to Contractor's or its agents', employees', contractors', subcontractors', or invitees' performance or obligations under this Agreement. Contractor agrees to provide a complete defense for any claim or action brought against County based upon a claim relating to such Contractor's or its agents', employees', contractors', subcontractors', or invitees' performance or obligations under this Agreement. Contractor's obligations under this Article apply whether or not there is concurrent or contributory negligence on County's part, but to the extent required by law, excluding liability due to County's conduct. County shall have the right to select its legal counsel at Contractor's expense, subject to Contractor's approval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. This indemnification obligation is not limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages or compensation payable to or for Contractor or its agents under workers' compensation acts, disability benefits acts, or other employee benefit acts.

#### 6. Insurance

With respect to performance of work under this Agreement, Contractor shall maintain and shall require all of its subcontractors, consultants, and other agents to maintain insurance as described in Exhibit C (Insurance Requirements), which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference (hereinafter "Exhibit C").

## 7. Prosecution of Work

The execution of this Agreement shall constitute Contractor's authority to proceed immediately with the performance of this Agreement. Performance of the services hereunder shall be completed within the time required herein, provided, however, that if the performance is delayed by earthquake, flood, high water, or other Act of God, or by strike, lockout, or similar labor disturbances, the time for Contractor's performance of this Agreement shall be extended by a number of days equal to the number of days Contractor has been delayed.

#### 8. Extra or Changed Work

Extra or changed work or other changes to the Agreement may be authorized only by written amendment to this Agreement, signed by both parties. Changes which do not exceed the delegated signature authority of the Department may be executed by the Department Head in a form approved by County Counsel. The Board of Supervisors or Purchasing Agent must authorize all other extra or changed work which exceeds the delegated signature authority of the Department Head. The parties expressly recognize that, pursuant to Sonoma County Code Section 1-11, County personnel are without authorization to order extra or changed work or waive Agreement requirements. Failure of Contractor to secure such written authorization for extra or changed work shall constitute a waiver of any and all right to adjustment in the Agreement price or Agreement time due to such unauthorized work and thereafter Contractor shall be entitled to no compensation whatsoever for the performance of such work. Contractor further expressly waives any and all right or remedy by way of restitution and quantum meruit for any and all extra work performed without such express and prior written authorization of the County.

# 9. Representations of Contractor

#### 9.1. Standard of Care

County has relied upon the professional ability and training of Contractor as a material inducement to enter into this Agreement. Contractor hereby agrees that all its work will be performed and that its operations shall be conducted in accordance with generally accepted and applicable professional practices and standards as well as the requirements of applicable federal, state, and local laws, it being understood that acceptance of Contractor's work by County shall not operate as a waiver or release.

#### 9.2. Status of Contractor

The parties intend that Contractor, in performing the services specified herein, shall act as an independent contractor and shall control the work and the manner in which it is performed. Contractor is not to be considered an agent or employee of County and is not entitled to participate in any pension plan, workers' compensation plan, insurance, bonus, or similar benefits that County provides its employees. In the event County exercises its right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to Article 4 (Termination), Contractor expressly agrees that it shall have no recourse or right of appeal under rules, regulations, ordinances, or laws applicable to employees.

## 9.3. Taxes

Contractor agrees to file federal and state tax returns and pay all applicable taxes on amounts paid pursuant to this Agreement and shall be solely liable and responsible to pay such taxes and

other obligations, including but not limited to state and federal income and FICA taxes. Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold County harmless from any liability which it may incur to the United States or to the State of California as a consequence of Contractor's failure to pay, when due, all such taxes and obligations. In case County is audited for compliance regarding any withholding or other applicable taxes, Contractor agrees to furnish County with proof of payment of taxes on these earnings.

#### 9.4. Records Maintenance

Contractor shall keep and maintain full and complete documentation and accounting records concerning all services provided under this Agreement. Records shall include all medical records, accounting records, and administrative records related to services provided hereunder. Contractor agrees to preserve and maintain such records for a period of at least 10 years following the close of County and state fiscal year in which the services were provided. If an audit has been started, records must be retained until completion and final resolution of any and all issues that might arise. Final settlement shall be made at the end of the audit and appeal process. All accounting records shall be maintained so that they clearly reflect the source of funding for each type of service for which reimbursement is claimed by Contractor. Accounting records include, but are not limited to, all ledgers, books, vouchers, time sheets, payrolls, appointment schedules, client data cards, and schedules for allocating costs.

# 9.4.1. Right to Audit, Inspect, and Copy Records

Contractor agrees to permit County and any authorized state or federal agency to audit, inspect, and copy all records, notes, and writings of any kind in connection with the services provided by Contractor under this Agreement, to the extent permitted by law, for the purpose of monitoring the quality and quantity of services, monitoring the accessibility and appropriateness of services, and ensuring fiscal accountability. DHCS, the California Department of General Services, the Bureau of State Audits, or their designated representatives including the Comptroller General of the United States, are authorized agencies with the right to inspect and copy Contractor's records. All such audits, inspections, and copying shall occur during normal business hours. Upon request, Contractor shall supply copies of any and all such records to County. Failure to provide the above-noted documents requested by County within the requested time frame indicated may result in County withholding payments due under this Agreement. In those situations required by applicable law(s), Contractor agrees to obtain necessary releases to permit County or governmental or accrediting agencies to access patient medical records.

Contractor may, at its discretion, following receipt of final payment under this Agreement, reduce its accounts, books, and records related to the Agreement to microfilm, computer disk, CD ROM, DVD, or other data storage medium. Upon request by an authorized representative of County, state, or federal agency, Contractor must supply or make available applicable devices, hardware, and/or software necessary to view, copy, and/or print said records.

Contractor agrees to comply with all requests for information from the County necessary to fulfill the County's reporting obligations. This includes providing any reports prepared by the Contractor or its subcontractors, consultants, and agents, as well as any data or documentation required by the County. All information must be provided in a timely and accurate manner to ensure compliance with applicable reporting requirements.

#### 9.5. Conflict of Interest

Contractor covenants that it presently has no interest and that it will not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, that represents a financial conflict of interest under state law or that would otherwise conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of its services hereunder. Contractor further covenants that in the performance of this Agreement, no person having any such interests shall be employed. In addition, if requested to do so by County, Contractor shall complete and file and shall require any other person doing work under this Agreement to complete and file a "Statement of Economic Interest" with County disclosing Contractor's or such other person's financial interests.

# 9.6. Statutory Compliance/Living Wage Ordinance

Contractor agrees to comply, and to ensure compliance by its subconsultants or subcontractors, with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, statutes and policies, including but not limited to the County of Sonoma Living Wage Ordinance, applicable to the services provided under this Agreement as they exist now and as they are changed, amended, or modified during the term of this Agreement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Contractor expressly acknowledges and agrees that this Agreement may be subject to the provisions of Article XXVI of Chapter 2 of the Sonoma County Code requiring payment of a living wage to covered employees. Noncompliance during the term of the Agreement will be considered a material breach and may result in termination of the Agreement or pursuit of other legal or administrative remedies.

#### 9.7. Confidentiality

Contractor agrees to maintain the confidentiality of all patient medical records and client information in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations, including the requirement to implement reasonable and appropriate administrative, physical and technical safeguards to protect all confidential information. This Section 9.7 shall survive termination of this Agreement.

#### 9.8. Nondiscrimination

Without limiting any other provision hereunder, Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in regard to nondiscrimination in the admission of beneficiaries, assignments of accommodations, treatment, evaluation, employment of personnel, or in any other respect because of race, color, ancestry, national origin, religious creed, belief or grooming, sex (including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, transgender, pregnancy, childbirth, medical conditions related to pregnancy, childbirth or breast feeding), marital status, age, medical condition, physical or mental disability, genetic information, military or veteran status, or any other legally protected category or prohibited basis, including without limitation, the County's Non-Discrimination Policy. All nondiscrimination rules or regulations required by law to be included in this Agreement are incorporated herein by this reference, including but not limited to the California Fair Employment and Housing Act. Contractor shall give written notice of its obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which it has a collective bargaining or other agreement. (Cal. Code Regs., Title 2, section 11105.)

#### 9.9. AIDS Discrimination

Contractor agrees to comply with the provisions of Chapter 19, Article II, of the Sonoma County Code prohibiting discrimination in housing, employment, and services because of AIDS or HIV infection during the term of this Agreement and any extensions of the term.

# 9.10. Assignment of Rights

Contractor assigns to County all rights throughout the world in perpetuity in the nature of copyright, trademark, patent, and right to ideas in and to all versions of the plans and specifications, if any, now or later, prepared by Contractor in connection with this Agreement. Contractor agrees to take such actions as are necessary to protect the rights assigned to County in this Agreement, and to refrain from taking any action which would impair those rights. Contractor's responsibilities under this provision include, but are not limited to, placing proper notice of copyright on all versions of the plans and specifications as County may direct, and refraining from disclosing any versions of the plans and specifications to any third party without first obtaining written permission of County. Contractor shall not use or permit another party to use the plans and specifications in connection with this or any other project without first obtaining written permission of County.

# 9.11. Ownership and Disclosure of Work Product

All reports, original drawings, graphics, plans, studies, and other data or documents ("documents"), in whatever form or format, assembled or prepared by Contractor or Contractor's subcontractors, consultants, and other agents in connection with this Agreement, shall be the property of County. County shall be entitled to immediate possession of such documents upon completion of the work pursuant to this Agreement. Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement, Contractor shall promptly deliver to County all such documents which have not already been provided to County in such form or format as County deems appropriate. Such documents shall be and will remain the property of County without restriction or limitation. Contractor may retain copies of the above-described documents but agrees not to disclose or discuss any information gathered, discovered, or generated in any way through this Agreement without the express written permission of County.

#### 9.12. Authority

The undersigned hereby represents and warrants that he or she has authority to execute and deliver this Agreement on behalf of Contractor.

## 9.13. Charitable Choice/Faith-Based Organizations

Contractor agrees and acknowledges that County may make funds available for programs or services affiliated with religious organizations under the following conditions: (i) the funds are made available on an equal basis for programs or services affiliated with non-religious organizations; (ii) the program funded does not have the substantial effect of supporting religious activities; (iii) the funding is indirect, remote, or incidental to the religious purpose of the organization.

Contractor agrees and acknowledges that County may not make funds available for programs or services affiliated with a religious organization that (i) has denied or continues to deny access to services on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, citizenship, or known

disability; (ii) will use the funds for a religious purpose; (iii) will use the funds for a program or service that subjects its participants to religious education.

Contractor agrees and acknowledges that all recipients of funding from County must (i) comply with all legal requirements and restrictions imposed upon government-funded activities set forth in Article IX, Section 8 and Article XVI, Section 5 of the California Constitution and in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution; and (ii) segregate such funding from all funding used for religious purposes.

# 9.14. Sanctioned Employee or Subcontractor

Contractor agrees that it shall not employ in any capacity, retain as a subcontractor in any capacity, or use as a volunteer any individual or entity whose service is directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, payable by a Federal Healthcare Program (including Medicare and Medicaid) that is on any published federal or state lists regarding the sanctioning, suspension, or exclusion of individuals or entities. At a minimum, the Office of Inspector General List of Excluded Individuals/Entities (LEIE), California Department of Health Care Services Medi-Cal List of Suspended or Ineligible Providers (LSIP), and System for Award Management (SAM) must be checked prior to employment and monthly thereafter, and the Social Security Administration's Death Master File and National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) must be checked prior to employment. In the event Contractor does employ such individual or entity, the Department of Health Services Compliance Officer must be notified immediately via Compliance Hotline 707-565-4999. Contractor agrees to assume full liability for any associated penalties, sanctions, loss, or damage that may be imposed on County by Federal Health Care Programs. Contractor shall not certify or pay any excluded subcontractor.

# 9.15. Compliance with County Policies and Procedures

Contractor agrees to comply with all County policies and procedures as they may relate to services provided hereunder, including, but not limited to, County's policies and procedures, manuals, programs, and processes related to selection, retention, credentialing and recredentialing providers, utilization management, quality management, compliance, grievances, appeals, and expedited appeals, advanced directives, and administrative manual.

#### 9.16. Lobbying

If any federal funds are to be used to pay for any services under this Agreement, Contractor shall fully comply with all certifications and disclosure requirements prescribed by Section 319 of the Public Law 101-121 (31 United States Code Section 1352) and any implementing regulations, and shall ensure that each of its subcontractors receiving funds under this Agreement also fully complies with all such certification and disclosure requirements.

#### 9.17. Subcontractors

Contractor agrees that any employees or agents of Contractor that assist Contractor in the provision of services shall also satisfy the requirements of this Agreement. In this regard, Contractor understands and agrees that all obligations and prohibitions imposed on Contractor pursuant to this Agreement are equally applicable to each and every individual providing services through Contractor under this Agreement, and Contractor shall assure that such individuals agree to comply with such obligations and prohibitions.

# 9.18. Licensure and Staffing

Contractor warrants that it and all its employees and sub-contractors providing or supervising services under this Agreement have all necessary licenses, permits, and certificates to provide services under this Agreement, as required by applicable state and federal laws, rules, and regulations. Contractor agrees to maintain said licenses, permits, and certificates in good standing for the duration of this Agreement. A copy of each such licenses, permits, and certificates shall be made available upon request, not to exceed three (3) business days after the initial request, for inspection, review, and/or audit by authorized representatives and designees of County, state, and/or federal governments during the term of this Agreement and for the applicable records retention period. Failure to maintain said licenses, permits, and/or certificates in effect for the duration of this Agreement shall be deemed a material breach of this Agreement and constitutes grounds for immediate termination of this Agreement by County. Staff shall only function within the scope of practice as dictated by licensing boards/bodies. At all times during the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall have available and shall provide upon request to authorized representatives of County a list of all persons by name, title, professional degree, and experience who are providing any services under this Agreement.

# 9.19. No Suspension or Debarment

Contractor warrants that it is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in covered transactions by any federal department or agency. Contractor also warrants that it is not suspended or debarred from receiving federal funds as listed in the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement or Nonprocurement Programs issued by the General Services Administration. If Contractor becomes debarred, Contractor has the obligation to inform County.

#### 9.20. Access-ADA

Contractor will provide reasonable access and accommodation to persons with disabilities to the extent required under the American with Disabilities Act or any applicable state law.

#### 9.21. 2-1-1 Sonoma County Resource Database

Contractor agrees to submit information to 2-1-1 Sonoma County pertaining to Contractor's organization and the services to be provided under this Agreement for inclusion in the 2-1-1 Sonoma County resource database, and to provide any updates to 2-1-1 Sonoma County during the term of this Agreement.

## 10. Demand for Assurance

Each party to this Agreement undertakes the obligation that the other party's expectation of receiving due performance will not be impaired. When reasonable grounds for insecurity arise with respect to the performance of either party, the other party may in writing demand adequate assurance of due performance, and until such assurance is received may, if commercially reasonable, suspend any performance for which the agreed return has not been received. "Commercially reasonable" includes not only the conduct of a party with respect to performance under this Agreement, but also conduct with respect to other agreements with parties to this Agreement or others. After receipt of a justified demand, failure to provide within a reasonable time, but not exceeding 30 days, such assurance of due performance as is adequate under the circumstances of the particular case is a repudiation of this Agreement. Acceptance of any improper delivery, service, or payment does not prejudice the aggrieved party's right to demand

adequate assurance of future performance. Nothing in this Article limits County's right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to Article 4 (Termination).

# 11. Assignment and Delegation

Neither party hereto shall assign, delegate, sublet, or transfer any interest in or duty under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party, and no such transfer shall be of any force or effect whatsoever unless and until the other party shall have so consented.



