



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.  
**D-17**

For the meeting of: July 19, 2016

Date: June 24, 2016

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Connie Beck, Director *[Signature]*  
Department of Health and Human Services-Mental Health

Subject: Agreement between Humboldt County and Transitional Residential Treatment Facilities, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approves the agreement between Humboldt County and Transitional Residential Treatment Facilities, Inc. (TRTF) for fiscal year 2016-2017;
2. Authorizes the Chair of the Board to execute three (3) originals of the agreement effective July 1, 2016; and
3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to return two (2) executed originals of the agreement to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) - Contract Unit for forwarding to DHHS - Mental Health.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Mental Health Fund

Prepared by Joseph Demlow Administrative Analyst II CAO Approval *[Signature]*

REVIEW:	Auditor <i>[Signature]</i>	County Counsel <i>[Signature]</i>	Personnel	Risk Manager <i>[Signature]</i>	Other
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TYPE OF ITEM:

Consent

Departmental

Public Hearing

Other

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

Upon motion of Supervisor *Fennell* Seconded by Supervisor *Bass*

Ayes *Sundberg, Fennell, Lovelace, Bohn, Bass*

Nays

Abstain

Absent

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: C-19, C-19, D-2, C-17, C-9, C-15

Meeting of: 2/15/05, 6/22/04, 6/9/09, 6/26/12, 7/16/13, 6/24/14

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: *July 19, 2016*

By: *[Signature]*

Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

DISCUSSION:

DHHS–Mental Health has contracted with Transitional Residential Treatment Facilities, Inc. (TRTF) for more than 20 years to provide local transitional living services for mental health clients. This program serves chronically mentally ill adults and allows for transition from inpatient care to outpatient care and ultimately to independent living. TRTF operates one six-bed short-term residential treatment facility (Meridian), one six-bed adult residential care home (Hestia), and twenty-five satellite beds. The facilities are co-ed and serve ambulatory clients from 18 to 59 years of age.

TRTF’s satellite program is the final step before independent living. Here clients are responsible for all aspects of daily life. Staff meets with residents of the satellite facilities on a weekly basis to facilitate house meetings and help resolve any problems that may arise from communal living.

On June 24, 2014 (item C-15), the Board approved the current agreement with TRTF for the provision of transitional living services for the term of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016. DHHS-Mental Health continues to require TRTF’s services. Therefore, DHHS-Mental Health recommends the Board approves this agreement between Humboldt County and Transitional Residential Treatment Facilities, Inc. (TRTF) for fiscal year 2016-2017.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The maximum value of this agreement with Transitional Residential Treatment Facilities, Inc. (TRTF) for FY 2016-17 is not to exceed Three Hundred Seventy Four Thousand, Seven Hundred and Thirty Dollars (\$374,730). Total contract value includes \$323,422 for licensed beds, and \$51,308 for unlicensed satellite beds. This represents no change in rates or contract value from FY 2015-16. The TRTF contract expenditure has been included in the proposed budget for FY 2016-17, DHHS- Mental Health Adult Services budget unit 1170-496. Source of funding for these expenditures is state realignment. There is no impact to the county’s General Fund.

Approving this agreement will support the Board’s Strategic Framework by protecting vulnerable populations, supporting self reliance of citizens, and improving the safety and health of our communities

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Public Guardian

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board can choose not to approve this agreement; however DHHS – Mental Health does not recommend this alternative. These placements are a cost effective alternative to locked placements and placement out of county. The transitional component offers clients the ability to become self sufficient through eventual development of permanent housing opportunity with assistance from the DHHS-Mental Health staff.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Agreement between Humboldt County and Transitional Residential Treatment Facilities, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 (three (3) originals)

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT  
BY AND BETWEEN  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
AND  
TRANSITIONAL RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES, INC.  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017**

This Agreement, entered into this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016, by and between the County of Humboldt, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY," and Transitional Residential Treatment Facilities, Inc., a California corporation, hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTOR," is made upon the following considerations:

WHEREAS, COUNTY, by and through its Department of Health and Human Services – Mental Health ("DHHS – Mental Health"), desires to retain a qualified adult residential facility to provide a long-term residential treatment program for adults with chronic mental illnesses; and

WHEREAS, such work involves the performance of professional, expert and technical services of a temporary and occasional character; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY has no employees available to perform such services and is unable to hire employees for the performance thereof for the temporary period; and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR represents that it is specially trained, skilled, experienced and competent to perform the special services required by COUNTY.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto mutually agree as follows:

1. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES:

CONTRACTOR agrees to furnish the services described in Exhibit A – Scope of Services, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. In providing such services, CONTRACTOR agrees to fully cooperate with the DHHS – Mental Health Director or designee thereof, hereinafter referred to as "Director."

2. TERM:

This Agreement shall begin on July 1, 2016 and shall remain in full force and effect until June 30, 2017, unless sooner terminated as provided herein.

3. TERMINATION:

A. Breach of Contract. If, in the opinion of COUNTY, CONTRACTOR fails to adequately perform the services required hereunder within the time limits specified herein, or otherwise fails to comply with the terms of this Agreement, or violates any ordinance, regulation or other law applicable to its performance herein, COUNTY may terminate this Agreement immediately, upon notice.

B. Without Cause. COUNTY may terminate this Agreement without cause upon thirty (30) days advance written notice to CONTRACTOR. Such notice shall state the effective date of the termination.

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- C. Insufficient Funding. COUNTY's obligations under this Agreement are contingent upon the availability of local, state and/or federal funds. In the event such funding is reduced or eliminated, COUNTY shall, at its sole discretion, determine whether this Agreement shall be terminated. COUNTY shall provide CONTRACTOR seven (7) days advance written notice of its intent to terminate this Agreement due to insufficient funding.
- D. Compensation Upon Termination. In the event of any termination of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to compensation for uncompensated services rendered hereunder through and including the effective date of termination. However, this provision shall not limit or reduce any damages owed to COUNTY due to a breach of this Agreement by CONTRACTOR.

4. COMPENSATION:

- A. Maximum Amount Payable. The maximum amount payable by COUNTY for services rendered, and costs and expenses incurred, pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement is Three Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Dollars (\$374,730.00). In no event shall the maximum amount paid under this Agreement exceed Three Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars (\$323,422.00) for services rendered at CONTRACTOR's licensed residential facilities, and Fifty-One Thousand Three Hundred Eight Dollars (\$51,308.00) for services rendered at CONTRACTOR's unlicensed residential facilities for fiscal year 2016-2017. CONTRACTOR agrees to perform all services required by this Agreement for an amount not to exceed such maximum dollar amount. However, if local, state or federal funding or allowance rates are reduced or eliminated, COUNTY may, by amendment, reduce the maximum amount payable for services provided hereunder, or terminate this Agreement as provided herein.
- B. Rate of Compensation. COUNTY shall compensate CONTRACTOR at a flat rate of Twenty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-One Dollars and Eighty-Three Cents (\$26,951.83) per month for services rendered at its licensed facilities, and Four Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and Sixty-Seven Cents (\$4,275.67) per month for services rendered at its unlicensed facilities. CONTRACTOR may submit to COUNTY written requests for rate changes, as necessary, with a frequency of not more than one (1) time per fiscal year.
- C. Additional Services. Any additional services not otherwise provided for herein, shall not be provided by CONTRACTOR, or compensated by COUNTY, without written authorization by COUNTY. All unauthorized costs and expenses incurred above the maximum payable amount set forth herein shall be the responsibility of CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall notify COUNTY in writing, at least six weeks prior to the date upon which CONTRACTOR estimates that the maximum payable amount will be reached.

