

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU” or “Agreement”) is dated February 11, 2025 and is between RHCB Development LP, a California Limited Partnership (“Contractor”), and the County of Fresno, a political subdivision of the State of California (“County”).

Recitals

A. The State of California, Housing and Community Development (HCD) has made available Homekey + competitive funding to California counties. The County will compete with other counties for up to \$2.145 billion in Homekey+ funding.

B. Homekey+ will support the development of Permanent Supportive Housing for Veterans and individuals with mental health or substance use disorder challenges who are at-risk of or experiencing homelessness which continues a statewide effort to sustain and rapidly expand Permanent Supportive Housing for persons experiencing homelessness.

C. On November 13, 2024, the County released Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 25-027 “Homekey + Housing Development Partners” for the purpose of identifying projects and selecting Development Partners to be co-applicants for the Homekey+ program. The County’s goal is to identify projects, select qualified Development Partners, and apply for Homekey+ grant funds to produce housing quickly and cost-effectively, mostly through adaptive reuse in Fresno County. A total of two proposals from two different bidders were selected for partnership with the County and Homekey+ application submittal.

D. The parties desire to enter into this new Agreement, wherein the parties apply for and if approved, develop, operate, and maintain new permanent supportive housing projects for residents of Fresno County, all in the accordance with the HCD Homekey + program guidelines; Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act (BHIBA) (AB. 531, Chapter 789, Statutes of 2023).

The parties therefore agree as follows:

Article 1

Contractor's Services

1.1 Scope of Services. The Contractor shall perform all of the services provided in Exhibit A to this Agreement, titled “Scope of Services.”

5 1.2 Contractor shall also perform all services and fulfill all responsibilities as specified in
6 County's Request for Proposal (RFP) issued under the name of Homekey+ Housing
7 Development Partners RFP No. 25-027 dated November 13, 2024. In the event of any
8 inconsistency among these documents, the inconsistency shall be resolved by giving
9 precedence in the following order of priority: (1) to the Agreement, including all Exhibits; (2) to
10 the RFP and RFP Addendum; and (3) to the RFP response. A copy of County's RFP, RFP
11 Addendum, and Contractor's response thereto shall be retained and made available during the
12 term of this Agreement by County's Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) Plan Administration
13 Division.

1.3 **Representation.** The Contractor represents that it is qualified, ready, willing, and able to perform all of the services provided in this Agreement.

16 1.4 **Compliance with Laws.** The Contractor shall, at its own cost, comply with all
17 applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations in the performance of its obligations
18 under this Agreement, including but not limited to workers compensation, labor, and
19 confidentiality laws and regulations. Additionally, Contractor shall comply with laws and
20 regulations specific to the Fresno County Behavioral Health Requirements as required in Exhibit
21 B.

Article 2

County's Responsibilities

2.1 The County shall:

2.2 Assign appropriate staff to participate in the planning and housing development process with Contractor;

2.3 Timely consider and approve all supportive housing applications presented by Contractor;

2.4 Report required supportive housing program information to the State of California HCD, and other identified funding source, as related to any permanent supportive housing developments as a result of this Agreement;

2.5 Upon request from the Contractor, provide all necessary or relevant demographic information regarding the specified target populations to be served by permanent supportive housing developments as a result of this Agreement;

2.6 Ensure there are an adequate number of eligible, certified tenant referrals made to permanent supportive housing projects developed by the Contractor, under this Agreement. Such referrals must meet the tenant eligibility requirements established for any given permanent supportive housing development as mandated by the funding source target population definition and as determined by Fresno County's Behavioral Health Director or designee, or by other funding sources, as applicable; and

2.7 Ensure the commitment and coordination of the appropriate level of case management or other types of supportive services are available on a timely basis to meet the behavioral health needs for individuals of any permanent supportive housing projects developed under this Agreement. These services will be voluntary and flexible and meet the needs as determined by the persons served.

Article 3

Compensation, Invoices, and Payments

3.1 The services performed in accordance with the terms and conditions as stated in this Agreement shall be performed without any monetary compensation by either party.

Article 4

Term of Agreement

4.1 **Term.** This Agreement is effective upon execution and terminates on June 30, 2028 except as provided in section 4.2, "Extension," or Article 6, "Termination and Suspension," below.

4.2 **Extension.** The term of this Agreement may be extended for no more than two, one-year periods only upon written approval of both parties at least thirty (30) days before the first day of the next one-year extension period. The County's DBH Director or his or her designee is authorized to sign the written approval on behalf of the County based on the Contractor's satisfactory performance. The extension of this Agreement by the County is not a waiver or compromise of any default or breach of this Agreement by the Contractor existing at the time of the extension whether or not known to the County.

Article 5

Notices

5.1 Contact Information. The persons and their addresses having authority to give and receive notices provided for or permitted under this Agreement include the following:

For the County:

Director, Department of Behavioral Health
County of Fresno
1925 E Dakota Avenue
Fresno, CA 93726

For the Contractor:

CEO
RHC Development LP
3040 N. Fresno St.
Fresno, CA. 93703

5.2 **Change of Contact Information.** Either party may change the information in section 5.1 by giving notice as provided in section 5.3.

5.3 Method of Delivery. Each notice between the County and the Contractor provided for or permitted under this Agreement must be in writing, state that it is a notice provided under this Agreement, and be delivered either by personal service, by first-class United States mail, by an overnight commercial courier service, by telephonic facsimile transmission, or by Portable Document Format (PDF) document attached to an email.

(A) A notice delivered by personal service is effective upon service to the recipient.

(B) A notice delivered by first-class United States mail is effective three County business days after deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the recipient.

1 (C) A notice delivered by an overnight commercial courier service is effective one
2 County business day after deposit with the overnight commercial courier service,
3 delivery fees prepaid, with delivery instructions given for next day delivery, addressed to
4 the recipient.

5 (D) A notice delivered by telephonic facsimile transmission or by PDF document
6 attached to an email is effective when transmission to the recipient is completed (but, if
7 such transmission is completed outside of County business hours, then such delivery is
8 deemed to be effective at the next beginning of a County business day), provided that
9 the sender maintains a machine record of the completed transmission.

10 **5.4 Claims Presentation.** For all claims arising from or related to this Agreement,
11 nothing in this Agreement establishes, waives, or modifies any claims presentation
12 requirements or procedures provided by law, including the Government Claims Act (Division 3.6
13 of Title 1 of the Government Code, beginning with section 810).

14 **5.5 Notification of Changes.** Contractor shall notify County in writing of any change in
15 organizational name, Head of Service or principal business at least fifteen (15) business days in
16 advance of the change. Contractor shall notify County of a change of service location at least
17 six (6) months in advance to allow County sufficient time to comply with site certification
18 requirements. Said notice shall become part of this Agreement upon acknowledgment in writing
19 by the County, and no further amendment of the Agreement shall be necessary provided that
20 such change of address does not conflict with any other provisions of this Agreement.
21 Contractor must immediately notify County of a change in ownership, organizational status,
22 licensure, or ability of Contractor to provide the quantity or quality of the contracted services in a
23 and in no event more than fifteen (15) days of the change.

24 Article 6

25 Termination and Suspension

26 **6.1 Termination for Non-Allocation of Funds.** The terms of this Agreement are
27 contingent on the approval of funds by the appropriating government agency. If sufficient funds
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1 are not allocated, then the County, upon at least 30 days' advance written notice to the
2 Contractor, may:

3 (A) Modify the services provided by the Contractor under this Agreement; or
4 (B) Terminate this Agreement.

5 **6.2 Termination for Breach.**

6 (A) Upon determining that a breach (as defined in paragraph (C) below) has
7 occurred, the County may give written notice of the breach to the Contractor. The written
8 notice may suspend performance under this Agreement and must provide at least 30
9 days for the Contractor to cure the breach.

10 (B) If the Contractor fails to cure the breach to the County's satisfaction within the
11 time stated in the written notice, the County may terminate this Agreement immediately.

12 (C) For purposes of this section, a breach occurs when, in the determination of the
13 County, the Contractor has:

14 (1) Obtained or used funds illegally or improperly;
15 (2) Failed to comply with any part of this Agreement;
16 (3) Submitted a substantially incorrect or incomplete report to the County; or
17 (4) Improperly performed any of its obligations under this Agreement.

18 **6.3 Termination without Cause.** In circumstances other than those set forth above,
19 either party may terminate this Agreement by giving at least 30 days advance written notice to
20 the other party.

21 **6.4 No Penalty or Further Obligation.** Any termination of this Agreement by the County
22 under this Article 6 is without penalty to or further obligation of the County.

23 **6.5 County's Rights upon Termination.** Upon termination for breach under this Article
24 6, the County may demand repayment by the Contractor of any monies disbursed to the
25 Contractor under this Agreement that, in the County's sole judgment, were not expended in
26 compliance with this Agreement. The Contractor shall promptly refund all such monies upon
27 demand. This section survives the termination of this Agreement.

Article 7

Independent Contractor

7.1 Status. In performing under this Agreement, the Contractor, including its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers, is at all times acting and performing as an independent contractor, in an independent capacity, and not as an officer, agent, servant, employee, joint venturer, partner, or associate of the County.

7.2 Verifying Performance. The County has no right to control, supervise, or direct the manner or method of the Contractor's performance under this Agreement, but the County may verify that the Contractor is performing according to the terms of this Agreement.

7.3 **Benefits.** Because of its status as an independent contractor, the Contractor has no right to employment rights or benefits available to County employees. The Contractor is solely responsible for providing to its own employees all employee benefits required by law. The Contractor shall save the County harmless from all matters relating to the payment of Contractor's employees, including compliance with Social Security withholding and all related regulations.

7.4 Services to Others. The parties acknowledge that, during the term of this Agreement, the Contractor may provide services to others unrelated to the County.

7.5 **Operating Costs.** Contractor shall provide all personnel, supplies, and operating expenses of any kind required for the performance of this Agreement.

7.6 Additional Responsibilities. The parties acknowledge that, during the term of this Agreement, the Contractor will hire, train, and credential staff, and County will perform additional staff credentialing to ensure compliance with State and Federal regulations, if applicable.

7.7 **Subcontracts.** Contractor shall obtain written approval from County's Department of Behavioral Health Director, or designee, before subcontracting any of the services delivered under this Agreement. County's Department of Behavioral Health Director, or designee, retains the right to approve or reject any request for subcontracting services. Any transferee, assignee, or subcontractor will be subject to all applicable provisions of this Agreement, and all applicable State and Federal regulations.

1 Contractor shall be held primarily responsible by County for the performance of any
2 transferee, assignee, or subcontractor unless otherwise expressly agreed to in writing by
3 County's Department of Behavioral Health Director, or designee. The use of subcontractors by
4 Contractor shall not entitle Contractor to any additional compensation that is provided for under
5 this Agreement.

6 **Article 8**

7 **Indemnity and Defense**

8 8.1 **Indemnity.** The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless and defend the
9 County (including its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers) against all claims, demands,
10 injuries, damages, costs, expenses (including attorney fees and costs), fines, penalties, and
11 liabilities of any kind to the County, the Contractor, or any third party that arise from or relate to
12 the performance or failure to perform by the Contractor (or any of its officers, agents,
13 subcontractors, or employees) under this Agreement. The County may conduct or participate in
14 its own defense without affecting the Contractor's obligation to indemnify and hold harmless or
15 defend the County.

16 8.2 **Survival.** This Article 8 survives the termination of this Agreement.

17 **Article 9**

18 **Insurance**

19 9.1 The Contractor shall comply with all the insurance requirements in Exhibit C to this
20 Agreement.

21 **Article 10**

22 **Inspections, Audits, and Public Records**

23 10.1 **Inspection of Documents.** The Contractor shall make available to the County, and
24 the County may examine at any time during business hours and as often as the County deems
25 necessary, all of the Contractor's records and data with respect to the matters covered by this
26 Agreement, excluding attorney-client privileged communications. The Contractor shall, upon
27 request by the County, permit the County to audit and inspect all of such records and data to
28 ensure the Contractor's compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

1 10.2 **State Audit Requirements.** If the compensation to be paid by the County under this
2 Agreement exceeds \$10,000, the Contractor is subject to the examination and audit of the
3 California State Auditor, as provided in Government Code section 8546.7, for a period of three
4 years after final payment under this Agreement. This section survives the termination of this
5 Agreement.

6 10.3 **Public Records.** The County is not limited in any manner with respect to its public
7 disclosure of this Agreement or any record or data that the Contractor may provide to the
8 County. The County's public disclosure of this Agreement or any record or data that the
9 Contractor may provide to the County may include but is not limited to the following:

10 (A) The County may voluntarily, or upon request by any member of the public or
11 governmental agency, disclose this Agreement to the public or such governmental
12 agency.

13 (B) The County may voluntarily, or upon request by any member of the public or
14 governmental agency, disclose to the public or such governmental agency any record or
15 data that the Contractor may provide to the County, unless such disclosure is prohibited
16 by court order.

17 (C) This Agreement, and any record or data that the Contractor may provide to the
18 County, is subject to public disclosure under the Ralph M. Brown Act (California
19 Government Code, Title 5, Division 2, Part 1, Chapter 9, beginning with section 54950).

20 (D) This Agreement, and any record or data that the Contractor may provide to the
21 County, is subject to public disclosure as a public record under the California Public
22 Records Act (California Government Code, Title 1, Division 7, Chapter 3.5, beginning
23 with section 6250) ("CPRA").

24 (E) This Agreement, and any record or data that the Contractor may provide to the
25 County, is subject to public disclosure as information concerning the conduct of the
26 people's business of the State of California under California Constitution, Article 1,
27 section 3, subdivision (b).

(F) Any marking of confidentiality or restricted access upon or otherwise made with respect to any record or data that the Contractor may provide to the County shall be disregarded and have no effect on the County's right or duty to disclose to the public or governmental agency any such record or data.

10.4 Public Records Act Requests. If the County receives a written or oral request under the CPRA to publicly disclose any record that is in the Contractor's possession or control, and which the County has a right, under any provision of this Agreement or applicable law, to possess or control, then the County may demand, in writing, that the Contractor deliver to the County, for purposes of public disclosure, the requested records that may be in the possession or control of the Contractor. Within five business days after the County's demand, the Contractor shall (a) deliver to the County all of the requested records that are in the Contractor's possession or control, together with a written statement that the Contractor, after conducting a diligent search, has produced all requested records that are in the Contractor's possession or control, or (b) provide to the County a written statement that the Contractor, after conducting a diligent search, does not possess or control any of the requested records. The Contractor shall cooperate with the County with respect to any County demand for such records. If the Contractor wishes to assert that any specific record or data is exempt from disclosure under the CPRA or other applicable law, it must deliver the record or data to the County and assert the exemption by citation to specific legal authority within the written statement that it provides to the County under this section. The Contractor's assertion of any exemption from disclosure is not binding on the County, but the County will give at least 10 days' advance written notice to the Contractor before disclosing any record subject to the Contractor's assertion of exemption from disclosure. The Contractor shall indemnify the County for any court-ordered award of costs or attorney's fees under the CPRA that results from the Contractor's delay, claim of exemption, failure to produce any such records, or failure to cooperate with the County with respect to any County demand for any such records.

Article 11

Data Security

11.1 Contractor shall comply with data security requirements in Exhibit D to this Agreement.

Article 12

Disclosure of Self-Dealing Transactions

12.1 Applicability. This Article 12 applies if the Contractor is operating as a corporation, or changes its status to operate as a corporation.

12.2 Duty to Disclose. If any member of the Contractor's board of directors is party to a self-dealing transaction, he or she shall disclose the transaction by completing and signing a "Self-Dealing Transaction Disclosure Form" (Exhibit E to this Agreement) and submitting it to the County before commencing the transaction or immediately after.

12.3 Definition. “Self-dealing transaction” means a transaction to which the Contractor is a party and in which one or more of its directors, as an individual, has a material financial interest.

