

**INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BY AND BETWEEN
HUMBOLDT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
AND
HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024**

This Inter-Departmental Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”), entered into this ____ day of _____ 2023, by and between the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services – Social Services, hereinafter referred to as “DHHS,” and the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office, hereinafter referred to as “HCSO,” is made upon the following considerations:

WHEREAS, DHHS and HCSO desire to work collaboratively to assist individuals incarcerated in the Humboldt County Correctional Facility with enrolling in affordable health coverage, and accessing high quality health services, as part of the Justice involved Pre-Release Medi-Cal Eligibility and Enrollment Project.

NOW THEREFORE, the in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the parties hereto mutually agree as follows:

1. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF DHHS:

DHHS shall assist HCSO in determining Medi-Cal status for individuals or troubleshooting issues upon request. Applications will be accepted, imaged into the CalSAWS system and tasked for processing. A Notice of Action will be sent to the inmate upon determination of eligibility and DHHS will coordinate receipt of the Benefits Identification Card with HCSO staff. Medi-Cal coverage will be unsuspended upon release via regular report received, or upon HCSO request if an immediate need exists. DHHS shall provide case status and outcome information to HCSO upon request on a monthly basis for individuals that have been referred for health care coverage determinations in order to allow HCSO to submit this information to the California Department of Health Care Services as part of the requirement of the subcontract we have with DHCS. Case outcome reports will be completed on a monthly basis by a designated staff person.

2. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF HCSO:

HCSO shall ensure that all individuals who have been in custody for a minimum of fourteen (14) days are reviewed for Medi-Cal coverage via the Electronic Verification System or with DHHS assistance. Once coverage need is determined, a note will be sent to those individuals who are not enrolled to see if they are interested in enrolling. Applications will be sent to those individuals who are interested in enrolling. Completed applications will be sent to the DHHS upon completion or before release date. HCSO shall ensure that all individuals who have received pre-release services have custody of their Benefits Identification Card upon release and alert DHHS of release date for coverage unsuspension. The data provided by DHHS – Social Services will be used by HCSO exclusively to assist individuals incarcerated in the Humboldt County Correctional Facility with applying for benefits and to complete their required reports to the California Department of Health Care Services. Monthly tracking of individuals incarcerated in the Humboldt County Correctional Facility, screened for Medi-Cal, declined, and applications submitted will be sent to DHHS.

3. TERM:

This MOU shall begin upon execution and shall remain in full force and effect until furthermore, unless extended by a valid amendment hereto or sooner terminated as set forth herein.

4. TERMINATION:

- A. Termination for Cause. Either party may immediately terminate this MOU, upon written notice, in the event that the other party materially defaults in performing any obligation under this MOU, or violates any laws, regulations or standards applicable to its performance hereunder.
- B. Termination without Cause. Either party may terminate this MOU without cause upon thirty (30) days advance written notice which states the effective date of the termination.

5. NOTICES:

Any and all notices required to be given pursuant to the terms and conditions of this MOU shall be in writing and either served personally or sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the respective addresses set forth below. Notice shall be effective upon actual receipt or refusal as shown on the receipt obtained pursuant to the foregoing.

COUNTY: Humboldt County DHHS – Social Services
Attention: Monique Upshaw-Smith, Program Manager II
929 Koster Street
Eureka, California 95501

HCSO: Humboldt County Correctional Facility
Attention: Duane Christian, Correctional Captain
901 Fifth Street
Eureka, California 95501

6. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

Each party hereby agrees to prepare and submit any and all reports that may be required by any local, state and/or federal agencies for compliance with this MOU. Any and all reports required pursuant to the terms and conditions of this MOU shall be prepared in a format that complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and any other applicable local, state and federal accessibility laws, regulations and standards. Any and all reports required pursuant to the terms and conditions of this MOU shall be submitted in accordance with any and all applicable timeframes using the format required by the State of California, as appropriate.