5. PAYMENT:

CONTRACTOR shall submit to COUNTY monthly invoices itemizing all licensed and services rendered, and costs and expenses incurred, pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement by the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day of each month. Invoices shall be in a format approved by Director and the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller, and shall include the date that each licensed and unlicensed residential housing services was provided, the total number of licensed and unlicensed residential housing service hours provided per day, total cost per day and the total cost for the month. Payment for services rendered, and costs and expenses incurred, hereunder shall be made within thirty (30) days of receipt of approved invoices. All invoices submitted by CONTRACTOR shall be sent to COUNTY at the following address:

COUNTY: Humboldt County DHHS – Mental Health  
Attention: Financial Services  
507 F Street  
Eureka, California 95501

6. NOTICES:

Any and all notices required to be given pursuant to the terms of this Agreement 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-Mental Health  
Attention: Mental Health Director  
720 Wood Street  
Eureka, California 95501

CONTRACTOR: Transitional Residential Treatment Facilities, Inc.  
Attention: Executive Director  
P.O. Box 6299  
Eureka, California 95502

7. REPORTS:

- A. General Reporting. CONTRACTOR agrees to provide COUNTY with any and all reports that may be required by local, state and/or federal agencies for compliance with this Agreement. Reports shall be submitted no later than fifteen (15) days after the end of each calendar quarter using the format required by the State of California as appropriate.
- B. Final Cost Report. If applicable to a specific local, state or federal funding source covered by this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall submit an unaudited Final Cost Report summarizing all costs incurred pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, no later than ninety (90) days following the close of the fiscal year, in accordance with all applicable local, state and federal laws, regulations and guidelines.

8. AUDIT AND RETENTION OF PERFORMANCE RECORDS:

- A. Maintenance of Records. CONTRACTOR shall maintain books, records, documents, and other evidence of CONTRACTOR's accounting procedures and practices, sufficient to properly reflect all direct and indirect costs of whatever nature claimed to have been incurred in the performance of this Agreement, including, without limitation, any matching costs and expenses. The foregoing constitutes "records" for the purpose of this provision.
- B. Government Access to Records and Facilities. CONTRACTOR's facility or office, or such part thereof as may be engaged in the performance of this Agreement, and its records shall be subject at all reasonable times to inspection, audit and reproduction by COUNTY, the California Department of Health Care Services ("DHCS"), the California Department of General Services, the Bureau of State Audits, or their designated representatives, including, without limitation, the Comptroller General of the United States, and any other duly authorized local, state or federal agencies.
- C. General Examination and Audit. CONTRACTOR agrees that COUNTY, DHCS, the California Department of General Services, the Bureau of State Audits, or their designated

representatives, including the Comptroller General of the United States, and any other duly authorized local, state or federal agencies, shall have the right to review and copy any records and supporting documentation pertaining to the performance of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR agrees to allow COUNTY, DHCS and any other duly authorized local, state or federal agencies access to such records during normal business hours and to allow interviews of any employees who might reasonably have information related to such records.

- D. Examination and Audit by the California State Auditor. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 8546.7, CONTRACTOR shall be subject to the examination and audit of the California State Auditor for a period of three (3) years after final payment under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall hold COUNTY harmless for any liability resulting from said audit.
- E. Preservation of Records. CONTRACTOR shall preserve and make available its records for a period of three (3) years from the date of final payment under this Agreement, and for such longer period, if any, as is required by applicable statute, by any other provision of this Agreement or by subparagraphs 1 or 2 below.
1. If this Agreement is completely or partially terminated, the records relating to the terminated services shall be preserved and made available for a period of three (3) years from the date of any resulting final settlement.
  2. If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit or other action involving the records has been started before the expiration of the three (3) year period, the records shall be retained until completion of the action and resolution of all issues which arise there from, or until the end of the regular three (3) year period, whichever is later.
- F. Legal Compliance. CONTRACTOR shall comply with the above-referenced requirements and be aware of the penalties for violations of fraud and for obstruction of investigation as set forth in Section 10115.10 of the California Public Contract Code, if applicable.
- G. Record Storage and Reproduction. CONTRACTOR may, at its discretion, following receipt of final payment under this Agreement, reduce its accounts, books and records related to this Agreement to microfilm, computer disk, CD ROM, DVD or other data storage medium. Upon request by a designated representative of COUNTY, DHCS or any other duly authorized local, state or federal agencies to inspect, audit or obtain copies of said records, CONTRACTOR must supply or make available applicable devices, hardware and/or software necessary to view, copy and/or print said records. Applicable devices may include, but are not limited to, microfilm readers and microfilm printers.

9. MONITORING:

CONTRACTOR agrees that COUNTY and any other duly authorized local, state or federal agencies, including, without limitation, DHCS, have the right to monitor all activities related to this Agreement, including the right to review and monitor CONTRACTOR's records, programs or procedures, at any time, as well as the overall operation of CONTRACTOR's programs in order to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR will cooperate with a corrective action plan, if deficiencies in CONTRACTOR's records, programs or procedures are identified by COUNTY or any other duly authorized local, state or federal agencies. However, COUNTY is not responsible, and shall not be held accountable, for overseeing or evaluating the adequacy of the results of services performed by CONTRACTOR pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

10. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION:

- A. Legal Compliance. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to protect all confidential records and client confidentiality in conformance with any and all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations, including, but not limited to: California Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 827, 5328, 10850 and 14100.2; California Health & 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 and Clinical Health Act ("HITECH Act"); the United States Health Information Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") and any current and future implementing regulations promulgated thereunder, including, without limitation, 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; 42 C.F.R. Sections 431.300, et seq.; and 45 C.F.R. Section 205.50, all as may be amended from time to time. CONTRACTOR further agrees to comply with any and all applicable privacy, security, and confidentiality requirements contained in the Mental Health Performance Agreement (State Standard Agreement No. 15-29091) that COUNTY has with DHCS, which are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full.
- B. Continuing Compliance with Confidentiality Laws. COUNTY and CONTRACTOR acknowledge that local, state and federal laws, regulations, standards and contractual requirements pertaining to confidentiality, electronic data security and privacy are rapidly evolving and that amendment of this Agreement may be required to ensure compliance with such developments. Each party agrees to promptly enter into negotiations concerning an amendment to this Agreement embodying written assurances consistent with the standards and requirements of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the CMIA and any other applicable local, state and federal laws, regulations, standards or contractual requirements.

11. DISCLOSURE AND SECURITY REQUIREMENTS:

- A. Definitions. For purposes of this provision, the following definitions shall apply:
1. Public Information. As used herein, the term "Public Information" shall include, without limitation, any information that is not exempt from disclosure under the provisions of the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250, et seq.) or any other applicable local, state or federal laws or regulations.
  2. Exempt Information. As used herein, the term "Exempt Information" shall include, without limitation, any information that is exempt from disclosure under the provisions of the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250, et seq.) or any other applicable local, state or federal laws or regulations.
  3. Sensitive Information. As used herein, the term "Sensitive Information" shall include, without limitation, any information that requires special precautions to protect from unauthorized use, access, disclosure, modification, loss or deletion. Sensitive Information may be either Public Information or Exempt 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 an agency's financial transactions and regulatory actions.