Article 13

Disclosure of Ownership and/or Control Interest Information

13.1 Applicability. This provision is only applicable if Contractor is disclosing entities, fiscal agents, or managed care entities, as defined in Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), Title 42 §§ 455.101, 455.104 and 455.106(a)(1),(2).

13.2 **Duty to Disclose.** Contractor must disclose the following information as requested in the Provider Disclosure Statement, Disclosure of Ownership and Control Interest Statement, Exhibit F:

(A) Disclosure of 5% or More Ownership Interest:

(1) In the case of corporate entities with an ownership or control interest in the disclosing entity, the primary business address as well as every business location and P.O. Box address must be disclosed. In the case of an individual, the date of birth and Social Security number must be disclosed.

(2) In the case of a corporation with ownership or control interest in the disclosing entity or in any subcontractor in which the disclosing entity has a five

1 percent (5%) or more interest, the corporation tax identification number must be
2 disclosed.

3 (3) For individuals or corporations with ownership or control interest in any
4 subcontractor in which the disclosing entity has a five percent (5%) or more interest,
5 the disclosure of familial relationship is required.

6 (4) For individuals with five percent (5%) or more direct or indirect ownership
7 interest of a disclosing entity, the individual shall provide evidence of completion of a
8 criminal background check, including fingerprinting, if required by law, prior to
9 execution of Contract. (42 C.F.R. § 455.434)

10 (B) Disclosures Related to Business Transactions:

11 13.3 The ownership of any subcontractor with whom Contractor has had business
12 transactions totaling more than \$25,000 during the 12-month period ending on the date of the
13 request.

14 13.4 Any significant business transactions between Contractor and any wholly owned
15 supplier, or between Contractor and any subcontractor, during the 5-year period ending on the
16 date of the request. (42 C.F.R. § 455.105(b).)

17 (A) Disclosures Related to Persons Convicted of Crimes:

18 (1) The identity of any person who has an ownership or control interest in the
19 provider or is an agent or managing employee of the provider who has been
20 convicted of a criminal offense related to that person's involvement in any program
21 under the Medicare, Medicaid, or the Title XXI services program since the inception
22 of those programs. (42 C.F.R. § 455.106.)

23 13.5 County shall terminate the enrollment of Contractor if any person with five percent
24 (5%) or greater direct or indirect ownership interest in the disclosing entity has been convicted
25 of a criminal offense related to the person's involvement with Medicare, Medicaid, or Title XXI
26 program in the last 10 years.

27 13.6 Contractor must provide disclosure upon execution of Contract, extension for
28 renewal, and within thirty-five (35) days after any change in Contractor ownership or upon

request of County. County may refuse to enter into an agreement or terminate an existing agreement with Contractor if Contractor fails to disclose ownership and control interest information, information related to business transactions and information on persons convicted of crimes, or if Contractor did not fully and accurately make the disclosure as required.

13.7 Contractor must provide the County with written disclosure of any prohibited affiliations under 42 C.F.R. § 438.610. Contractor must not employ or subcontract with providers or have other relationships with providers Excluded from participation in Federal Health Care Programs, including Medi-Cal/Medicaid or procurement activities, as set forth in 42 C.F.R. §438.610.

13.8 Reporting. Submissions shall be scanned pdf copies and are to be sent via email to DBHContractedServices@fresnocountyca.gov. County may deny enrollment or terminate this Agreement where any person with five (5) percent or greater direct or indirect ownership interest in Contractor has been convicted of a criminal offense related to that person's involvement with the Medicare, Medicaid, or Title XXI program in the last ten (10) years. County may terminate this Agreement where any person with five (5) percent or greater direct or indirect ownership interest in the Contractor did not submit timely and accurate information and cooperate with any screening method required in C.F.R. Title 42, Section 455.416

Article 14

Disclosure of Criminal History and Civil Actions

14.1 Applicability. Contractor is required to disclose if any of the following conditions apply to them, their owners, officers, corporate managers, or partners (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Contractor"):

(A) Within the three (3) year period preceding the Agreement award, they have been convicted of, or had a civil judgment tendered against them for:

(1) Fraud or criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction:

(2) Violation of a federal or state antitrust statute;

(3) Embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification, or destruction of records;

or

(4) False statements or receipt of stolen property.

(B) Within a three (3) year period preceding their Agreement award, they have had a public transaction (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

14.2 Duty to Disclose. Disclosure of the above information will not automatically eliminate Contractor from further business consideration. The information will be considered as part of the determination of whether to continue and/or renew this Agreement and any additional information or explanation that Contractor elects to submit with the disclosed information will be considered. If it is later determined that the Contractor failed to disclose required information, any contract awarded to such Contractor may be immediately voided and terminated for material failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the award.

Contractor must sign a "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsible Matters – Primary Covered Transactions" in the form set forth in Exhibit G. Additionally, Contractor must immediately advise the County in writing if, during the term of the Agreement: (1) Contractor becomes suspended, debarred, excluded or ineligible for participation in Federal or State funded programs or from receiving federal funds as listed in the excluded parties list system (<http://www.epls.gov>); or (2) any of the above listed conditions become applicable to Contractor. Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold County harmless for any loss or damage resulting from a conviction, debarment, exclusion, ineligibility, or other matter listed in the signed Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsible Matters.

Article 15

General Terms

15.1 Modification. Except as provided in Article 6, "Termination and Suspension," this Agreement may not be modified, and no waiver is effective, except by written agreement signed by both parties. The Contractor acknowledges that County employees have no authority to modify this Agreement except as expressly provided in this Agreement.

1 15.2 Notwithstanding the above, non-material changes to services, staffing, and
2 responsibilities of the Contractor, as needed, to accommodate changes in the laws relating to
3 service requirements, may be made with the signed written approval of County's DBH Director,
4 or designee, and Contractor through an amendment approved by County's County Counsel and
5 the County's Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office. Said modifications shall not
6 result in any change to the maximum compensation amount payable to Contractor, as stated
7 herein.

8 15.3 **Non-Assignment.** Neither party may assign its rights or delegate its obligations
9 under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party.

10 15.4 **Governing Law.** The laws of the State of California govern all matters arising from
11 or related to this Agreement.

12 15.5 **Jurisdiction and Venue.** This Agreement is signed and performed in Fresno
13 County, California. Contractor consents to California jurisdiction for actions arising from or
14 related to this Agreement, and, subject to the Government Claims Act, all such actions must be
15 brought and maintained in Fresno County.

16 15.6 **Construction.** The final form of this Agreement is the result of the parties' combined
17 efforts. If anything in this Agreement is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be
18 ambiguous, that ambiguity shall not be resolved by construing the terms of this Agreement
19 against either party.

20 15.7 **Days.** Unless otherwise specified, "days" means calendar days.

21 15.8 **Headings.** The headings and section titles in this Agreement are for convenience
22 only and are not part of this Agreement.

23 15.9 **Severability.** If anything in this Agreement is found by a court of competent
24 jurisdiction to be unlawful or otherwise unenforceable, the balance of this Agreement remains in
25 effect, and the parties shall make best efforts to replace the unlawful or unenforceable part of
26 this Agreement with lawful and enforceable terms intended to accomplish the parties' original
27 intent.

1 15.10 **Nondiscrimination.** During the performance of this Agreement, the Contractor shall
2 not unlawfully discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment, or recipient of
3 services, because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability,
4 mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender
5 identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, military status or veteran status pursuant to
6 all applicable State of California and federal statutes and regulation.

7 Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that services to intended Medi-Cal
8 beneficiaries are provided without use of any policy or practice that has the effect of
9 discriminating on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, marital status, national origin, ethnic
10 group identification, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, age, medical condition,
11 genetic information, health status or need for health care services, or mental or physical
12 disability.

13 15.11 **No Waiver.** Payment, waiver, or discharge by the County of any liability or obligation
14 of the Contractor under this Agreement on any one or more occasions is not a waiver of
15 performance of any continuing or other obligation of the Contractor and does not prohibit
16 enforcement by the County of any obligation on any other occasion.

17 15.12 **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement, including its exhibits, is the entire agreement
18 between the Contractor and the County with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement,
19 and it supersedes all previous negotiations, proposals, commitments, writings, advertisements,
20 publications, and understandings of any nature unless those things are expressly included in
21 this Agreement. If there is any inconsistency between the terms of this Agreement without its
22 exhibits and the terms of the exhibits, then the inconsistency will be resolved by giving
23 precedence first to the terms of this Agreement without its exhibits, and then to the terms of the
24 exhibits.

25 15.13 **No Third-Party Beneficiaries.** This Agreement does not and is not intended to
26 create any rights or obligations for any person or entity except for the parties.

27 15.14 **Authorized Signature.** The Contractor represents and warrants to the County that:

(A) The Contractor is duly authorized and empowered to sign and perform its obligations under this Agreement.

(B) The individual signing this Agreement on behalf of the Contractor is duly authorized to do so and his or her signature on this Agreement legally binds the Contractor to the terms of this Agreement.

15.15 Electronic Signatures. The parties agree that this Agreement may be executed by electronic signature as provided in this section.

(A) An “electronic signature” means any symbol or process intended by an individual signing this Agreement to represent their signature, including but not limited to (1) a digital signature; (2) a faxed version of an original handwritten signature; or (3) an electronically scanned and transmitted (for example by PDF document) version of an original handwritten signature.

(B) Each electronic signature affixed or attached to this Agreement (1) is deemed equivalent to a valid original handwritten signature of the person signing this Agreement for all purposes, including but not limited to evidentiary proof in any administrative or judicial proceeding, and (2) has the same force and effect as the valid original handwritten signature of that person.

(C) The provisions of this section satisfy the requirements of Civil Code section 1633.5, subdivision (b), in the Uniform Electronic Transaction Act (Civil Code, Division 3, Part 2, Title 2.5, beginning with section 1633.1).

(D) Each party using a digital signature represents that it has undertaken and satisfied the requirements of Government Code section 16.5, subdivision (a), paragraphs (1) through (5), and agrees that each other party may rely upon that representation.

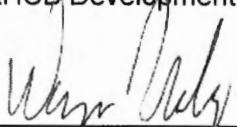
(E) This Agreement is not conditioned upon the parties conducting the transactions under it by electronic means and either party may sign this Agreement with an original handwritten signature.

15.16 Counterparts. This Agreement may be signed in counterparts, each of which is an original, and all of which together constitute this Agreement.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

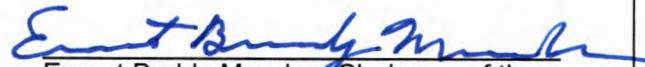
1 The parties are signing this Agreement on the date stated in the introductory clause.

2 RHCB Development LP

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4 Wayne Rutledge, CEO

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6 3040 N. Fresno St.
7 Fresno, CA. 93703

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2 COUNTY OF FRESNO

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4 Ernest Buddy Mendes, Chairman of the
5 Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno

6 **Attest:**

7 Bernice E. Seidel
8 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
9 County of Fresno, State of California

10 By: 
11 Deputy

12 For accounting use only:

13 Org No.:
14 Account No.:
15 Fund No.:
16 Subclass No.:
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Exhibit A

Scope of Services

RHCB Development LP (“Contractor”) shall be responsible to:

(A) Under the direction of County, prepare any future, agreed upon HCD Homekey+, or other permanent supportive housing funding sources, supportive housing application(s). The HCD Homekey+ supportive housing application would include the Contractor as the Co-Applicant, developer, property manager and owner; however, any role or responsibility of Contractor in any Supportive housing program application shall be determined by County. Any supportive housing application completed by the Contractor shall be approved by the County and such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Application(s) shall comply with all state fair housing laws, regulations and directives as required by the funding source, i.e. HCD Homekey+, etc. As part of any supportive housing program application process, both County and Contractor shall agree on potential housing sites to be funded with HCD Homekey+ funds and or other applicable funding sources or identify other funding sources that can be utilized and or leveraged to provide for the development of permanent supportive housing units.

(B) Maintain supportive housing resource information for use by individuals housed, family members and/or support systems of individuals and supportive services staff to assist in the identification and utilization of appropriate supportive housing resources in the community.

(C) Make reasonable efforts to complete all program reporting requirements specific to each funding source for any supportive housing developments resulting from this Agreement.

(D) Provide property management services, either directly or through a subcontract with a qualified firm, for permanent supportive housing projects developed as a result of this Agreement. Services may include, but not be limited to rent collection, property maintenance and repairs.

(E) In collaboration, both County and Contractor shall be responsible to:

Exhibit A

(1) No less than quarterly, representatives from County, Contractor, and other interested and invited participants will meet to discuss any potential new projects, review any previous work accomplished and assess the working relationship between all parties. The County and Contractor shall mutually agree upon the location of the supportive housing projects proposed for supportive housing program applications.

(2) In the event a supportive housing program application is completed by Contractor, that it be appropriately submitted to the applicable funding source and meets all legal requirements, including the provisions of Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act (BHIBA) (AB. 531, Chapter 789, Statutes of 2023). Additionally, if a supportive housing program application is completed and submitted to a funding source, ensure all appropriate parties are informed of the submittal, including the Fresno County Behavioral Health Board and Fresno County Board of Supervisors.

(3) In the event a supportive housing program application is funded, County and Contractor, shall work collaboratively to ensure all necessary documents, including any MOU and/or other Agreements, are executed to establish the role of the Contractor, as the qualified developer/borrower/property manager or any combination thereof, and to establish the role of the County as the mental health supportive service provider, for any supportive housing project funded.

Fresno County Behavioral Health Requirements

I. General Requirements

- a. **Guiding Principles.** Contractor shall align programs, services, and practices with the vision, mission, and guiding principles of the DBH, as further described in Exhibit B-Attachment A, "Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health Guiding Principles of Care Delivery."
- b. **Compliance with Behavioral Health Specific Laws.**
 - i. Contractor shall provide services in conformance with all applicable State and Federal statutes, regulations and sub regulatory guidance, as from time to time amended, including but not limited to:
 1. California Code of Regulations, Title 9;
 2. California Code of Regulations, Title 22;
 3. California Welfare and Institutions Code, Division 5;
 4. United States Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 42, including but not limited to Parts 438 and 455;
 5. United States CFR, Title 45;
 6. United States Code, Title 42 (The Public Health and Welfare), as applicable;
 7. Balanced Budget Act of 1997;
 8. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA); and
 9. Applicable Medi-Cal laws and regulations, including applicable sub-regulatory guidance, such as Behavioral Health Information Notices (BHINs), Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services Information Notices (MHSUDS INs), and provisions of County's, state or federal contracts governing services for persons served.
 - ii. In the event any law, regulation, or guidance referred to in this section is amended during the term of this Agreement, the parties agree to comply with the amended authority as of the effective date of such amendment without amending this Agreement.