# 12. Method and Place of Giving Notice, Submitting Bills, and Making Payments

All notices, shall be submitted via Sonoma County Cloud or in writing and shall be given by personal delivery or by U.S. Mail or courier service. Notices, shall be addressed as follows:

To County:	To Contractor:
Behavioral Health Director	Elizabeth Hernandez, Executive Director
Behavioral Health Division	Progress Foundation
Department of Health Services	368 Fell Street
County of Sonoma	San Francisco CA 94102
2227 Capricorn Way, Suite 207	707-257-9704
Santa Rosa CA 95407	ehernandez@progressfoundation.org
707-565-4850	

When a notice, bill, or payment is given by a generally recognized overnight courier service, the notice, bill, or payment shall be deemed received on the next business day. When a copy of a notice, bill, or payment is sent by facsimile or email, the notice, bill, or payment shall be deemed received upon transmission as long as: (1) the original copy of the notice, bill, or payment is promptly deposited in the U.S. Mail and postmarked on the date of the facsimile or email (for a payment, on or before the due date); (2) the sender has a written confirmation of the facsimile transmission or email; and (3) the facsimile or email is transmitted before 5 p.m. (recipient's time). In all other instances, notices, bills, and payments shall be effective upon receipt by the recipient. Changes may be made in the names and addresses of the person to whom notices are to be given by giving notice pursuant to this Article 12.

#### 13. Miscellaneous Provisions

#### 13.1. No Waiver of Breach

The waiver by County of any breach of any term or promise contained in this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such term or provision or any subsequent breach of the same or any other term or promise contained in this Agreement.

#### 13.2. Construction

To the fullest extent allowed by law, the provisions of this Agreement shall be construed and given effect in a manner that avoids any violation of statute, ordinance, regulation, or law The parties covenant and agree that in the event that any provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired, or invalidated thereby. Contractor and County acknowledge that they have each contributed to the making of this Agreement and that, in the event of a dispute over the interpretation of this Agreement, the language of the Agreement will not be construed against one party in favor of the other party. Contractor and County acknowledge that they have each had an adequate opportunity to consult with counsel in the negotiation and preparation of this Agreement.

#### 13.3. Consent

Wherever in this Agreement the consent or approval of one party is required to an act of the other party, such consent or approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

# 13.4. No Third-Party Beneficiaries

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to create and the parties do not intend to create any rights in third parties.

# 13.5. Applicable Law and Forum

This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted according to the substantive law of California, regardless of the law of conflicts to the contrary in any jurisdiction. Any action to enforce the terms of this Agreement or for the breach thereof shall be brought and tried in the City of Santa Rosa or the forum nearest to the City of Santa Rosa in the County of Sonoma.

# 13.6. Captions

The captions in this Agreement are solely for convenience of reference. They are not a part of this Agreement and shall have no effect on its construction or interpretation.

## 13.7. <u>Merger</u>

This writing is intended both as the final expression of the Agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the included terms and as a complete and exclusive statement of the terms of the Agreement, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 1856. Each party acknowledges that, in entering into this Agreement, it has not relied on any representation or undertaking, whether oral or in writing, other than those which are expressly set forth in this Agreement. No modification of this Agreement shall be effective unless and until such modification is evidenced by a writing signed by both parties.

# 13.8. Survival of Terms

All express representations, waivers, indemnifications, and limitations of liability included in this Agreement will survive its completion or termination for any reason.

#### 13.9. Time of Essence

Time is and shall be of the essence of this Agreement and every provision hereof.

#### 13.10. Counterparts and Electronic Copies

The parties agree that this Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and together which when executed by the requisite parties shall be deemed to be a complete original agreement. Counterparts may be delivered via facsimile, electronic mail (including PDF) or other transmission method, and any counterpart so delivered shall be deemed to have been duly and validly delivered, be valid and effective for all purposes, and shall have the same legal force and effect as an original document. This Agreement, and any counterpart, may be electronically signed by each or any of the parties through the use of any commercially-available digital and/or electronic signature software or other electronic signature method in compliance with the U.S. federal ESIGN Act of 2000, California's Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (Cal. Civil Code § 1633.1 et seq.), or other applicable law. By its use of any electronic signature below, the signing party agrees to have conducted this transaction and to execution of this Agreement by electronic means.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

CONTRACTOR:		
Steven Fields, Executive Director Progress Foundation	Dated	
COUNTY OF SONOMA: Approved; Certificates of Insurance on File with County:		
Nolan Sullivan, Director Department of Health Services	Dated	
Approved as to Substance:		
Division Director or Designee	Dated	
Approved as to Form:		
Sonoma County Counsel	Dated	
Approved as to Substance:		
Privacy & Security Officer or Designee	Dated	

# Exhibit A. Scope of Work

# Progress Sonoma CRU

# I. Program/Project Overview:

Provider Name:	Contact Person & Information:
Progress Foundation	Perpetual Wolter, MHRS, Program Director
Program Name:	3400 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95405
Progress Sonoma	Phone: 707 526-6902
	Fax: 707 526-6972
	Email: ProgressSonoma@progressfoundation.org
<b>Head of Service and License Type:</b>	Physical Address of Medi-Cal Certified
Elizabeth Hernandez, LMFT LPCC	Site(s):
LMFT 48543 LPC1629	3400 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95405
Legal Entity #: 00271	Site also provides services through: Field Yes No
Program NPI #: 193222422	Telehealth Yes No
Reporting Unit: 49DU7	
Ages Accepted:	Website: https://www.progressfoundation.org/
Adults – 18 years & older	
Language Capacity:	Mailing (Remit) Address:
English	368 Fell Street, San Francisco, CA 94102-5144
Spanish	Conducts Initial Assessments?
<b>Specialty Service/Cultural Capabilities:</b> Latinos	
	Yes No Only when authorized
Geographic Areas Served:	Services Provided:
Central County (Santa Rosa)	Crisis Residential Services
North County	
<ul><li>☑ South County</li><li>☑ East County</li></ul>	
West County	
77 TOST County	

# II. Sonoma County Contact Information

**Contract Manager:** 

Name: David Evans, LMFT Phone: (707) 565-4935

Email: david.evans@sonomacounty.gov

# **III. Program Description:**

- A. Progress Sonoma Crisis Residential Treatment:
  - a. Progress Sonoma is a licensed 10-bed crisis residential treatment program for adults aged 18 years or older who are ambulatory and meet the medical necessity definition to receive treatment in a crisis residential treatment setting. The goal of the programs is to reduce the utilization of psychiatric inpatient facilities. The maximum length of stay is 30 days, with an average length of stay of 14 days.
  - b. Facilities are certified by the State Department of Health Care Services as a "Crisis Residential Treatment Service" and licensed by the State Department of Social Services as a "Social Rehabilitation program".
    - i. Services provided through this agreement are regulated by the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, Department of Social Services.
    - ii. Contractor shall ensure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations pertaining to community care licensing (CCL) as regulated by Division 6, Chapters 2, 4, through 7, and Chapter 9 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), except where specifically exempted. Specific regulations pertaining to Social Rehabilitation Facilities are outlined in Title 22, Division 6, Chapter 2 of the CCR.

#### B. Hours of Operation:

The program operates 24 hours/day, seven days/week.

- C. Expected Number of Beneficiaries Served:
  - a. Contractor shall provide as much specialty mental health services as Department of Health Services Behavioral Health Division (DHS-BHD) authorizes up to the maximum of contract as listed in Article 2 Maximum Payment Obligation.
  - b. Contractor shall prioritize the allocation of services to maintain quality programming, high beneficiary satisfaction, and enhanced opportunities for stepping down to lower level of services whenever clinically indicated. Beneficiary and service levels will be reviewed, at minimum, once a quarter at monitoring meeting between DHS-BHD and Contractor.

# **IV.** Service Description:

- A. Treatment Model/Evidence Based Practices:
  - a. Contractor shall operate on the principle and practice of social rehabilitation. The goals of treatment for the individuals served in this setting are:
    - o To divert or step beneficiaries down from a more restrictive psychiatric setting,
    - o Intervene with crisis intervention and stabilization,
    - Assess and coach independent living skills,
    - o Provide treatment and discharge planning,
    - o Advocate for client needs and placements,

- o Assist clients with applying/securing benefits and resources.
- b. The Department of Health Services Behavioral Health Division (DHS-BHD) shall provide medication support services to the clients served through this agreement.
- B. Targeted Population(s)/Eligibility Criteria:
  - a. Contractor shall serve Sonoma County Mental Health Plan beneficiaries eighteen (18+) years and older, in significant mental health crisis requiring hospital diversion, diagnostic clarification, crisis intervention, and crisis stabilization.

#### C. Referral Protocols:

- a. All referrals shall be generated and authorized by DHS-BHD's Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) or Hospital Liaison Team when coordinating referrals directly from inpatient facilities.
- b. DHS-BHD Crisis Stabilization Team shall:
  - i. Assess and refer beneficiaries who meet medical necessity criteria and are ambulatory.
  - ii. Provide all referred beneficiaries with a seven (7) day supply of all necessary medications to bring with them by time of admission. If a seven day supply is unavailable, the CSU may supply 3 4 days of medication as long as there is a clear commitment to ensuring the beneficiary receives enough medications for the length of their stay at the CSU prior to the initial amount running out.
  - iii. Provide beneficiaries with Medi-Cal Informing materials packet prior to being admitted to program.
  - iv. Place a PPD test, if needed, and screen client for Megan's Law.
- c. DHS-BHD Hospital Liaison Team shall:
  - i. Follow the steps in the DHS-BHD Direct Referral to Crisis Residential Units from Hospitals procedure.
- d. Contractor shall:
  - i. Follow the steps in the DHS-BHD Direct Referral to Crisis Residential Units from Hospitals procedure for clients being referred directly from inpatient hospitals.
  - ii. Assess CSU referrals for appropriate criteria of medical necessity for crisis residential treatment level of care.
  - iii. Provide transportation of client from CSU/inpatient hospital to their facility.

#### D. Coordination of Services:

- a. DHS-BHD shall:
  - i. Provide CSU assessment and service authorization of clients at referral.
  - ii. If client has an outpatient team Personal Services Coordinator (PSC), PSC will schedule an appointment with Psychiatrist within seven days.

- iii. If no PSC is assigned to the client, CSU will schedule appointment with Psychiatrist within seven days of admission.
- iv. Coordinate ongoing treatment needs and discharge planning with Contractor.
- v. Send all medication orders and updates to Contractor to be placed in client's medical record.

#### b. Contractor shall:

- i. Provide on-going functional and clinical assessment and recommendations to County clinical team,
- ii. Advocate for clients to obtain appropriate community services and resources, and network with community providers to manage housing/financial/medical issues. Provide transportation for clients to all necessary appointments.

#### E. Service Duration:

a. DHS-BHD shall meet at least twice monthly for utilization review of program to help facilitate the flow of intake and discharge.

#### b. Contractor shall:

- i. Participate in at least twice monthly utilization reviews with county staff and facilitate timely discharges from the program and coordinate with DHS-BHD regarding any extensions.
- ii. The goal is an average length of stay from 8-14 days, with a maximum of 30 days. Clients must meet medical necessity to continue in care. Extensions may be approved by the DHS-BHD.

#### F. Staffing & Clinical Supervision:

- a. Clinical supervision is provided by Contractor's Clinical Director and Program Director.
- b. The staffing of the program shall include a minimum of two staff (counselors) on duty 24/7.
  - i. The direct care staff are counselors with a minimum staff education/experience requirement stipulated by regulation from the State Department of Health Care Services and State of California Community Care and Licensing.
  - ii. Staff training shall be conducted by Contractor's Clinical Director and Program Director as well as professionals and clinicians/practitioners from outside of the agency as deemed necessary. Trainings will cover a wide range of clinical topics including 1:1 counseling; treatment planning; crisis intervention; suicide assessment; group counseling; working with special needs populations; dual diagnosis; ethics; Substance Used Disorders (SUD) training; documentation; discharge planning, managing counter transference, medications and systems issues/networking. Additionally, staff are encouraged to attend trainings promoted and sponsored by DHS-BHD and other outside mental health providers.

#### G. Interpreter Services:

- a. Interpreter services required by Section 1367.04 of the California Health & Safety Code and Section 1300.67.04 of Title 28 of the California Code of Regulations shall be coordinated with scheduled appointments for health care services in a manner that ensures the provision of interpreter services at the time of the appointment.
- b. Contractor is permitted to utilize County's translation and interpretation services. Contractor will notify members of the interpreter and translation services that are available to them at no cost. Notification is done in a variety of ways including but not limited to: County public website, brochures, member newsletters, and Evidence of Coverage documents. County will provide access to interpreter services at all points of medical contact at no cost through its contracted vendors as detailed in the following:
  - i. Contractor notifies County liaison of interpreter services request.
  - ii. County liaison will contact appropriate interpreter services provider to coordinate services.
  - iii. County liaison will then inform Contractor of interpreter services provider contact information. Contractor will then reach interpreter services provider and commence services for beneficiary.
- c. Should the beneficiary refuse interpreter services, documentation of the beneficiary's refusal shall be documented in the medical record or plan file, as applicable.
- d. Contractor shall document all applicable translation services in the Electronic Health Record (E.H.R.). Contractor shall not be compensated for any translation services provided to the beneficiary.

# H. Cultural Responsiveness:

- a. Services provided shall be culturally and linguistically appropriate. Specialty Mental Health Services will be provided in the language most comfortable to the Beneficiary and his/her family.
  - i. Contractor shall make oral interpretation and sign language services available free of charge to each beneficiary. This applies to all non-English languages, not just those identified as prevalent.
  - ii. Contractor shall notify beneficiaries that oral/sign language interpretation is available for any language, and written information is available in prevalent languages, and be informed of how to access those services.
  - iii. Family and friends shall never be used as interpreters.
- b. Contractor will respond to the unique needs of diverse populations and are also sensitive to the ways in which people with mental health issues experience the world. Cultural competence must be a guiding principle, so that Specialty Mental Health Services are provided in a culturally sensitive manner.

# V. Administrative Requirements:

# A. Electronic Health Record (EHR) Requirement:

a. Contractor shall utilize the County's Electronic Health Record (EHR) for all County Mental Health Plan (MHP) functions including, but not limited to, client demographics, services/charges, assessments, treatment plans and progress notes. Contractor has the right to choose not to use the County's EHR system but must comply with all necessary requirements involving electronic health information exchange between the Contractor and the County. The Contractor must submit a plan to the Contractor for approval demonstrating how the requirements will be met.

#### B. Outcome Goals:

- a. Contractor shall cooperate with any requirements established by the State of California regarding outcome measures.
- b. County will endeavor to provide Contractor with training and support in the skills and competencies to (a) conduct, participate in, and sustain the performance levels called for in the contract and (b) conduct the quality management activities called for by the contract.
- c. Contractor is expected to meet the following:

Outcome Goal:	Data Source/Measurement Tool:
Goal #1: Provide crisis intervention, assessment, stabilization, and referrals for public mental health consumers. Goal is to reduce the % of clients who are hospitalized or admitted to an acute facility within 7 and 30 days of discharge.	<ul> <li>Data Source for Goal #1:</li> <li>Contractor collects data on each client admitted and discharged to/from the program via a "Client Data" form completed by staff.</li> <li>BHD- QAPI to analyze program enrollment data for CSU, SRBHH, and PHF for disposition percentages.</li> </ul>
Goal #2: Of those individuals admitted to the program, 85% will move to a less restrictive setting at discharge.	Data Source for Goal #2 Contractor collects data on each client admitted and discharged to/from the program via a "Client Data" form completed by staff
Goal #3: Of those individuals admitted to the program, 90% will not require inpatient hospitalization during their stay in the program.	Data Source for Goal #3: Contractor collects data on each client admitted and discharged to/from the program via a "Client Data" form completed by staff.

#### C. Program Reporting

a. Contractor shall provide data to DHS-BHD on a quarterly basis on performance and outcome goals using the "Medi-Cal Outcomes Quarterly Report" template located on the DHS-BHD web page, "Forms and Materials for Behavioral Health Contractors": https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/health-and-human-services/health-services/divisions/behavioral-health/contractor-resources/forms-and-materials

- b. Contractor shall email quarterly reports on or before the due dates to BHquarterlyreports@sonomacounty.gov.
- c. Failure to submit Quarterly Reports by the due dates may result in delay of payment.
- d. Reporting Due Dates:

Quarter 1 (July – September)	Report Due: October 31
Quarter 2 (October – December)	Report Due: January 31
Quarter 3 (January-March)	Report Due: April 30
Quarter 4 (April – June)	Report Due: July 30

#### **Exhibit B. Payment Terms and Conditions**

# **Specialty Mental Health Services - Medi-Cal**

#### 1. Restrictions and Limitations:

a) This Agreement shall be subject to any restrictions, limitations, and/or conditions imposed by County or state or federal funding sources that may in any way affect the fiscal provisions of or funding for this Agreement. This Agreement is also contingent upon sufficient funds being made available by County or state or federal funding sources for the term of the Agreement. If the federal or state governments reduce financial participation in the Medi-Cal program, County agrees to meet with Contractor to discuss renegotiating the services required by this Agreement.