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4. Personal Information. As used herein, the term "Personal Information" shall include, without limitation, any information that identifies or describes an individual, including, but not limited to, their name, physical description, home address, home telephone number, education, financial matters and medical or employment history. It is DHCS' policy to consider all information about individuals private unless such information is determined to be a public record. This information must be protected from inappropriate access, use or disclosure and must be made accessible to data subjects upon request.
  5. Personally Identifiable Information. As used herein, the term "Personally Identifiable Information" shall include, without limitation, any information which can be used to distinguish or trace an individual's identity, such as their social security number, driver license number, identification card number, financial account number or other identifying number, symbol or particular assigned to the individual, including, but not limited to, finger prints, voice prints and photographs (California Civil Code Sections 1798.29 and 1798.82).
  6. Protected Health Information. As used herein, the term "Protected Health Information" shall include, without limitation, individually identifiable health information that is transmitted by electronic media, maintained in electronic media or is transmitted or maintained in any other form or medium, as defined by the HIPAA Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information, as codified at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, and the Federal Security Standards contained in 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, all as may be amended from time to time.
- B. Nondisclosure of Identifying Information. In connection with the execution of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall protect from unauthorized disclosure the names and other identifying information, including Personal Information ("PI"), Personally Identifiable Information ("PII"), Sensitive Information and Exempt Information (referred to collectively as "PSEI"), concerning persons either receiving services pursuant to this Agreement or persons whose PSEI becomes available to CONTRACTOR or is disclosed to CONTRACTOR as a result of services performed under this Agreement, except for statistical information not identifying any such person.
1. Unauthorized Disclosures of Identifying Information. CONTRACTOR shall not disclose, except as otherwise specifically permitted by this Agreement or authorized by the client, any PSEI to anyone other than COUNTY or DHCS without prior written authorization from COUNTY or the DHCS Program Contract Manager, except if disclosure is required by local, state or federal law.
  2. Use of Identifying Information. CONTRACTOR shall not use any PSEI for any purpose other than carrying out CONTRACTOR's duties and obligations under this Agreement.
  3. Notification of Requests for Identifying Information. CONTRACTOR shall promptly transmit to COUNTY all requests for disclosure of any PSEI not emanating from a client, patient or person whose PSEI becomes available to CONTRACTOR or is disclosed to CONTRACTOR as a result of services performed under this Agreement.
- C. Nondisclosure of Protected Health Information. In connection with the execution of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall protect from unauthorized disclosure any and all Protected Health Information ("PHI") concerning persons either receiving services pursuant to this Agreement or persons whose PHI becomes available to CONTRACTOR or is disclosed to CONTRACTOR as a result of services performed under this Agreement.



1. Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information. CONTRACTOR shall not use or disclose PHI in any manner that would constitute a breach of this Agreement or a violation of any applicable local, state or federal laws, regulations, rules or standards.
2. Minimum Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information. CONTRACTOR shall use or disclose only the minimum amount of PHI necessary to accomplish the intended purpose of this Agreement.
3. Compliance with Legal Standards Pertaining to Protected Health Information. CONTRACTOR shall only use, store, disclose or access PHI in compliance with this Agreement and all applicable local, state and federal laws, regulations, rules and standards.
4. Downloading Protected Health Information. CONTRACTOR shall not download PHI to any personal device, including, but not limited to, flash drives, cell phones, iPads or tablets without the prior written approval of COUNTY.
5. Maintenance and Preservation of Disclosure Records. CONTRACTOR agrees to timely prepare accurate and complete performance records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI transmitted pursuant to this Agreement, and to maintain and preserve said records for at least three (3) years from the date of expiration or termination of this Agreement, except that if any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit or other action is pending, the records shall be retained until completion and resolution of all issues arising there from.
6. Accounting Requirements. CONTRACTOR shall comply with the accounting requirements of 45 C.F.R. Section 164.528 and any associated regulations or informal guidance issued by the United States Department of Health and Human Services – Office of Civil Rights, all as may be amended from time to time.

D. Security Incidents and Suspected Breaches of Confidential Information. If CONTRACTOR has reason to believe that PSEI or PHI transmitted pursuant to this Agreement may have been accessed, disclosed or acquired in breach of the terms and conditions set forth herein, CONTRACTOR shall immediately take all actions necessary to preserve forensic evidence and to identify, mitigate and remediate the cause of the suspected breach. Such actions include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Reporting Breaches of Confidential Information. CONTRACTOR shall notify COUNTY immediately, by telephone call and e-mail or fax, upon the discovery of a breach of PSEI or PHI in electronic media or in any other media, if the PSEI or PHI was, or is reasonably believed to have been, accessed or acquired by an unauthorized person.
2. Reporting Suspected Security Incidents. CONTRACTOR shall notify COUNTY, by telephone call and e-mail or fax, within twenty-four (24) hours after discovering any other suspected security incident, intrusion, loss or unauthorized use or disclosure of PSEI or PHI in violation of this Agreement or any applicable local, state or federal law.
  - a. Discovery of Breaches and Security Incidents. For purposes of this Agreement, a breach of, or security incident involving, PSEI or PHI shall be treated as discovered by CONTRACTOR as of the first day on which such breach is known, or by exercising reasonable diligence would have been known, to CONTRACTOR or any person, other than the person committing the suspected breach, who is an employee, officer or other agent of CONTRACTOR.

3. Reporting Suspected Breaches and Security Incidents to Affected Individuals. To the extent deemed warranted, CONTRACTOR shall provide notice to any and all individuals affected by the suspected breach of, or security incident involving, PSEI or PHI. CONTRACTOR shall pay the full costs associated with notifying the impacted individuals, which may include, but are not limited to, the costs to retain an outside consulting firm to undertake the notification effort. In addition, CONTRACTOR shall consult with COUNTY regarding the steps required to notify impacted individuals and any other persons, media outlets or governmental agencies, and must supply COUNTY with the following information:
  - a. Description of Suspected Breach or Security Incident. A brief description of the circumstances surrounding the suspected breach of, or security incident involving, PSEI or PHI, including, without limitation, the date of occurrence and discovery thereof, if known.
  - b. Description of the Information Involved. A description of the types of unsecured PSEI or PHI that were involved in the suspected breach or security incident, including, but not limited to, the full name, social security number, date of birth, home address, account number or disability code of all affected third parties.
  - c. Description of Remedial Actions. A brief description of the actions being taken by CONTRACTOR to remediate the breach of, or security incident involving, PSEI or PHI, mitigate losses and protect against any further breaches or security incidents.
4. Investigation of Suspected Breaches and Security Incidents. CONTRACTOR shall immediately investigate any and all suspected breaches of, or security incidents involving, PSEI or PHI. Within seventy-two (72) hours of the discovery of such suspected breach or security incident, CONTRACTOR shall submit an updated "Privacy Incident Report" containing the applicable information to the extent known at that time.
5. Remediation of Breaches and Security Incidents. Upon discovery of a breach of, or security incident involving, PSEI or PHI, CONTRACTOR shall:
  - a. Corrective Action. Take prompt corrective action to mitigate any risks or damages involved with the breach or security incident and to protect the operating environment.
  - b. Legal Compliance. Take any action pertaining to such breach or security incident required by any and all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations.
6. Cooperation with COUNTY's Remediation Efforts. Upon discovery of a breach of, or security incident involving, PSEI or PHI, CONTRACTOR shall give highest priority to immediately mitigating and remediating the breach or security incident, and shall devote such resources as may be required to accomplish that goal. In addition, CONTRACTOR shall cooperate with COUNTY's mitigation and remediation efforts, including, without limitation, providing any and all information necessary to enable COUNTY to fully understand the nature and scope of the breach or security incident, including, but not limited to, identification of each individual whose unsecured PHI may have been improperly accessed, acquired or disclosed. In the event that CONTRACTOR's assistance is required to reinstall software, such assistance shall be provided at no cost to COUNTY and in accordance with COUNTY's policies and standards.