- iii. Contractor recognizes that County operates its mental health programs under an agreement with DHCS, and that under said agreement the State imposes certain requirements on County and its subcontractors. Contractor shall adhere to all State requirements, including those identified in Exhibit B- Attachment B, "Behavioral Health Requirements", attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein and made part of this Agreement.
- c. **Meetings.** Contractor shall participate in monthly, or as needed, workgroup meetings consisting of staff from County's DBH to discuss service requirements, data reporting, training, policies and procedures, overall program operations and any problems or foreseeable problems that may arise. Contractor shall also participate in other County meetings, such as but not limited to quality improvement meetings, provider meetings, audit meetings, Behavioral Health Board meetings, bi-monthly contractor meetings, etc. Schedule for these meetings may change based on the needs of the County.
- d. **Monitoring.** Contractor agrees to extend to County's staff, County's DBH and the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), or their designees, the right to review and monitor records, programs, or procedures, at any time, in regard to persons served, as well as the overall operation of Contractor's programs, in order to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- e. **Confidentiality.** All services performed by Contractor under this Agreement shall be in strict conformance with all applicable Federal, State of California and/or local laws and regulations relating to confidentiality.
- f. **Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).** Contractor shall comply with HIPAA requirements as required in Exhibit B- Attachment C.
- g. **Physical Accessibility.** Physical Accessibility. In accordance with the accessibility requirements of section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1973, Contractor must provide physical access, reasonable accommodations, and accessible equipment for Medi-Cal beneficiaries with physical or mental disabilities.
- h. **Publicity Prohibition.**
 - i. **Self-Promotion.** None of the funds, materials, property, or services provided directly or indirectly under this Agreement shall be used for Contractor's advertising, fundraising, or publicity (i.e., purchasing of tickets/tables, silent auction donations, etc.) for the purpose of self-promotion.

ii. **Public Awareness.** Notwithstanding the above, publicity of the services described in Exhibit A of this Agreement shall be allowed as necessary to raise public awareness about the availability of such specific services when approved in advance by County's DBH Director or designee. Communication products must follow DBH branding standards, including typefaces and colors, to communicate our authority and project a unified brand. This includes all media types, platforms, and all materials on and offline that are created as part of DBH's efforts to provide information to the public.

II. Inspection and Audit Requirements

a. **Internal Auditing.** Contractors of sufficient size as determined by County shall institute and conduct a Quality Assurance Process for all services provided hereunder.

Contractor shall provide County with notification and a summary of any internal audit exceptions and the specific corrective actions taken to sufficiently reduce the errors that are discovered through Contractor's internal audit process. Contractor shall provide this notification and summary to County as requested by the County.

b. **Confidentiality in Audit Process.** Contractor and County mutually agree to maintain the confidentiality of Contractor's records and information of persons served, in compliance with all applicable State and Federal statutes and regulations, including but not limited to HIPAA and California Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5328. Contractor shall inform all of its officers, employees, and agents of the confidentiality provisions of all applicable statutes.

Contractor's fiscal records shall contain sufficient data to enable auditors to perform a complete audit and shall be maintained in conformance with standard procedures and accounting principles.

Contractor's records shall be maintained as required by DBH and DHCS on forms furnished by DHCS or the County. All statistical data or information requested by the County's DBH Director or designee shall be provided by the Contractor in a complete and timely manner.

c. **Reasons for Recoupment.** County will conduct periodic audits of Contractor files to ensure appropriate documentation, high quality service provision and compliance with applicable federal, state and county regulations.

Such audits may result in requirements for Contractor to reimburse County for services previously paid in the following circumstances:

- i. Identification of Fraud, Waste or Abuse as defined in federal regulation
 1. Fraud and abuse are defined in C.F.R. Title 42, § 455.2 and W&I Code, section 14107.11, subdivision (d).
 2. Definitions for “fraud,” “waste,” and “abuse” can also be found in the Medicare Managed Care Manual available at
<https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals>
- ii. Overpayment of Contractor by County due to errors in claiming or documentation.
- iii. Contractor shall reimburse County for all overpayments identified by Contractor, County, and/or state or federal oversight agencies as an audit exception within the timeframes required by law or County or state or federal agency. Funds owed to County will be due within forty-five (45) days of notification by County, or County shall withhold future payments until all excess funds have been recouped by means of an offset against any payments then or thereafter owing to County under this or any other Agreement between the County and Contractor.
- d. **Cooperation with Audits.** Contractor shall cooperate with County in any review and/or audit initiated by County, DHCS, or any other applicable regulatory body. This cooperation may include such activities as onsite program, fiscal, or chart reviews and/or audits.

In addition, Contractor shall comply with all requests for any documentation or files including, but not limited to, files for persons served and personnel files.

Contractor shall notify the County of any scheduled or unscheduled external evaluation or site visits when it becomes aware of such visit. County shall reserve the right to attend any or all parts of external review processes.

Contractor shall allow inspection, evaluation and audit of its records, documents and facilities for ten (10) years from the term end date of this Agreement or in the event Contractor has been notified that an audit or investigation of this Agreement has been commenced, until such time as the matter under audit or investigation has been

resolved, including the exhaustion of all legal remedies, whichever is later pursuant to 42 C.F.R. §§ 438.3(h) and 438.2301(3)(i-iii).

e. **Single Audit Clause.** If Contractor expends Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$750,000.00) or more in Federal and Federal flow-through monies, Contractor agrees to conduct an annual audit in accordance with the requirements of the Single Audit Standards as set forth in Office of Management and Budget (OMB) 2 CFR 200. Contractor shall submit said audit and management letter to County. The audit must include a statement of findings or a statement that there were no findings. If there were negative findings, Contractor must include a corrective action plan signed by an authorized individual. Contractor agrees to take action to correct any material non-compliance or weakness found as a result of such audit. Such audit shall be delivered to County's DBH Finance Division for review within nine (9) months of the end of any fiscal year in which funds were expended and/or received for the program. Failure to perform the requisite audit functions as required by this Agreement may result in County performing the necessary audit tasks, or at County's option, contracting with a public accountant to perform said audit, or may result in the inability of County to enter into future agreements with Contractor. All audit costs related to this Agreement are the sole responsibility of Contractor.

A single audit report is not applicable if Contractor's Federal contracts do not exceed the Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$750,000.00) requirement or Contractor's only funding is through Drug-related Medi-Cal. If a single audit is not applicable, a program audit must be performed and a program audit report with management letter shall be submitted by Contractor to County as a minimum requirement to attest to Contractor solvency. Said audit report shall be delivered to County's DBH Finance Division for review no later than nine (9) months after the close of the fiscal year in which the funds supplied through this Agreement are expended. Failure to comply with this Act may result in County performing the necessary audit tasks or contracting with a qualified accountant to perform said audit. All audit costs related to this Agreement are the sole responsibility of Contractor who agrees to take corrective action to eliminate any material noncompliance or weakness found as a result of such audit. Audit work performed by County under this paragraph shall be billed to

Contractor at County cost, as determined by County's Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector.

Contractor shall make available all records and accounts for inspection by County, the State of California, if applicable, the Controller General of the United States, the Federal Grantor Agency, or any of their duly authorized representatives, at all reasonable times for a period of at least three (3) years following final payment under this Agreement or the closure of all other pending matters, whichever is later.

- f. **Access to Records.** Contractor shall provide County with access to all documentation of services provided under this Agreement for County's use in administering this Agreement. Contractor shall allow County, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Office of the Inspector General, the Controller General of the United States, and any other authorized Federal and State agencies to evaluate performance under this Agreement, and to inspect, evaluate, and audit any and all records, documents, and the premises, equipment and facilities maintained by the Contractor pertaining to such services at any time and as otherwise required under this Agreement.

III. Right to Monitor

- a. **Right to Monitor.** County or any subdivision or appointee thereof, and the State of California or any subdivision or appointee thereof, including the Auditor General, shall have absolute right to review and audit all records, books, papers, documents, corporate minutes, financial records, staff information, records of persons served, other pertinent items as requested, and shall have absolute right to monitor the performance of Contractor in the delivery of services provided under this Agreement. Full cooperation shall be given by the Contractor in any auditing or monitoring conducted, according to this agreement.
- b. **Accessibility.** Contractor shall make all of its premises, physical facilities, equipment, books, records, documents, agreements, computers, or other electronic systems pertaining to Medi-Cal enrollees, Medi-Cal-related activities, services, and activities furnished under the terms of this Agreement, or determinations of amounts payable available at any time for inspection, examination, or copying by County, the State of California or any subdivision or appointee thereof, CMS, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Inspector General, the United States Controller General or their designees, and other authorized federal and state agencies. This audit right will

exist for at least ten (10) years from the final date of the Agreement period or in the event the Contractor has been notified that an audit or investigation of this Agreement has commenced, until such time as the matter under audit or investigation has been resolved, including the exhaustion of all legal remedies, whichever is later (42 CFR §438.230(c)(3)(I)-(ii)).

The County, DHCS, CMS, or the HHS Office of Inspector General may inspect, evaluate, and audit the Contractor at any time if there is a reasonable possibility of fraud or similar risk. The Department's inspection shall occur at the Contractor's place of business, premises, or physical facilities (42 CFR §438.230(c)(3)(iv))

- c. **Cooperation.** Contractor shall cooperate with County in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of this Agreement and comply with any and all reporting requirements established by County. Should County identify an issue or receive notification of a complaint or potential/actual/suspected violation of requirements, County may audit, monitor, and/or request information from Contractor to ensure compliance with laws, regulations, and requirements, as applicable.
- d. **Probationary Status.** County reserves the right to place Contractor on probationary status, as referenced in the Probationary Status Article, should Contractor fail to meet performance requirements; including, but not limited to violations such as failure to report incidents and changes as contractually required, failure to correct issues, inappropriate invoicing, untimely and inaccurate data entry, not meeting performance outcomes expectations, and violations issued directly from the State. Additionally, Contractor may be subject to Probationary Status or termination if agreement monitoring and auditing corrective actions are not resolved within specified timeframes.
- e. **Record Retention.** Contractor shall retain all records and documents originated or prepared pursuant to Contractor's performance under this Agreement, including grievance and appeal records, and the data, information and documentation specified in 42 CFR parts 438.604, 438.606, 438.608, and 438.610 for a period of no less than ten (10) years from the term end date of this Agreement or until such time as the matter under audit or investigation has been resolved. Records and documents include but are not limited to all physical and electronic records and documents originated or prepared pursuant to Contractor's or subcontractor's performance under this Agreement including working papers, reports, financial records and documents of account, records of persons

served, prescription files, subcontracts, and any other documentation pertaining to covered services and other related services for persons served.

f. **Record Maintenance.** Contractor shall maintain all records and management books pertaining to service delivery and demonstrate accountability for agreement performance and maintain all fiscal, statistical, and management books and records pertaining to the program. Fiscal records shall be kept in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and must account for all funds, tangible assets, revenue and expenditures. Fiscal records must also comply with the CFR, Title II, Subtitle A, Chapter 11, Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.

All records shall be complete and current and comply with all Agreement requirements. Failure to maintain acceptable records per the preceding requirements shall be considered grounds for withholding of payments for billings submitted and for termination of Agreement.

Contractor shall maintain records of persons served and community service in compliance with all regulations set forth by local, state, and federal requirements, laws, and regulations, and provide access to records by County staff.

Contractor shall agree to maintain and retain all appropriate service and financial records for a period of at least ten (10) years from the date of final payment, the final date of the contract period, final settlement, or until audit findings are resolved, whichever is later.

g. **Financial Reports.** Contractor shall submit audited financial reports on an annual basis to the County. The audit shall be conducted in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and generally accepted auditing standards.

h. **Agreement Termination.** In the event the Agreement is terminated, ends its designated term or Contractor ceases operation of its business, Contractor shall deliver or make available to County all financial records that may have been accumulated by Contractor or subcontractor under this Agreement, whether completed, partially completed or in progress within seven (7) calendar days of said termination/end date.

i. **Facilities and Assistance.** Contractor shall provide all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safety and convenience of the County's representatives in the performance of

their duties. All inspections and evaluations shall be performed in such a manner that will not unduly delay the work of Contractor.

- j. **County Discretion to Revoke.** County has the discretion to revoke full or partial provisions of the Agreement, delegated activities or obligations, or application of other remedies permitted by state or federal law when the County or DHCS determines Contractor has not performed satisfactorily.
- k. **Site Inspection.** Without limiting any other provision related to inspections or audits otherwise set forth in this Agreement, Contractor shall permit authorized County, state, and/or federal agency(ies), through any authorized representative, the right to inspect or otherwise evaluate the work performed or being performed hereunder including subcontract support activities and the premises which it is being performed. Contractor shall provide all reasonable assistance for the safety and convenience of the authorized representative in the performance of their duties. All inspections and evaluations shall be made in a manner that will not unduly delay the work of the Contractor.

IV. Complaint Logs and Grievances

- a. **Documentation.** Contractor shall log complaints and the disposition of all complaints from a person served or their family. Contractor shall provide a copy of the detailed complaint log entries concerning County-sponsored persons served to County at monthly intervals by the tenth (10th) day of the following month, in a format that is mutually agreed upon. Contractor shall allow beneficiaries or their representative to file a grievance either orally, or in writing at any time with the Mental Health Plan. In the event Contractor is notified by a beneficiary or their representative of a discrimination grievance, Contractor shall report discrimination grievances to the Mental Health Plan within 24 hours. The Contractor shall not require a beneficiary or their representative to file a Discrimination Grievance with the Mental Health Plan before filing the complaint directly with the DHCS Office of Civil Rights and the U.S. Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights.
- b. **Rights of Persons Served.** Contractor shall comply with applicable laws and regulations relating to patients' rights, including but not limited to Wel. & Inst. Code 5325, Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, sections 862 through 868, and 42 CFR § 438.100. The Contractor shall ensure that its subcontractors comply with all applicable patients' rights laws and regulations.

- c. **Incident Reporting.** Contractor shall file an incident report for all incidents involving persons served, following County DBH's Incident Reporting protocol.

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Guiding Principles of Care Delivery

DBH VISION:

Health and well-being for our community.

DBH MISSION:

DBH, in partnership with our diverse community, is dedicated to providing quality, culturally responsive, behavioral health services to promote wellness, recovery, and resiliency for individuals and families in our community.

DBH GOALS:

Quadruple Aim

- Deliver quality care
- Maximize resources while focusing on efficiency
- Provide an excellent care experience
- Promote workforce well-being

GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF CARE DELIVERY:

The DBH 11 principles of care delivery define and guide a system that strives for excellence in the provision of behavioral health services where the values of wellness, resiliency, and recovery are central to the development of programs, services, and workforce. The principles provide the clinical framework that influences decision-making on all aspects of care delivery including program design and implementation, service delivery, training of the workforce, allocation of resources, and measurement of outcomes.

1. Principle One - Timely Access & Integrated Services

- Individuals and families are connected with services in a manner that is streamlined, effective, and seamless
- Collaborative care coordination occurs across agencies, plans for care are integrated, and whole person care considers all life domains such as health, education, employment, housing, and spirituality
- Barriers to access and treatment are identified and addressed
- Excellent customer service ensures individuals and families are transitioned from one point of care to another without disruption of care

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2. Principle Two - Strengths-based

- Positive change occurs within the context of genuine trusting relationships
- Individuals, families, and communities are resourceful and resilient in the way they solve problems
- Hope and optimism is created through identification of, and focus on, the unique abilities of individuals and families

3. Principle Three - Person-driven and Family-driven

- Self-determination and self-direction are the foundations for recovery
- Individuals and families optimize their autonomy and independence by leading the process, including the identification of strengths, needs, and preferences
- Providers contribute clinical expertise, provide options, and support individuals and families in informed decision making, developing goals and objectives, and identifying pathways to recovery
- Individuals and families partner with their provider in determining the services and supports that would be most effective and helpful and they exercise choice in the services and supports they receive

4. Principle Four - Inclusive of Natural Supports

- The person served identifies and defines family and other natural supports to be included in care
- Individuals and families speak for themselves
- Natural support systems are vital to successful recovery and the maintaining of ongoing wellness; these supports include personal associations and relationships typically developed in the community that enhance a person's quality of life
- Providers assist individuals and families in developing and utilizing natural supports.