## 2. Period of Performance:

- a) Funding is for services provided by fiscal year, which begins July 1 and ends June 30 of the next calendar year. Any unspent fiscal year appropriation does not roll over and is not available for services provided in subsequent years.
- b) Funding availability is assessed for services by fiscal year for all contracts including multi-year contracts.

# 3. Monthly Invoicing and Payment:

- a) The rate and terms of payment for all services provided under this Agreement shall be as set forth below. Any modification of the rate increase shall not be binding on County unless a written amendment to the Agreement is executed by the parties.
- b) Contractor shall submit accurate monthly invoices in County invoice template no later than thirty (30) days after the last day of the month in which those services were provided or 30 days from the date of the contract execution, whichever is later. Contractor may submit an invoice for services immediately following the end of the period for which services are provided, but not before. Any invoice submitted prior to the end of the billing period will be returned to Contractor for resubmission. Invoices shall be based on claims entered into the County's billing and transactional database system for the prior month and must be accompanied by a Census or SmartCare Invoice Generator which will be supplied by the County.
- c) Contractor shall submit supplemental invoices in County invoice template no later than thirty (30) days after the last day of the month in which those services were provided or 30 days from the date of the contract execution, whichever is later. Invoices shall be based on claims entered into the County's billing and transactional database system for the prior month. All supplemental invoices must be accompanied by a Census or SmartCare Invoice Generator, which will be supplied by the County. Invoices for supplemental services not included on the original invoice must be marked as "Supplemental Invoice" for processing purposes.
- d) Contractor shall submit all corresponding progress notes for each service included in the monthly invoice and additional clinical documentation upon request.

e) Approved Rates and Procedure Codes, and County Invoice Templates allowed for use according to the terms of this contract shall be viewed in the Sonoma County Cloud "Contract Documents" folder:

Rates and Procedure Codes can be found in the Sonoma County Cloud "Contract Documents" folder link: <a href="https://share.sonomacounty.gov/link/K4t5M8Uyo4I/">https://share.sonomacounty.gov/link/K4t5M8Uyo4I/</a>

- f) Contractors utilizing an Electronic Health Records system other than SmartCare to enter client services, must provide documented services in a digital exported file/format compatible with SmartCare. At a minimum, a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet of billing and claiming detail must be provided by the contractor per County specifications.
- g) Notwithstanding the above, Contractor will make best efforts to submit invoices within ten (10) days of the end of the County fiscal year.
- h) Monthly payments for claimed services shall be based on the units of time assigned to each service code entered in the County's billing and transactional database multiplied by the service rates found in the Sonoma County Cloud "Contract Documents" folder.
- i) The maximum financial obligation of the County under this Agreement shall not exceed the amount stated in the Maximum Payment Obligation section, per fiscal year, which is not a guaranteed sum but shall be paid only for services actually rendered. County's payments to Contractor for performance of claimed services are provisional and subject to adjustment until the completion of all settlement activities. County's adjustments to provisional payments for claimed services shall be based on the terms, conditions, and limitations of this Agreement.
- j) Contractor shall submit monthly invoices and attestation on county provided templates located in the Sonoma County Cloud "Contract Documents" folder.
- k) After year one of the contract, the contractor may request renegotiation of the rate and/or services provided under the terms of this Agreement upon written request. Requests shall be submitted prior to January of the following year to expedite the request process. All parties shall renegotiate in good faith.
- l) All billing and payment invoices shall be submitted via Sonoma County Cloud or to the following address:

Sonoma County Department of Health Services Attn: Behavioral Health Division Revenue Management Unit 1450 Neotomas Avenue, Suite 200 Santa Rosa, CA 95405

- m) Sonoma County Cloud access will be granted upon request. Requests will be emailed to: <a href="mailto:DHS-Fiscal-RMU@sonomacounty.gov">DHS-Fiscal-RMU@sonomacounty.gov</a>.
- 4. Additional Financial Requirements:
  - a) County has the right to monitor the performance of this Agreement to ensure the accuracy of claims for reimbursement and compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

- b) Contractor must comply with the False Claims Act employee training and policy requirements set forth in 45 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(68) and as the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services may specify.
- c) Contractor agrees that no part of any federal funds provided under this Agreement shall be used to pay the salary of an individual per fiscal year at a rate in excess of Level 1 of the Executive Schedule at https://www.opm.gov/ (U.S. Office of Personnel Management), as from time to time amended.
- d) Federal Financial Participation is not available for any amount for items or services furnished, directly or indirectly, by an Excluded individual or entity, or at the direction of a physician during the period of exclusion when the person providing the service knew or had reason to know of the exclusion, or to an individual or entity when the County failed to suspend payments during an investigation of a credible allegation of fraud [42 U.S.C. section 1396b(i)(2)]. Moreover, services rendered, prescribed, or ordered by a suspended Medi-Cal provider shall not be covered by the Medi-Cal program while the suspension is in effect. https://mcweb.apps.prd.cammis.medi-cal.ca.gov/references/sandi

# 5. Contractor Prohibited from Redirection of Contracted Funds (If Applicable):

- a) Contractor may not redirect or transfer funds from one funded program to another funded program under which Contractor provides services pursuant to this Agreement except through a duly executed amendment to this Agreement.
- b) Contractor may not charge services delivered to an eligible client under one funded program to another funded program unless the client is also eligible for services under the second funded program.

## 6. Financial Audit Report Requirements for Pass-Through Entities:

- a) If County determines that Contractor is a "subrecipient" (also known as a "pass-through entity") as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200 et seq., Contractor represents that it will comply with the applicable cost principles and administrative requirements including claims for payment or reimbursement by County as set forth in 2 C.F.R. § 200 et seq., as may be amended from time to time. Contractor shall observe and comply with all applicable financial audit report requirements and standards.
- b) Financial audit reports must contain a separate schedule that identifies all funds included in the audit that are received from or passed through the County. County programs must be identified by contract number, contract amount, contract period, and the amount expended during the fiscal year by funding source.
- c) Contractor will provide a financial audit report including all attachments to the report and the management letter and corresponding response within six months of the end of the audit year to the Director or designee. The Director or designee is responsible for providing the audit report to the County Auditor.
- d) Contractor must submit any required corrective action plan to the Department simultaneously with the audit report or as soon thereafter as it is available. The Department shall monitor implementation of the corrective action plan as it pertains to services provided pursuant to this Agreement.

# 7. Medi-Cal Requirements and Payment Limitations:

Contractor shall perform services and provide such documentation as required by applicable State and Federal laws, rules, and regulations as described in this Agreement. Other limitations affecting contract payments may include, but are not limited to:

- a) Contractors must fully understand CPT and HCPC codes related to services and diagnoses provided. Sonoma County will utilize internal service codes that crosswalk to appropriate CPT and/or HCPCs codes.
  - i. Claims shall be complete and accurate and must include all required information regarding the claimed services.
  - ii. Contractor shall maximize the Federal Financial Participation (FFP) reimbursement by claiming all possible Medi-Cal services and correcting denied services for resubmission as needed.
- b) Only authorized service activities provided by an eligible staff providing Medi-Cal eligible service to a Sonoma County Medi-Cal eligible beneficiary shall be reimbursed.
- c) Documentation and Scope of Practice. For all services provided under this Agreement Contractor agrees to comply with the documentation and scope of practice standards required under state and federal laws and regulations and as set forth in the County document titled "Documentation and Scope of Practice", a current version of which is available at the following website: <a href="http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Health/Behavioral-Health/Forms-and-Materials/">http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Health/Behavioral-Health/Forms-and-Materials/</a>.
- d) Audits: Contractor's services and claims are subject to any audits conducted by County, the State of California, federal government, or other auditors. Any resulting audit exemption shall be repaid to County.
- e) Disallowance: Contractor shall make County whole for disallowances for payment or lost revenues as identified and discovered by County that are attributable to Contractor's performance under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, Contractor's insufficient documentation of Medical Necessity or billing errors by Contractor that preclude County from claiming the Federal Financial Participation share of Medi-Cal. Disallowances will be recouped at the rate set forth by the terms of the contract.
- f) To the extent Contractor is required to make County whole under this Paragraph, County may elect to withhold any payments for past services, offset against any payments for future services for which Contractor provides, or demand reimbursement without offset.
- g) Contractor shall pay any penalty or fine assessed against County arising from Contractor's failure to comply with all applicable Federal or State Health Care Program Requirements, including, but not limited to any penalties and fines which may be assessed under a Federal or State False Claims Act provision.
- h) Non-compliance with the provisions of this Exhibit B may lead at any time to withholding of payments and/or a termination of the Agreement based on breach of contract.
- i) Approved Procedure Codes and Rates for Specialty Mental Health Services: County shall compensate Contractor for contract services actually provided and documented. When

billing County for authorized services provided to Sonoma County beneficiaries, Contractor will use the exclusive list of procedure codes found in the Sonoma County Cloud "Contract Documents" folder.

# 8. General Billing & Coding:

Unit of time for specific code should be claimed. A unit of time is attained when the mid-point is passed. For example, an hour is attained when 31 minutes have elapsed (more than midway between zero and 60 minutes). A second hour is attained when a total of 91 minutes has elapsed." Some codes, such as Evaluation and Management (E&M) codes have defined time ranges and are not subject to the midpoint rule. For additional common billing related questions, refer to most current Department of Health Care Services, Specialty Mental Health Services Medi-Cal Billing Manual.

## 9. Routine Service Corrections:

Routine service corrections must be submitted on a County provided service correction form with supporting documentation. Service correction process and forms are located at <a href="http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Health/Behavioral-Health/Forms-and-Materials/">http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Health/Behavioral-Health/Forms-and-Materials/</a>

All routine service correction forms must be submitted directly to the Revenue Management Unit via Sonoma County Cloud or to the following address:

Sonoma County Department of Health Services Attn: Behavioral Health Division Revenue Management Unit 1450 Neotomas Avenue, Suite 200 Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Sonoma County Cloud access will be granted upon request. Requests will be emailed to: <a href="mailto:DHS-Fiscal-RMU@sonomacounty.gov">DHS-Fiscal-RMU@sonomacounty.gov</a>.

#### 10. Provider Problem Resolution:

- a) Contractor concerns or complaints may be submitted to Provider Relations by phone (707) 565-4850, in person, or in writing by using the Provider Problem Resolution & Payment Appeal form. The completed form may be mailed to 2227 Capricorn Way, Suite 207, Santa Rosa, CA 95407-5419 or emailed to <a href="mailto:SCBHProviderRelation@sonomacounty.gov">SCBHProviderRelation@sonomacounty.gov</a>.
- b) The Provider Problem Resolution & Payment Appeal form is available on the County website at: http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Health/Behavioral-Health/Forms-and-Materials/

#### **Exhibit C. Insurance Requirements**

With respect to performance of work under this Agreement, Contractor shall maintain and shall require all of its subcontractors, consultants, and other agents to maintain insurance as described below unless such insurance has been expressly waived by the attachment of a Waiver of Insurance Requirements. Any requirement for insurance to be maintained after completion of the work shall survive this Agreement.

County reserves the right to review any and all of the required insurance policies and/or endorsements, but has no obligation to do so. Failure to demand evidence of full compliance with the insurance requirements set forth in this Agreement or failure to identify any insurance deficiency shall not relieve Contractor from, nor be construed or deemed a waiver of, its obligation to maintain the required insurance at all times during the performance of this Agreement.

# 1. Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance

- a. Required if Contractor has employees as defined by the Labor Code of the State of California.
- b. Workers Compensation insurance with statutory limits as required by the Labor Code of the State of California.
- c. Employers Liability with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per Accident; \$1,000,000 Disease per employee; \$1,000,000 Disease per policy.
- d. Required Evidence of Insurance: Certificate of Insurance.

If Contractor currently has no employees as defined by the Labor Code of the State of California, Contractor agrees to obtain the above-specified Workers Compensation and Employers Liability insurance should employees be engaged during the term of this Agreement or any extensions of the term.

#### 2. General Liability Insurance

- a. Commercial General Liability Insurance on a standard occurrence form, no less broad than Insurance Services Office (ISO) form CG 00 01.
- b. Minimum Limits: \$1,000,000 per Occurrence; \$2,000,000 General Aggregate; \$2,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate. The required limits may be provided by a combination of General Liability Insurance and Commercial Excess or Commercial Umbrella Liability Insurance. If Contractor maintains higher limits than the specified minimum limits, County requires and shall be entitled to coverage for the higher limits maintained by Contractor.
- c. Any deductible or self-insured retention shall be shown on the Certificate of Insurance. If the deductible or self-insured retention exceeds \$100,000, it must be approved in advance by County. Contractor is responsible for any deductible or self-insured retention and shall fund it upon County's written request, regardless of whether Contractor has a claim against the insurance or is named as a party in any action involving the County.

- d. "County of Sonoma, its Officers, Agents, and Employees" shall be endorsed as additional insureds for liability arising out of operations by or on behalf of the Contractor in the performance of this Agreement.
- e. The insurance provided to the additional insureds shall be primary to, and non-contributory with, any insurance or self-insurance program maintained by them.
- f. The policy definition of "insured contract" shall include assumptions of liability arising out of both ongoing operations and the products-completed operations hazard (broad form contractual liability coverage including the "f" definition of insured contract in ISO form CG 00 01, or equivalent).
- g. The policy shall cover inter-insured suits between the additional insureds and Contractor and include a "separation of insureds" or "severability" clause which treats each insured separately.

# h. Required Evidence of Insurance

Certificate of Insurance.

# 3. Automobile Liability Insurance

- a. Minimum Limit: \$1,000,000 combined single limit per accident. The required limits may be provided by a combination of Automobile Liability Insurance and Commercial Excess or Commercial Umbrella Liability Insurance.
- b. Insurance shall cover all owned autos. If Contractor currently owns no autos, Contractor agrees to obtain such insurance should any autos be acquired during the term of this Agreement or any extensions of the term.
- c. Insurance shall cover hired and non-owned autos.
- d. Required Evidence of Insurance: Certificate of Insurance.

#### 4. Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions Insurance

- a. Minimum Limit: \$1,000,000 per claim or per occurrence.
- b. Any deductible or self-insured retention shall be shown on the Certificate of Insurance. If the deductible or self-insured retention exceeds \$100,000, it must be approved in advance by County.
- c. If the insurance is on a Claims-Made basis, the retroactive date shall be no later than the commencement of the work.
- d. Coverage applicable to the work performed under this Agreement shall be continued for two (2) years after completion of the work. Such continuation coverage may be provided by one of the following: (1) renewal of the existing policy; (2) an extended reporting period endorsement; or (3) replacement insurance with a retroactive date no later than the commencement of the work under this Agreement.
- e. *Required Evidence of Insurance*: Certificate of Insurance specifying the limits and the claims-made retroactive date.

#### 5. Cyber Liability Insurance – Network Security & Privacy Liability Insurance

Required if Contractor has access to individuals' private, personally identifiable information, or if the Agreement involves sharing of data or electronic information.

- a. Minimum Limit: \$2,000,000 per claim or per occurrence, \$2,000,000 aggregate.
- b. Coverage shall be sufficiently broad to respond to the duties and obligations as is undertaken by the Consultant in this agreement and shall include, but not be limited to, claims involving security breach, system failure, data recovery, business interruption, cyber extortion, social engineering, infringement of intellectual property, including but not limited to infringement of copyright, trademark, trade dress, invasion of privacy violations, information theft, damage to or destruction of electronic information, release of private information, and alteration of electronic information. The policy shall provide coverage for breach response costs (including notification costs), regulatory fines and penalties as well as credit monitoring expenses.
- c. If the insurance is on a Claims-Made basis, the retroactive date shall be no later than the commencement of the work.
- d. Coverage applicable to the work performed under this Agreement shall be continued for two (2) years after completion of the work. Such continuation coverage may be provided by one of the following: (1) renewal of the existing policy; (2) an extended reporting period endorsement; or (3) replacement insurance with a retroactive date no later than the commencement of the work under this Agreement.
- e. *Required Evidence of Insurance*: Certificate of Insurance specifying the limits and the claims-made retroactive date.