7. RECORD RETENTION AND INSPECTION:

- A. Maintenance and Preservation of Records. Each party hereby agrees to timely prepare accurate and complete records, documents and other evidence relating to its performance hereunder, and to maintain and preserve said records for a period of three (3) years after expiration or termination of this MOU, or as otherwise required by any and all applicable local, state and federal laws, regulations and standards, except that if any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit or other action is pending, such records shall be retained until completion and resolution of all issues arising therefrom.
- B. Inspection of Records. Each party hereby agrees to make all records, documents and other evidence relating to its performance hereunder available during normal business hours to inspection, audit and reproduction by any duly authorized local, state and/or federal agencies for a period of three (3) years after expiration or termination of this MOU, or as otherwise required by any and all local, state and federal laws, regulations or standards. Each party further agrees to allow interviews of any of its employees who might reasonably have information related to

such records by any duly authorized local, state and/or federal agencies. Any and all examinations and audits conducted pursuant to the terms and conditions of this MOU shall be strictly confined to those matters connected with its performance hereunder, including, without limitation, the costs associated with the administration of this MOU.

8. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION:

- A. Disclosure of Confidential Information. In the performance of this MOU, each party may receive information that is confidential under local, state or federal law. Each party hereby agrees to protect all confidential information in conformance with any and all applicable local, state and federal laws, regulations, policies, procedures and standards, including, without limitation: Division 19 of the California Department of Social Services Manual of Policies and Procedures – Confidentiality of Information; California Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 827, 5328, 10850 and 14100.2; California Health and Safety Code Sections 1280.15 and 1280.18; the California Information Practices Act of 1977; the California Confidentiality of Medical Information Act (“CMIA”); the United States Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (“HITECH Act”); the United States Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPAA”) and any current and future implementing regulations promulgated thereunder, including, but not limited to, the Federal Privacy Regulations contained in Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations (“C.F.R.”) Parts 160 and 164, the Federal Security Standards contained in 45 C.F.R. Parts 160, 162 and 164 and the Federal Standards for Electronic Transactions contained in 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 162, all as may be amended from time to time.
- B. HIPAA Business Associate Requirements. Each party hereby agrees to adhere to the terms and conditions set forth in Exhibit A – County of Humboldt HIPAA Business Associate Agreement, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
- C. Continuing Compliance with Confidentiality Laws. Each party hereby acknowledges that local, state and federal laws, regulations and standards pertaining to confidentiality, electronic data security and privacy are rapidly evolving and that amendment of this MOU may be required to ensure compliance with such developments. Each party agrees to promptly enter into negotiations concerning an amendment to this MOU embodying written assurances consistent with the requirements of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the CMIA and any other applicable local, state and federal laws, regulations or standards.

9. NON-DISCRIMINATION COMPLIANCE:

- A. Nondiscriminatory Delivery of Social Services. In connection with the execution of this MOU, Neither party shall unlawfully discriminate in the administration of public assistance and social services programs. Each party hereby assures that no person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving local, state or federal financial assistance because of: race; religion or religious creed; color; age, over forty (40) years of age; sex, including, without limitation, gender identity and expression, pregnancy, childbirth and related medical conditions; sexual orientation, including, without limitation, heterosexuality, homosexuality and bisexuality; national origin; ancestry; marital status; medical condition, including, without limitation, cancer and genetic characteristics; mental or physical disability, including, without limitation, HIV status and AIDS; political affiliation; military service; denial of family care leave; or any other classifications protected by local, state or federal laws or regulations.
- B. Professional Services and Employment. In connection with the execution of this MOU, neither party shall unlawfully discriminate in the provision of professional services or against any

employee or applicant for employment because of: race; religion or religious creed; color; age (over forty (40) years of age); sex, including, without limitation, gender identity and expression, pregnancy, childbirth and related medical conditions; sexual orientation, including, without limitation, heterosexuality, homosexuality and bisexuality; national origin; ancestry; marital status; medical condition, including, without limitation, cancer and genetic characteristics; mental or physical disability, including, without limitation, HIV status and AIDS; political affiliation; military service; denial of family care leave; or any other classifications protected by any applicable local, state or federal laws, regulations or standards. Nothing herein shall be construed to require employment of unqualified persons.