7. Remediation Report. CONTRACTOR shall provide to COUNTY a written report of the investigation of a breach of, or security incident involving, PSEI or PHI within ten (10) business days of the discovery of such breach or security incident. The report shall include, without limitation, the information specified above, as well as a full, detailed corrective action plan, including information on measures that were taken to remediate and/or contain the breach or security incident.

E. Safeguarding Confidential Information. CONTRACTOR shall implement administrative, physical and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of all PSEI and PHI related to the services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, including, without limitation, electronic PSEI and PHI that CONTRACTOR creates, receives, maintains, uses or transmits on behalf of COUNTY. CONTRACTOR shall develop and maintain a written information privacy and security program that includes administrative, technical and physical safeguards appropriate to the size and complexity of CONTRACTOR's operations and the nature and scope of its activities, including, at a minimum, the following safeguards:

1. Personnel Controls. By executing this Agreement, CONTRACTOR, for itself, and its assignees and successors in interest, agrees as follows:

a. Employee Training. All workforce members who assist in the performance of functions or activities on behalf of CONTRACTOR, or access or disclose PSEI or PHI, must complete information privacy and security training, at least annually, at their own 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 expiration or termination of this Agreement.

b. Employee Discipline. Appropriate sanctions must be applied against workforce members who fail to comply with the privacy policies and procedures or any of the privacy, security and confidentiality requirements contained herein, including termination of employment where appropriate.

c. Confidentiality Statement. All persons that will be working with PHI, PI or PII 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 gaining access to PHI, PI or PII. The statement must be renewed annually. CONTRACTOR shall retain each person's written confidentiality statement for inspection for a period of six (6) years following expiration or termination of this Agreement.

d. Background Check. Before a member of the workforce may access PHI, PI or PII, a thorough background check of that worker must be conducted, with evaluation of the results to assure that there is no indication that the worker may present a risk to the security or integrity of confidential data or a risk for theft or misuse of confidential data. CONTRACTOR shall retain each workforce member's background check documentation for a period of three (3) years following expiration or termination of this Agreement.

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2. Technical Security Controls. By executing this Agreement, CONTRACTOR, for itself, and its assignees and successors in interest, agrees as follows:
- a. Workstation and Laptop Encryption. All workstations and laptops that process and/or store PHI, PI or PII 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 DHCS – Information Security Office.
  - b. Server Security. Servers containing unencrypted PHI, PI or PII 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 PHI, PI or PII required to perform necessary business functions may be copied, downloaded or exported.
  - d. Removable Media Devices. All electronic files that contain PHI, PI or PII data must be encrypted when stored on any removable media or portable device, including, without limitation, 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 PHI, PI or PII must install and actively use a 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 PHI, PI or PII 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 thirty (30) days of vendor release. Applications and systems that cannot be patched within the required 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. Data Destruction. When no longer needed, all PHI, PI or PII must be wiped using the Gutmann or United States 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 DHCS – Information Security Office.
  - h. User Identification and Password Controls. All users must be issued a unique user name for accessing PHI, PI or PII. Usernames must be promptly disabled, deleted or the password changed upon the transfer or termination of an employee with knowledge of the password, at maximum within twenty-four (24) hours. Passwords are not to be shared. Passwords must be at least eight (8) 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 ninety (90) days, preferably every sixty (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:

- Upper case letters (A-Z);
  - Lower case letters (a-z);
  - Arabic numerals (0-9);
  - Non-alphanumeric characters (punctuation symbols).
- i. System Timeout. The system providing access to PHI, PI or PII must provide an automatic timeout, requiring re-authentication of the user session after no more than twenty (20) minutes of inactivity.
  - j. Warning Banners. All systems providing access to PHI, PI or PII must display a warning banner stating that data is confidential, systems are logged and system use is for business purposes only by authorized users. Users 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 PHI, PI or PII or alters PHI, PI or PII. 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 PHI, PI or PII is stored in a database, database logging functionality must be enabled. Audit trail data must be archived for at least three (3) years after occurrence.
  - l. Access Controls. The system providing access to PHI, PI or PII must use role based access controls for all user authentications, enforcing the principle of least privilege.
  - m. Transmission Encryption. All data transmissions of PHI, PI or PII 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 PHI can be encrypted. This requirement pertains to any type of PHI, PI or PII in motion such as website access, file transfer and E-Mail.
  - n. Intrusion Detection. All systems involved in accessing, holding, transporting and protecting PHI, PI or PII that are accessible via the internet must be protected by a comprehensive intrusion detection and prevention solution.
3. Audit Controls. By executing this Agreement, CONTRACTOR, for itself, and its assignees and successors in interest, agrees as follows:
    - 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 PHI, PI or PII 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.

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- b. Log Reviews. All systems processing and/or storing PHI, PI or PII must have a routine procedure in place to review system logs for unauthorized access.
  - c. Change Control. All systems processing and/or storing PHI, PI or PII must have a documented change control procedure that ensures separation of duties and protects the confidentiality, integrity and availability of data.
4. Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Controls. By executing this Agreement, CONTRACTOR, for itself, and its assignees and successors in interest, agrees as follows:
- a. Emergency Mode Operation Plan. CONTRACTOR must establish a documented plan to enable continuation of critical business processes and protection of the security of PHI, PI or PII 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 twenty-four (24) hours.
  - b. Data Backup Plan. CONTRACTOR must have established documented procedures to backup PHI to maintain retrievable exact copies of PHI, PI or PII. 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 PHI, PI or PII should it be lost. At a minimum, the schedule must be a weekly full backup and monthly offsite storage of data.
5. Paper Document Controls. By executing this Agreement, CONTRACTOR, for itself, and its assignees and successors in interest, agrees as follows:
- a. Supervision of Data. PHI, PI or PII 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. PHI, PI or PII 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 PHI, PI or PII is contained shall be escorted, and PHI, PI or PII shall be kept out of sight while visitors are in the area.
  - c. Confidential Destruction. PHI, PI or PII must be disposed of through confidential means, such as cross cut shredding and pulverizing.
  - d. Removal of Data. Only the minimum necessary amount of PHI, PI or PII may be removed from the premises of CONTRACTOR except with express written permission from COUNTY. PHI, PI or PII shall not be considered "removed from the premises," if it is only being transported from one of CONTRACTOR's locations to another of CONTRACTOR's locations.
  - e. Faxing. Faxes containing PHI, PI or PII 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. Mailings. Mailings containing PHI, PI or PII shall be sealed and secured from damage or inappropriate viewing of such PHI, PI or PII to the extent possible. Mailings which include five hundred (500) or more individually identifiable records of 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 to use another method is obtained.

12. HIPAA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT:

CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to adhere to the terms and conditions set forth in the "County of Humboldt HIPAA Business Associate Agreement," which is attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.

13. PREPARATION AND RETENTION OF MEDICAL RECORDS AND DOCUMENTATION:

A. Preparation of Medical Records. CONTRACTOR shall timely prepare and maintain, for each client who receives services pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, a legible, accurate and complete "Medical Record" in accordance with any and all appropriate medical and professional practice requirements promulgated by the California Health and Welfare Agency. Medical records prepared and maintained pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall contain sufficient detail to permit and facilitate effective internal professional review, external medical audit processes and adequate follow-up treatment.

1. For purposes of this provision, "Medical Records" shall include, without limitation, all physical, books, records, documents and other evidence of medical treatment originated or prepared as part of CONTRACTOR's performance of the specialty mental health services, and all other covered services, to be provided under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, all treatment records, medical charts and prescription files and other documentation pertaining to services rendered to clients.