# 6. Cyber Liability Insurance – Technology Errors and Omissions Insurance

Required if Consultant is providing a technology service (data storage, website designers, etc.) or product (software providers).

- a. Minimum Limit: \$2,000,000 per claim or per occurrence, \$2,000,000 aggregate.
- b. Coverage shall be sufficiently broad to respond to the duties and obligations as is undertaken by the Consultant in this agreement and shall include, but not be limited to, claims involving security breach, system failure, data recovery, business interruption, cyber extortion, social engineering, infringement of intellectual property, including but not limited to infringement of copyright, trademark, trade dress, invasion of privacy violations, information theft, damage to or destruction of electronic information, release of private information, and alteration of electronic information. The policy shall provide coverage for breach response costs (including notification costs), regulatory fines and penalties as well as credit monitoring expenses.
- c. The Policy shall include, or be endorsed to include, property damage liability coverage for damage to, alteration of, loss of, or destruction of electronic data and/or information "property" of the County in the care, custody, or control of the Consultant. If the Consultant maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown above, the Entity requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or the higher

- limits maintained by the contractor. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to the Entity.
- d. If the insurance is on a Claims-Made basis, the retroactive date shall be no later than the commencement of the work.
- e. Coverage applicable to the work performed under this Agreement shall be continued for two (2) years after completion of the work. Such continuation coverage may be provided by one of the following: (1) renewal of the existing policy; (2) an extended reporting period endorsement; or (3) replacement insurance with a retroactive date no later than the commencement of the work under this Agreement.
- f. *Required Evidence of Insurance*: Certificate of Insurance specifying the limits and the claims-made retroactive date.

# 7. Standards for Insurance Companies

Insurers, other than the California State Compensation Insurance Fund, shall have an A.M. Best's rating of at least A:VII.

# 8. Documentation

- a. All required Evidence of Insurance shall be submitted prior to the execution of this Agreement. Contractor agrees to maintain current Evidence of Insurance on file with County for the entire term of this Agreement and any additional periods if specified in Sections 1 4 above.
- b. The name and **address** for Additional Insured endorsements and Certificates of Insurance is:

County of Sonoma, its Officers, Agents, and Employees Attn: DHS – Contract & Board Item Development Unit 1450 Neotomas Avenue, Suite 200 Santa Rosa CA 95405 Email: DHS-Contracting@sonomacounty.gov

- c. Required Evidence of Insurance shall be submitted for any renewal or replacement of a policy that already exists, at least ten (10) days before expiration or other termination of the existing policy.
- d. Contractor shall provide immediate written notice if: (1) any of the required insurance policies is terminated; (2) the limits of any of the required policies are reduced; or (3) the deductible or self-insured retention is increased.
- e. Upon written request, certified copies of required insurance policies must be provided within thirty (30) days.

# 9. Policy Obligations

Contractor's indemnity and other obligations shall not be limited by the foregoing insurance requirements.

# 10. Material Breach

If Contractor fails to maintain insurance which is required pursuant to this Agreement, it shall be deemed a material breach of this Agreement. County, at its sole option, may terminate this Agreement and obtain damages from Contractor resulting from said breach. Alternatively, County may purchase the required insurance, and without further notice to Contractor, County may deduct from sums due to Contractor any premium costs advanced by County for such insurance. These remedies shall be in addition to any other remedies available to County.



# Exhibit D. Special Terms and Conditions - Information Privacy & Security - HIPAA Business Associate Addendum

This Business Associate Addendum ("Addendum") supplements and is made a part of the services agreement ("Agreement") by and between County of Sonoma ("County") and Progress Foundation ("Business Associate").

## RECITALS

WHEREAS, County is a Hybrid Entity as defined under 45 Code of Federal Regulations ("CFR") Section 164.103;

WHEREAS, Progress Foundation is a Business Associate as defined under 45 CFR Section 160.103;

WHEREAS, County wishes to disclose certain information to Business Associate pursuant to the terms of Addendum, some of which information may constitute Protected Health Information ("PHI"), including electronic Protected Health Information ("ePHI");

WHEREAS, County and Business Associate intend to protect the privacy and provide for the security of PHI, including ePHI, disclosed to Business Associate pursuant to Addendum in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104 191 ("HIPAA"), regulations promulgated thereunder by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and other applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, as part of the HIPAA Regulations, the Privacy Rule and Security Rule require County to enter into a contract containing specific requirements with Business Associate prior to the disclosure of PHI, including ePHI, as set forth in, but not limited to, 45 CFR Sections 164.502(e), 164.504(e), and 164.308(b)(1) and contained in Addendum.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises below and the exchange of information pursuant to Addendum, the parties agree as follows:

Part I: HIPAA Business Associate Addendum (Applies to HIPAA Business Associates)

#### 1. <u>Definitions</u>

Terms used, but not otherwise defined, in Addendum shall have the same meaning as those terms in the HIPAA Regulations as set forth at 45 CFR Sections 160.103, 164.304, and 164.501.

- A. HIPAA Regulations. "HIPAA Regulations" shall mean the Privacy, Security, Breach Notification, and Enforcement Rules as set forth at 45 CFR Part 160 and Part 164.
- B. Breach. "Breach" shall mean the acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of PHI in a manner not permitted under 45 CFR Part 164 Subpart E and that compromises the security or privacy of PHI as defined at 45 CFR Section 164.402.
- C. Business Associate. "Business Associate" shall have the same meaning as the term "Business Associate" as set forth at 45 CFR Section 160.103.
- D. Covered Entity. "Covered Entity" shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 CFR Section 160.103. For purposes of this Addendum, this term is intended to mean the County of Sonoma.

- E. Data Aggregation. "Data Aggregation" shall have the same meaning as the term "Data aggregation" as set forth at 45 CFR Section 164.501.
- F. Designated Record Set. "Designated Record Set" shall have the same meaning as the term "designated record set" as set forth at 45 CFR Section 164.501.
- G. Disclosure. "Disclosure" shall mean the release of, transfer of, provision of access to, or divulging in any manner information outside the entity holding the information in accordance with 45 CFR Section 160.103.
- H. Health Care Operations. "Health Care Operations" shall have the same meaning as "Health care operations" as set forth at 45 CFR Section 164.501.
- I. Individual. "Individual" shall have the same meaning as the term "Individual" as set forth at 45 CFR Section 164.501, except that the term "Individual" as used in this Addendum shall also include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.502(g).
- J. Minimum Necessary. "Minimum Necessary" shall mean the minimum amount of PHI necessary for the intended purpose, as set forth at 45 CFR Sections 164.502(b) and 164.514(d): Standard: Minimum Necessary.
- K. Privacy Rule. "Privacy Rule" shall mean the HIPAA Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information as set forth at 45 CFR Part 160 and 45 CFR Part 164 Subparts A and E.
- L. PHI. "PHI" shall have the same meaning as the term "protected health information" as set forth at 45 CFR Section 160.103, except limited to the information received from Covered Entity or created, received, maintained, or transmitted by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity.
- M. Required by Law. "Required by law" shall have the same meaning as the term "required by law" as set forth at 45 CFR Section 164.103.
- N. Secretary. "Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services ("DHHS") or his/her designee.
- O. Security Incident. "Security Incident" shall mean the attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of personally identifiable information. A Security Incident includes the attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of or interference with systems operations in an information system which processes PHI that is under the control of Covered Entity or Business Associate of Covered Entity, but does not include minor incidents that occur on a daily basis, such as scans, "pings", or unsuccessful random attempts to penetrate computer networks or servers maintained by Business Associate.
- P. Security Rule. "Security Rule" shall mean the HIPAA Security Standards for the Protection of ePHI as set forth at 45 CFR Part 160 and 45 CFR Part 164 Subparts A and E.
- Q. Subcontractor. "Subcontractor" shall mean a subcontractor of Business Associate that creates, receives, maintains, or transmits PHI on behalf of Business Associate.

- R. Unsecured PHI. "Unsecured PHI" shall have the same meaning as the term "unsecured protected health information" as set forth at 45 CFR Section 164.402, except limited to the information received from Covered Entity or created, received, maintained, or transmitted by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity.
- S. Use. "Use" shall mean, with respect to individually identifiable health information, the sharing, employment, application, utilization, examination, or analysis of such information within an entity that maintains such information in accordance with 45 CFR Section 160.103.

# 2. Obligations of Business Associate

Business Associate acknowledges that Business Associate is directly required to comply with the HIPAA Regulations and that Business Associate (including its subcontractors) may be held directly liable for and be subject to penalties for failure to comply. To the extent Business Associate is to carry out one or more of County's obligations under 45 CFR Part 164 Subpart E of the Privacy Rule, Business Associate agrees to comply with the requirements of 45 CFR Part 164 Subpart E that apply to County in the performance of such obligations.

## 3. Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information

Except as otherwise provided in Addendum, Business Associate shall use and/or disclose PHI only as necessary to perform functions, activities, or services documented in the Scope of Work (Exhibit A) section of this Agreement for or on behalf of County, provided that such use and/or disclosure does not violate the HIPAA Regulations. Business Associate agrees not to further use or disclose PHI other than as permitted or required by Addendum or as required by law. Business Associate must make reasonable efforts to limit PHI to the Minimum Necessary to accomplish the intended purpose of the use, disclosure, or request. The uses of PHI may not exceed the limitations applicable to County under the HIPAA Regulations.

## 4. Designation of a Privacy Officer and a Security Officer

- A. Contractor shall designate a qualified and trained Security Officer to oversee its data security program who shall be responsible for carrying out the requirements of the HIPAA Security Rule (45 CFR Part 164 Subpart C)
- B. Contractor shall designate a qualified and trained Privacy Officer to oversee its information privacy program who shall be responsible for carrying out the requirements of the HIPAA Privacy Rule (45 CFR Part 164 et. seq.)

# 5. Safeguarding Protected Health Information

Business Associate shall use appropriate safeguards to prevent the use or disclosure of PHI other than as provided for by Addendum. Business Associate shall implement administrative, physical, and technical safeguards and shall comply with 45 CFR Part 164 Subpart C with respect to ePHI that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of ePHI created, received, maintained, or transmitted on behalf of County and prevent the use or disclosure of PHI other than as provided for by Agreement.

A. Encryption Requirements for Transmission and Storage of Electronic Data. All ePHI transmitted to Business Associate by County, and/or for or on behalf of County by Business Associate, and/or to County by Business Associate shall be provided or

transmitted using encryption methods which renders such ePHI unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable by unauthorized persons. All ePHI stored by Business Associate on electronic media shall be protected using encryption methods which render such ePHI unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable by unauthorized persons. Encryption of ePHI in transit or at rest shall use a technology or methodology set forth by the Secretary in the guidance issued under Section 13402(h)(2) of Public Law 111-5, and in accordance with the National Institute of Standards Technology (NIST) and Standards and Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS), as applicable.

- B. Destruction of PHI on paper, film, or other hard copy media must involve either shredding or otherwise destroying the PHI so that it cannot be read or reconstructed.
- C. Should any employee or subcontractor of Business Associate have direct, authorized access to County computer systems that contain ePHI, Business Associate shall immediately notify County of any change of such personnel (e.g., employee or subcontractor termination, or change in assignment where such access is no longer necessary) in order for County to disable the previously authorized access.

# 6. Notification of Breach, Unauthorized Use or Improper Disclosure

Business Associate must notify County in writing of any access, use, or disclosure of PHI not permitted or provided for by Addendum and/or any actual or suspected use or disclosure of data in violation of any applicable federal or state laws or regulations of which Business Associate becomes aware. A breach or unauthorized access, use, or disclosure shall be treated as discovered by Business Associate the first day on which such unauthorized access, use, or disclosure is known, or should reasonably have been known, to Business Associate or to any person, other than the individual committing the unauthorized disclosure, that is an employee, officer, subcontractor, agent, or other representative of Business Associate.

- A. Notification must be made as soon as practicable, but not later than 24 hours after discovery, by telephone call to 707-565-5703 plus e-mail to:
  - DHS-Privacy&Security@sonomacounty.gov, and will include:
  - 1) The identification of each Individual whose PHI has been, or is reasonably believed by Business Associate to have been, accessed, acquired, used, or disclosed; and
  - 2) A description of any remedial action taken or proposed to be taken by Business Associate.
- B. Business Associate must provide a complete report of the investigation to the County Privacy and Security Officer within ten (10) working days of the discovery of the breach or unauthorized use or disclosure. The report shall be submitted on the "Privacy Incident Report" form and shall include an assessment of all known factors relevant to a determination of whether a breach occurred. The report shall also include a full, detailed corrective action plan, including information on measures that were taken to halt and/or contain the improper use or disclosure. If the County requests information in addition to that listed on the "Privacy Incident Report" form, Contractor shall make reasonable efforts to provide the County with such information.
- C. Business Associate must mitigate any harm that results or may result from the breach, security incident, or unauthorized access, use, or disclosure of unsecured PHI by

Business Associate or its employees, officers, subcontractors, agents, or other representatives.

D. Following a breach or unauthorized access, use, or disclosure of unsecured PHI, Business Associate agrees to take any and all corrective action necessary to prevent recurrence, to document any such corrective action, and to make this documentation available to County.

## 7. Agents and Subcontractors of Business Associate

In accordance with 45 CFR Sections 164.502(e)(1)(ii) and 164.308(b)(2), and to the extent that Business Associate uses any agent, including a subcontractor, to which Business Associate provides PHI received from, created by, maintained by, or received by Business Associate on behalf of County, Business Associate shall execute an agreement with such agent or contractor containing a requirement to ensure compliance with the same restrictions and conditions that apply through Addendum to Business Associate with respect to PHI.

### 8. Access to Protected Health Information

At the request of County, and in the time and manner designated by County, Business Associate shall provide access to PHI in Designated Record Set to an Individual or County to meet the requirements of 45 CFR Section 164.524, and Ca. Health & Safety Code 123100 et. seq.

# 9. Amendments to Designated Record Set

Business Associate shall make any amendment(s) to PHI in Designated Record Set as directed or agreed to by County, or to take other measures necessary to satisfy County's obligations under 45 CFR Section 164.526.

# 10. Accounting of Disclosures

Business Associate shall document and make available such disclosures of PHI and information related to such disclosures as would be required for County to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.528.

### 11. Records Available to County, State, and Secretary

Business Associate shall make available internal practices, books, and records related to the use, disclosure, and privacy protection of PHI received from County, or created, maintained, or received by Business Associate on behalf of County, to County, State, or the Secretary for the purposes of investigating or auditing Business Associate's compliance with the HIPAA Regulations in the time and manner designated by County, State, or Secretary.

### 12. Return or Destruction of Protected Health Information

- A. Upon termination of Addendum for any reason, Business Associate shall:
  - 1) Return all PHI received from County; return all PHI created, maintained or received by Business Associate on behalf of County; and return all PHI required to be retained by the HIPAA Regulations; OR:
  - 2) at the discretion of County, destroy all PHI received from County, or created, maintained, or received by Business Associate on behalf of County. Destruction of PHI on paper, film, or other hard copy media must involve shredding or otherwise

destroying the PHI in a manner which will render the PHI unreadable, undecipherable, or unable to be reconstructed. Business Associate shall certify in writing that such PHI has been destroyed.

B. In the event Business Associate determines that returning or destroying PHI is not feasible, Business Associate shall provide County notification of the conditions that make return or destruction not feasible. Business Associate shall extend the protections of this Addendum to such PHI and limit further uses and disclosures of such PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as Business Associate maintains such PHI.

# 13. Data Aggregation

Business Associate may provide data aggregation services related to the health care operations of County as permitted by 45 CFR Section 164.504(e)(2)(i)(B).

# 14. Other Applicable Laws

Business Associate shall comply with all other applicable laws to the extent that such state confidentiality laws are not preempted by HIPAA.