- C. Compliance with Anti-Discrimination Laws. Each party further assures that it will abide by the applicable provisions of: Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; the Food Stamp Act of 1977; Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; the California Fair Employment and Housing Act; California Civil Code Sections 51, *et seq.*; California Government Code Sections 4450, *et seq.*; California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 10000; Division 21 of the California Department of Social Services Manual of Policies and Procedures; United States Executive Order 11246, as amended and supplemented by United States Executive Order 11375 and 41 C.F.R. Part 60; and any other applicable local, state and/or federal laws and regulations, all as may be amended from time to time. The applicable regulations of the California Fair Employment and Housing commission implementing California Government Code Section 12990, set forth in Sections 8101, *et seq.* of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.

10. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS, REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS:

- A. General Legal Requirements. Each party hereby agrees to comply with any and all local, state and federal laws, regulations, policies, procedures and standards, including, without limitation, any and all local, state and federal licensure, certification and accreditation requirements, applicable to its performance hereunder.
- B. Licensure Requirements. Each party hereby agrees to comply with any and all local, state and federal licensure, certification and accreditation standards applicable to its performance hereunder.
- C. Accessibility Requirements. Each party hereby agrees to comply with any and all applicable accessibility requirements set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, California Government Code Section 1135 and any current and future implementing regulations, policies, procedures and standards promulgated thereunder, including, without limitation, the federal accessibility standards set forth in 36 C.F.R. Section 1194.1, all as may be amended from time to time.
- D. Conflict of Interest Requirements. Each party hereby agrees to comply with any and all applicable conflict of interest requirements set forth in the California Political Reform Act and any current and future implementing regulations, policies, procedures and standards promulgated thereunder, including, without limitation, the Humboldt County Conflict of Interest Code, all as may be amended from time to time.
- E. Humboldt County Local System of Care. Each party hereby agrees to comply with any and all applicable provisions of DHHS' local System of Care, which is attached hereto as Exhibit B – Local System of Care and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.

11. PROVISIONS REQUIRED BY LAW:

This MOU is subject to any additional local, state and federal restrictions, limitations or conditions that may affect the terms, conditions or funding of this MOU. This MOU shall be read and enforced as though all legally required provisions are included herein, and if any such provision is not included, or incorrectly stated, the parties shall amend the pertinent section to make such insertion or correction.

12. REFERENCE TO LAWS, REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS:

In the event any law, regulation or standard referred to herein is amended during the term of this MOU, the parties agree to comply with the amended provision as of the effective date of such amendment.

13. PROTOCOLS:

Each party hereby agrees that the inclusion of additional protocols may be required to make this MOU specific. All such protocols shall be negotiated, determined and agreed upon by each party hereto.

14. SEVERABILITY:

If any provision of this MOU, or any portion thereof, is found by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable or invalid for any reason, such provision shall be severable and shall not in any way impair the enforceability of any other provision of this MOU.

15. NO WAIVER OF DEFAULT:

The waiver by either party of any breach of this MOU shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any such breach in the future, or of the breach of any other requirement of this MOU.

16. AMENDMENT:

This MOU may be amended at any time during the term hereof upon the mutual consent of both parties. No addition to, or alteration of, the terms of this MOU shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by an authorized representative of each party hereto.

17. STANDARD OF PRACTICE:

Each party warrants that it has the degree of learning and skill ordinarily possessed by reputable professionals practicing in similar localities in the same profession and under similar circumstances. Each party's duty is to exercise such care, skill and diligence as professionals engaged in the same profession ordinarily exercise under like circumstances.

18. DISPUTE RESOLUTION:

Each party hereby agrees to make their best efforts to resolve any and all disputes arising hereunder, or relating hereto, through good faith discussion whenever possible. If either party believes that a breach of this MOU has occurred, or is not satisfied that a dispute has been resolved, either party may request to meet and confer with the Humboldt County Administrative Officer and the other party.

19. ADVERTISING AND MEDIA RELEASE:

Each party shall obtain approval of the other party before any informational material related to this MOU may be released to the media, including, without limitation, television, radio, newspapers and

internet. Each party shall inform the other party of any and all requests for interviews by media related to this MOU before such interviews take place. Each party shall be entitled to have a representative present at any and all interviews concerning the subject matter of this MOU. Any and all notices required by this provision shall be given in accordance with the notice requirements set forth herein.