B. Preparation of Medical Documentation. CONTRACTOR shall timely prepare and maintain all "Medical Documentation," as necessary to disclose how CONTRACTOR discharged its duties and obligations hereunder. Medical Documentation shall identify all of the following: the quantity and quality of the specialty mental health services, and all other covered services, provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement; the names of, and all other necessary identifying information pertaining to, clients who received such services; the manner in which CONTRACTOR administered the provision of such services and the cost thereof; and the manner and amount of payment made for such services.

1. For purposes of this provision, "Medical Documentation" shall include, without limitation, all physical, books, records, documents and other evidence of medical treatment originated or prepared as part of CONTRACTOR's performance of the specialty mental health services, and all other covered services, to be provided under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, working papers, reports submitted to COUNTY or DHCS, financial records and other documentation pertaining to services rendered to clients.

C. Maintenance and Preservation of Medical Records and Documentation. CONTRACTOR shall maintain and preserve all Medical Records and Medical Documentation for a period of three (3) years from the date final payment is made under this Agreement, and for such longer period, if any, as is required by applicable statute, by any other provision of this Agreement, or by subparagraphs 1 or 2 below.

1. If this Agreement is completely or partially terminated, the Medical Records and/or Medical Documentation relating to the terminated services shall be preserved and made available for a period of three (3) years from the date of any resulting final settlement.
2. If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit or other action involving the Medical Records and/or Medical Documentation has been started before the expiration of the three (3) year period, the records shall be retained until completion of the action and resolution of all issues which arise there from, or until the end of the regular three (3) year period, whichever is later.

D. Government Access to Medical Records and Documentation. CONTRACTOR agrees that any and all Medical Records and/or Medical Documentation prepared pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be subject at all reasonable times to inspection, audit and reproduction by COUNTY, DHCS, the California Department of General Services, the Bureau of State Audits, or their designated representatives, including, without limitation, the Comptroller General of the United States, and any other duly authorized local, state or federal agencies.

#### 14. ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS:

A. Admission Policies. In order for proper reimbursement of the specialty mental health services, and all other covered services, provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR must comply with all of the following:

1. All referrals to CONTRACTOR must be authorized in writing by Director; however, the final admission decision shall rest with CONTRACTOR.
  - a. CONTRACTOR shall evaluate referrals within one (1) business day of receipt thereof, and consider for admission COUNTY clients, aged eighteen (18) to fifty-nine (59), that have been diagnosed with a serious mental illness. CONTRACTOR shall take into account each client's behavioral and social history, medical status, special services requirements and the number of staff hours required to successfully assist the client in maintaining residency prior to making a final admission decision.
  - b. The parties hereby agree that individuals whose mental illness is deemed appropriate for acute care, as well as individuals suffering exclusively from developmental disability, mental retardation or physical illnesses, without a psychiatric component, shall not be referred to CONTRACTOR for admission.
2. All COUNTY clients shall be subject to screening procedures and standards that are mutually agreeable to both parties prior to being admitted to CONTRACTOR's licensed or unlicensed facilities. The parties hereby agree that CONTRACTOR will not admit COUNTY clients who do not meet the placement criteria established by the parties pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. All services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement must be pre-authorized in writing by COUNTY.
3. All COUNTY clients must have some form of medical insurance or provision for medical care and treatment, including payment arrangements, in place prior to being admitted to CONTRACTOR's licensed or unlicensed facilities.



4. If admission is denied, both Director and COUNTY's Facility Liaison shall be immediately notified and informed of the reasons leading to the denial.
5. CONTRACTOR's policies and procedures for admission shall be based on this Agreement. Policies must include a provision that clients are accepted for care without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, sexual orientation or physical or mental disability.
6. In recognition of the fact that DHHS – Mental Health has specific responsibilities for the long-term case coordination of COUNTY clients referred to CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR agrees to participate in and accept the overall care plan for such clients, including, but not limited to, discharge planning and timeliness, as a condition of acceptance of the client for admission.

B. Admission Priority. CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify COUNTY of any openings in CONTRACTOR's licensed and/or unlicensed facilities, and give priority to the admission of COUNTY clients.

C. Discharge Criteria. CONTRACTOR reserves the right to discharge any COUNTY client that has achieved a level of stability, including, without limitation, symptom management, recognition of triggers of relapse, active participation in a wellness plan and/or identification of a personal support system that will allow the client to live in a less restrictive environment. Both parties agree that CONTRACTOR may discharge any COUNTY client that becomes ineligible for the services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

15. DETERMINATION OF ABILITY TO PAY:

If so instructed by Director, CONTRACTOR shall determine client's share of the cost associated with the specialty mental health services, or any other covered services, provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement using the State of California's Uniform Method of Determining the Ability to Pay, and notify COUNTY of such determination. Such determinations shall be made any time there is a demonstrable change in client's financial status, but no less than annually. CONTRACTOR agrees that a client's inability to pay shall not be a bar to CONTRACTOR's services. However, CONTRACTOR further agrees that a client's unwillingness to pay may bar services, except in emergencies, following consultation with COUNTY. COUNTY agrees to provide training in the determination of ability to pay.

16. UTILIZATION REVIEW:

COUNTY may designate appropriate DHHS – Mental Health staff to perform a utilization and/or professional standards review of all patients for which COUNTY is expected to make reimbursement.

17. PATIENTS' RIGHTS:

A. Legal Compliance. The parties to this Agreement shall comply with any and all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations relating to patients' rights, including, but not limited to, California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5325, Title 9 of the California Code of Regulations Sections 860 through 868 and 42 C.F.R. Section 438.100.

B. Specific Rights. During the performance of this Agreement, the parties hereto shall comply with any and all applicable local, state and federal policies and procedures pertaining to

patients' rights, and shall ensure that its staff and subcontractors take those rights into account when providing services pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, including, without limitation, the right to:

1. Receive information in accordance with 42 C.F.R. Section 438.10.
2. Be treated with respect and with due consideration for his or her dignity and privacy.
3. Receive information on available treatment options and alternatives, presented in a manner appropriate to his or her condition and ability to understand.
4. Participate in decisions regarding his or her health care, including the right to refuse treatment.
5. Be free from any form of restraint or seclusion used as a means of coercion, discipline, convenience or retaliation.
6. Request and receive a copy of his or her medical records, and to request that they be amended or corrected, as specified in 45 C.F.R. Sections 164.524 and 164.526.
7. To be furnished services in accordance with 42 C.F.R. Sections 438.206 through 438.210.
8. To freely exercise his or her rights, and the exercise of those rights will not adversely affect the way in which CONTRACTOR treats the patient.

C. Effect of Provision. Nothing herein shall be construed to replace or conflict with the duties of county patients' rights advocates set forth in California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5520.

18. NON-DISCRIMINATION COMPLIANCE:

- A. Professional Services and Employment. In connection with the execution of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR, and its subcontractors, shall not 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 gender identity and expression, pregnancy, childbirth and related medical conditions), sexual orientation (including heterosexuality, homosexuality and bisexuality), national origin, ancestry, marital status, medical condition (including cancer and genetic characteristics), mental or physical disability (including 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. Nothing herein shall be construed to require the employment of unqualified persons.
- B. Compliance with Anti-Discrimination Laws. CONTRACTOR further assures that it, and its subcontractors, 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 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 Chapter 5, Division 4 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations are incorporated into this Agreement by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full.