5. Principle Five - Clinical Significance and Evidence Based Practices (EBP)

- Services are effective, resulting in a noticeable change in daily life that is measurable.
- Clinical practice is informed by best available research evidence, best clinical expertise, and values and preferences of those we serve

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- Other clinically significant interventions such as innovative, promising, and emerging practices are embraced

6. Principle Six - Culturally Responsive

- Values, traditions, and beliefs specific to an individual's or family's culture(s) are valued and referenced in the path of wellness, resilience, and recovery
- Services are culturally grounded, congruent, and personalized to reflect the unique cultural experience of each individual and family
- Providers exhibit the highest level of cultural humility and sensitivity to the self-identified culture(s) of the person or family served in striving to achieve the greatest competency in care delivery

7. Principle Seven - Trauma-informed and Trauma-responsive

- The widespread impacts of all types of trauma are recognized and the various potential paths for recovery from trauma are understood
- Signs and symptoms of trauma in individuals, families, staff, and others are recognized and persons receive trauma-informed responses
- Physical, psychological and emotional safety for individuals, families, and providers is emphasized

8. Principle Eight - Co-occurring Capable

- Services are reflective of whole-person care; providers understand the influence of bio-psycho-social factors and the interactions between physical health, mental health, and substance use disorders
- Treatment of substance use disorders and mental health disorders are integrated; a provider or team may deliver treatment for mental health and substance use disorders at the same time

9. Principle Nine - Stages of Change, Motivation, and Harm Reduction

- Interventions are motivation-based and adapted to the person's stage of change
- Progression through stages of change are supported through positive working relationships and alliances that are motivating

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- Providers support individuals and families to develop strategies aimed at reducing negative outcomes of substance misuse through a harm reduction approach
- Each individual defines their own recovery and recovers at their own pace when provided with sufficient time and support

10. Principle Ten - Continuous Quality Improvement and Outcomes-Driven

- Individual and program outcomes are collected and evaluated for quality and efficacy
- Strategies are implemented to achieve a system of continuous quality improvement and improved performance outcomes
- Providers participate in ongoing professional development activities needed for proficiency in practice and implementation of treatment models

11. Principle Eleven - Health and Wellness Promotion, Illness and Harm Prevention, and Stigma Reduction

- The rights of all people are respected
- Behavioral health is recognized as integral to individual and community well-being
- Promotion of health and wellness is interwoven throughout all aspects of DBH services
- Specific strategies to prevent illness and harm are implemented at the individual, family, program, and community levels
- Stigma is actively reduced by promoting awareness, accountability, and positive change in attitudes, beliefs, practices, and policies within all systems
- The vision of health and well-being for our community is continually addressed through collaborations between providers, individuals, families, and community members

STATE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

1. CONTROL REQUIREMENTS

The County and its subcontractors shall provide services in accordance with all applicable Federal and State statutes and regulations.

2. PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

All (professional level) persons employed by the County Mental Health Plan (directly or through contract) providing Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal services have met applicable professional licensure requirements pursuant to Business and Professions and Welfare and Institutions Codes.

3. CONFIDENTIALITY

Contractor shall conform to and County shall monitor compliance with all State of California and Federal statutes and regulations regarding confidentiality, including but not limited to confidentiality of information requirements at 42, Code of Federal Regulations sections 2.1 *et seq*; California Welfare and Institutions Code, sections 14100.2, 11977, 11812, 5328; Division 10.5 and 10.6 of the California Health and Safety Code; Title 22, California Code of Regulations, section 51009; and Division 1, Part 2.6, Chapters 1-7 of the California Civil Code.

4. NON-DISCRIMINATION

A. Eligibility for Services

Contractor shall prepare and make available to County and to the public all eligibility requirements to participate in the program plan set forth in the Agreement. No person shall, because of ethnic group identification, age, gender, color, disability, medical condition, national origin, race, ancestry, marital status, religion, religious creed, political belief or sexual preference be excluded from participation, be denied benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal or State of California assistance.

B. Employment Opportunity

Contractor shall comply with County policy, and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission guidelines, which forbids discrimination against any person on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability status, or sexual preference in employment practices. Such practices include retirement, recruitment advertising, hiring, layoff, termination, upgrading, demotion, transfer, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, use of facilities, and other terms and conditions of employment.

C. Suspension of Compensation

If an allegation of discrimination occurs, County may withhold all further funds, until Contractor can show clear and convincing evidence to the satisfaction of County that funds provided under this Agreement were not used in connection with the alleged discrimination.

D. Nepotism

Except by consent of County's Department of Behavioral Health Director, or designee, no person shall be employed by Contractor who is related by blood or marriage to, or who is a member of the Board of Directors or an officer of Contractor.

5. PATIENTS' RIGHTS

Contractor shall comply with applicable laws and regulations, including but not limited to, laws, regulations, and State policies relating to patients' rights.

STATE CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION CLAUSES

1. **STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE:** Contractor has, unless exempted, complied with the non-discrimination program requirements. (Gov. Code§ 12990 (a-f) and CCR, Title 2, Section 111 02) (Not applicable to public entities.)
2. **DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS:** Contractor will comply with the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 and will provide a drug-free workplace by taking the following actions:
 - A. Publish a statement notifying employees that unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited and specifying actions to be taken against employees for violations.
 - b. Establish a Drug-Free Awareness Program to inform employees about:
 - 1) the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - 2) the person's or organization'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. Every employee who works on this Agreement will:
 - 1) receive a copy of the company's drug-free workplace policy statement; and,
 - 2) agree to abide by the terms of the company's statement as a condition of employment on this Agreement.

Failure to comply with these requirements may result in suspension of payments under this Agreement or termination of this Agreement or both and Contractor may be ineligible for award of any future State agreements if the department determines that any of the following has occurred: the Contractor has made false certification, or violated the certification by failing to carry out the requirements as noted above. (Gov. Code §8350 et seq.)

3. **NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD CERTIFICATION:** Contractor certifies that no more than one (1) final unappealable finding of contempt of court by a Federal court has been issued against Contractor within the immediately preceding two (2) year period because of Contractor's failure to comply with an order of a Federal court, which orders Contractor to comply with an order of the National Labor Relations Board. (Pub. Contract Code §10296) (Not applicable to public entities.)

4. **CONTRACTS FOR LEGAL SERVICES \$50,000 OR MORE- PRO BONO REQUIREMENT:** Contractor hereby certifies that Contractor will comply with the requirements of Section 6072 of the Business and Professions Code, effective January 1, 2003.

Contractor agrees to make a good faith effort to provide a minimum number of hours of pro bono legal services during each year of the contract equal to the lesser of 30 multiplied by the number of full time attorneys in the firm's offices in the State, with the number of hours prorated on an actual day basis for any contract period of less than a full year or 10% of its contract with the State.

Failure to make a good faith effort may be cause for non-renewal of a state contract for legal services, and may be taken into account when determining the award of future contracts with the State for legal services.

5. **EXPATRIATE CORPORATIONS:** Contractor hereby declares that it is not an expatriate corporation or subsidiary of an expatriate corporation within the meaning of Public Contract Code Section 10286 and 10286.1, and is eligible to contract with the State of California.

6. **SWEATFREE CODE OF CONDUCT:**

a. All Contractors contracting for the procurement or laundering of apparel, garments or corresponding accessories, or the procurement of equipment, materials, or supplies, other than procurement related to a public works contract, declare under penalty of perjury that no apparel, garments or corresponding accessories, equipment, materials, or supplies furnished to the state pursuant to the contract have been laundered or produced in whole or in part by sweatshop labor, forced labor, convict labor, indentured labor under penal sanction, abusive forms of child labor or exploitation of children in sweatshop labor, or with the benefit of sweatshop labor, forced labor, convict labor, indentured labor under penal sanction, abusive forms of child labor or exploitation of children in sweatshop labor. Contractor further declares under penalty of perjury that they adhere to the Sweatfree Code of Conduct as set forth on

the California Department of Industrial Relations website located at www.dir.ca.gov, and Public Contract Code Section 6108.

- b. Contractor agrees to cooperate fully in providing reasonable access to the Contractor's records, documents, agents or employees, or premises if reasonably required by authorized officials of the contracting agency, the Department of Industrial Relations, or the Department of Justice to determine the Contractor's compliance with the requirements under paragraph (a).
7. **DOMESTIC PARTNERS:** For contracts of \$100,000 or more, Contractor certifies that Contractor is in compliance with Public Contract Code Section 10295.3.
8. **GENDER IDENTITY:** For contracts of \$100,000 or more, Contractor certifies that CONTRACTOR is in compliance with Public Contract Code Section 10295.35.

DOING BUSINESS WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

The following laws apply to persons or entities doing business with the State of California.

1. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Contractor needs to be aware of the following provisions regarding current or former state employees. If Contractor has any questions on the status of any person rendering services or involved with this Agreement, the awarding agency shall be contacted immediately for clarification.

Current State Employees (Pub. Contract Code §10410):

- a. No officer or employee shall engage in any employment, activity or enterprise from which the officer or employee receives compensation or has a financial interest and which is sponsored or funded by any state agency, unless the employment, activity or enterprise is required as a condition of regular state employment.
- b. No officer or employee shall contract on their own behalf as an independent Contractor with any state agency to provide goods or services.

Former State Employees (Pub. Contract Code §10411):

- a. For the two (2) year period from the date they left state employment, no former state officer or employee may enter into a contract in which they engaged in any of the negotiations, transactions, planning, arrangements or any part of the decision-making process relevant to the contract while employed in any capacity by any state agency.

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- b). For the twelve (12) month period from the date they left state employment, no former state officer or employee may enter into a contract with any state agency if they were employed by that state agency in a policy-making position in the same general subject area as the proposed contract within the twelve (12) month period prior to them leaving state service.

If Contractor violates any provisions of above paragraphs, such action by Contractor shall render this Agreement void. (Pub. Contract Code §10420)

Members of boards and commissions are exempt from this section if they do not receive payment other than payment of each meeting of the board or commission, payment for preparatory time and payment for per diem. (Pub. Contract Code §10430 (e))

2. **LABOR CODE/WORKERS' COMPENSATION:** Contractor needs to be aware of the provisions which require every employer to be insured against liability for Worker's Compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions, and CONTRACTOR affirms to comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the work of this Agreement. (Labor Code Section 3700)
3. **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:** Contractor assures the State that it complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as all applicable regulations and guidelines issued pursuant to the ADA. (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.)
4. **CONTRACTOR NAME CHANGE:** An amendment is required to change the Contractor's name as listed on this Agreement. Upon receipt of legal documentation of the name change the State will process the amendment. Payment of invoices presented with a new name cannot be paid prior to approval of said amendment.
5. **CORPORATE QUALIFICATIONS TO DO BUSINESS IN CALIFORNIA:**
 - a. When agreements are to be performed in the state by corporations, the contracting agencies will be verifying that the CONTRACTOR is currently qualified to do business in California in order to ensure that all obligations due to the state are fulfilled.
 - b. "Doing business" is defined in R&TC Section 23101 as actively engaging in any transaction for the purpose of financial or pecuniary gain or profit. Although there are some statutory exceptions to taxation, rarely will a corporate Contractor performing within the state not be subject to the franchise tax.
 - c. Both domestic and foreign corporations (those incorporated outside of California) shall be in good standing in order to be qualified to do business in California. Agencies will determine whether a corporation is in good standing by calling the Office of the Secretary of State.

6. **RESOLUTION:** A County, city, district, or other local public body shall provide the State with a copy of a resolution, order, motion, or ordinance of the local governing body, which by law has authority to enter into an agreement, authorizing execution of the agreement.
7. **AIR OR WATER POLLUTION VIOLATION:** Under the State laws, the Contractor shall not be: (1) in violation of any order or resolution not subject to review promulgated by the State Air Resources Board or an air pollution control district; (2) subject to cease and desist order not subject to review issued pursuant to Section 13301 of the Water Code for violation of waste discharge requirements or discharge prohibitions; or (3) finally determined to be in violation of provisions of federal law relating to air or water pollution.
8. **PAYEE DATA RECORD FORM STD. 204:** This form shall be completed by all Contractors that are not another state agency or other governmental entity.

9. INSPECTION AND AUDIT OF RECORDS AND ACCESS TO FACILITIES:

The State, CMS, the Office of the Inspector General, the Comptroller General, and their designees may, at any time, inspect and audit any records or documents of Contractor or its subcontractors, and may, at any time, inspect the premises, physical facilities, and equipment where Medicaid-related activities or work is conducted. The right to audit under this section exists for ten (10) years from the final date of the contract period or from the date of completion of any audit, whichever is later.

Federal database checks.

Consistent with the requirements at § 455.436 of this chapter, the State shall confirm the identity and determine the exclusion status of Contractor, any subcontractor, as well as any person with an ownership or control interest, or who is an agent or managing employee of Contractor through routine checks of Federal databases. This includes the Social Security Administration's Death Master File, the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES), the List of Excluded Individuals/Entities (LEIE), the System for Award Management (SAM), and any other databases as the State or Secretary may prescribe. These databases shall be consulted upon contracting and no less frequently than monthly thereafter. If the State finds a party that is excluded, it shall promptly notify the Contractor and take action consistent with § 438.610(c).

The State shall ensure that Contractor with which the State contracts under this part is not located outside of the United States and that no claims paid by a Contractor to a network provider, out-of-network provider, subcontractor or financial institution located outside of the U.S. are considered in the development of actuarially sound capitation rates.

**CALIFORNIA ADVANCING AND INNOVATING MEDI-CAL (CAL-AIM)
REQUIREMENTS**

1. SERVICES AND ACCESS PROVISIONS

- a. **CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY**
 - i. Contractor will, in cooperation with County, comply with Section 14705.5 of California Welfare and Institutions Code to obtain a certification of an individual's eligibility for Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) under Medi-Cal.
- b. **ACCESS TO SPECIALTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**
 - i. In collaboration with the County, Contractor will work to ensure that individuals to whom the Contractor provides SMHS meet access criteria, as per Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) guidance specified in BHIN 21-073. Specifically, the Contractor will ensure that the clinical record for each individual includes information as a whole indicating that individual's presentation and needs are aligned with the criteria applicable to their age at the time of service provision as specified below.
 - ii. For enrolled individuals under 21 years of age, Contractor shall provide all medically necessary SMHS required pursuant to Section 1396d(r) of Title 42 of the United States Code. Covered SMHS shall be provided to enrolled individuals who meet either of the following criteria, (I) or (II) below. If an individual under age 21 meets the criteria as described in (I) below, the beneficiary meets criteria to access SMHS; it is not necessary to establish that the beneficiary also meets the criteria in (b) below.
 1. The individual has a condition placing them at high risk for a mental health disorder due to experience of trauma evidenced by any of the following: scoring in the high-risk range under a trauma screening tool approved by DHCS, involvement in the child welfare system, juvenile justice involvement, or experiencing homelessness.
OR
 2. The individual has at least one of the following:
 - a. A significant impairment
 - b. A reasonable probability of significant deterioration in an important area of life functioning
 - c. A reasonable probability of not progressing developmentally as appropriate.
 - d. A need for SMHS, regardless of presence of impairment, that are not included within the mental health benefits that a Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan (MCP) is required to provide.