20. SURVIVAL OF PROVISIONS:

The duties and obligations of the parties set forth in Section 7 – Record Retention and Inspection and Section 8 – Confidential Information shall survive the expiration or termination of this MOU.

21. CONFLICTING TERMS OR CONDITIONS:

In the event of any conflict in the terms or conditions set forth in any other agreements in place between the parties hereto and the terms and conditions set forth in this MOU, the terms and conditions set forth herein shall have priority.

22. INTERPRETATION:

This MOU, as well as its individual provisions, shall be deemed to have been prepared equally each of the parties hereto, and shall not be construed or interpreted more favorably for one (1) party on the basis that the other party prepared it.

23. INDEPENDENT CONSTRUCTION:

The titles of the sections and subsections set forth herein are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall be disregarded in construing or interpreting any of the provisions of this MOU.

24. FORCE MAJEURE:

No party hereto shall be liable or responsible for delays or failures in performance resulting from events beyond the reasonable control, and without the fault or negligence, of such party. Such events shall include, without limitation, acts of God, strikes, lockouts, riots, acts of war, epidemics, pandemics, acts of government, fire, power failures, nuclear accidents, earthquakes, unusually severe weather, acts of terrorism or other disasters, whether or not similar to the foregoing.

25. ENTIRE AGREEMENT:

This MOU contains all of the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties hereto and no other agreements, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this MOU shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the parties hereto. In addition, this MOU shall supersede in their entirety any and all prior agreements, promises, representations, understandings and negotiations of the parties, whether oral or written, concerning the same subject matter. Any and all acts which may have already been consummated pursuant to the terms and conditions of this MOU are hereby ratified.

26. COUNTERPART EXECUTION:

This MOU, and any amendments hereto, may be executed in one (1) or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original and all of which, when taken together, shall be deemed to be one (1) and the same agreement. This MOU, and any amendments hereto, may be signed by manual or electronic signatures in accordance with any and all applicable local, state and federal laws, regulations and standards, and such signatures shall constitute original signatures for all purposes. A signed copy of this MOU, and any amendments hereto, transmitted by email or by other means of

electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original executed copy of this MOU and any amendments hereto.

27. AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE:

Each person executing this MOU represents and warrants that he or she is duly authorized and has legal authority to execute and deliver this MOU. Each party represents and warrants to the other that the execution and delivery of this MOU and the performance of such party’s obligations hereunder have been duly authorized.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have entered into this MOU as of the first date written above.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE:

By: _____ Date: _____
William F. Honsal, Sheriff
(Pursuant to the authority delegated by the
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors on
_____, 2023 [Item _- _])

HUMBOLDT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES:

By: _____ Date: _____
Connie Beck, Social Services Director
(Pursuant to the authority delegated by the
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors on
_____, 2023 [Item _- _])

INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION REQUIREMENTS APPROVED:

By: Amanda M. Phillips _____ Date: _____
Risk Management

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

- Exhibit A – County of Humboldt HIPAA Business Associate Agreement
- Exhibit B – Local System of Care

EXHIBIT A
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT HIPAA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT
Humboldt County Sheriff's Office
For Fiscal Year 2023-2024

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, DHHS, as a "Covered Entity" (defined below), wishes to disclose certain information to HCSO, hereafter known as the "BUSINESS ASSOCIATE" pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, some of which may constitute Protected Health Information ("PHI").

WHEREAS, DHHS and BUSINESS ASSOCIATE intend to protect the privacy and provide for the security of PHI disclosed to BUSINESS ASSOCIATE pursuant to the Agreement in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191 ("HIPAA"), the Health Information and Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, Public Law 111-005 ("the HITECH Act"), and regulations promulgated thereunder by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (the "HIPAA Regulations") and other applicable laws.