- C. Notification to Labor Unions and/or Workers' Representatives. CONTRACTOR shall send written notice of its obligations under the provisions herein to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement, or other contract or understanding, and shall post copies of such notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

19. NUCLEAR FREE HUMBOLDT COUNTY ORDINANCE COMPLIANCE:

CONTRACTOR certifies by its signature below that it is not a Nuclear Weapons Contractor, in that CONTRACTOR is not knowingly or intentionally engaged in the research, development, production or testing of nuclear warheads, nuclear weapons systems or nuclear weapons components as defined by the Nuclear Free Humboldt County Ordinance. CONTRACTOR agrees to notify COUNTY immediately if it becomes a Nuclear Weapons Contractor as defined above. COUNTY may immediately terminate this Agreement if it determines that the foregoing certification is false or if CONTRACTOR subsequently becomes a Nuclear Weapons Contractor.

20. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION:

By executing this Agreement, CONTRACTOR certifies that it will comply with the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 (California Government Code Sections 8350, et seq.), and will provide a drug-free workplace by doing all of the following:

- A. Drug-Free Policy Statement. Publish, as required by California Government Code Section 8355(a)(1), a Drug-Free Policy Statement which notifies employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited, and specifies the actions to be taken against employees for violations.
- B. Drug-Free Awareness Program. Establish, as required by California Government Code Section 8355(a)(2), a Drug-Free Awareness Program which informs employees about the following:
1. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
  2. CONTRACTOR's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
  3. Any available counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs; and
  4. Penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
- C. Drug-Free Employment Agreement. Ensure, as required by California Government Code Section 8355(a)(3), that every employee who provides services pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement will:
1. Receive a copy of CONTRACTOR's Drug-Free Policy Statement; and
  2. Agree to abide by CONTRACTOR's Drug-Free Policy as a condition of employment.

- D. Effect of Non-Compliance. Failure to comply with the above-referenced requirements may result in suspension of payments under this Agreement, and/or termination thereof, and CONTRACTOR may be ineligible for award of future contracts if COUNTY determines that the foregoing certification is false or if CONTRACTOR violates the certification by failing to carry out the above-referenced requirements.

21. INDEMNIFICATION:

- A. Hold Harmless, Defense and Indemnification. CONTRACTOR shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify COUNTY and its agents officers, officials, employees and volunteers from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, damages and liabilities of any kind or nature, including, without limitation, attorney's fees and other costs of litigation, arising out of, or in connection with, CONTRACTOR's negligent performance of, or failure to comply with, any of the duties and/or obligations contained herein, except such loss or damage which was caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of COUNTY.
- B. Effect of Insurance. Acceptance of insurance, if required by this Agreement, does not relieve CONTRACTOR from liability under this provision. This provision shall apply to all claims for damages related to the services performed by CONTRACTOR pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement regardless if any insurance is applicable or not. The insurance policy limits set forth herein shall not act as a limitation upon the amount of indemnification or defense to be provided by CONTRACTOR hereunder.

22. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

This Agreement shall not be executed by COUNTY, and CONTRACTOR is not entitled to any rights hereunder, unless certificates of insurance or other proof that the following provisions have been complied with, are filed with the Clerk of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors.

- A. General Insurance Requirements. Without limiting CONTRACTOR's indemnification obligations provided for herein, CONTRACTOR shall, and shall require that all subcontractors hereunder, take out and maintain, throughout the entire period of this Agreement, and any extended term thereof, the following policies of insurance, placed with insurers authorized to do business in the State of California with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A: VII or its equivalent against personal injury, death and property damage which may arise from, or in connection with, the activities of CONTRACTOR, its agents, officers, directors, employees, licensees, invitees, assignees or subcontractors:
1. Comprehensive or Commercial General Liability Insurance at least as broad as Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability Coverage (occurrence form CG 0001), in an amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) per occurrence for any one incident, including, but not limited to, personal injury, death and property damage. If a general aggregate limit is used, such limit shall apply separately hereto or shall be twice the required occurrence limit.
  2. Automobile/Motor Liability Insurance with a limit of liability not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) combined single limit coverage. Such insurance shall include coverage of all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles. Said coverage shall be at least as broad as Insurance Service Offices Form Code 1 (any auto).
  3. Workers' Compensation Insurance, as required by the Labor Code of the State of California, with statutory limits, and Employers Liability Insurance with a limit of no less

than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per accident for bodily injury or disease. Said policy shall contain, or be endorsed to contain, a waiver of subrogation against COUNTY, its agents, officers, officials, employees and volunteers.

4. Professional Liability Insurance – Error and Omission Coverage including coverage in an amount no less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) for each occurrence (Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) general aggregate). Said insurance shall be maintained for the statutory period during which CONTRACTOR may be exposed to liability. CONTRACTOR shall require that such coverage be incorporated into its professional services agreements with any other entities.

B. Special Insurance Requirements. Said policies shall, unless otherwise specified herein, be endorsed with the following provisions:

1. The Comprehensive or Commercial General Liability Policy shall provide that COUNTY, its agents, officers, officials, employees and volunteers, are covered as additional insured for liability arising out of the operations performed by or on behalf of CONTRACTOR. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to COUNTY, its agents, officers, officials, employees and volunteers. Said policy shall also contain a provision stating that such coverage:
  - a. Includes contractual liability.
  - b. Does not contain exclusions as to loss or damage to property caused by explosion or resulting from collapse of buildings or structures or damage to property underground, commonly referred to as “XCU Hazards.”
  - c. Is the primary insurance with regard to COUNTY.
  - d. Does not contain a pro-rata, excess only and/or escape clause.
  - e. Contains a cross liability, severability of interest or separation of insureds clause.
2. The above-referenced policies shall not be canceled, non-renewed or materially reduced in coverage without thirty (30) days prior written notice being provided to COUNTY in accordance with the notice provisions set forth herein. It is further understood that CONTRACTOR shall not terminate such coverage until COUNTY receives adequate proof that equal or better insurance has been secured.
3. The inclusion of more than one insured shall not operate to impair the rights of one insured against another insured, and the coverage afforded shall apply as though separate policies had been issued to each insured, but the inclusion of more than one insured shall not operate to increase the limits of the insurer’s liability.
4. For claims related to this Agreement, CONTRACTOR’s insurance is the primary coverage to COUNTY, and any insurance or self-insurance programs maintained thereby are excess to CONTRACTOR’s insurance and will not be used to contribute therewith.
5. Any failure to comply with the provisions of this Agreement, including breach of warranties, shall not affect coverage provided to COUNTY, its agents, officers, officials, employees and volunteers.

6. CONTRACTOR shall furnish COUNTY with certificates and original endorsements effecting the required coverage prior to execution of this Agreement. The endorsements shall be on forms approved by the Humboldt County Risk Manager or County Counsel. Any deductible or self-insured retention over One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be disclosed to, and approved by, COUNTY. If CONTRACTOR does not keep all required policies in full force and effect, COUNTY may, in addition to other remedies under this Agreement, take out the necessary insurance, and CONTRACTOR agrees to pay the cost thereof. COUNTY is also hereby authorized with the discretion to deduct the cost of said insurance from the monies owed to CONTRACTOR under this Agreement.
7. COUNTY is to be notified immediately if twenty-five percent (25%) or more of any required insurance aggregate limit is encumbered, and CONTRACTOR shall be required to purchase additional coverage to meet the above-referenced aggregate limits.

C. Insurance Notices. Any and all insurance notices required to be given pursuant to the terms of this Agreement shall be sent to the addresses set forth below in accordance with the notice provisions described herein.