AND the individual's condition as described in subparagraph (II a-d) above is due to one of the following:

- a. A diagnosed mental health disorder, according to the criteria in the current editions of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) and the International Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD).
 - b. A suspected mental health disorder that has not yet been diagnosed.
 - c. Significant trauma placing the individual at risk of a future mental health condition, based on the assessment of a licensed mental health professional.
- iii. For individuals 21 years of age or older, Contractor shall provide covered SMHS for persons served who meet both of the following criteria, (a) and (b) below:
 1. The individual has one or both of the following:
 - a. Significant impairment, where impairment is defined as distress, disability, or dysfunction in social, occupational, or other important activities.
 - b. A reasonable probability of significant deterioration in an important area of life functioning.
 2. The individual's condition as described in paragraph (a) is due to either of the following:
 - a. A diagnosed mental health disorder, according to the criteria in the current editions of the DSM and ICD.
 - b. A suspected mental disorder that has not yet been diagnosed.

c. ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATIONS

- i. Criteria
 1. A clinically appropriate and covered mental health prevention, screening, assessment, treatment, or recovery service listed within Exhibit A of this Agreement can be provided and submitted to the County for reimbursement under any of the following circumstances:
 - a. The services were provided prior to determining a diagnosis, including clinically appropriate and covered services provided during the assessment process;
 - b. The service was not included in an individual treatment plan; or
 - c. The individual had a co-occurring substance use disorder.
- ii. Diagnosis Not a Prerequisite
 1. Per BHIN 21-073, a mental health diagnosis is not a prerequisite for access to covered SMHS. This does not eliminate the requirement that all Medi-Cal claims, including SMHS claims, include a current Centers for

Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved ICD
diagnosis code

d. MEDICAL NECESSITY

- i. Contractor will ensure that services provided are medically necessary in compliance with BHIN 21-073 and pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 14184.402(a). Services provided to a person served shall be medically necessary and clinically appropriate to address the individual's presenting condition. Documentation in each individual's chart as a whole will demonstrate medical necessity as defined below, based on the age of the individual at the time of service provision.
- ii. For individuals 21 years of age or older, a service is "medically necessary" or a "medical necessity" when it is reasonable and necessary to protect life, to prevent significant illness or significant disability, or to alleviate severe pain as set forth in Welfare and Institutions Code section 14059.5.
- iii. For individuals under 21 years of age, a service is "medically necessary" or a "medical necessity" if the service meets the standards set forth in Section 1396d(r)(5) of Title 42 of the United States Code.

e. COORDINATION OF CARE

- i. Contractor shall ensure that all care, treatment and services provided pursuant to this Agreement are coordinated among all providers who are serving the individual, including all other SMHS providers, as well as providers of Non-Specialty Mental Health Services (NSMHS), substance use disorder treatment services, physical health services, dental services, regional center services and all other services as applicable to ensure a person served-centered and whole-person approach to services.
- ii. Contractor shall ensure that care coordination activities support the monitoring and treatment of comorbid substance use disorder and/or health conditions.
- iii. Contractor shall include in care coordination activities efforts to connect, refer and link individual s to community-based services and supports, including but not limited to educational, social, prevocational, vocational, housing, nutritional, criminal justice, transportation, childcare, child development, family/marriage education, cultural sources, and mutual aid support groups.
- iv. Contractor shall engage in care coordination activities beginning at intake and throughout the treatment and discharge planning processes.
- v. To facilitate care coordination, Contractor will request a HIPAA and California law compliant person served authorization to share the individual's information with and among all other providers involved in the individual's care, in satisfaction of state and federal privacy laws and regulations.

f. CO-OCCURRING TREATMENT AND NO WRONG DOOR

- i. Per BHIN 22-011, Specialty and Non-Specialty Mental Health Services can be provided concurrently, if those services are clinically appropriate, coordinated, and not duplicative. When a person served meets criteria for both NSMHS and SMHS, the individual should receive services based on individual clinical need and established therapeutic relationships. Clinically appropriate and covered SMHS can also be provided when the individual has a co-occurring mental health condition and substance use disorder.
- ii. Under this Agreement, Contractor will ensure that individual s receive timely mental health services without delay. Services are reimbursable to Contractor by County even when:
 1. Services are provided prior to determination of a diagnosis, during the assessment or prior to determination of whether SMHS access criteria are met, even if the assessment ultimately indicates the individual does not meet criteria for SMHS.
 2. If Contractor is serving a individual receiving both SMHS and NSMHS, Contractor holds responsibility for documenting coordination of care and ensuring that services are non-duplicative.

2. AUTHORIZATION AND DOCUMENTATION PROVISIONS

- a. SERVICE AUTHORIZATION
 - i. Contractor will collaborate with County to complete authorization requests in line with County and DHCS policy.
 - ii. Contractor shall have in place, and follow, written policies and procedures for completing requests for initial and continuing authorizations of services, as required by County guidance.
 - iii. Contractor shall respond to County in a timely manner when consultation is necessary for County to make appropriate authorization determinations.
 - iv. County shall provide Contractor with written notice of authorization determinations within the timeframes set forth in BHINs 22-016 and 22-017, or any subsequent DHCS notices.
 - v. Contractor shall alert County when an expedited authorization decision (no later than 72 hours) is necessary due to an individual's specific needs and circumstances that could seriously jeopardize the individual s life or health, or ability to attain, maintain, or regain maximum function.
- b. DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS
 - i. Contractor will follow all documentation requirements as specified in Article 4.2-4.8 inclusive in compliance with federal, state and County requirements.
 - ii. All Contractor documentation shall be accurate, complete, and legible, shall list each date of service, and include the face-to-face time for each service. Contractor shall document travel and documentation time for each service separately from face-to-face

time and provide this information to County upon request. Services shall be identified as provided in-person, by telephone, or by telehealth.

iii. All services shall be documented utilizing County-approved templates and contain all required elements. Contractor agrees to satisfy the chart documentation requirements set forth in BHIN 22-019 and the contract between County and DHCS. Failure to comply with documentation standards specified in this Article require corrective action plans.

c. ASSESSMENT

- i. Contractor shall ensure that all individuals' medical records include an assessment of each individual's need for mental health services.
- ii. Contractor will utilize the seven uniform assessment domains and include other required elements as identified in BHIN 22-019 and document the assessment in the individual's medical record.
- iii. For individuals aged 6 through 20, the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS), and for individuals aged 3 through 18, the Pediatric Symptom Checklist-35 (PSC-35) tools are required at intake, every six months during treatment, and at discharge, as specified in DHCS MHSUDS INs 17-052 and 18-048.
- iv. The time period for providers to complete an initial assessment and subsequent assessments for SMHS are up to clinical discretion of County; however, Contractor's providers shall complete assessments within a reasonable time and in accordance with generally accepted standards of practice.

d. ICD-10

- i. Contractor shall use the criteria set forth in the current edition of the DSM as the clinical tool to make diagnostic determinations.
- ii. Once a DSM diagnosis is determined, the Contractor shall determine the corresponding mental health diagnosis in the current edition of ICD. Contractor shall use the ICD diagnosis code(s) to submit a claim for SMHS to receive reimbursement from County.
- iii. The ICD Tabular List of Diseases and Injuries is maintained by CMS and may be updated during the term of this Agreement. Changes to the lists of ICD diagnoses do not require an amendment to this Agreement, and County may implement these changes as provided by CMS

e. PROBLEM LIST

- i. Contractor will create and maintain a Problem List for each individual served under this Agreement. The problem list is a list of symptoms, conditions, diagnoses, and/or risk factors identified through assessment, psychiatric diagnostic evaluation, crisis encounters, or other types of service encounters.

- ii. Contractor shall document a problem list that adheres to industry standards utilizing at minimum current SNOMED International, Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine Clinical Terms (SNOMED CT®) U.S. Edition, September 2022 Release, and ICD-10-CM 2023.
- iii. A problem identified during a service encounter may be addressed by the service provider during that service encounter and subsequently added to the problem list.
- iv. The problem list shall include, but is not limited to, all elements specified in BHIN 22-019.
- v. County does not require the problem list to be updated within a specific timeframe or have a requirement about how frequently the problem list should be updated after a problem has initially been added. However, Contractor shall update the problem list within a reasonable time such that the problem list reflects the current issues facing the person served, in accordance with generally accepted standards of practice and in specific circumstances specified in BHIN 22-019.

f. TREATMENT AND CARE PLANS

- i. Contractor is not required to complete treatment or care plans for persons served under this Agreement, except in the circumstances specified in BHIN 22-019 and additional guidance from DHCS that may follow after execution of this Agreement.

g. PROGRESS NOTES

- i. Contractor shall create progress notes for the provision of all SMHS services provided under this Agreement.
- ii. Each progress note shall provide sufficient detail to support the service code selected for the service type as indicated by the service code description.
- iii. Progress notes shall include all elements specified in BHIN 22-019, whether the note be for an individual or a group service.
- iv. Contractor shall complete progress notes within three business days of providing a service, with the exception of notes for crisis services, which shall be completed within 24 hours.
- v. Providers shall complete a daily progress note for services that are billed on a daily basis, such as residential and day treatment services, if applicable.

h. TRANSITION OF CARE TOOL

- i. Contractor shall use a Transition of Care Tool for any individual whose existing services will be transferred from Contractor to an Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan (MCP) provider or when NSMHS will be added to the existing mental health treatment provided by Contractor, as specified in BHIN 22-065, in order to ensure continuity of care.
- ii. Determinations to transition care or add services from an MCP shall be made in alignment with County policies and via a person-centered, shared decision-making process.

- iii. Contractor may directly use the DHCS-provided Transition of Care Tool, found at <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/Screening-and-Transition-of-Care-Tools-for-Medi-Cal-Mental-Health-Services.aspx>, or obtain a copy of that tool provided by the County. Contractor may create the Transition of Care Tool in its Electronic Health Record (EHR). However, the contents of the Transition of Care Tool, including the specific wording and order of fields, shall remain identical to the DHCS provided form. The only exception to this requirement is when the tool is translated into languages other than English.

i. **TELEHEALTH**

- i. Contractor may use telehealth, when it deems clinically appropriate, as a mode of delivering behavioral health services in accordance with all applicable County, state, and federal requirements, including those related to privacy/security, efficiency, and standards of care. Such services will conform to the definitions and meet the requirements included in the Medi-Cal Provider Manual: Telehealth, available in the DHCS Telehealth Resources page at: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/TelehealthResources.aspx>.
- ii. All telehealth equipment and service locations shall ensure that person served confidentiality is maintained.
- iii. Licensed providers and staff may provide services via telephone and telehealth as long as the service is within their scope of practice.
- iv. Medical records for individuals served by Contractor under this Agreement shall include documentation of written or verbal consent for telehealth or telephone services if such services are provided by Contractor. Such consent shall be obtained at least once prior to initiating applicable health care services and consent shall include all elements as specified in BHIN 22-019.
- v. County may at any time audit Contractor's telehealth practices, and Contractor shall allow access to all materials needed to adequately monitor Contractor's adherence to telehealth standards and requirements.

3. PROTECTIONS FOR PERSONS SERVED

- a. **GRIEVANCES, APPEALS AND NOTICES OF ADVERSE BENEFIT DETERMINATION**
 - i. All grievances (as defined by 42 C.F.R. § 438.400) and complaints received by Contractor shall be immediately forwarded to the County's Managed Care Department or other designated persons via a secure method (e.g., encrypted email or by fax) to allow ample time for the Managed Care staff to acknowledge receipt of the grievance and complaints and issue appropriate responses.
 - ii. Contractor shall not discourage the filing of grievances and individuals do not need to use the term "grievance" for a

complaint to be captured as an expression of dissatisfaction and, therefore, a grievance.

- iii. Aligned with MHSUDS IN 18-010E and 42 C.F.R. §438.404, the appropriate and delegated Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination (NOABD) shall be issued by Contractor within the specified timeframes using the template provided by the County.
- iv. NOABDs shall be issued to individuals anytime the Contractor has made or intends to make an adverse benefit determination that includes the reduction, suspension, or termination of a previously authorized service and/or the failure to provide services in a timely manner. The notice shall have a clear and concise explanation of the reason(s) for the decision as established by DHCS and the County. The Contractor shall inform the County immediately after issuing a NOABD.
- v. Procedures and timeframes for responding to grievances, issuing and responding to adverse benefit determinations, appeals, and state hearings shall be followed as per 42 C.F.R., Part 438, Subpart F (42 C.F.R. §§ 438.400 – 438.424).
- vi. Contractor shall provide individuals any reasonable assistance in completing forms and taking other procedural steps related to a grievance or appeal such as auxiliary aids and interpreter services.
- vii. Contractor shall maintain records of grievances and appeals and shall review the information as part of its ongoing monitoring procedures. The record shall be accurately maintained in a manner accessible to the County and available upon request to DHCS.

b. Advanced Directives

- i. Contractor shall comply with all County policies and procedures regarding Advanced Directives in compliance with the requirements of 42 C.F.R. §§ 422.128 and 438.6(i) (1), (3) and (4).

c. Continuity of Care

- i. Contractor shall follow the County's continuity of care policy that is in accordance with applicable state and federal regulations, MHSUDS IN 18-059 and any BHINs issued by DHCS for parity in mental health and substance use disorder benefits subsequent to the effective date of this Agreement (42 C.F.R. § 438.62(b)(1)-(2).)

4. QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- a. **QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITIES AND PARTICIPATION**
 - i. Contractor shall implement mechanisms to assess person served/family satisfaction based on County's guidance. The Contractor shall assess individual/family satisfaction by:
 1. Surveying person served/family satisfaction with the Contractor's services at least annually.
 2. Evaluating person served's grievances, appeals and State Hearings at least annually.

3. Evaluating requests to change persons providing services at least annually.
4. Informing the County and individuals of the results of persons served/family satisfaction activities.
- ii. Contractor, if applicable, shall implement mechanisms to monitor the safety and effectiveness of medication practices. This mechanism shall be under the supervision of a person licensed to prescribe or dispense prescription drugs, at least annually and as required by DBH.
- iii. Contractor shall implement mechanisms to monitor appropriate and timely intervention of occurrences that raise quality of care concerns. The Contractor shall take appropriate follow-up action when such an occurrence is identified. The results of the intervention shall be evaluated by the Contractor at least annually and shared with the County.
- iv. Contractor shall assist County, as needed, with the development and implementation of Corrective Action Plans.
- v. Contractor shall collaborate with County to create a QI Work Plan with documented annual evaluations and documented revisions as needed. The QI Work Plan shall evaluate the impact and effectiveness of its quality assessment and performance improvement program.
- vi. Contractor shall attend and participate in the County's Quality Improvement Committee (QIC) to recommend policy decisions, review and evaluate results of QI activities, including PIPs, institute needed QI actions, and ensure follow-up of QI processes. Contractor shall ensure that there is active participation by the Contractor's practitioners and providers in the QIC.
- vii. Contractor shall participate, as required, in annual, independent external quality reviews (EQR) of the quality, timeliness, and access to the services covered under this Contract, which are conducted pursuant to Subpart E of Part 438 of the Code of Federal Regulations. (42 C.F.R. §§ 438.350(a) and 438.320)

b. **TIMELY ACCESS**

- i. Timely access standards include:
 1. Contractor shall have hours of operation during which services are provided to Medi-Cal individuals that are no less than the hours of operation during which the provider offers services to non-Medi-Cal individuals. If the Contractor's provider only serves Medi-Cal beneficiaries, the provider shall provide hours of operation comparable to the hours the provider makes available for Medi-Cal services that are not covered by the Agreement or another County.
 2. Appointments data, including wait times for requested services, shall be recorded and tracked by Contractor, and submitted to the County on a monthly basis in a format specified by the County. Appointments' data should be

submitted to the County's Planning and Quality Management Division or other designated persons.

3. Urgent care appointments for services that do not require prior authorization shall be provided to individuals within 48 hours of a request. Urgent appointments for services that do require prior authorization shall be provided to persons served within 96 hours of request.
4. Non-urgent non-psychiatry mental health services, including, but not limited to Assessment, Targeted Case Management, and Individual and Group Therapy appointments (for both adult and children/youth) shall be made available to Medi-Cal individuals within 10 business days from the date the individual or a provider acting on behalf of the individual, requests an appointment for a medically necessary service. Non-urgent psychiatry appointments (for both adult and children/youth) shall be made available to Medi-Cal individuals within 15 business days from the date the person served or a provider acting on behalf of the individual, requests an appointment for a medically necessary service.
5. Applicable appointment time standards may be extended if the referring or treating provider has determined and noted in the individual's record that a longer waiting period will not have a detrimental impact on the health of the individual.
6. Periodic office visits to monitor and treat mental health conditions may be scheduled in advance consistent with professionally recognized standards of practice as determined by the treating licensed mental health provider acting within the scope of their practice.

c. PROVIDER APPLICATION AND VALIDATION FOR ENROLLMENT (PAVE)

- i. Contractor shall ensure that all of its required clinical staff, who are rendering SMHS to Medi-Cal individuals on behalf of Contractor, are registered through DHCS' Provider Application and Validation for Enrollment (PAVE) portal, pursuant to BHIN 20-071 requirements, the 21st Century Cures Act and the CMS Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Managed Care Final Rule.
- ii. SMHS licensed individuals required to enroll via the "Ordering, Referring and Prescribing" (ORP) PAVE enrollment pathway (i.e. PAVE application package) available through the DHCS PED Pave Portal, include: Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT), Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC), Psychologist, Licensed Educational Psychologist, Physician (MD and DO), Physician Assistant, Registered Pharmacist/Pharmacist, Certified Pediatric/Family Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Practitioner,

Occupational Therapist, and Speech-Language Pathologist.
Interns, trainees, and associates are not eligible for enrollment.

d. PHYSICIAN INCENTIVE PLAN

- i. If Contractor wants to institute a Physician Incentive Plan, Contractor shall submit the proposed plan to the County which will in turn submit the Plan to the State for approval, in accordance with the provisions of 42 C.F.R. § 438.6(c).