WHEREAS, pursuant to HIPAA Regulations, the Privacy Rule and Security Rule (defined below) DHHS is required to enter into an Agreement containing specific requirements with BUSINESS ASSOCIATE prior to the disclosure of PHI, as set forth in, but not limited to, Title 45, Sections 164.314(a), 164.502(e), and 164.504(e) of the Code of Federal Regulations ("C.F.R.") and contained in this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto mutually agree as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS:

- A. Breach.** As used herein, the term "Breach" shall have the meaning given to such term under the HITECH Act and HIPAA Regulations [42 U.S.C. Section 17921 and 45 C.F.R. Section 164.402].
- B. Breach Notification Rule.** As used herein, the term "Breach of Notification Rule" shall mean the HIPAA Regulation that is codified at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A and D.
- C. Business Associate.** As used herein, the term "Business Associate" shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule, and the HITECH Act, including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. Section 17938 and 45 C.F.R. Section 160.103.
- D. Covered Entity.** As used herein, the term "Covered Entity" shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy and Security Rules, including, without limitation, 45 C.F.R. Section 160.103.
- E. Designated Record Set.** As used herein, the term "Designated Record Set" shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.501.
- F. Electronic Protected Health Information.** As used herein, the term "Electronic Protected Health Information" means Protected Health Information that is maintained in or transmitted by electronic media.
- G. Electronic Health Record.** As used herein, the term "Electronic Health Record" shall have the meaning given to such term in the HITECH Act, including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. Section 17921.

- H. **Health Care Operations.** As used herein, the term “Health Care Operations” shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.501.
- I. **Privacy Rule.** As used herein, the term “Privacy Rule” shall mean the HIPAA Regulation that is codified at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A and E.
- J. **Protected Health Information.** As used herein, the term “Protected Health Information” (“PHI”) means any information, whether oral or recorded in any form or medium: (i) that relates to the past, present or future physical or mental condition of an individual; the provision of health care to an individual; or the past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual; and (ii) that identifies the individual or with respect to which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify the individual, and shall have the meaning given to the term under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.501. Protected Health Information includes Electronic Protected Health Information [45 C.F.R. Sections 160.103, 164.501].
- K. **Protected Information.** As used herein, the term “Protected Information” shall mean PHI provided by DHHS to BUSINESS ASSOCIATE or created, maintained, received, or transmitted by BUSINESS ASSOCIATE on DHHS’s behalf.
- L. **Security Incident.** As used herein, the term “Security Incident” shall have the same meaning given to such term under the Security Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.304.
- M. **Security Rule.** As used herein, the term “Security Rule” shall mean the HIPAA Regulation that is codified at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A and C.
- N. **Unsecured PHI.** As used herein, the term “Unsecured PHI” shall have the meaning given to such term under the HITECH Act and any guidance issued pursuant to such Act including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. Section 17932(h) and 45 C.F.R. Section 164.402.

2. **OBLIGATIONS OF BUSINESS ASSOCIATE:**

- A. **Permitted Uses.** BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall use Protected Information only for the purpose of performing BUSINESS ASSOCIATE’s obligations under the Agreement and as permitted or required under the Agreement, or as required by law. Further, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall not use Protected Information in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy Rule or the HITECH Act if so used by DHHS. However, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE may use Protected Information as necessary (i) for the proper management and administration of BUSINESS ASSOCIATE; (ii) to carry out the legal responsibilities of BUSINESS ASSOCIATE; or (iii) as required by law. [45 C.F.R. Sections 164.504(e)(2), 164.504(e)(4)(i)].
- B. **Permitted Disclosures.** BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall disclose Protected Information only for the purpose of performing BUSINESS ASSOCIATE’s obligations under the Agreement and as permitted or required under the Agreement, or as required by law. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall not disclose Protected Information in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy Rule or the HITECH Act if so disclosed by DHHS. However, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE may disclose Protected Information as necessary (i) for the proper management and administration of BUSINESS ASSOCIATE; (ii) to carry out the legal responsibilities of BUSINESS ASSOCIATE; or (iii) as required by law. If BUSINESS ASSOCIATE discloses Protected Information to a third-party, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE must obtain, prior to making

any such disclosure, (i) reasonable *written* assurances from such third-party that such Protected Information will be held confidential as provided pursuant to this Agreement and used or disclosed only as required by law or for the purposes for which it was disclosed to such third-party, and (ii) a written agreement from such third-party to immediately notify BUSINESS ASSOCIATE of any breaches, suspected breaches, security incidents, or unauthorized uses or disclosures of the Protected Information in accordance with paragraph 2.1. of the Agreement, to the extent it has obtained knowledge of such occurrences [42 U.S.C. Section 17932; 45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)].