# 15. Penalties/Fines for Failure to Comply with HIPAA

Business Associate shall pay any penalty or fine assessed against Covered Entity arising from Business Associate's failure to comply with the obligations imposed by HIPAA.

## 16. Training of Employees and Enforcement of Requirements

Business Associate shall train and use reasonable measures to ensure compliance with the requirements of this Business Associate Agreement by employees who assist in the performance of functions or activities on behalf of County under this Contract and use or disclose protected information; and discipline employees who intentionally violate any provisions.

## 17. Amendments to Addendum

No amendment of Addendum shall be effective unless and until such amendment is evidenced by a writing signed by the parties. County and Business Associate agree to take such action as is necessary to amend Addendum as required for County to comply with the requirements of the HIPAA Regulations. However, any provision required by HIPAA Regulations to be in Addendum shall bind the parties whether or not provided for in Addendum.

### 18. Termination of Addendum

If Business Associate should fail to perform any of its obligations hereunder, or materially breach any of the terms of Addendum, County may terminate Addendum immediately upon provision of notice stating the reason for such termination to Business Associate. County, within its sole discretion, may elect to give Business Associate an opportunity to cure such breach.

# 19. Material Breach

A breach by Business Associate or any of its agents or subcontractors of any provision of Addendum, as determined by County, shall constitute a material breach of Addendum and shall provide grounds for immediate termination of Addendum.

### 20. Indemnification

Business Associate agrees to accept all responsibility for loss or damage to any person or entity, including County, and to indemnify, hold harmless, and release County, its officers, agents, and employees from and against any actions, claims, damages, liabilities, disabilities, or expenses that may be asserted by any person or entity, including Business Associate, that arise out of, pertain to, or relate to Business Associate's or its agents', employees', contractors', subcontractors', or invitees' performance or obligations under Agreement. Business Associate agrees to provide a complete defense for any claim or action brought against County based upon a claim relating to such Business Associates' or its agents', employees', contractors', subcontractors', or invitees' performance or obligations under Agreement. Business Associates' obligations under Article 5 (Indemnification) apply whether or not there is concurrent negligence on County's part, but to the extent required by law, excluding liability due to County's conduct. County shall have the right to select its legal counsel at Business Associate's expense, subject to Business Associate's approval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. This indemnification obligation is not limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages or compensation payable to or for Business Associate or its agents under workers' compensation acts, disability benefits acts, or other employee benefit acts.

Part II: Privacy and Security of Personal Information and Personally Identifiable Information Not Subject to HIPAA: (Applies to all contractors)

### 1. Recitals

- A. In addition to the Privacy and Security Rules under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) the County is subject to various other legal and contractual requirements with respect to the personal information (PI) and personally identifiable information (PII) it maintains. These include:
  - 1) The California Information Practices Act of 1977 (California Civil Code §§ 1798 et seq.).
  - 2) The Agreement between the Social Security Administration (SSA) and the County, known as the Information Exchange Agreement (IEA), which incorporates the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act Agreement (CMPPA) between the SSA and the California Health and Human Services Agency. The IEA, including the CMPPA, is attached to this Exhibit as Attachment B and is hereby incorporated in this Agreement.
- B. The purpose of this Exhibit, Part II is to set forth Contractor's privacy and security obligations with respect to PI and PII that Contractor may create, receive, maintain, use, or disclose for or on behalf of County pursuant to this Agreement. Specifically, this Exhibit applies to PI and PII which is not Protected Health Information (PHI) as defined by HIPAA and therefore is not addressed in this Exhibit, Part I of this Agreement, the HIPAA Business Associate Addendum.
- C. The IEA Agreement referenced in A.2) above requires the County to extend its substantive privacy and security terms to subcontractors who receive data provided to DHCS by the Social Security Administration. If Contractor receives data from County that includes data provided to DHCS by the Social Security Administration, Contractor must comply with the following specific sections of the IEA Agreement: E. Security

- Procedures, F. Contractor/Agent Responsibilities, and G. Safeguarding and Reporting Responsibilities for Personally Identifiable Information ("PII"), and in Attachment 4 to the IEA, Electronic Information Exchange Security Requirements, Guidelines and Procedures for Federal, State and Local Agencies Exchanging Electronic Information with the Social Security Administration. Contractor must also ensure that any agents, including a subcontractor, to whom it provides County data that includes data provided by the Social Security Administration, agree to the same requirements for privacy and security safeguards for such confidential data that apply to Contractor with respect to such information.
- D. The terms used in this Exhibit, Part II, but not otherwise defined, shall have the same meanings as those terms have in the above referenced statute and Agreement. Any reference to statutory, regulatory, or contractual language shall be to such language as in effect or as amended.

### 2. Definitions

- A. "Breach" shall have the meaning given to such term under the IEA and CMPPA. It shall include a "PII loss" as that term is defined in the CMPPA.
- B. "Breach of the security of the system" shall have the meaning given to such term under the California Information Practices Act, Civil Code § 1798.29(d).
- C. Confidential Information shall mean information that is exempt from disclosure under the provisions of the California Public Records Act (Government Code sections 6250-6265) or other applicable state or federal laws
- D. "CMPPA Agreement" means the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act Agreement between the Social Security Administration and the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS). https://www.ssa.gov/dataexchange/documents/CMPPA%20State%20Model.pdf
- E. "County PI" shall mean Personal Information, as defined below, accessed in a database maintained by the County, received by Contractor from the County or acquired or created by Contractor in connection with performing the functions, activities and services specified in this Agreement on behalf of the County.
- F. "IEA" shall mean the Information Exchange Agreement currently in effect between the Social Security Administration (SSA) and the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

  https://www.ssa.gov/dataexchange/documents/IEA(F)%20State%20Level.pdf
- G. "Notice-triggering Personal Information" shall mean the personal information identified in Civil Code section 1798.29(e) whose unauthorized access may trigger notification requirements under Civil Code § 1709.29. For purposes of this provision, identity shall include, but not be limited to, name, identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to the individual, such as a finger or voice print, a photograph or a biometric identifier. Notice-triggering Personal Information includes PI in electronic, paper or any other medium.
- H. "Personally Identifiable Information" (PII) shall have the meaning given to such term in the IEA and CMPPA.

- I. "Personal Information" (PI) shall have the meaning given to such term in California Civil Code § 1798.3(a).
- J. "Required by law" means a mandate contained in law that compels an entity to make a use or disclosure of PI or PII that is enforceable in a court of law. This includes, but is not limited to, court orders and court-ordered warrants, subpoenas or summons issued by a court, grand jury, a governmental or tribal inspector general, or an administrative body authorized to require the production of information, and a civil or an authorized investigative demand. It also includes Medicare conditions of participation with respect to health care providers participating in the program, and statutes or regulations that require the production of information, including statutes or regulations that require such information if payment is sought under a government program providing public benefits.
- K. "Security Incident" means the attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of PI, or confidential data utilized in complying with this Agreement; or interference with system operations in an information system that processes, maintains or stores PI.
- L. Sensitive Information shall mean information that requires special precautions to protect from unauthorized use, access, disclosure, modification, loss, or deletion. Sensitive Information may be either Public Information or Confidential Information. It is information that requires a higher than normal assurance of accuracy and completeness. Thus, the key factor for Sensitive Information is that of integrity. Typically, Sensitive Information includes records of agency financial transactions and regulatory actions.

### 3. Terms of Agreement

A. Permitted Uses and Disclosures of County PI and PII by Contractor

Except as otherwise indicated in this Exhibit, Part II, Contractor may use or disclose County PI only to perform functions, activities or services for or on behalf of the County pursuant to the terms of this Agreement provided that such use or disclosure would not violate the California Information Practices Act (CIPA) if done by the County.

B. Responsibilities of Contractor

Contractor agrees:

- 1) Nondisclosure. Not to use or disclose County PI or PII other than as permitted or required by this Agreement or as required by applicable state and federal law.
  - o The Contractor and its employees, agents, or subcontractors shall protect from unauthorized disclosure any Personal Information, Sensitive Information, or Confidential Information (hereinafter identified as PSCI).
  - The Contractor and its employees, agents, or subcontractors shall not use any PSCI for any purpose other than carrying out the Contractor's obligations under this Agreement.
  - o The Contractor and its employees, agents, or subcontractors shall promptly transmit to the County Program Contract Manager all requests for disclosure of any PSCI not emanating from the person who is the subject of PSCI.

- o The Contractor shall not disclose, except as otherwise specifically permitted by this Agreement or authorized by the person who is the subject of PSCI, any PSCI to anyone other than County without prior written authorization from the County Program Contract Manager, except if disclosure is required by State or Federal law.
- 2) Safeguards. To implement appropriate and reasonable administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to protect the security, confidentiality and integrity of County PI and PII, to protect against anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of County PI and PII, and to prevent use or disclosure of County PI or PII other than as provided for by this Agreement. Contractor shall develop and maintain a written information privacy and security program that include administrative, technical and physical safeguards appropriate to the size and complexity of Contractor's operations and the nature and scope of its activities, which incorporate the requirements of Section 3, Security, below. Contractor will provide County with its current policies upon request.
- 3) Security. Contractor shall take any and all steps necessary to ensure the continuous security of all computerized data systems containing PHI and/or PI, and to protect paper documents containing PHI and/or PI. These steps shall include, at a minimum:
  - a) Complying with all of the data system security precautions listed in Part IV of this Special Terms and Conditions Document, Contractor Data Security Requirements; and
  - b) Providing a level and scope of security that is at least comparable to the level and scope of security established by the Office of Management and Budget in OMB Circular No. A-130, Appendix III- Security of Federal Automated Information Systems, which sets forth guidelines for automated information systems in Federal agencies; and
  - c) If the data obtained by User(s) from County includes PII, User(s) shall also comply with the substantive privacy and security requirements in the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act Agreement between the SSA and the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) and in the Agreement between the SSA and DHCS, known as the Information Exchange Agreement (IEA), which are attached as Attachment B and are incorporated into this Agreement. The specific sections of the IEA with substantive privacy and security requirements to be complied with are sections E, F, and G, and in Attachment 4 to the IEA, Electronic Information Exchange Security Requirements, Guidelines and Procedures for Federal, State and Local Agencies Exchanging Electronic Information with the SSA. The User(s) also agree to ensure that any agents, including a subcontractor, to whom they provide County PII agree to the same requirements for privacy and security safeguards for confidential data that apply to the User(s) with respect to such information. The User(s) also agree to ensure that any agents, including a subcontractor, to whom they provide County PII agree to the same requirements for privacy and security safeguards for confidential data that apply to the User(s) with respect to such information.

- 4) Mitigation of Harmful Effects. To mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Contractor of a use or disclosure of County PI or PII by Contractor or its subcontractors in violation of this Exhibit, Part II.
- 5) Contractor's Agents and Subcontractors. To impose the same restrictions and conditions set forth in this Exhibit, Part II on any subcontractors or other agents with whom Contractor subcontracts any activities under this Agreement that involve the disclosure of County PI or PII to the subcontractor.
- 6) Availability of Information to County. To make PI and PII available to the County for purposes of oversight, inspection, amendment, and response to requests for records, injunctions, judgments, and orders for production of County PI and PII. If Contractor receives County PII, upon request by County, Contractor shall provide County with a list of all employees, contractors and agents who have access to County PII, including employees, contractors and agents of its subcontractors and agents.
- 7) Cooperation with County. With respect to County PI, to cooperate with and assist the County to the extent necessary to ensure the County's compliance with the applicable terms of the CIPA including, but not limited to, accounting of disclosures of County PI, correction of errors in County PI, production of County PI, disclosure of a security breach involving County PI and notice of such breach to the affected individual(s).
- 8) Breaches and Security Incidents. During the term of this Agreement, Contractor agrees to implement reasonable systems for the discovery and prompt reporting of any breach or security incident, and to take the following steps:
  - a) Initial Notice to the County. (1) To notify the County immediately by telephone call plus email or fax upon the discovery of a breach of unsecured County PI or PII in electronic media or in any other media if the PI or PII was, or is reasonably believed to have been, accessed or acquired by an unauthorized person, or upon discovery of a suspected security incident involving County PII. (2) To notify the County within 24 hours (1 hour if SSA data) by email or fax of the discovery of any suspected security incident, intrusion or unauthorized access, use or disclosure of County PI or PII in violation of this Agreement or this Exhibit, Part I, or potential loss of confidential data affecting this Agreement. A breach shall be treated as discovered by Contractor as of the first day on which the breach is known, or by exercising reasonable diligence would have been known, to any person (other than the person committing the breach) who is an employee, officer or other agent of Contractor.
  - b) Notice shall be provided to the County Privacy and Security Officer. If the incident occurs after business hours or on a weekend or holiday and involves electronic County PI or PII, notice shall be provided by calling the County Privacy and Security Officer. Notice shall be made using the County "Privacy Incident Report" form.
  - c) Upon discovery of a breach or suspected security incident, intrusion or unauthorized access, use or disclosure of County PHI, Contractor shall take:
    - i. Prompt corrective action to mitigate any risks or damages involved with the breach and to protect the operating environment; and

- ii. Any action pertaining to such unauthorized disclosure required by applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.
- d) Investigation and Investigation Report. To immediately investigate such suspected security incident, security incident, breach, or unauthorized access, use or disclosure of PHI within 72 hours of the discovery, Contractor shall submit an updated "Privacy Incident Report" containing the information marked with an asterisk and all other applicable information listed on the form, to the extent known at the time, to the County Privacy and Security Officer.
- e) Complete Report. To provide a complete report of the investigation to the County Privacy and Security Officer within ten (10) working days of the discovery of the breach or unauthorized use or disclosure. The report shall be submitted on the "Privacy Incident Report" form and shall include an assessment of all known factors relevant to a determination of whether a breach occurred. The report shall also include a full, detailed corrective action plan, including information on measures that were taken to halt and/or contain the improper use or disclosure. If the County requests information in addition to that listed on the "Privacy Incident Report" form, Contractor shall make reasonable efforts to provide the County with such information. If, because of the circumstances of the incident, Contractor needs more than ten (10) working days from the discovery to submit a complete report, the County may grant a reasonable extension of time, in which case Contractor shall submit periodic updates until the complete report is submitted. If necessary, a Supplemental Report may be used to submit revised or additional information after the completed report is submitted, by submitting the revised or additional information on an updated "Privacy Incident Report" form. The County will review and approve the determination of whether a breach occurred and individual notifications are required, and the corrective action plan.
- f) Responsibility for Reporting of Breaches. If the cause of a breach of County PI or PII is attributable to Contractor or its agents, subcontractors or vendors, Contractor is responsible for all required reporting of the breach as specified in CIPA, § 1798.29(a) (d) and as may be required under the IEA. Contractor shall bear all costs of required notifications to individuals as well as any costs associated with the breach. The County Privacy and Security Officer shall approve the time, manner and content of any such notifications and their review and approval must be obtained before the notifications are made. The County will provide its review and approval expeditiously and without unreasonable delay. If Contractor has reason to believe that duplicate reporting of the same breach or incident may occur because its subcontractors, agents or vendors may report the breach or incident to the County in addition to Contractor, Contractor shall notify the County, and the County and Contractor may take appropriate action to prevent duplicate reporting.
- g) County Contact Information. To direct communications to the above referenced County staff, the Contractor shall initiate contact as indicated herein. The County reserves the right to make changes to the contact information below by giving

written notice to the Contractor. Said changes shall not require an amendment to this Addendum or the Agreement to which it is incorporated.

Sonoma Co. Privacy Officer: 1450 Neotomas Ave. Suite 200, Santa Rosa, CA 95405; 707-565-5703; DHS-Privacy&Security@Sonomacounty.gov

Part III: Miscellaneous Terms and Conditions including Access to 42 CFR Part 2 information. (Applies to all Contractors)

## 1. Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records

If Contractor is in possession or has access to information regulated by Title 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter I, Subchapter A, Part 2, (42 CFR Part 2), Contractor shall comply with all related regulations. Contractor is aware that criminal penalties may be imposed for a violation of these confidentiality requirements.