5. DATA, PRIVACY AND SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

a. ELECTRONIC PRIVACY AND SECURITY

- i. Contractor shall have a secure email system and send any email containing PII or PHI in a secure and encrypted manner. Contractor's email transmissions shall display a warning banner stating that data is confidential, systems activities are monitored and logged for administrative and security purposes, systems use is for authorized users only, and that users are directed to log off the system if they do not agree with these requirements.
- ii. Contractor shall institute compliant password management policies and procedures, which shall include but not be limited to procedures for creating, changing, and safeguarding passwords. Contractor shall establish guidelines for creating passwords and ensuring that passwords expire and are changed at least once every 90 days.
- iii. Any Electronic Health Records (EHRs) maintained by Contractor that contain PHI or PII for individuals served through this Agreement shall contain a warning banner regarding the PHI or PII contained within the EHR. Contractors that utilize an EHR shall maintain all parts of the clinical record that are not stored in the EHR, including but not limited to the following examples of person served signed documents: discharge plans, informing materials, and health questionnaire.
- iv. Contractor entering data into any County electronic systems shall ensure that staff are trained to enter and maintain data within this system.

6. PROGRAM INTEGRITY

a. Credentialing and Re-credentialing of Providers

- i. Contractor shall ensure that all of their network providers delivering covered services, sign and date an attestation statement on a form provided by County, in which each provider attests to the following:
 1. Any limitations or disabilities that affect the provider's ability to perform any of the position's essential functions, with or without accommodation;
 2. A history of loss of license or felony convictions;
 3. A history of loss or limitation of privileges or disciplinary activity;

4. A lack of present illegal drug use; and
5. The application's accuracy and completeness
- ii. Contractor shall file and keep track of attestation statements, credentialing applications and credentialing status for all of their providers and shall make those available to the County upon request at any time.
- iii. Contractor is required to sign an annual attestation statement at the time of Agreement renewal in which they will attest that they will follow County's Credentialing Policy and MHSUDS IN 18-019 and ensure that all of their rendering providers are credentialed as per established guidelines.

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

Business Associate Agreement

1. The County is a “Covered Entity,” and the Contractor is a “Business Associate,” as these terms are defined by 45 CFR 160.103. In connection with providing services under the Agreement, the parties anticipate that the Contractor will create and/or receive Protected Health Information (“PHI”) from or on behalf of the County. The parties enter into this Business Associate Agreement (BAA) to comply with the Business Associate requirements of HIPAA, to govern the use and disclosures of PHI under this Agreement. “HIPAA Rules” shall mean the Privacy, Security, Breach Notification, and Enforcement Rules at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164.

The parties to this Agreement shall be in strict conformance with all applicable federal and State of California laws and regulations, including, but not limited to California Welfare and Institutions Code sections 5328, 10850, and 14100.2 *et seq.*; 42 CFR 2; 42 CFR 431; California Civil Code section 56 *et seq.*; the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended (“HIPAA”), including, but not limited to, 45 CFR Parts 160, 45 CFR 162, and 45 CFR 164; the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (“HITECH”) regarding the confidentiality and security of patient information, including, but not limited to 42 USC 17901 *et seq.*; and the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (“GINA”) of 2008 regarding the confidentiality of genetic information.

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the Contractor, as a business associate of the County, may use or disclose Protected Health Information (“PHI”) to perform functions, activities or services for or on behalf of the County, as specified in this Agreement, provided that such use or disclosure shall not violate HIPAA Rules. The uses and disclosures of PHI may not be more expansive than those applicable to the County, as the “Covered Entity” under the HIPAA Rules, except as authorized for management, administrative or legal responsibilities of the Contractor.

2. The Contractor, including its subcontractors and employees, shall protect from unauthorized access, use, or disclosure of names and other identifying information, including genetic information, concerning persons receiving services pursuant to this Agreement, except

where permitted in order to carry out data aggregation purposes for health care operations [45 CFR §§ 164.504(e)(2)(i), 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(A), and 164.504(e)(4)(i)]. This pertains to any and all persons receiving services pursuant to a County-funded program. This requirement applies to electronic PHI. The Contractor shall not use such identifying information or genetic information for any purpose other than carrying out the Contractor's obligations under this Agreement.

3. The Contractor, including its subcontractors and employees, shall not disclose any such identifying information or genetic information to any person or entity, except as otherwise specifically permitted by this Agreement, authorized by Subpart E of 45 CFR Part 164 or other law, required by the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services ("Secretary"), or authorized by the client/patient in writing. In using or disclosing PHI that is permitted by this Agreement or authorized by law, the Contractor shall make reasonable efforts to limit PHI to the minimum necessary to accomplish intended purpose of use, disclosure or request.

4. For purposes of the above sections, identifying information shall include, but not be limited to, name, identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to the individual, such as fingerprint or voiceprint, or photograph.

5. For purposes of the above sections, genetic information shall include genetic tests of family members of an individual or individual(s), manifestation of disease or disorder of family members of an individual, or any request for or receipt of genetic services by individual or family members. Family member means a dependent or any person who is first, second, third, or fourth degree relative.

6. The Contractor shall provide access, at the request of the County, and in the time and manner designated by the County, to PHI in a designated record set (as defined in 45 CFR § 164.501), to an individual or to COUNTY in order to meet the requirements of 45 CFR § 164.524 regarding access by individuals to their PHI. With respect to individual requests, access shall be provided within thirty (30) days from request. Access may be extended if the Contractor cannot provide access and provides the individual with the reasons for the delay and

the date when access may be granted. PHI shall be provided in the form and format requested by the individual or the County.

The Contractor shall make any amendment(s) to PHI in a designated record set at the request of the County or individual, and in the time and manner designated by the County in accordance with 45 CFR § 164.526.

The Contractor shall provide to the County or to an individual, in a time and manner designated by the County, information collected in accordance with 45 CFR § 164.528, to permit the County to respond to a request by the individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 CFR § 164.528.

7. The Contractor shall report to the County, in writing, any knowledge or reasonable belief that there has been unauthorized access, viewing, use, disclosure, security incident, or breach of unsecured PHI not permitted by this Agreement of which the Contractor becomes aware, immediately and without reasonable delay and in no case later than two (2) business days of discovery. Immediate notification shall be made to the County's Information Security Officer and Privacy Officer and the County's Department of Public Health ("DPH") HIPAA Representative, within two (2) business days of discovery. The notification shall include, to the extent possible, the identification of each individual whose unsecured PHI has been, or is reasonably believed to have been, accessed, acquired, used, disclosed, or breached. The Contractor shall take prompt corrective action to cure any deficiencies and any action pertaining to such unauthorized disclosure required by applicable federal and State laws and regulations. The Contractor shall investigate such breach and is responsible for all notifications required by law and regulation or deemed necessary by the County and shall provide a written report of the investigation and reporting required to the County's Information Security Officer and Privacy Officer and the County's DPH HIPAA Representative.

This written investigation and description of any reporting necessary shall be postmarked within the thirty (30) working days of the discovery of the breach to the addresses below:

County of Fresno
Department of Public Health

County of Fresno
Department of Public Health

County of Fresno
Department of Internal

HIPAA Representative (559) 600-6439 P.O. Box 11867 Fresno, California 93775	Privacy Officer (559) 600-6405 P.O. Box 11867 Fresno, California 93775	Services Information Security Officer (559) 600-5800 2048 North Fine Street Fresno, California 93727
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8. The Contractor shall make its internal practices, books, and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from the county, or created or received by the Contractor on behalf of the County, in compliance with Parts the HIPAA Rules. The Contractor shall make its internal practices, books, and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from the County, or created or received by the Contractor on behalf of the County, available to the Secretary upon demand.

The Contractor shall cooperate with the compliance and investigation reviews conducted by the Secretary. PHI access to the Secretary must be provided during the Contractor's normal business hours; however, upon exigent circumstances access at any time must be granted. Upon the Secretary's compliance or investigation review, if PHI is unavailable to the Contractor and in possession of a subcontractor of the Contractor, the Contractor must certify to the Secretary its efforts to obtain the information from the subcontractor.

9. **Safeguards**

The Contractor shall implement administrative, physical, and technical safeguards as required by the HIPAA Security Rule, Subpart C of 45 CFR Part 164, that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of PHI, including electronic PHI, that it creates, receives, maintains or transmits on behalf of the County and to prevent unauthorized access, viewing, use, disclosure, or breach of PHI other than as provided for by this Agreement. The Contractor shall conduct an accurate and thorough assessment of the potential risks and vulnerabilities to the confidentiality, integrity and availability of electronic PHI. The 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 the Contractor's operations and the nature and scope of its activities. Upon the County's request, the Contractor shall provide the County with information concerning such safeguards.

The Contractor shall implement strong access controls and other security safeguards and precautions in order to restrict logical and physical access to confidential, personal (e.g., PHI) or sensitive data to authorized users only. Said safeguards and precautions shall include the following administrative and technical password controls for all systems used to process or store confidential, personal, or sensitive data:

A. Passwords must **not** be:

- (1) Shared or written down where they are accessible or recognizable by anyone else; such as taped to computer screens, stored under keyboards, or visible in a work area;
- (2) A dictionary word; or
- (3) Stored in clear text

B. Passwords must be:

- (1) Eight (8) characters or more in length;
- (2) Changed every ninety (90) days;
- (3) Changed immediately if revealed or compromised; and
- (4) Composed of characters from at least three (3) of the following four (4) groups from the standard keyboard:
 - a) Upper case letters (A-Z);
 - b) Lowercase letters (a-z);
 - c) Arabic numerals (0 through 9); and
 - d) Non-alphanumeric characters (punctuation symbols).

The Contractor shall implement the following security controls on each workstation or portable computing device (e.g., laptop computer) containing confidential, personal, or sensitive data:

1. Network-based firewall and/or personal firewall;
2. Continuously updated anti-virus software; and
3. Patch management process including installation of all operating system/software vendor security patches.

The Contractor shall utilize a commercial encryption solution that has received FIPS 140-2 validation to encrypt all confidential, personal, or sensitive data stored on portable electronic media (including, but not limited to, compact disks and thumb drives) and on portable computing devices (including, but not limited to, laptop and notebook computers).

The Contractor shall not transmit confidential, personal, or sensitive data via e-mail or other internet transport protocol unless the data is encrypted by a solution that has been validated by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) as conforming to the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) Algorithm. The Contractor must apply appropriate sanctions against its employees who fail to comply with these safeguards. The Contractor must adopt procedures for terminating access to PHI when employment of employee ends.

10. Mitigation of Harmful Effects

The Contractor shall mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is suspected or known to the Contractor of an unauthorized access, viewing, use, disclosure, or breach of PHI by the Contractor or its subcontractors in violation of the requirements of these provisions. The Contractor must document suspected or known harmful effects and the outcome.

11. The Contractor's Subcontractors

The Contractor shall ensure that any of its contractors, including subcontractors, if applicable, to whom the Contractor provides PHI received from or created or received by the Contractor on behalf of the County, agree to the same restrictions, safeguards, and conditions that apply to the Contractor with respect to such PHI and to incorporate, when applicable, the relevant provisions of these provisions into each subcontract or sub-award to such agents or subcontractors.

Nothing in this section 11 or this exhibit authorizes the Contractor to perform services under this Agreement using subcontractors.

12. Employee Training and Discipline

The Contractor shall train and use reasonable measures to ensure compliance with the requirements of these provisions by employees who assist in the performance of functions or

activities on behalf of the County under this Agreement and use or disclose PHI, and discipline such employees who intentionally violate any provisions of these provisions, which may include termination of employment.

13. Termination for Cause

Upon the County's knowledge of a material breach of these provisions by the Contractor, the County will either:

A. Provide an opportunity for the Contractor to cure the breach or end the violation, and the County may terminate this Agreement if the Contractor does not cure the breach or end the violation within the time specified by the County; or

B. Immediately terminate this Agreement if the Contractor has breached a material term of this exhibit and cure is not possible, as determined by the County.

C. If neither cure nor termination is feasible, the County's Privacy Officer will report the violation to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

14. Judicial or Administrative Proceedings

The County may terminate this Agreement if: (1) the Contractor is found guilty in a criminal proceeding for a violation of the HIPAA Privacy or Security Laws or the HITECH Act; or (2) there is a finding or stipulation in an administrative or civil proceeding in which the Contractor is a party that the Contractor has violated a privacy or security standard or requirement of the HITECH Act, HIPAA or other security or privacy laws.

15. Effect of Termination

Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement for any reason, the Contractor shall return or destroy all PHI received from the County (or created or received by the Contractor on behalf of the County) that the Contractor still maintains in any form, and shall retain no copies of such PHI. If return or destruction of PHI is not feasible, the Contractor shall continue to extend the protections of these provisions to such information, and limit further use of such PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction of such PHI infeasible. This provision applies to PHI that is in the possession of subcontractors or agents, if applicable, of the Contractor. If the Contractor destroys the PHI data, a certification of date and time of destruction shall be

provided to the County by the Contractor.

16. Compliance with Other Laws

To the extent that other state and/or federal laws provide additional, stricter and/or more protective privacy and/or security protections to PHI or other confidential information covered under this BAA, the Contractor agrees to comply with the more protective of the privacy and security standards set forth in the applicable state or federal laws to the extent such standards provide a greater degree of protection and security than HIPAA Rules or are otherwise more favorable to the individual.

17. Disclaimer

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

18. Amendment

The parties acknowledge that Federal and State laws relating to electronic data security and privacy are rapidly evolving and that amendment of this exhibit may be required to provide for procedures to ensure compliance with such developments. The parties specifically agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this agreement in order to implement the standards and requirements of the HIPAA Rules, the HITECH Act and other applicable laws relating to the security or privacy of PHI. The County may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice in the event that the Contractor does not enter into an amendment providing assurances regarding the safeguarding of PHI that the County in its sole discretion, deems sufficient to satisfy the standards and requirements of the HIPAA Rules, and the HITECH Act.

19. No Third-Party Beneficiaries

Nothing expressed or implied in the provisions of this exhibit is intended to confer, and nothing in this exhibit does confer, upon any person other than the County or the Contractor and

their respective successors or assignees, any rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities whatsoever.

20. Interpretation

The provisions of this exhibit shall be interpreted as broadly as necessary to implement and comply with the HIPAA Rules, and applicable State laws. The parties agree that any ambiguity in the terms and conditions of these provisions shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that complies and is consistent with the HIPAA Rules.

21. Regulatory References

A reference in the terms and conditions of these provisions to a section in the HIPAA Rules means the section as in effect or as amended.

22. Survival

The respective rights and obligations of the Contractor as stated in this exhibit survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

23. No Waiver of Obligation

Change, waiver or discharge by the County of any liability or obligation of the Contractor under this exhibit on any one or more occasions is not a waiver of performance of any continuing or other obligation of the Contractor and does not prohibit enforcement by the County of any obligation on any other occasion.