- C. **Prohibited Uses and Disclosures.** BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall not use or disclose PHI other than as permitted or required by the Agreement, or as required by law. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall not use or disclose Protected Information for fundraising or marketing purposes. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall not disclose Protected Information to a health plan for payment or health care operations purposes if the patient has requested this special restriction, and the patient has paid out of pocket in full for the health care item or service to which PHI solely relates [42 U.S.C. Section 17935(a) and 45 C.F.R. Section 164.522(a)(vi)]. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall not directly or indirectly receive remuneration in exchange for Protected Information, except with prior written consent of DHHS and as permitted by the HITECH Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 17935(d)(2), and the HIPAA regulations, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.502(a)(5)(ii); however, this prohibition shall not affect payment by DHHS to BUSINESS ASSOCIATE for services provided pursuant to the Agreement.
- D. **Appropriate Safeguards.** BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall implement appropriate safeguards as are necessary to prevent the use or disclosure of Protected Information otherwise than as permitted by the Agreement, including, but not limited to, administrative, physical and technical safeguards in accordance with the Security Rule, including but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Sections 164.308, 164.310, and 164.312. [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(B); 45 C.F.R. Section 164.308(b)]. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall comply with the policies, procedures and documentation requirements of the Security Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.316. [42 U.S.C. Section 17931]. Such safeguards shall be, at a minimum, at Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Publication 199 protection levels.
- E. **Business Associate's Subcontractors and Agents.** BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall ensure that any agents and subcontractors that create, receive, maintain or transmit Protected Information on behalf of DHHS, agree in writing to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to DHHS with respect to such Protected Information and implement the safeguards required by paragraph 2(D) above with respect to Electronic PHI [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(D); 45 C.F.R. Section 164.308(b)]. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall implement and maintain sanctions against agents and subcontractors that violate such restrictions and conditions and shall mitigate the effects of any such violation (see 45 C.F.R. Sections 164.530(f) and 164.530(e)(1)).
- F. **Access to Protected Information.** If BUSINESS ASSOCIATE maintains a designated record set on behalf of DHHS, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall make Protected Information maintained by BUSINESS ASSOCIATE or its agents or subcontractors in Designated Record Sets available to DHHS for inspection and copying within five (5) days of a request by DHHS to enable DHHS to fulfill its obligations under California Health and Safety Code Section 123110 and the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.524 [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(e)]. If BUSINESS ASSOCIATE maintains Protected Information in electronic format, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall provide such information in electronic format as necessary to enable DHHS to fulfill its obligations under the HITECH Act and HIPAA Regulations, including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. Section 17935(e) and 45 C.F.R. Section 164.524.