COUNTY: County of Humboldt  
Attention: Risk Management  
825 Fifth Street, Room 131  
Eureka, California 95501

CONTRACTOR: Transitional Residential Treatment Facilities, Inc.  
Attention: Executive Director  
P.O. Box 6299  
Eureka, California 95502

23. RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES:

It is understood that this is an Agreement by and between two independent contractors and is not intended to, and shall not be construed to, create the relationship of agents, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture or any other similar association. Both parties further agree that CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to any benefits to which COUNTY employees are entitled, including, but not limited to, overtime, retirement benefits, leave benefits or workers' compensation.

24. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS:

- A. Legal Compliance. CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with any and all local, state and federal laws, regulations, policies and procedures applicable to the services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- B. Humboldt County Mental Health Performance Agreement. CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all provisions applicable to subcontractors in the Mental Health Performance Agreement (State Standard Agreement No. 15-92091) that COUNTY has with DHCS, which are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full. The above-referenced agreement can be obtained online at the following address: <http://humboldt.legistar.com/gateway.aspx?M=F&ID=c72dd39b-ceaa-4525-a547-bad44bd2ce6f.pdf>.

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C. Licensure Requirements. CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with any and all local, state and federal licensure, certification and accreditation standards applicable to the services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

25. PROVISIONS REQUIRED BY LAW:

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

26. REFERENCE TO LAWS AND RULES:

In the event any law, regulation, policy, procedure, standard or contractual obligation referred to in this Agreement is amended during the term hereof, the parties agree to comply with the amended provision as of the effective date of such amendment.

27. PROTOCOLS:

Both parties agree that the inclusion of additional protocols may be required to make this Agreement specific. All such protocols shall be negotiated, determined and agreed upon by both parties.

28. SEVERABILITY:

If any provision of this Agreement, 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 Agreement.

29. ASSIGNMENT:

Neither party shall delegate its duties or assign its rights hereunder, either in whole or in part, without the other party's prior written consent. Any assignment by CONTRACTOR in violation of this provision shall be void, and shall be cause for immediate termination of this Agreement. This provision shall not be applicable to service agreements or other arrangements usually or customarily entered into by the parties to obtain supplies, technical support or professional services.

30. AGREEMENT SHALL BIND SUCCESSORS:

All provisions of this Agreement shall be fully binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the parties and to each of their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns.

31. WAIVER OF DEFAULT:

The waiver by either party of any breach or violation of any requirement of this Agreement 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 Agreement. In no event shall any payment by COUNTY constitute a waiver of any breach of this Agreement or any default which may then exist on the part of CONTRACTOR. Nor shall such payment impair or prejudice any remedy available to COUNTY with respect to the breach or default. COUNTY shall have the right to demand repayment of, and CONTRACTOR shall promptly refund, any funds disbursed to CONTRACTOR, which in the judgment of COUNTY were not expended in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

32. NON-LIABILITY OF COUNTY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES:

No official or employee of COUNTY shall be personally liable for any default or liability under this Agreement.

33. AMENDMENT:

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

34. STANDARD OF PRACTICE:

CONTRACTOR 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. CONTRACTOR's duty is to exercise such care, skill and diligence as professionals engaged in the same profession ordinarily exercise under like circumstances.

35. JURISDICTION AND VENUE:

This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California and COUNTY's contractual obligations under the Mental Health Performance Agreement (State Standard Agreement No. 15-29091) that COUNTY has with DHCS. Any dispute arising hereunder, or relating hereto, shall be litigated in the State of California and venue shall lie in the County of Humboldt unless transferred by court order pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Sections 394 or 395.

36. ADVERTISING AND MEDIA RELEASE:

All informational material related to this Agreement shall receive approval from COUNTY prior to being used as advertising or released to the media, including, but not limited to, television, radio, newspapers and internet. CONTRACTOR shall inform COUNTY of all requests for interviews by the media related to this Agreement before such interviews take place; and COUNTY shall be entitled to have a representative present at such interviews. All notices required by this provision shall be given to Director.

37. SUBCONTRACTS:

CONTRACTOR shall obtain prior written approval from COUNTY before subcontracting any of the services to be provided hereunder. Any and all subcontracts shall be subject to all applicable terms and conditions of this Agreement, including, without limitation, the licensing, certification, privacy, security and confidentiality requirements set forth herein. CONTRACTOR shall remain legally responsible for the performance of all terms and conditions of this Agreement, including work performed by third parties under subcontracts, whether approved by COUNTY or not.

38. ATTORNEYS' FEES:

If either party shall commence any legal action or proceeding, including an action for declaratory relief, against the other by reason of the alleged failure of the other to perform or keep any provision of this Agreement to be performed or kept, the party prevailing in said action or proceeding shall be entitled to recover court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, including the reasonable value of services rendered by the Humboldt County Counsel's Office, to be fixed by the court, and such



recovery shall include court costs and attorneys' fees on appeal, if applicable. As used herein, "prevailing party" means the party who dismisses an action or proceeding in exchange for payment of substantially all sums allegedly due, performance of provisions allegedly breached, or other considerations substantially equal to the relief sought by said party, as well as the party in whose favor final judgment is rendered.

39. SURVIVAL:

The duties and obligations of the parties set forth in Section 3(D) – Compensation Upon Termination, Section 8 – Audit and Retention of Performance Records, Section 10 – Confidential Information, Section 11 – Disclosure and Security Requirements, Section 13 – Preparation and Retention of Medical Records and Documentation and Section 21 – Indemnification shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

40. 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 Agreement, the terms and conditions set forth herein shall have priority.

41. INTERPRETATION:

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

42. INDEPENDENT CONSTRUCTION:

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

43. FORCE MAJEURE:

Neither party hereto shall be liable or responsible for delays or failures in performance resulting from events beyond the reasonable control of such party and without fault or negligence of such party. Such events shall include, without limitation, acts of God, strikes, lockouts, riots, acts of war, epidemics, 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.

44. ENTIRE AGREEMENT:

This Agreement 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 Agreement shall be deemed to exist or to bind either of the parties hereto. In addition, this Agreement shall supersede in its 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 of this Agreement are hereby ratified.

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45. AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE:

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

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

**TWO SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED FOR CORPORATIONS:**

- (1) CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD, PRESIDENT, OR VICE PRESIDENT; AND
- (2) SECRETARY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OR TREASURER.

**TRANSITIONAL RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES, INC.:**

By: Nicole Winters Date: 6/21/2016  
Name: NICOLE WINTERS  
Title: SECRETARY

By: Gigetta A. Repetto Date: 6-22-2016  
Name: Gigetta A. Repetto  
Title: Assistant Secretary

**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT:**

By: Mark Lovelace Date: 7/19/16  
Mark Lovelace  
Chair, Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

**INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION REQUIREMENTS APPROVED:**

By: R.V. Gaudin Date: 7/1/16  
Risk Management

**LIST OF EXHIBITS:**

- Exhibit A – Scope of Services
- Exhibit B – County of Humboldt HIPAA Business Associate Agreement

**EXHIBIT A**  
**SCOPE OF SERVICES**  
**TRANSITIONAL RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES, INC.**  
**FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017**

1. SERVICES:

CONTRACTOR shall provide residential care services, twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week, in its licensed and unlicensed residential treatment facilities to mentally ill adults and Lanterman Petris Short Act conservatees, aged eighteen (18) to fifty-nine (59), in order to minimize inappropriate or unnecessary acute hospitalization. CONTRACTOR shall encourage its staff to participate in any and all appropriate trainings regarding the independent living skills instruction and wellness and recovery based principles and practices utilized during the provision of the residential care services set forth herein.