### 2. Disclaimer

The County makes no warranty or representation that compliance by Contractor with this Exhibit, HIPAA or the HIPAA regulations will be adequate or satisfactory for Contractor's own purposes or that any information in Contractor's possession or control, or transmitted or received by Contractor, is or will be secure from unauthorized use or disclosure. Contractor is solely responsible for all decisions made by Contractor regarding the safeguarding of the County PHI.

## 3. Amendment

- A. The parties acknowledge that federal and state laws relating to electronic data security and privacy are rapidly evolving and that amendment of this Exhibit may be required to provide for procedures to ensure compliance with such developments. The parties specifically agree to take such action as is necessary to implement the standards and requirements of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, and the HIPAA regulations. Upon either party's request, the other party agrees to promptly enter into negotiations concerning an amendment to this Exhibit embodying written assurances consistent with the standards and requirements of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, and the HIPAA regulations. The County may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice in the event:
  - 1) Contractor does not promptly enter into negotiations to amend this Exhibit when requested by the County pursuant to this section; or
  - 2) Contractor does not enter into an amendment providing assurances regarding the safeguarding of County PHI that the County deems necessary to satisfy the standards and requirements of HIPAA and the HIPAA regulations.

## 4. Judicial or Administrative Proceedings

Contractor will notify the County if it is named as a defendant in a criminal proceeding for a violation of HIPAA or other security or privacy law. The County may terminate this Agreement if Contractor is found guilty of a criminal violation of HIPAA. The County may terminate this Agreement if a finding or stipulation that the Contractor has violated any standard or requirement of HIPAA, or other security or privacy laws is made in any administrative or civil proceeding in which the Contractor is a party or has been joined. County will consider the nature and seriousness of the violation in deciding whether or not to terminate the Agreement.

## 5. Assistance in Litigation or Administrative Proceedings

Contractor shall make itself and any subcontractors, employees or agents assisting Contractor in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, available to the County at no cost to the County to testify as witnesses, or otherwise, in the event of litigation or administrative proceedings being commenced against the County, its directors, officers or employees based upon claimed violation of HIPAA, or the HIPAA regulations, which involves inactions or actions by the Contractor, except where Contractor or its subcontractor, employee or agent is a named adverse party.

# 6. No Third-Party Beneficiaries

Nothing express or implied in the terms and conditions of this Exhibit is intended to confer, nor shall anything herein confer, upon any person other than the County or Contractor and their respective successors or assignees, any rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities whatsoever.

# 7. Interpretation

The terms and conditions in this Exhibit shall be interpreted as broadly as necessary to implement and comply with HIPAA, the HITECH Act, and the HIPAA regulations. The parties agree that any ambiguity in the terms and conditions of this Exhibit shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that complies and is consistent with HIPAA, the HITECH Act and the HIPAA regulations.

## 8. Conflict

In case of a conflict between any applicable privacy or security rules, laws, regulations or standards the most stringent shall apply. The most stringent means that safeguard which provides the highest level of protection to PHI from unauthorized disclosure. Further, Contractor must comply within a reasonable period of time with changes to these standards that occur after the effective date of this Agreement.

### 9. Regulatory References

A reference in the terms and conditions of this Exhibit to a section in the HIPAA regulations means the section as in effect or as amended.

#### 10. Survival

The respective rights and obligations of Contractor under Section 3, Item D of Exhibit, Part I, Responsibilities of Contractor, shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

# 11. 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.

# 12. Audits, Inspection and Enforcement

From time to time, and subject to all applicable federal and state privacy and security laws and regulations, the County may conduct a reasonable inspection of the facilities, systems, books and records of Contractor to monitor compliance with this Exhibit. Contractor shall promptly remedy any violation of any provision of this Exhibit. The fact that the County inspects, or fails to

inspect, or has the right to inspect, Contractor's facilities, systems and procedures does not relieve Contractor of its responsibility to comply with this Exhibit. The County's failure to detect a non-compliant practice, or a failure to report a detected non-compliant practice to Contractor does not constitute acceptance of such practice or a waiver of the County's enforcement rights under this Agreement, including this Exhibit.

# 13. Due Diligence

Contractor shall exercise due diligence and shall take reasonable steps to ensure that it remains in compliance with this Exhibit and is in compliance with applicable provisions of HIPAA, the HITECH Act and the HIPAA regulations, and that its agents, subcontractors and vendors are in compliance with their obligations as required by this Exhibit.

## 14. Term

The Term of this Exhibit shall extend beyond the termination of the Agreement and shall terminate when all County PHI is destroyed or returned to the County, in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(I), and when all County PI and PII is destroyed in accordance with Attachment A.

### 15. Effect of Termination

Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement for any reason, Contractor shall return or destroy all County PHI, PI and PII that Contractor still maintains in any form, and shall retain no copies of such PHI, PI or PII. If return or destruction is not feasible, Contractor shall notify the County of the conditions that make the return or destruction infeasible, and the County and Contractor shall determine the terms and conditions under which Contractor may retain the PHI, PI or PII. Contractor shall continue to extend the protections of this Exhibit to such County PHI, PI and PII, and shall limit further use of such data to those purposes that make the return or destruction of such data infeasible. This provision shall apply to County PHI, PI and PII that is in the possession of subcontractors or agents of Contractor.

## Part IV: Contractor Data Security Requirements

### 1. General Controls

Contractor shall preserve and shall ensure that its sub-consultants or vendors preserve, the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of County data with administrative, technical and physical measures that conform to generally recognized industry standards and best practices that the selected firm then applies to its own processing environment. Maintenance of a secure processing environment includes, but is not limited to, the timely application of patches, fixes and updates to operating systems and applications as provided by Contractor and/or its sub-consultants or vendors. Contractor agrees to, and shall ensure that its sub-consultants or venders, comply with County's current and future information security policies, standards, procedures, and guidelines.

### 2. Designation of Individual(s) Responsible for information Privacy and Security

### A. Security Officer:

Contractor shall designate a qualified individual, (HIPAA Security Officer), to implement and oversee its data security program. The individual shall be responsible for, and knowledgeable about, carrying out the requirements of this Special Terms and Conditions

Exhibit, ensuring Contractor compliance with all provisions of the HIPAA Security Rule (45 CFR 164.300 et. seq.), and for communicating about privacy and security matters with the County.

## B. Privacy Officer:

Contractor shall designate a qualified individual, (HIPAA Privacy Officer), to implement and oversee its information privacy program. The individual shall be responsible for, knowledgeable about, and trained in, carrying out the requirements of this Special Terms and Conditions Exhibit, ensuring Contractor compliance with all applicable state and federal information privacy laws (including but not limited to HIPAA, WIC 5328, 42 CFR Part 2, California Medical Information Act, etc.), and for communicating about privacy and security matters with the County.

- C. The individual designated to the above roles may be the same individual so long as they are qualified and able to effectively perform the duties of both designations.
- D. Any individual(s) designated as the Privacy Officer and/or Security Officer, must attend a Basic Privacy Compliance Academy course offered by the Health Care Compliance Association (HCCA) and obtain, within six (6) months of appointment, a "Certified in Healthcare Privacy Compliance" certification from the Health Care Compliance Association. Certification must be maintained continuously while designated in the role. Alternate training and certification may be considered equivalent if approved at the sole discretion of the County Privacy & Security Officer.

## 3. Personnel Controls

- A. Employee Training. All workforce members who assist in the performance of functions or activities on behalf of the County, or access or disclose County PHI or PI must complete information privacy and security training, at least annually, at Contractor's expense. Each workforce member who receives information privacy and security training must sign a certification, indicating the member's name and the date on which the training was completed. These certifications must be retained for a period of six (6) years following termination of this Agreement.
- B. Employee Discipline. Appropriate sanctions must be applied against workforce members who fail to comply with privacy policies and procedures or any provisions of these requirements, including termination of employment where appropriate.
- C. Confidentiality Statement. All persons that will be working with County PHI or PI must sign a confidentiality statement that includes, at a minimum, General Use, Security and Privacy Safeguards, Unacceptable Use, and Enforcement Policies. The statement must be signed by the workforce member prior to access to County PHI or PI. The statement must be renewed annually. The Contractor shall retain each person's written confidentiality statement for County inspection for a period of six (6) years following termination of this Agreement.
- D. Background Check. Before a member of the workforce may access County PHI or PI, a background screening of that worker must be conducted. The screening should be commensurate with the risk and magnitude of harm the employee could cause, with more thorough screening being done for those employees who are authorized to bypass

significant technical and operational security controls. The Contractor shall retain each workforce member's background check documentation for a period of three (3) years.

# 4. Technical Security Controls

- A. Workstation/Laptop encryption. All workstations and laptops that store County PHI or PI either directly or temporarily must be encrypted using a FIPS 140-2 certified algorithm which is 128bit or higher, such as Advanced Encryption Standard (AES). The encryption solution must be full disk unless approved by the County Privacy and Security Office.
- B. Server Security. Servers containing unencrypted County PHI or PI must have sufficient administrative, physical, and technical controls in place to protect that data, based upon a risk assessment/system security review.
- C. Minimum Necessary. Only the minimum necessary amount of County PHI or PI required to perform necessary business functions may be copied, downloaded, or exported.
- D. Removable media devices. All electronic files that contain County PHI or PI data must be encrypted when stored on any removable media or portable device (i.e.: USB thumb drives, floppies, CD/DVD, Blackberry, backup tapes etc.). Encryption must be a FIPS 140-2 certified algorithm which is 128bit or higher, such as AES.
- E. Antivirus software. All workstations, laptops and other systems that process and/or store County PHI or PI must install and actively use comprehensive anti-virus software solution with automatic updates scheduled at least daily.
- F. Patch Management. All workstations, laptops and other systems that process and/or store County PHI or PI must have critical security patches applied, with system reboot if necessary. There must be a documented patch management process which determines installation timeframe based on risk assessment and vendor recommendations. At a maximum, all applicable patches must be installed within 30 days of vendor release. Applications and systems that cannot be patched within this time frame due to significant operational reasons must have compensatory controls implemented to minimize risk until the patches can be installed. Applications and systems that cannot be patched must have compensatory controls implemented to minimize risk, where possible.
- G. User IDs and Password Controls. All users must be issued a unique user name for accessing County PHI or PI. Username must be promptly disabled, deleted, or the password changed upon the transfer or termination of an employee with knowledge of the password. Passwords are not to be shared. Passwords must be at least eight characters and must be a non-dictionary word. Passwords must not be stored in readable format on the computer. Passwords must be changed at least every 90 days, preferably every 60 days. Passwords must be changed if revealed or compromised. Passwords must be composed of characters from at least three of the following four groups from the standard keyboard:
  - 1) Upper case letters (A-Z)
  - 2) Lower case letters (a-z)
  - 3) Arabic numerals (0-9)
  - 4) Non-alphanumeric characters (punctuation symbols)
- H. Data Destruction. When no longer needed, all County PHI or PI must be wiped using the Gutmann or US Department of Defense (DoD) 5220.22-M (7 Pass) standard, or by

- degaussing. Media may also be physically destroyed in accordance with NIST Special Publication 800-88. Other methods require prior written permission of the County Privacy and Security Office.
- I. System Timeout. The system providing access to County PHI or PI must provide an automatic timeout, requiring re-authentication of the user session after no more than 20 minutes of inactivity.
- J. Warning Banners. All systems providing access to County PHI or PI must display a warning banner stating that data is confidential, systems are logged, and system use is for business purposes only by authorized users. User must be directed to log off the system if they do not agree with these requirements.
- K. System Logging. The system must maintain an automated audit trail which can identify the user or system process which initiates a request for County PHI or PI, or which alters County PHI or PI. The audit trail must be date and time stamped, must log both successful and failed accesses, must be read only, and must be restricted to authorized users. If County PHI or PI is stored in a database, database logging functionality must be enabled. Audit trail data must be archived for at least 3 years after occurrence.
- L. Access Controls. The system providing access to County PHI or PI must use role-based access controls for all user authentications, enforcing the principle of least privilege.
- M. Transmission encryption. All data transmissions of County PHI or PI outside the secure internal network must be encrypted using a FIPS 140-2 certified algorithm which is 128bit or higher, such as AES. Encryption can be end to end at the network level, or the data files containing County PHI can be encrypted. This requirement pertains to any type of County PHI or PI in motion such as website access, file transfer, and E-Mail.
- N. Intrusion Detection. All systems involved in accessing, holding, transporting, and protecting County PHI or PI that are accessible via the Internet must be protected by a comprehensive intrusion detection and prevention solution.

## 5. Audit Controls

- A. System Security Review. Contractor must ensure audit control mechanisms that record and examine system activity are in place. All systems processing and/or storing County PHI or PI must have at least an annual system risk assessment/security review which provides assurance that administrative, physical, and technical controls are functioning effectively and providing adequate levels of protection. Reviews should include vulnerability scanning tools.
- B. Log Reviews. All systems processing and/or storing County PHI or PI must have a routine procedure in place to review system logs for unauthorized access.
- C. Change Control. All systems processing and/or storing County PHI or PI must have a documented change control procedure that ensures separation of duties and protects the confidentiality, integrity and availability of data.
- D. Random Audits. Contractor will accommodate and upon reasonable notice by Sonoma County, work with Sonoma County and/or its subcontractors to submit to a random information security audit. This is to ensure that Contractor's and/or vendor's information security practices or standards comply with Sonoma County's information security

policies, standards, procedures and guidelines. Contractor shall ensure that its sub-consultants or vendors comply with this requirement.

# 6. Business Continuity/Disaster Recovery Controls

- A. Emergency Mode Operation Plan. Contractor must establish a documented plan to enable continuation of critical business processes and protection of the security of County PHI or PI held in an electronic format in the event of an emergency. Emergency means any circumstance or situation that causes normal computer operations to become unavailable for use in performing the work required under this Agreement for more than 24 hours.
- B. Data Backup Plan. Contractor must have established documented procedures to backup County PHI to maintain retrievable exact copies of County PHI or PI. The plan must include a regular schedule for making backups, storing backups offsite, an inventory of backup media, and an estimate of the amount of time needed to restore County PHI or PI should it be lost. At a minimum, the schedule must be a weekly full backup and monthly offsite storage of County data.

# 7. Paper Document Controls

- A. Supervision of Data. County PHI or PI in paper form shall not be left unattended at any time, unless it is locked in a file cabinet, file room, desk or office. Unattended means that information is not being observed by an employee authorized to access the information. County PHI or PI in paper form shall not be left unattended at any time in vehicles or planes and shall not be checked in baggage on commercial airplanes.
- B. Escorting Visitors. Visitors to areas where County PHI or PI is contained shall be escorted and County PHI or PI shall be kept out of sight while visitors are in the area.
- C. Confidential Destruction. County PHI or PI must be disposed of through confidential means, such as cross cut shredding and pulverizing.
- D. Removal of Data. Only the minimum necessary County PHI or PI may be removed from the premises of the Contractor except with express written permission of the County. County PHI or PI shall not be considered "removed from the premises" if it is only being transported from one of Contractor's locations to another of the same Contractor's locations.
- E. Faxing. Faxes containing County PHI or PI shall not be left unattended and fax machines shall be in secure areas. Faxes shall contain a confidentiality statement notifying persons receiving faxes in error to destroy them. Fax numbers shall be verified with the intended recipient before sending the fax.
- F. Mailing. Mailings containing County PHI or PI shall be sealed and secured from damage or inappropriate viewing of such PHI or PI to the extent possible. Mailings which include 500 or more individually identifiable records of County PHI or PI in a single package shall be sent using a tracked mailing method which includes verification of delivery and receipt, unless the prior written permission of the County to use another method is obtained.