- G. Amendment of PHI.** If BUSINESS ASSOCIATE maintains a designated record set on behalf of DHHS, within ten (10) days of a request by DHHS for an amendment of Protected Information or a record about an individual contained in a Designated Record Set, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE and its agents and subcontractors shall make such Protected Information available to DHHS for amendment and incorporate any such amendment or other documentation to enable DHHS to fulfill its obligations under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.526. If an individual requests an amendment of Protected Information directly from BUSINESS ASSOCIATE or its agents or subcontractors, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE must notify DHHS in writing within five (5) days of the request and of any approval or denial of amendment of Protected Information maintained by BA or its agents or subcontractors [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(F)].
- H. Accounting of Disclosures.** Within ten (10) days of a request by DHHS for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Information, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE and its agents and subcontractors shall make available to DHHS the information required to provide an accounting of disclosures to enable DHHS to fulfill its obligations under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.528, and the HITECH Act, including but not limited to 42 U.S.C. Section 17935(c), as determined by DHHS. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE agrees to implement a process that allows for an accounting to be collected and maintained by BUSINESS ASSOCIATE and its agents and subcontractors for at least six (6) years prior to the request. However, accounting of disclosures from an Electronic Health Record for treatment, payment or health care operations purposes are required to be collected and maintained for only three (3) years prior to the request, and only to the extent that BUSINESS ASSOCIATE maintains an Electronic Health Record. At a minimum, the information collected and maintained shall include: (i) the date of disclosure; (ii) the name of the entity or person who received Protected Information and, if known, the address of the entity or person; (iii) a brief description of Protected Information disclosed; and (iv) a brief statement of purpose of the disclosure that reasonably informs the individual of the basis for the disclosure, or a copy of the individual's authorization, or a copy of the written request for disclosure. If a patient submits a request for an accounting directly to BUSINESS ASSOCIATE or its agents or subcontractors, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall within five (5) days of the request forward it to DHHS in writing.
- I. Governmental Access to Records.** BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall make its internal practices, books and records relating to the use and disclosure of Protected Information available to DHHS and to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (the "Secretary") for purposes of determining BUSINESS ASSOCIATE's compliance with HIPAA [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(I)]. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall concurrently provide DHHS with copies of any Protected Information and other records that BUSINESS ASSOCIATE provides to the Secretary.
- J. Minimum Necessary.** BUSINESS ASSOCIATES and its agents and subcontractors shall request, use, and disclose only the minimum amount of Protected Information necessary to accomplish the purpose of the request, use or disclosure. [42 U.S.C. Section 17935(b); 45 C.F.R. Section 164.514(d)]. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE understands and agrees that the definition of "minimum necessary" is in flux and shall keep itself informed of guidance issued by the Secretary with respect to what constitutes "minimum necessary."
- K. Data Ownership.** BUSINESS ASSOCIATE understands that BUSINESS ASSOCIATE has no ownership rights with respect to the Protected Information.
- L. Special Provision for SSA Data.** If BUSINESS ASSOCIATE receives data from or on behalf of DHCS that was verified by or provided by the Social Security Administration (SSA data) and

is subject to an agreement between DHCS and SSA, Business Associate shall provide, upon request by DHCS, a list of all employees and agents and employees who have access to such data, including employees and agents of its agents, to DHCS. This ensures that BUSINESS ASSOCIATE is meeting the standards that DHCS and SSA require of DHHS while working with the DHHS as described herein.

- M. Notification of Possible Breach.** BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall notify DHHS immediately upon discovery of breach or incident involving SSA data, or of any suspected or actual breach of Protected Information; any use or disclosure of Protected Information not permitted by the Agreement; any security incident (i.e., any attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of information or interference with system operations in an information system) related to Protected Information, and any actual or suspected use or disclosure of data in violation of any applicable federal or state laws by BUSINESS ASSOCIATE or its agents or subcontractors. The notification shall include, to the extent possible, the identification of each individual whose unsecured Protected Information has been, or is reasonably believed by the BUSINESS ASSOCIATE to have been accessed, acquired, used, or disclosed, as well as any other available information that DHHS is required to include in notification to the individual, the media, the Secretary, and any other entity under the Breach Notification Rule and any other applicable state or federal laws, including, but not limited, to 45 C.F.R. Section 164.404 through 45 C.F.R. Section 164.1408, at the time of the notification required by this paragraph or promptly thereafter as information becomes available. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall take (i) prompt corrective action to cure any deficiencies and (ii) any action pertaining to unauthorized uses or disclosures required by applicable federal and state laws. [42 U.S.C. Section 17921; 45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(C); 45 C.F.R. Section 164.308(b)]. Any and all notices required pursuant to the terms and conditions of this provision shall be submitted to DHHS at the following address:

DHHS: Humboldt County DHHS Compliance and Quality Assurance Office
Attention: Compliance and Quality Assurance Administrator & Privacy Officer
507 F Street
Eureka, California 95501
(707) 441-5410

- N. Breach Pattern or Practice by Business Associate's Subcontractors and Agents.** Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 17934(b) and 45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(1)(ii), if BUSINESS ASSOCIATE knows of a pattern or activity or practice of a subcontractor or agent that constitutes a material breach or violation of the subcontractor or agent's obligations under the Agreement or other arrangement, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE must take reasonable steps to cure the breach or end the violation. If the steps are unsuccessful, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE must terminate the Agreement or other arrangement if feasible. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall provide written notice to DHHS of any pattern of activity or practice of a subcontractor or agent that BUSINESS ASSOCIATE believes constitutes a material breach or violation of the subcontractor or agent's obligations under the Agreement or other arrangement within five (5) days of discovery and shall meet with DHHS to discuss and attempt to resolve the problem as one (1) of the reasonable steps to cure the breach or end the violation.