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Insurance Requirements

1. Required Policies

Without limiting the County's right to obtain indemnification from the Contractor or any third parties, Contractor, at its sole expense, shall maintain in full force and effect the following insurance policies throughout the term of this Agreement.

- (A) **Commercial General Liability.** Commercial general liability insurance with limits of not less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) per occurrence and an annual aggregate of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000). This policy must be issued on a per occurrence basis. Coverage must include products, completed operations, property damage, bodily injury, personal injury, and advertising injury. The Contractor shall obtain an endorsement to this policy naming the County of Fresno, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers, individually and collectively, as additional insureds, but only insofar as the operations under this Agreement are concerned. Such coverage for additional insureds will apply as primary insurance and any other insurance, or self-insurance, maintained by the County is excess only and not contributing with insurance provided under the Contractor's policy.
- (B) **Automobile Liability.** Automobile liability insurance with limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence for bodily injury and for property damages. Coverage must include any auto used in connection with this Agreement.
- (C) **Workers Compensation.** Workers compensation insurance as required by the laws of the State of California with statutory limits.
- (D) **Employer's Liability.** Employer's liability insurance with limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence for bodily injury and for disease.
- (E) **Professional Liability.** Professional liability insurance with limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and an annual aggregate of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000). If this is a claims-made policy, then (1) the retroactive date must be prior to the date on which services began under this Agreement; (2) the Contractor shall maintain the policy and provide to the County annual evidence of insurance for not less than five years after completion of services under this Agreement; and (3) if the policy is canceled or not renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy with a retroactive date prior to the date on which services begin under this Agreement, then the Contractor shall purchase extended reporting coverage on its claims-made policy for a minimum of five years after completion of services under this Agreement.

2. Additional Requirements

- (A) **Verification of Coverage.** Within 30 days after the Contractor signs this Agreement, and at any time during the term of this Agreement as requested by the County's Risk Manager or the County Administrative Office, the Contractor shall deliver, or cause its broker or producer to deliver, to the County Risk Manager, at 2220 Tulare Street, 16th Floor, Fresno, California 93721, or HRRiskManagement@fresnocountyca.gov, and by

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mail or email to the person identified to receive notices under this Agreement, certificates of insurance and endorsements for all of the coverages required under this Agreement.

- (i) Each insurance certificate must state that: (1) the insurance coverage has been obtained and is in full force; (2) the County, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers are not responsible for any premiums on the policy; and (3) the Contractor has waived its right to recover from the County, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers any amounts paid under any insurance policy required by this Agreement and that waiver does not invalidate the insurance policy.
- (ii) The commercial general liability insurance certificate must also state, and include an endorsement, that the County of Fresno, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers, individually and collectively, are additional insureds insofar as the operations under this Agreement are concerned. The commercial general liability insurance certificate must also state that the coverage shall apply as primary insurance and any other insurance, or self-insurance, maintained by the County shall be excess only and not contributing with insurance provided under the Contractor's policy.
- (iii) The automobile liability insurance certificate must state that the policy covers any auto used in connection with this Agreement.
- (iv) The professional liability insurance certificate, if it is a claims-made policy, must also state the retroactive date of the policy, which must be prior to the date on which services began under this Agreement.
- (v) The cyber liability insurance certificate must also state that it is endorsed, and include an endorsement, to cover the full replacement value of damage to, alteration of, loss of, or destruction of intangible property (including but not limited to information or data) that is in the care, custody, or control of the Contractor.

(B) **Acceptability of Insurers.** All insurance policies required under this Agreement must be issued by admitted insurers licensed to do business in the State of California and possessing at all times during the term of this Agreement an A.M. Best, Inc. rating of no less than A: VII.

(C) **Notice of Cancellation or Change.** For each insurance policy required under this Agreement, the Contractor shall provide to the County, or ensure that the policy requires the insurer to provide to the County, written notice of any cancellation or change in the policy as required in this paragraph. For cancellation of the policy for nonpayment of premium, the Contractor shall, or shall cause the insurer to, provide written notice to the County not less than 10 days in advance of cancellation. For cancellation of the policy for any other reason, and for any other change to the policy, the Contractor shall, or shall cause the insurer to, provide written notice to the County not less than 30 days in advance of cancellation or change. The County in its sole discretion may determine that the failure of the Contractor or its insurer to timely provide a written notice required by this paragraph is a breach of this Agreement.

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(D) **County's Entitlement to Greater Coverage.** If the Contractor has or obtains insurance with broader coverage, higher limits, or both, than what is required under this Agreement, then the County requires and is entitled to the broader coverage, higher limits, or both. To that end, the Contractor shall deliver, or cause its broker or producer to deliver, to the County's Risk Manager certificates of insurance and endorsements for all of the coverages that have such broader coverage, higher limits, or both, as required under this Agreement.

(E) **Waiver of Subrogation.** The Contractor waives any right to recover from the County, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers any amounts paid under the policy of worker's compensation insurance required by this Agreement. The Contractor is solely responsible to obtain any policy endorsement that may be necessary to accomplish that waiver, but the Contractor's waiver of subrogation under this paragraph is effective whether or not the Contractor obtains such an endorsement.

(F) **County's Remedy for Contractor's Failure to Maintain.** If the Contractor fails to keep in effect at all times any insurance coverage required under this Agreement, the County may, in addition to any other remedies it may have, suspend or terminate this Agreement upon the occurrence of that failure, or purchase such insurance coverage, and charge the cost of that coverage to the Contractor. The County may offset such charges against any amounts owed by the County to the Contractor under this Agreement.

(G) **Subcontractors.** The Contractor shall require and verify that all subcontractors used by the Contractor to provide services under this Agreement maintain insurance meeting all insurance requirements provided in this Agreement. This paragraph does not authorize the Contractor to provide services under this Agreement using subcontractors.

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Data Security

1. Definitions

Capitalized terms used in this Exhibit have the meanings set forth in this section 1.

- (A) **“Authorized Employees”** means the Contractor’s employees who have access to Personal Information.
- (B) **“Authorized Persons”** means: (i) any and all Authorized Employees; and (ii) any and all of the Contractor’s subcontractors, representatives, agents, outsourcers, and consultants, and providers of professional services to the Contractor, who have access to Personal Information and are bound by law or in writing by confidentiality obligations sufficient to protect Personal Information in accordance with the terms of this Exhibit L.
- (C) **“Director”** means the County’s Director of the Department of Behavioral Health or his or her designee.
- (D) **“Disclose”** or any derivative of that word means to disclose, release, transfer, disseminate, or otherwise provide access to or communicate all or any part of any Personal Information orally, in writing, or by electronic or any other means to any person.
- (E) **“Person”** means any natural person, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, firm, or association.
- (F) **“Personal Information”** means any and all information, including any data, provided, or to which access is provided, to the Contractor by or upon the authorization of the County, under this Agreement, including but not limited to vital records, that: (i) identifies, describes, or relates to, or is associated with, or is capable of being used to identify, describe, or relate to, or associate with, a person (including, without limitation, names, physical descriptions, signatures, addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, education, financial matters, employment history, and other unique identifiers, as well as statements made by or attributable to the person); (ii) is used or is capable of being used to authenticate a person (including, without limitation, employee identification numbers, government-issued identification numbers, passwords or personal identification numbers (PINs), financial account numbers, credit report information, answers to security questions, and other personal identifiers); or (iii) is personal information within the meaning of California Civil Code section 1798.3, subdivision (a), or 1798.80, subdivision (e). Personal Information does not include publicly available information that is lawfully made available to the general public from federal, state, or local government records.
- (G) **“Privacy Practices Complaint”** means a complaint received by the County relating to the Contractor’s (or any Authorized Person’s) privacy practices, or alleging a Security Breach. Such complaint shall have sufficient detail to enable the Contractor to promptly investigate and take remedial action under this Exhibit L.
- (H) **“Security Safeguards”** means physical, technical, administrative or organizational security procedures and practices put in place by the Contractor (or any Authorized Persons) that relate to the protection of the security, confidentiality, value, or integrity of Personal Information. Security Safeguards shall satisfy the minimal requirements set forth in section 3(C) of this Exhibit L.

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- (I) **“Security Breach”** means (i) any act or omission that compromises either the security, confidentiality, value, or integrity of any Personal Information or the Security Safeguards, or (ii) any unauthorized Use, Disclosure, or modification of, or any loss or destruction of, or any corruption of or damage to, any Personal Information.
- (J) **“Use”** or any derivative of that word means to receive, acquire, collect, apply, manipulate, employ, process, transmit, disseminate, access, store, disclose, or dispose of Personal Information.

2. Standard of Care

- (A) The Contractor acknowledges that, in the course of its engagement by the County under this Agreement, the Contractor, or any Authorized Persons, may Use Personal Information only as permitted in this Agreement.
- (B) The Contractor acknowledges that Personal Information is deemed to be confidential information of, or owned by, the County (or persons from whom the County receives or has received Personal Information) and is not confidential information of, or owned or by, the Contractor, or any Authorized Persons. The Contractor further acknowledges that all right, title, and interest in or to the Personal Information remains in the County (or persons from whom the County receives or has received Personal Information) regardless of the Contractor’s, or any Authorized Person’s, Use of that Personal Information.
- (C) The Contractor agrees and covenants in favor of the County that the Contractor shall:
 - (i) keep and maintain all Personal Information in strict confidence, using such degree of care under this section 2 as is reasonable and appropriate to avoid a Security Breach;
 - (ii) Use Personal Information exclusively for the purposes for which the Personal Information is made accessible to the Contractor pursuant to the terms of this Exhibit L;
 - (iii) not Use, Disclose, sell, rent, license, or otherwise make available Personal Information for the Contractor’s own purposes or for the benefit of anyone other than the County, without the County’s express prior written consent, which the County may give or withhold in its sole and absolute discretion; and
 - (iv) not, directly or indirectly, Disclose Personal Information to any person (an “Unauthorized Third Party”) other than Authorized Persons pursuant to this Agreement, without the Director’s express prior written consent.
- (D) Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph, in any case in which the Contractor believes it, or any Authorized Person, is required to disclose Personal Information to government regulatory authorities, or pursuant to a legal proceeding, or otherwise as may be required by applicable law, Contractor shall (i) immediately notify the County of the specific demand for, and legal authority for the disclosure, including providing County with a copy of any notice, discovery demand, subpoena, or order, as applicable, received by the Contractor, or any Authorized Person, from any government regulatory authorities, or in relation to any legal proceeding, and (ii) promptly notify the County

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before such Personal Information is offered by the Contractor for such disclosure so that the County may have sufficient time to obtain a court order or take any other action the County may deem necessary to protect the Personal Information from such disclosure, and the Contractor shall cooperate with the County to minimize the scope of such disclosure of such Personal Information.

(E) The Contractor shall remain liable to the County for the actions and omissions of any Unauthorized Third Party concerning its Use of such Personal Information as if they were the Contractor's own actions and omissions.

3. Information Security

(A) The Contractor covenants, represents and warrants to the County that the Contractor's Use of Personal Information under this Agreement does and will at all times comply with all applicable federal, state, and local, privacy and data protection laws, as well as all other applicable regulations and directives, including but not limited to California Civil Code, Division 3, Part 4, Title 1.81 (beginning with section 1798.80), and the Song-Beverly Credit Card Act of 1971 (California Civil Code, Division 3, Part 4, Title 1.3, beginning with section 1747). If the Contractor Uses credit, debit or other payment cardholder information, the Contractor shall at all times remain in compliance with the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard ("PCI DSS") requirements, including remaining aware at all times of changes to the PCI DSS and promptly implementing and maintaining all procedures and practices as may be necessary to remain in compliance with the PCI DSS, in each case, at the Contractor's sole cost and expense.

(B) The Contractor covenants, represents and warrants to the County that, as of the effective date of this Agreement, the Contractor has not received notice of any violation of any privacy or data protection laws, as well as any other applicable regulations or directives, and is not the subject of any pending legal action or investigation by, any government regulatory authority regarding same.

(C) Without limiting the Contractor's obligations under section 3(A) of this Exhibit L, the Contractor's (or Authorized Person's) Security Safeguards shall be no less rigorous than accepted industry practices and, at a minimum, include the following:

- (i) limiting Use of Personal Information strictly to the Contractor's and Authorized Persons' technical and administrative personnel who are necessary for the Contractor's, or Authorized Persons', Use of the Personal Information pursuant to this Agreement;
- (ii) ensuring that all of the Contractor's connectivity to County computing systems will only be through the County's security gateways and firewalls, and only through security procedures approved upon the express prior written consent of the Director;
- (iii) to the extent that they contain or provide access to Personal Information, (a) securing business facilities, data centers, paper files, servers, back-up systems and computing equipment, operating systems, and software applications, including, but not limited to, all mobile devices and other equipment, operating systems, and software applications with information storage capability; (b)

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employing adequate controls and data security measures, both internally and externally, to protect (1) the Personal Information from potential loss or misappropriation, or unauthorized Use, and (2) the County's operations from disruption and abuse; (c) having and maintaining network, device application, database and platform security; (d) maintaining authentication and access controls within media, computing equipment, operating systems, and software applications; and (e) installing and maintaining in all mobile, wireless, or handheld devices a secure internet connection, having continuously updated anti-virus software protection and a remote wipe feature always enabled, all of which is subject to express prior written consent of the Director;

- (iv) encrypting all Personal Information at advance encryption standards of Advanced Encryption Standards (AES) of 128 bit or higher (a) stored on any mobile devices, including but not limited to hard disks, portable storage devices, or remote installation, or (b) transmitted over public or wireless networks (the encrypted Personal Information must be subject to password or pass phrase, and be stored on a secure server and transferred by means of a Virtual Private Network (VPN) connection, or another type of secure connection, all of which is subject to express prior written consent of the Director);
- (v) strictly segregating Personal Information from all other information of the Contractor, including any Authorized Person, or anyone with whom the Contractor or any Authorized Person deals so that Personal Information is not commingled with any other types of information;
- (vi) having a patch management process including installation of all operating system and software vendor security patches;
- (vii) maintaining appropriate personnel security and integrity procedures and practices, including, but not limited to, conducting background checks of Authorized Employees consistent with applicable law; and
- (viii) providing appropriate privacy and information security training to Authorized Employees.

(D) During the term of each Authorized Employee's employment by the Contractor, the Contractor shall cause such Authorized Employees to abide strictly by the Contractor's obligations under this Exhibit L. The Contractor shall maintain a disciplinary process to address any unauthorized Use of Personal Information by any Authorized Employees.

(E) The Contractor shall, in a secure manner, backup daily, or more frequently if it is the Contractor's practice to do so more frequently, Personal Information received from the County, and the County shall have immediate, real time access, at all times, to such backups via a secure, remote access connection provided by the Contractor, through the Internet.

(F) The Contractor shall provide the County with the name and contact information for each Authorized Employee (including such Authorized Employee's work shift, and at least one alternate Authorized Employee for each Authorized Employee during such work shift) who shall serve as the County's primary security contact with the Contractor and shall be

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available to assist the County twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week as a contact in resolving the Contractor's and any Authorized Persons' obligations associated with a Security Breach or a Privacy Practices Complaint.

(G) The Contractor shall not knowingly include or authorize any Trojan Horse, back door, time bomb, drop dead device, worm, virus, or other code of any kind that may disable, erase, display any unauthorized message within, or otherwise impair any County computing system, with or without the intent to cause harm.