Part V: Provisions for Access to County Electronic Health Records System (Applies to contractors that have access to County E.H.R. system)

# 1. General Controls

AGREEMENTS AND CONDITIONS OF ACCESS AND USE In consideration for use of the Department of Health Services (DHS) Electronic Health Record system ("EHR"), User agrees to the following terms and conditions:

- A. Contractor shall only use the EHR system to support clients served pursuant to a contract with the County.
- B. Contractor and Contractor staff shall only access the EHR and Protected Health Information for the purpose of providing healthcare services.
- C. Contractor shall ensure that staff will not use or disclose Protected Health Information other than as permitted or as required by law or this Agreement.
- D. Contractor shall ensure that staff will not share or give authentication credentials, such as a USERID or password, to any other individual, or fail to take appropriate measures to safeguard their authentication credentials.
- E. Contractor shall ensure that all staff with EHR access shall be trained on (i) the use of the EHR system; (ii) safeguards necessary to protect the EHR system, and (iii) the proper use/disclosure of information stored in the EHR system.
- F. Contractor shall ensure that all staff with access to the EHR system sign a confidentiality agreement stating they will maintain confidentiality of protected information maintained in the EHR System. This agreement may be combined with other required confidentiality agreements.
- G. Within 24 hours of discovery, Contractor shall report to DHS Privacy and Security Officer any use or disclosure of Protected Health Information which would violate State/federal regulations or the terms of this Agreement.
- H. Contractor shall notify County of staff enrollment, staff changes job duties/credentialling, or staff separation from employment within 24 hours of the staff change using the form provided by the County.
- I. County shall be responsible for enrollment of new staff into the EHR system, and adjustments to staff's level of access when staff changes job duties/credentialling or staff is separated from employment.
- J. Contactor shall comply with all other information privacy and security provisions as articulated in this Agreement and exhibits.
- K. If any use or disclosure of Protected Health Information by Contractor or Contractor's agents, staff, subcontractors, or invitees violates State/Federal regulations or the terms of this Agreement, Contractor agrees to accept all responsibility in accordance with Provision 19 (Indemnification) of the Business Associate Agreement.

# **Exhibit F. California Department of Health Care Services Specialty Mental Health Services Medi-Cal Contract Special Terms and Conditions**

Contractor agrees to comply, and to ensure the compliance of its employees, subcontractors, and agents, with all the requirements set forth in this Exhibit applicable to services provided for under the Agreement. Some requirements set forth in this Exhibit are covered in greater detail in the Provider Manual and are notated with an asterisk (\*). The entire Provider Manual is hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein, and will be made available to Contractor by County. Contractor shall comply with the Provider Manual as may be amended or updated from time to time during the term of this Agreement.

# 1. <u>California Department of Health Care Services ("DHCS") Mental Health Plan Standard Agreement</u>

Contractor agrees to comply, and to ensure compliance by its employees, subcontractors, and agents, with all applicable terms and conditions set forth in the DHCS Mental Health Plan Standard Agreement with County, which is hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein. The Mental Health Plan Agreement is available on the Sonoma County Department of Health Services' website at:

http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Health/Behavioral-Health/Forms-and-Materials/.

## 2. Subcontractors

Contractor agrees that any employees or agents of Contractor that assist Contractor in the provision of services shall also satisfy the requirements of this Agreement. Contractor understands and agrees that all obligations and prohibitions imposed on Contractor pursuant to this Agreement are equally applicable to each and every individual providing services through Contractor under this Agreement, and Contractor shall assure that such individuals agree to comply with such obligations and prohibitions.

# 3. <u>California Department of Health Care Services MHSUDS Bulletins, Information Notices, and Letters</u>

Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable MHSUDS Bulletins, Information Notices, and Letters issued by DHCS, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of this Agreement. MHSUDS Bulletins, Information Notices, and Letters can be found at the following DHCS website:

https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Pages/Behavioral Health Information Notice.aspx

# 4. Compliance with State and County Corrective Action

When DHCS or County conducts a review, annual external quality review, or other monitoring activities that identify areas of non-compliance, Contractor agrees to comply with all required corrective actions applicable to Contractor as set forth in the state or county issued report.

### 5. Provider Selection

The Contractor shall have written policies and procedures for selection and retention of providers.

Contractor's policies and procedures for selection and retention of providers must not discriminate against particular providers that serve high-risk populations or specialize in conditions that require costly treatment. (42 CFR 438.12(a)(2).)

The Contractor shall follow DHCS uniform credentialing and re-credentialing policy. The Contractor must follow a documented process for credentialing and re-credentialing of network providers. The Contractor must follow a documented process for credentialing and re-credentialing of staff. (42 CFR 438.12(a)(2), 438.214(b).)

The Contractor shall not discriminate in the selection, reimbursement, or indemnification of any provider who is acting within the scope of their license or certification under applicable state law, solely on the basis of that license or certification. (42 CFR 438.12(a)(2).)

The Contractor shall establish individual, group and organizational provider selection criteria as provided for in CCR Title 9, 1810.435(c). Upon request of County, Contractor shall provide documentation evidencing that its providers are credentialed as required.

Contractor shall only use licensed, registered, or waivered providers acting within their scope of practice for services that require a license, waiver, or registration. (CCR Title 9, 1840.314(d).)

# 6. Licensure and Staffing

Contractor warrants that it and all its employees and subcontractors providing or supervising services under this Agreement have a National Provider Identifier (NPI) number as required by law and all necessary licenses, permits, registrations, and certificates to provide services under this Agreement, as required by applicable state and federal laws, rules, and regulations. Contractor agrees to maintain said licenses, permits, registrations, certificates, and a NPI number in good standing for the duration of this Agreement.

A copy of each of such licenses, permits, registrations, certificates, and an NPI number shall be made available upon request, not to exceed three (3) business days after the initial request, for inspection, review, and/or audit by authorized representatives and designees of County, state, and/or federal governments during the term of this Agreement and for the applicable records retention period. Failure to maintain said licenses, permits, registrations, certificates, and/or an NPI number in effect for the duration of this Agreement shall be deemed a material breach of this Agreement and constitutes grounds for immediate termination of this Agreement by County.

Staff shall only function within the scope of practice as dictated by licensing boards/bodies. At all times during the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall have available and shall provide upon request to authorized representatives of County a list of all persons by name, title, professional degree, and experience who are providing any services under this Agreement. Contractor shall immediately and no later than two business days notify County in writing of any termination, suspension, reduction, or restriction of any requisite license, permit, registration, certificate or NPI number held by Contractor or its subcontractor. In addition, Contractor shall immediately notify County of any changes in ownership or location, significant physical plant or major staffing changes, corporate structure changes, or any reduction or modification of contracted services.

## 7. Notification of Adverse Proceedings

Contractor shall immediately, and no later than two (2) business days, report to the County if Contractor or their employees, volunteers, interns, subcontractors, or providers retained in any capacity by Contractor are notified, have reason to know, or have reason to believe that they are under investigation by their licensing or certifying agency, are found to be in violation of any rules or regulation of their licensing or certifying agency, or are the subject of a disciplinary

action. Contractor shall e-mail <u>SCBHProviderRelation@sonomacounty.gov</u> when notification of adverse proceeding is required.

## 8. Enrollment as Medi-Cal and Medicare Provider

Contractor warrants that during the term of this Agreement, Contractor and its subcontractors are enrolled in and eligible to participate as Medi-Cal providers in the Medi-Cal program as set forth in 42 CFR part 455, subparts B and E (42 CFR 438.608(b)). Contractor warrants that it has not opted out of participation in Medicare and that Contractor is currently enrolled in or eligible to participate in the Medicare program.

Contractor shall ensure that all applicable staff and subcontractor staff eligible to participate in Fee-for-Service Medi-Cal, enroll in the Provider Application and Validation for Enrollment (PAVE) system prior to rendering Specialty Mental Health Services ("SMHS") under this agreement. Provider types supported by PAVE include but are not limited to: Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist, Physician, Psychologist, Nurse Practitioner and Tribal Health Services.

Additional information about PAVE and PAVE enrollment requirements can be located at <a href="https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/PAVE.aspx">https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/PAVE.aspx</a>

### 9. Medi-Cal Site Certification\*

The County shall certify the Contractor provider sites, in accordance with CCR, Title 9, section 1810.435, and the requirements specified in Exhibit A of this contract. This certification shall be performed prior to the date on which the Contractor begins to deliver services under this Agreement at these sites and once every three years after that date, unless the County determines an earlier date is necessary.

The on-site review required by CCR, Title 9, section 1810.435(e), shall be conducted of any site owned, leased, or operated by the Contractor and used to deliver covered services to beneficiaries, except that on-site review is not required for public school or satellite sites.

At County's sole discretion, County may allow Contractor to begin delivering covered services to beneficiaries at a site subject to on-site review by County prior to the date of the on-site review, provided the site is operational and has any required fire clearances as determined by County.

The earliest date Contractor may begin delivering covered services at a site subject to on-site review by County is the date Contractor requested certification of the site in accordance with procedures established by County, the date the site was operational, or the date a required fire clearance was obtained, whichever date is latest.

In its sole discretion, County may allow Contractor to continue delivering covered services to beneficiaries at a site subject to on-site review by County as part of the recertification process prior to the date of the on-site review, provided the site is operational and has all required fire clearances as determined by County.

Nothing in this section precludes County from establishing procedures for issuance of separate provider identification numbers for each of the organizational provider sites operated by Contractor to facilitate the claiming of Federal Financial Participation by Contractor and County's tracking of that information.

## 10. Cultural Competence Plan

Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the County's Cultural Competence Plan and participate in the County's efforts to promote the delivery of services in a culturally competent manner to all beneficiaries, including those with limited English proficiency and diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds, disabilities, and regardless of gender, sexual orientation or gender identity. Contractor shall use professional skills, behaviors, and attitudes in its system that ensures its system and clients being seen in the system, will work effectively in a cross-cultural environment. Contractor shall adopt effective measures to enforce compliance with the County's Cultural Competence Plan by its employees, subcontractors, and agents.

Within 90 calendar days of hire, and annually thereafter, Contractor, its employees, subcontractors and agents shall read the latest edition of the County's Cultural Competence Plan and complete any training provided by the Contractor or County.

Contractor shall maintain records providing signatures (either actual or electronic) from each employee, subcontractor, and agent stating that they read the Cultural Competence Plan, completed the related training and agree to abide by its contents.

The County's Cultural Competence Plan may be found here: http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Health/behavioral-Health/public-reports/

## 11. Quality Assurance

Contractor agrees to conduct quality assurance and program review that meets all requirements of County and DHCS. Contractor agrees to cooperate fully with program monitoring or other protocols that may be established by County to promote the provision of high quality, cost effective mental health care to clients. County may request results of Contractor's quality assurance and program reviews.

## 12. Contractor Compliance Program

Contractors who are certified to provide Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services shall implement and maintain a compliance program, consistent with 42 CFR 438.608, designed to ensure Contractor's compliance, and the compliance of its employees, subcontractors and agents, with all requirements of this Agreement and all applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

Contractor's Compliance Program shall include the following elements:

- a. A Compliance Officer and a Regulatory Compliance Committee at the Board of Directors and senior management levels charged with overseeing the contractor's compliance program;
- b. A system for training and education for the Compliance Officer, Contractor's senior management, and Contractor's employees which includes at a minimum the following topics: the elements of the Compliance Program; the name and contact information for the Compliance Officer; standards of conduct; reporting and non-retaliation, and fraud, waste and abuse.
- c. Standards of Conduct and compliance policies and procedures which include at a minimum:

- i. A process for employees to report any known or suspected inappropriate activity or misconduct including fraud, waste and abuse;
- ii. A process for immediately notifying the County Department of Health Services Compliance Officer via the Compliance hotline 707-565-4999 when Contractor identifies potential fraud, waste or abuse; and
- iii. Detailed information about the False Claims Act and other federal and state laws including information about rights of employees to be protected as whistleblowers.
- d. Enforcement of standards through well-publicized disciplinary guidelines.
- e. A process for auditing Medi-Cal documentation, including an overpayment refund policy and procedure, including requirements in Section 29 Reporting and Recovery of Overpayments. Overpayment includes any payment Contractor receives or retains under the Federal Health Care Programs Medicare and Medicaid to which Contractor, after applicable reconciliation, is not entitled.
- f. A method to verify whether paid Medi-Cal claims were actually furnished to the beneficiaries (42 CFR 455.1(a)(2)).

## 13. Compliance Certification

Contractor shall certify in writing that it has complied with the following elements of this Agreement:

Agreement, Section: 9.5 Conflict of Interest

Agreement, Section: 9.14 Sanctioned Employee or Subcontractor

Agreement, Exhibit D: Privacy and Security Provisions

Agreement, Exhibit F, Section 6: Licensure and Staffing

Agreement, Exhibit F, Section 10: Cultural Competence Plan

Agreement, Exhibit F, Section 12: Contractor Compliance Program

Agreement, Exhibit F, Section 17: Disclosures (Ownership/Control &

Convictions of Crimes)

Contractor shall sign the Contractor certification form attached hereto as Attachment A, in conjunction with signing this Agreement.

Contractor shall disclose as necessary information associated with agreements identified in the Compliance Certification. Contractor shall submit said disclosures to the following:

Physical Mail: Sonoma County Behavioral Health Plan Administration

ATTN: Provider Relations

2227 Capricorn Way, Suite 207

Santa Rosa, CA 95407

Phone: 707-565-4850 Provider Relations

Fax: 707-565-4892 ATTN: Provider Relations Email: SCBHProviderRelation@sonomacounty.gov

### 14. Provider Problem Resolution\*

- a. Contractor concerns or complaints must be submitted to the County Provider Relations by telephone, in person, or in writing by using the Provider Problem Resolution & Payment Appeal form, including any supportive documentation regarding the provider's claim.
- b. Contractor concerns or complaints may address, but are not limited to, the following issues:
  - i. Issues related to provider contracts including, but not limited to, payment agreement, scope of work, etc.
  - ii. Disagreement with compliance review findings by County Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) staff
  - iii. Disagreement with service decisions made by County staff
  - iv. Other issues not limited to above
- c. Contractor may file an appeal related to the following three reasons only:
  - i. Denied request for payment
  - ii. Modified request for payment
  - iii. Dispute with County concerning the processing or payment of a providers claim, including but not limited to, a delay of payment
- d. The County Provider Problem Resolution & Payment Appeal form can be found at: https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Health/Behavioral-Health/Forms-and-Materials/
- e. The completed form must be returned by mail, fax or email at the address below:

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All email communications containing client identification or other health protected information must use encryption to secure transmitted electronic health information.

### 15. Utilization Management

The Contractor shall operate a Utilization Management Program that is responsible for assuring that beneficiaries have appropriate access to specialty mental health services.

The Utilization Management Program shall evaluate medical necessity, appropriateness and efficiency of services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries prospectively or retrospectively.

Compensation to individuals or entities that conduct utilization management activities must not be structured so as to provide incentives for the individual or entity to deny, limit, or discontinue medically necessary services to any beneficiary.

The Contractor may place appropriate limits on a service based on criteria applied under the State Plan, such as medical necessity and for the purpose of utilization control, provided that the services furnished are sufficient in amount, duration or scope to reasonably achieve the purpose for which the services are furnished.

### 16. Sentinel Events\*

Sentinel events must be reported immediately by phone to the Quality Improvement Manager, 2227 Capricorn Way, Suite 207, Santa Rosa, CA 95407, followed by a written Incident Report within 5 days business days of occurrence.

A Sentinel Event is an unexpected occurrence that results in or has the potential for death or serious physical and/or psychological injury, including the permanent loss of function.