- O. Audits, Inspection and Enforcement.** Within ten (10) days of a request by DHHS, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE and its agents and subcontractors shall allow DHHS or its agents or subcontractors to conduct a reasonable inspection of the facilities, systems, books, records, agreements, policies and procedures relating to the use or disclosure of Protected Information pursuant to this Agreement for the purpose of determining whether BUSINESS ASSOCIATE has complied with this Agreement or maintains adequate security safeguards. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall

notify DHHS within five (5) days of learning that BUSINESS ASSOCIATE has become the subject of an audit, compliance review, or complaint investigation by the Office for Civil Rights or other state or federal government entity.

3. **TERMINATION:**

- A. **Material Breach.** A breach by BUSINESS ASSOCIATE of any provision of this Agreement, as determined by DHHS, shall constitute a material breach of the Agreement and shall provide grounds for *immediate* termination of the Agreement, any provision in the Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding. [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(iii)].
- B. **Effect of Termination.** Upon termination of the Agreement for any reason, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall, at the option of DHHS, return or destroy all Protected Information that BUSINESS ASSOCIATE or its agents or subcontractors still maintain in any form, and shall retain no copies of such Protected Information. If return or destruction is not feasible, as determined by DHHS, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall continue to extend the protections of Section 2 of this Agreement to such information, and limit further use and disclosure of such PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction of the information infeasible [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(ii)(2)(J)]. If DHHS elects destruction of the PHI, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall certify in writing to DHHS that such PHI has been destroyed in accordance with the Secretary's guidance regarding proper destruction of PHI.

4. **INTERPRETATION:**

Any ambiguity in this Agreement shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that complies and is consistent with HIPAA, the HITECH Act, and the HIPAA regulations.

EXHIBIT B
LOCAL SYSTEM OF CARE
Humboldt County Sheriff's Office
For Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Child services are part of the local System of Care, therefore HCPD will operate within all applicable principles of the local System of Care:

1. Providing effective, community-based services and supports for children and their families which coordinate with other systems to address their emotional, social, educational, and physical needs, including traditional and nontraditional services as well as natural and informal supports.
2. Provide individualized services in accordance with the unique potentials and needs of each child and family, guided by a strengths-based planning process and an individualized service plan developed in true partnership with the child and family.
3. Ensure that services and supports include evidence-informed, promising practices, and/or interventions supported by practice-based evidence, as agreed upon with COUNTY, to ensure the effectiveness of services and to improve outcomes for children and their families. This includes selecting, training, and implementing practices with fidelity and tracking of outcomes associated with intervention using a standardized outcome measurement tool(s).
4. Deliver services and supports within the least restrictive, most normative environments that are clinically appropriate.
5. Ensure that families, other caregivers, and youth are full partners in all aspects of the planning and delivery of their own services. HCSO is also encouraged to include family and youth voice in development and implementation of policies and procedures that govern care for children and youth in their organization.
6. Ensure that services are well coordinated with other child-serving agencies with which the child/family may be involved to assure integrated care management.
7. Practice and/or engage with care management at the service level to ensure that multiple services are delivered in a coordinated and therapeutic manner and that children and their families can move through the system of services in accordance with their changing needs.
8. Provide developmentally appropriate mental health services and supports that promote optimal social-emotional outcomes for children and their families in their homes and community settings when HCSO serves children zero (0) to five (5) years of age.
9. Provide developmentally appropriate services and supports to facilitate the transition of youth eighteen (18) to twenty-one (21) years of age to adulthood and to the transition age youth and adult service systems as needed.
10. Encourage participation in local mental health promotion, prevention, and early identification and intervention opportunities.
11. Incorporate continuous accountability and quality improvement mechanisms to track, monitor, and manage the quality, effectiveness, and outcomes at the program level, practice level, and child and family level.

12. Protect the rights of children and families and promote effective advocacy efforts.
13. Provide services and supports without regard to race, religion, national origin, gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, physical disability, socio-economic status, geography, language, immigration status, or other characteristics, and ensure that services are sensitive and responsive to these differences.