- A. Basic Service Level. The parties hereto agree that the minim level of residential care services provided to COUNTY clients in CONTRACTOR's licensed and unlicensed facilities shall comply with any and all applicable local, state and federal laws, regulations and requirements. The residential services provided to COUNTY clients pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall include, without limitation:
1. Provision of personal living quarters and laundry facilities in a safe and supportive environment.
  2. Provision of continuous observation, assessment and supervision.
  3. Provision of crisis intervention services, including, without limitation, communication with prescribing physicians to ensure stabilization of COUNTY clients on medications.
  4. Provision of supervised morning routines, including, without limitation, medication administration.
  5. Provision of three (3) nutritional meals, and snacks in between meals, on a daily basis, including the preparation of special diets as prescribed by a physician.
  6. Provision of comprehensive community treatment, including, without limitation, communication with physicians, nurses, case managers, peer support and clinicians in order to assist COUNTY clients with being active participants in their care and recovery planning.
  7. Assistance, if needed, in cleaning personal living quarters and laundry.
  8. Assistance, if needed, in planning, arranging and/or providing transportation to medical, dental and clinical appointments.
  9. Assistance in modifying maladaptive behavior patterns and developing alternative methods of managing life stressors and other daily living skills, including, without limitation, personal hygiene, grooming and household skills, that will enable COUNTY clients to live in less restrictive, more independent settings.
  10. Adherence to COUNTY's individualized client plans to transition clients to less restrictive levels of care in a timely manner.

11. Development of client treatment plans, in conjunction with COUNTY staff, that include access to daily rehabilitative activities, utilization of community resources, referral to community based alcohol and other drug treatment programs and mental health services, such as individual and group counseling.
12. Assistance in preparing and submitting Section 8 housing applications in order to obtain permanent, low cost housing, as appropriate.
13. Notification, as needed, to appropriate persons and/or agencies regarding client needs.

B. Discharge Planning and Coordination. CONTRACTOR shall communicate with COUNTY on a monthly basis, and more frequently as needed, to coordinate plans for discharge of COUNTY clients to less restrictive levels of care.

2. ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA:

The effectiveness of the residential care services provided to COUNTY clients at CONTRACTOR's licensed and unlicensed facilities pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement will be reviewed based on performance indicators located in the California Data Collection Report. These criteria include a reduction in hospitalizations, incarcerations and homelessness, and will be measured from the date of each client's admission to CONTRACTOR's licensed and unlicensed facilities until discharged.

3. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

CONTRACTOR agrees to prepare, and submit to COUNTY, performance and psychiatric and medical admission reports in accordance with the requirements set forth herein.

- A. Performance Reports. CONTRACTOR shall provide COUNTY with monthly performance reports via invoice or supplemental report, as needed. Performance reports shall include the following information with regard to the prior month:
1. Monthly census, including client names, dates of admission, dates of discharge and number of clients served.
  2. Attendance and/or participation of all programs and activities made available to COUNTY clients pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
  3. Updates regarding clients' treatment plans and activities relating to treatment plan accomplishments.
  4. Notification and explanation of any placements accepted, denied, delayed and/or discharged by CONTRACTOR.
  5. Notification of client participation in activities related to Wellness Recovery Action Plans.
  6. Notification and explanation of all client admissions to psychiatric and/or medical hospitals.
  7. Notification of and documentation regarding the number of days any clients were placed on the most restrictive level of care.

8. Notification of any current or anticipated difficulty in providing the services set forth herein, or if such services do not appear to result in the anticipated benefit to COUNTY clients.

B. Submission of Performance Reports. Performance Reports shall be submitted by the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day of the month following the month in which services were rendered. Performance Reports submitted by CONTRACTOR shall be sent to COUNTY at the following address:

COUNTY: Humboldt County DHHS – Mental Health  
Attention: Supervising Mental Health Clinician  
720 Wood Street  
Eureka, California 95501

C. Submission of Psychiatric and Medical Admission Reports. CONTRACTOR shall notify COUNTY within twenty-four (24) hours after the admission of a COUNTY client to a psychiatric or medical hospital. CONTRACTOR shall notify COUNTY as soon as possible if there is a change in service level that requires either enhanced services or acute psychiatric hospitalization.

D. Additional Reporting. CONTRACTOR and COUNTY understand that additional reporting may be necessary on a weekly, monthly and/or quarterly basis.

4. COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES:

A. Facility Liaison. COUNTY shall designate a Facility Liaison who shall be responsible for ongoing contact and consultation with COUNTY clients and CONTRACTOR's staff. The Facility Liaison shall arrange community supports deemed necessary for each COUNTY client to be discharged from CONTRACTOR's licensed and unlicensed facilities.

B. Acute Psychiatric Hospitalization. In the event acute psychiatric hospitalization of a COUNTY client is necessary, COUNTY agrees to place such client at COUNTY's Psychiatric Health Facility, Sempervirens.

**EXHIBIT B**  
**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT HIPAA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT**  
**TRANSITIONAL RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES, INC.**  
**FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017**

- A. COUNTY, as a "Covered Entity" (defined below) wishes to disclose certain information to CONTRACTOR, hereafter known as the "BUSINESS ASSOCIATE" (defined below) pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, some of which may constitute Protected Health Information ("PHI") (defined below).
- B. COUNTY 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.
- C. As part of the HIPAA Regulations, the Privacy Rule and Security Rule (defined below) requires COUNTY 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.

**1. Definitions**

- a. **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** shall mean the HIPAA Regulation that is codified at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A and D.
- c. **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** shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 160.103.
- e. **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** means Protected Health Information that is maintained in or transmitted by electronic media.
- g. **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** 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** 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 or 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** shall mean PHI provided by COUNTY to BUSINESS ASSOCIATE or created, maintained, received, or transmitted by BUSINESS ASSOCIATE on COUNTY's behalf.
- l. **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** shall mean the HIPAA Regulation that is codified at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A and C.
- n. **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 COUNTY. 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 COUNTY. 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 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 COUNTY 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 COUNTY 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].
- 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 COUNTY, agree in writing to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to COUNTY 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 COUNTY, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall make Protected Information maintained by BUSINESS ASSOCIATE or its agents or subcontractors in Designated Record Sets available to COUNTY for inspection and copying within five (5) days of a request by COUNTY to enable COUNTY to fulfill its obligations under state law [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 COUNTY 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 COUNTY, within ten (10) days of a request by COUNTY 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 COUNTY for amendment and incorporate any such amendment or other documentation to enable COUNTY 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 COUNTY 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 COUNTY for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Information, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE and its agents and subcontractors shall make available to COUNTY the information required to provide an accounting of disclosures to enable COUNTY 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 COUNTY. 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 COUNTY 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 COUNTY 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 provide COUNTY a copy of any Protected Information and other documents and records that BUSINESS ASSOCIATE provides to the Secretary concurrently with providing such Protected Information to the Secretary.
- j. **Minimum Necessary.** BUSINESS ASSOCIATES, 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. **Notification of Possible Breach.** BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall notify COUNTY within twenty-four (24) hours 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 COUNTY 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)].

- m. **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 COUNTY 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 COUNTY to discuss and attempt to resolve the problem as one of the reasonable steps to cure the breach or end the violation.
- n. **Audits, Inspection and Enforcement.** Within ten (10) days of a request by COUNTY, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE and its agents and subcontractors shall allow COUNTY 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 COUNTY 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 COUNTY, 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 COUNTY, 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 COUNTY, 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 COUNTY elects destruction of the PHI, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall certify in writing to COUNTY 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.