Any of the following occurrences shall be reported as a Sentinel Event when it results in or has the potential for death or serious physical and/or psychological injury, including the permanent loss of function:

- i. Adverse medication reactions, excluding common side effects
- ii. Medication Error: Order / Transcription / Administration
- iii. Assault by a client: sexual or physical
- iv. Community Care Licensing reportable events
- v. Death of a client (other than suicide or homicide if current client or if event occurred within 90 days of discharge)
- vi. Elopements of clients from a 24-hour facility who are on Conservatorship or who are otherwise at risk of danger to self or others
- vii. Homicides or homicide attempts
- viii. Physical or sexual abuse of a client
- ix. Seclusion/Restraint resulting in client injury or death
- x. Serious threats of harm to others, including Tarasoff-reportable events
- xi. Suicides or suicide attempts
- xii. Significant delays in treatment related to Sentinel Event

## 17. Disclosures

Pursuant to 42 CFR 455.104 and 42 CFR 455.106, Contractor shall submit the disclosures described in this section regarding the Contractor's ownership and control and convictions of crimes. Contractor must submit new or updated disclosures to County prior to entering into or renewing the Agreement. Contractor shall submit an updated disclosure to Provider Relations at <a href="mailto:SCBHProviderRelation@sonomacounty.gov">SCBHProviderRelation@sonomacounty.gov</a> within 35 calendar days of any change of ownership, conviction of crime by a Contractor employee, or upon request of County. Disclosures as provided herein:

For disclosure of 5 percent or More Ownership Interest, Contractor shall provide in writing the following:

- a. The name and address of any person (individual or corporation) with an ownership or control interest in the contractor/network provider. The address for corporate entities shall include, as applicable, a primary business address, every business location, and a P.O. Box address;
- b. Date of birth and Social Security Number (in the case of an individual);

- c. Other tax identification number, in the case of a corporation or other entity that uses a tax identification number for tax purposes;
- d. Whether the person (individual or corporation) with an ownership or control interest in the contractor/network provider is related to another person with ownership or control interest in the same or any other network provider of the Health Agency as a spouse, parent, child, or sibling; or whether the person (individual or corporation) with an ownership or control interest in any subcontractor in which the managed care entity has a 5 percent or more interest is related to another person with ownership or control interest in the managed care entity as a spouse, parent, child, or sibling;
- e. The name of any other disclosing entity in which the Contractor or subcontracting network provider has an ownership or control interest; and
- f. The name, address, date of birth, and Social Security Number of any managing employee of the managed care entity.

For disclosure of Conviction of Crime(s), Contractor shall provide in writing the following:

- a. The identity of any person who is a managing employee of the Contractor who has been convicted of a crime related to federal health care programs. (42 CFR 455.106(a)(1), (2).)
- b. The identity of any person who is an agent of the Contractor who has been convicted of a crime related to federal health care programs. (42 CFR 455.106(a)(1), (2).)
- c. The Contractor shall supply the written disclosures to the County before entering into the Agreement and at any time upon the County's request.
- d. Network providers should submit the same disclosures to the County regarding the network providers' criminal convictions. Network providers shall supply the disclosures before entering into the Agreement and at any time upon the Department's request.
- e. The County will deny enrollment or terminate the enrollment of any provider where any person with a 5 percent or greater direct or indirect ownership interest in the provider has been convicted of a criminal offense related to that person's involvement with the Medicare, Medicaid, or title XXI program in the last 10 years.

# 18. Access to Services and Assurance of Adequate Capacity (applicable only to Contractors located within Sonoma County)\*

- a. Contractor shall ensure that all services provided under this Agreement are available and accessible to beneficiaries in a timely manner.
- b. Contractor shall provide physical access, reasonable accommodations, and accessible equipment for Medi-Cal beneficiaries with physical or mental disabilities.
- c. Contractor shall meet the network adequacy standards as set forth in the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program Final Rule (Managed Care Rule) including time and distance standards (42 CFR Part 438.68); availability of services (42 CFR Part 438.206); and assurance of adequate capacity and services (42 CFR Part 438.207).
- d. Contractor shall provide information as requested by County to assure that Contractor has the capacity to provide services required under this Agreement in compliance with the network adequacy standards set forth in the Medicaid Managed Care and Children's

- Health Insurance Program Managed Care Final Rule including 42 CFR Part 438.207 (Assurance of Adequate Capacity and Services).
- e. Failure to meet timeliness and availability standards may result in sanctions and penalties
- f. Contractor shall ensure that hours of operation during which services are provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries are no less than the hours of operation during which the provider offers services to non-Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

## 19. Network Adequacy NACT Reporting Requirements\*

- a. Contractor shall submit any data, documentation, or information to County relating to the performance of Contractor's obligations under this Agreement as required by County, State, or the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services. Contractor shall concurrently upon submission of this data, documentation, or information to the County provide a certification signed by either the Contractor's Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Financial Officer (CFO), or an individual who reports directly to the CEO or CFO, which attests, based on Contractor's best knowledge and belief, that the data, documentation, and information is accurate, complete and truthful. (42 CFR 436.606(a-b))
- b. Contractor shall submit encounter data to the County at a frequency, level, and format specified by the County, California Department of Health Care Services, and Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services. (42 CFR 48.242(c)(2))
- c. Contractor shall cooperate with County in its efforts to verify the accuracy and timeliness
  of data reported to County by Contractor related to services provided under this
  Agreement.

# 20. Beneficiary Liability for Payment\*

- a. Contractor agrees to not submit a claim to, or demand or otherwise collect reimbursement from, the beneficiary or persons acting on behalf of the beneficiary for any specialty mental health or related administrative services provided under this Agreement, except to collect other health insurance coverage, share of cost, and co-payments (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, § 1810.365 (a)).
- b. Contractor agrees to repay beneficiaries for all medically necessary services that they were eligible to receive and that they paid for out-of-pocket during the three-month retroactive eligibility period, evaluation period for eligibility, and after eligibility was approved.
- c. Contractor and its subcontractors agree to hold harmless DHCS and beneficiaries in the event the County for any reason cannot or does not pay Contractor for services rendered under this Agreement (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, § 1810.365 (a)).
- d. This Section 20 (Beneficiary Liability for Payment) shall survive termination of this Agreement.

## 21. Beneficiary Rights\*

In the provision of services under this Agreement Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations related to patients' rights, including but not limited to WIC 5325, CCR, Title 9, 862 through 868, and 42 CFR 438.100.

# 22. Beneficiary Problem Resolution\*

a. In accordance with 42 CFR 438.408 and MHSUD Information Notice NO.: 18-010E, the Contractor shall adhere to the notice and timing requirements for all grievances, requests for appeals, expedited appeals, and State Fair Hearing (SFH), as appropriate. Upon receipt of any grievances, requests for appeals, expedited appeals, and State Fair Hearing (SFH), Contractor shall immediately call the Grievance Coordinator at (707) 565-7895, and within 24 hours will submit all related documentation to BHQA@sonomacounty.gov.

All email communications containing client identification or other health protected information must use encryption to secure transmitted electronic health information.

- b. Contractor shall post County notices explaining County's grievance, appeal, expedited appeal, and the DHCS SFH processes at all Contractor sites. For purpose of this Section, Contractor site shall include any office or facility owned and operated by Contractor at which beneficiaries may obtain specialty mental health services under this Agreement.
- c. Contractor shall participate in the resolution of grievances, appeals, expedited appeals, SHF at the request of the County.
- d. Contractor shall give beneficiaries any reasonable assistance in completing the forms and other procedural steps related to a grievance or appeal. This includes, but is not limited to, providing interpreter services and toll-free numbers with TTY/TDD and interpreter capability.
- e. The Contractor shall not subject a beneficiary to discrimination or any other penalty for filing a grievance, appeal, or expedited appeal.
- f. Contractor shall log all grievances and provide to County quarterly grievance reports and ensure that all corresponding documents are submitted.
- g. The Contractor shall allow the County and DHCS to engage in reviews of the Contractor's records pertaining to Grievances and Appeals.
- h. The Client Grievance/Appeal/SFH Process and Form is available on the County website at: <a href="http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Health/Behavioral-Health/Medi-Cal-Informing-Materials/">http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Health/Behavioral-Health/Medi-Cal-Informing-Materials/</a>.

## 23. Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination (NOABD)\*

- a. As applicable, Contractor shall process NOABDs in accordance with MHSUD Information Notice No.: 18-010E. NOABD forms can be found at: http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Health/Behavioral-Health/Medi-Cal-Informing-Materials/.
- b. The Contractor shall provide a beneficiary with a NOABD under the following applicable circumstances:

- i. The denial or limited authorization of a requested service, including determinations based on the type or level of service, requirements for medical necessity, appropriateness, setting, or effectiveness of a covered benefit. (42 CFR 438.400(b)(1).)
- ii. The reduction, suspension, or termination of a previously authorized service. (42 CFR 438.400(b)(2).)
- iii. The failure to provide services and service request authorizations in a timely manner, as defined by DHCS. (42 CFR 438.400(b)(4).)
- c. The Contractor shall give beneficiaries timely and adequate notice of an adverse benefit determination in writing and shall meet the language and format requirements of 42 Code of Federal Regulations part 438.10. (42 CFR 438.404(a); 42 CFR 438.10.)
- d. Contractor agrees to log all issued NOABD forms and on a quarterly basis forward to County's Grievance Coordinator all issued NOABD forms and the corresponding quarterly report via e-mailed to <a href="mailto:BHQA@sonomacounty.gov">BHQA@sonomacounty.gov</a>. Quarterly report is provided to Contractor via e-mail.
  - All email communications containing client identification or other health protected information must use encryption to secure transmitted electronic health information.
- e. The Contractor shall retain copies of all NOABD issued to beneficiaries in a centralized file accessible to the County.
- f. The Contractor shall allow the County and DHCS to engage in reviews of the Contractor's records pertaining to NOABD's so the County and DHCS may ensure that the Contractor is notifying beneficiaries in a timely manner.

### 24. Provider Directory

Contractor hereby authorizes County to include in County's Provider Directory the following information: Contractor's name, group affiliation, street address, telephone number, website URL, specialty, cultural and linguistic capabilities, whether Contractor's office has accommodations for people with disabilities, and if provider is accepting new beneficiaries. Contractor agrees to provide County 30 days advanced written notice of any changes to Contractor information listed above. Contractor shall post County's current Provider Directory (updated monthly) at all Contractor Sites. The Provider Directory is available on the County Website at: <a href="http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Health/Behavioral-Health/Medi-Cal-Informing-Materials/">http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Health/Behavioral-Health/Medi-Cal-Informing-Materials/</a>.

## 25. Beneficiary Handbook

Contractor shall provide beneficiary with a copy of the beneficiary handbook (Medi-Cal Guide) when the beneficiary first accesses Specialty Mental Health Services and thereafter upon request (CCR, Title 9, 1810.360). The Handbook/Guide is available on the County Website at: <a href="http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Health/Behavioral-Health/Medi-Cal-Informing-Materials/">http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Health/Behavioral-Health/Medi-Cal-Informing-Materials/</a>.

### 26. Advanced Directives

Contractor shall provide adult beneficiaries with County's written information on advance directives related to the provision of health care when the individual is incapacitated.

# 27. Medi-Cal Self-Authorizer Requirements (if applicable)

If Contractor is identified under this Agreement, Exhibit A (Scope of Work) as Medi-Cal Self-Authorizing provider, Contractor shall comply with the requirements of the County's Medi-Cal Self-Authorizing Requirements incorporated herein by reference and available on the Sonoma County Department of Health Services web site at:

http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Health/Behavioral-Health/Forms-and-Materials/

## 28. Clinical Tool and Diagnostic Determinations

The Contractor shall use the criteria sets in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition (DSM-5) as the clinical tool to make diagnostic determinations.

Once a DSM-5 diagnosis is determined, the Contractor shall determine the corresponding mental health diagnosis, in the International Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision (ICD-10).

The Contractor shall use the ICD-10 diagnosis code(s) to submit a claim for specialty mental health services to receive reimbursement of FFP in accordance with the covered diagnoses for reimbursement of outpatient and inpatient Medi-Cal specialty mental health services listed in Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services (MHSUDS) Information Notice 18-053 and 19-013.

The lists of covered ICD-10 diagnosis codes in MHSUDS Information Notice 18-053 and 19-013 are subject to change and the Department may update them during the term of this contract. Changes to the lists of covered ICD-10 covered diagnoses do not require an amendment to this contract and the Department may implement these changes via Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services Information Notices.

# 29. Reporting and Recovery of Overpayments

- a. Contractor shall immediately and within five business days report to DHS Compliance Officer via Compliance hotline 707-565-4999 when Contractor identifies an overpayment, excluding routine service corrections (if applicable) which are reported using Service Correction Form referenced in Exhibit B Payment Terms and Conditions.
- b. Overpayment includes any payment Contractor receives or retains under the Federal Health Care Programs Medicare and Medicaid to which Contractor, after applicable reconciliation, is not entitled. In addition to overpayments, in the event Contractor claims or receives payment from County for services, reimbursement for which is later disallowed by County, State of California, or U.S. Government, Contractor shall refund the disallowed amount to County upon County's request, or, at its option, County may offset the amount disallowed from any payment due or that becomes due to Contractor under this Agreement or any other agreement.
- c. Contractor shall return all overpayments to County within sixty calendar days after the date on which the overpayment was identified. At its option, County may offset the amount of such overpayment against future payments owed to Contractor under this Agreement or any other agreement. Contractor shall maintain records of recoveries of all overpayments, including overpayments due to fraud, waste or abuse, for ten years.

# **Behavioral Health Contractor Compliance Certification**

In accordance with Agreement Exhibit F, Section 13 (Compliance Certification), below are the required Certifications. Please review each Certification summary below and sign at bottom of page certifying acknowledgement of each statement.

# **Health Information Privacy & Security (Exhibit D):**

Contractor certifies that its employees, contractors and agents have been trained at the time of hire and annually thereafter on the privacy and security of protected health information consistent with HIPAA regulations. Contractor further certifies that they maintain evidence of training in the form of employee signature or acceptable electronic means.

Name of Contractor's HIPAA Privacy Officer:
Contractor's HIPAA Privacy Officer Phone Number:
Name of Contractor's HIPAA Security Officer:
Contractor's HIPAA Security Officer Phone Number:
Compliance Program (Exhibit F, Section 12):
Contractor certifies that at the time of hire, and annually thereafter, its employees, contractors and agents have read, acknowledge receipt, and attest that they will comply with all provisions of the Contractor's compliance program, pursuant to 42 CFR 438.608. Contractor further certifies that they maintain signed acknowledgment and attestation from each employee in form of employee signature or acceptable electronic means.
Name of Contractor's Compliance Officer:
Contractor's Compliance Officer Phone Number:

## **Cultural Competence Plan (Exhibit F, Section 10)**

Contractor certifies that it and all its employees, contractors, and agents have received and read a copy of the latest edition of the County's Cultural Competence Plan, completed all training provided by County, and agree to abide by the provisions of the Cultural Competence Plan, which can be located here: <a href="http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Health/behavioral-Health/public-reports/">http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Health/behavioral-Health/public-reports/</a>

# Screening for Sanctioned Employee or Subcontractor - Excluded Provider Lists (Agreement, Section 9.14):

Contractor certifies that it does not employ in any capacity, or retain as a subcontractor in any capacity, any individual or entity whose service is directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, payable by a Federal Healthcare Program (including Medicare and Medicaid) that is on any published federal or state lists regarding the sanctioning, suspension, or exclusion of individuals or entities.

The following lists are to be checked prior to employment and monthly thereafter:

- a. Inspector General list of excluded individuals or entities, which can be found at: <a href="http://exclusions.oig.hhs.gov/">http://exclusions.oig.hhs.gov/</a>;
- b. Medi-Cal list of suspended and ineligible providers, which can be found at: https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/SandILanding.aspx, and
- c. System of Awards Management exclusion list, which can be found at: <a href="https://www.sam.gov/">https://www.sam.gov/</a>.

The following lists are to be checked prior to employment:

- a. Social Security Death Master File, which can be found at: https://ladmf.ntis.gov/, and
- b. National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES), which can be found at: https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/#/.

# Licensure and Staffing (Exhibit F, Section 6):

Contractor warrants that it and all its employees and sub-contractors providing or supervising services under this Agreement have a National Provider Identifier (NPI) number as required by law and all necessary licenses, permits, registrations, and certificates to provide services under this Agreement, as required by applicable state and federal laws, rules, and regulations.

# **Conflicts of Interest (Agreement, Section 9.5):**

Contractor certifies that Contractor, Contractor's employees, Board of Directors, officers and/or immediate family have no interest, and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which conflicts with the rendering of services under this Agreement or conflicts with the law.

# Disclosures - Conviction of Crimes/Ownership Interest of Greater than 5% (Exhibit F, Section 17):

Contractor certifies that it has disclosed to the County, in writing, the name, date of birth, and Social Security number of any person(s) who:

- 1. has/have an ownership interest in the contractor of greater than 5%; and/or,
- 2. is/are a managing employee/s of the contractor and has/have been convicted of a crime related to federal health care programs.

#### **CONTRACTOR**

Contractor/Entity Name:		
Signature	Date	
Printed Name and Title		