4. Security Breach Procedures

(A) Immediately upon the Contractor's awareness or reasonable belief of a Security Breach, the Contractor shall (i) notify the Director of the Security Breach, such notice to be given first by telephone at the following telephone number, followed promptly by email at the following email addresses: incidents@fresnocountyca.gov, 559-600-5900, (which telephone number and email address the County may update by providing notice to the Contractor), and (ii) preserve all relevant evidence (and cause any affected Authorized Person to preserve all relevant evidence) relating to the Security Breach. The notification shall include, to the extent reasonably possible, the identification of each type and the extent of Personal Information that has been, or is reasonably believed to have been, breached, including but not limited to, compromised, or subjected to unauthorized Use, Disclosure, or modification, or any loss or destruction, corruption, or damage.

(B) Immediately following the Contractor's notification to the County of a Security Breach, as provided pursuant to section 4(A) of this Exhibit L, the Parties shall coordinate with each other to investigate the Security Breach. The Contractor agrees to fully cooperate with the County, including, without limitation:

- (i) assisting the County in conducting any investigation;
- (ii) providing the County with physical access to the facilities and operations affected;
- (iii) facilitating interviews with Authorized Persons and any of the Contractor's other employees knowledgeable of the matter; and
- (iv) making available all relevant records, logs, files, data reporting and other materials required to comply with applicable law, regulation, industry standards, or as otherwise reasonably required by the County.

To that end, the Contractor shall, with respect to a Security Breach, be solely responsible, at its cost, for all notifications required by law and regulation, or deemed reasonably necessary by the County, and the Contractor shall provide a written report of the investigation and reporting required to the Director within 30 days after the Contractor's discovery of the Security Breach.

(C) County shall promptly notify the Contractor of the Director's knowledge, or reasonable belief, of any Privacy Practices Complaint, and upon the Contractor's receipt of that notification, the Contractor shall promptly address such Privacy Practices Complaint, including taking any corrective action under this Exhibit L, all at the Contractor's sole expense, in accordance with applicable privacy rights, laws, regulations and standards.

Exhibit D

In the event the Contractor discovers a Security Breach, the Contractor shall treat the Privacy Practices Complaint as a Security Breach. Within 24 hours of the Contractor's receipt of notification of such Privacy Practices Complaint, the Contractor shall notify the County whether the matter is a Security Breach, or otherwise has been corrected and the manner of correction, or determined not to require corrective action and the reason for that determination.

- (D) The Contractor shall take prompt corrective action to respond to and remedy any Security Breach and take mitigating actions, including but not limiting to, preventing any reoccurrence of the Security Breach and correcting any deficiency in Security Safeguards as a result of such incident, all at the Contractor's sole expense, in accordance with applicable privacy rights, laws, regulations and standards. The Contractor shall reimburse the County for all reasonable costs incurred by the County in responding to, and mitigating damages caused by, any Security Breach, including all costs of the County incurred relation to any litigation or other action described section 4(E) of this Exhibit L.
- (E) The Contractor agrees to cooperate, at its sole expense, with the County in any litigation or other action to protect the County's rights relating to Personal Information, including the rights of persons from whom the County receives Personal Information.

5. Oversight of Security Compliance

- (A) The Contractor shall have and maintain a written information security policy that specifies Security Safeguards appropriate to the size and complexity of the Contractor's operations and the nature and scope of its activities.
- (B) Upon the County's written request, to confirm the Contractor's compliance with this Exhibit L, as well as any applicable laws, regulations and industry standards, the Contractor grants the County or, upon the County's election, a third party on the County's behalf, permission to perform an assessment, audit, examination or review of all controls in the Contractor's physical and technical environment in relation to all Personal Information that is Used by the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement. The Contractor shall fully cooperate with such assessment, audit or examination, as applicable, by providing the County or the third party on the County's behalf, access to all Authorized Employees and other knowledgeable personnel, physical premises, documentation, infrastructure and application software that is Used by the Contractor for Personal Information pursuant to this Agreement. In addition, the Contractor shall provide the County with the results of any audit by or on behalf of the Contractor that assesses the effectiveness of the Contractor's information security program as relevant to the security and confidentiality of Personal Information Used by the Contractor or Authorized Persons during the course of this Agreement under this Exhibit L.
- (C) The Contractor shall ensure that all Authorized Persons who Use Personal Information agree to the same restrictions and conditions in this Exhibit L. that apply to the Contractor with respect to such Personal Information by incorporating the relevant provisions of these provisions into a valid and binding written agreement between the Contractor and such Authorized Persons, or amending any written agreements to provide same.

Exhibit D

6. Return or Destruction of Personal Information. Upon the termination of this Agreement, the Contractor shall, and shall instruct all Authorized Persons to, promptly return to the County all Personal Information, whether in written, electronic or other form or media, in its possession or the possession of such Authorized Persons, in a machine readable form used by the County at the time of such return, or upon the express prior written consent of the Director, securely destroy all such Personal Information, and certify in writing to the County that such Personal Information have been returned to the County or disposed of securely, as applicable. If the Contractor is authorized to dispose of any such Personal Information, as provided in this Exhibit L, such certification shall state the date, time, and manner (including standard) of disposal and by whom, specifying the title of the individual. The Contractor shall comply with all reasonable directions provided by the Director with respect to the return or disposal of Personal Information and copies of Personal Information. If return or disposal of such Personal Information or copies of Personal Information is not feasible, the Contractor shall notify the County according, specifying the reason, and continue to extend the protections of this Exhibit L to all such Personal Information and copies of Personal Information. The Contractor shall not retain any copy of any Personal Information after returning or disposing of Personal Information as required by this section 6. The Contractor's obligations under this section 6 survive the termination of this Agreement and apply to all Personal Information that the Contractor retains if return or disposal is not feasible and to all Personal Information that the Contractor may later discover.

7. Equitable Relief. The Contractor acknowledges that any breach of its covenants or obligations set forth in this Exhibit L may cause the County irreparable harm for which monetary damages would not be adequate compensation and agrees that, in the event of such breach or threatened breach, the County is entitled to seek equitable relief, including a restraining order, injunctive relief, specific performance and any other relief that may be available from any court, in addition to any other remedy to which the County may be entitled at law or in equity. Such remedies shall not be deemed to be exclusive but shall be in addition to all other remedies available to the County at law or in equity or under this Agreement.

8. Indemnity. The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officers, employees, and agents, (each, a “**County Indemnitee**”) from and against any and all infringement of intellectual property including, but not limited to infringement of copyright, trademark, and trade dress, invasion of privacy, information theft, and extortion, unauthorized Use, Disclosure, or modification of, or any loss or destruction of, or any corruption of or damage to, Personal Information, Security Breach response and remedy costs, credit monitoring expenses, forfeitures, losses, damages, liabilities, deficiencies, actions, judgments, interest, awards, fines and penalties (including regulatory fines and penalties), costs or expenses of whatever kind, including attorneys' fees and costs, the cost of enforcing any right to indemnification or defense under this Exhibit L and the cost of pursuing any insurance providers, arising out of or resulting from any third party claim or action against any County Indemnitee in relation to the Contractor's, its officers, employees, or agents, or any Authorized Employee's or Authorized Person's, performance or failure to perform under this Exhibit L or arising out of or resulting from the Contractor's failure to comply with any of its obligations under this section 8. The provisions of this section 8 do not apply to the acts or omissions of the County. The provisions of this section 8 are cumulative to any other obligation of the Contractor to, defend, indemnify, or hold harmless any County Indemnitee under this Agreement. The provisions of this section 8 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

Exhibit D

9. Survival. The respective rights and obligations of the Contractor and the County as stated in this Exhibit L shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

10. No Third Party Beneficiary. Nothing express or implied in the provisions of in this Exhibit L is intended to confer, nor shall anything in this Exhibit L confer, upon any person other than the County or the Contractor and their respective successors or assignees, any rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities whatsoever.

11. No County Warranty. The County does not make any warranty or representation whether any Personal Information in the Contractor's (or any Authorized Person's) possession or control, or Use by the Contractor (or any Authorized Person), pursuant to the terms of this Agreement is or will be secure from unauthorized Use, or a Security Breach or Privacy Practices Complaint.

SELF-DEALING TRANSACTION DISCLOSURE FORM

In order to conduct business with the County of Fresno (hereinafter referred to as "County"), members of a contractor's board of directors (hereinafter referred to as "County Contractor"), must disclose any self-dealing transactions that they are a party to while providing goods, performing services, or both for the County. A self-dealing transaction is defined below:

"A self-dealing transaction means a transaction to which the corporation is a party and in which one or more of its directors has a material financial interest"

The definition above will be utilized for purposes of completing this disclosure form.

INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) Enter board member's name, job title (if applicable), and date this disclosure is being made.
- (2) Enter the board member's company/agency name and address.
- (3) Describe in detail the nature of the self-dealing transaction that is being disclosed to the County. At a minimum, include a description of the following:
 - a. The name of the agency/company with which the corporation has the transaction; and
 - b. The nature of the material financial interest in the Corporation's transaction that the board member has.
- (4) Describe in detail why the self-dealing transaction is appropriate based on applicable provisions of the Corporations Code.
- (5) Form must be signed by the board member that is involved in the self-dealing transaction described in Sections (3) and (4).

(1) Company Board Member Information:			
Name:		Date:	
Job Title:			
(2) Company/Agency Name and Address:			
(3) Disclosure (Please describe the nature of the self-dealing transaction you are a party to)			
(4) Explain why this self-dealing transaction is consistent with the requirements of Corporations Code 5233 (a)			
(5) Authorized Signature			
Signature:		Date:	

DISCLOSURE OF OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL INTEREST STATEMENT

I. Identifying Information

Name of Entity RHCB Development LP	D/B/A		
Address (number, street) 3040 N Fresno Street	City Fresno	State CA	ZIP Code 93703
CLIA Number 92-1683280	Taxpayer ID Number (EIN) / Social Security Number 92-1683280	Telephone Number (559)492-1373	

II. Answer the following questions by checking "Yes" or "No." If any of the questions are answered "Yes," list all names and addresses (primary, every business location, and P.O. Box address) of individuals or corporations under "Remarks" on page 2. Identify each item number to be continued.

A. Are there any individuals or organizations having a direct or indirect ownership or control interest of five percent or more in the institution, organizations, or agency that have been convicted of a criminal offense related to the involvement of such persons or organizations in any of the programs established

by Titles XVIII, XIX, or XX?

B. Are there any directors, officers, agents, or managing employees of the institution, agency, or organization who have ever been convicted of a criminal offense related to their involvement in such programs established by Titles XVIII, XIX, or XX?

C. Are there any individuals currently employed by the institution, agency, or organization in a managerial, accounting, auditing, or similar capacity who were employed by the institution's, organization's, or agency's fiscal intermediary or carrier within the previous 12 months? (Title XVIII providers only)

III. A. List names, addresses for individuals, or the EIN for organizations having direct or indirect ownership or a controlling interest in the entity. (See instructions for definition of ownership and controlling interest.) List any additional names and addresses (primary, every business location, and P.O. Box address) under "Remarks" on page 2. If more than one individual is reported and any of these persons are related to each other, this must be reported under "Remarks."

NAME	DOB	ADDRESS	EIN
AHBH LLC			
Wayne and Rena Rutledge Revocable Trust			

B. Type of entity: Sole proprietorship Partnership Corporation
 Unincorporated Associations Other (specify) _____

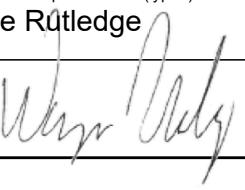
C. If the disclosing entity is a corporation, list names, addresses of the directors, and EINs for corporations under "Remarks."

D. Are any owners of the disclosing entity also owners of other Medicare/Medicaid facilities? (Example: sole proprietor, partnership, or members of Board of Directors) If yes, list names, addresses of individuals, and provider numbers.

NAME	DOB	ADDRESS	PROVIDER

	YES	NO									
IV. A. Has there been a change in ownership or control within the last year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>									
If yes, give date. _____											
B. Do you anticipate any change of ownership or control within the year?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>									
If yes, when? _____											
C. Do you anticipate filing for bankruptcy within the year?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>									
If yes, when? _____											
V. Is the facility operated by a management company or leased in whole or part by another organization?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>									
If yes, give date of change in operations. _____											
VI. Has there been a change in Administrator, Director of Nursing, or Medical Director within the last year?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>									
VII. A. Is this facility chain affiliated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>									
(If yes, list name, address of corporation, and EIN.)											
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 B. If the answer to question VII.A. is NO, was the facility ever affiliated with a chain? (If yes, list name, address of corporation, and EIN.)											
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Whoever knowingly and willfully makes or causes to be made a false statement or representation of this statement, may be prosecuted under applicable federal or state laws. In addition, knowingly and willfully failing to fully and accurately disclose the information requested may result in denial of a request to participate or where the entity already participates, a termination of its agreement or contract with the agency, as appropriate.

Name of authorized representative (typed)	Title
Wayne Rutledge	CEO
Signature	Date
	2/3/2025

Remarks

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING DISCLOSURE OF CONTROL AND INTEREST STATEMENT

Please answer all questions as of the current date. If the yes block for any item is checked, list requested additional information under the Remarks Section on page 2, referencing the item number to be continued. If additional space is needed use an attached sheet.

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS

These instructions are designed to clarify certain questions on the form. Instructions are listed in question order for easy reference. No instructions have been given for questions considered self-explanatory.

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ALL APPLICABLE QUESTIONS BE ANSWERED ACCURATELY AND THAT ALL INFORMATION BE CURRENT.

Item I - Under "Identifying Information" specify in what capacity the entity is doing business as (DBA) (e.g. name of trade or corporation).

Item II - Self-explanatory

Item III - List the names of all individuals and organizations having direct or indirect ownership interests, or controlling interest separately or in combination amounting to an ownership interest of 5 percent or more in the disclosing entity.

Direct ownership interest - is defined as the possession of stock, equity in capital or any interest in the profits of the disclosing entity. A disclosing entity is defined as a Medicare provider or supplier, or other entity that furnishes services or arranges for furnishing services under Medicaid or the Maternal and Child Health program, or health related services under the social services program.

Indirect ownership interest - is defined as ownership interest in an entity that has direct or hospital-based home health agencies, are not indirect ownership interest in the disclosing entity. The amount of indirect ownership in the disclosing entity that is held by any other entity is determined by multiplying the percentage of ownership interest at each level. An indirect ownership interest must be reported if it equates to an ownership interest of 5 percent or more in the disclosing entity. Example: if A owns 10 percent of the stock in a corporation that owns 80 percent of the stock of the disclosing entity, A's interest equates to an 8 percent indirect ownership and must be reported.

Controlling interest - is defined as the operational direction or management of disclosing entity which may be maintained by any or all of the following devices: the ability or authority, expressed or reserved, to amend or change the corporate identity (i.e., joint venture agreement, unincorporated business status) of the disclosing entity; the ability or authority to nominate or name members of the Board of Directors or Trustees of the disclosing entity; the ability or authority, expressed or reserved, to amend or change the by-laws, constitution, or other operating or management direction of the disclosing entity; the right to control any or all of the assets or other property of the disclosing entity upon the sale or dissolution of that entity; the ability or authority, expressed or reserved, to control the sale of any or all of the assets, to encumber such assets by way of mortgage or other indebtedness, to dissolve the entity or to arrange for the sale or transfer of the disclosing entity to new ownership or control.

Item IV-VII - (Changes in Provider Status) For Items IV-VII, if the yes box is checked, list additional information requested under Remarks. Clearly identify which item is being continued.

Change in provider status - is defined as any change in management control. Examples of such changes would include; a change in Medical or Nursing Director, a new Administrator, contracting the operation of the facility to a management corporation, a change in the composition of the owning partnership which under applicable State law is not considered a change in ownership, or the hiring or dismissing of any employees with 5 percent or more financial interest in the facility or in an owning corporation, or any change of ownership.

Item IV - (A & B) If there has been a change in ownership within the last year or if you anticipate a change, indicate the date in the appropriate space.

Item V - If the answer is yes, list name of the management firm and employer identification number (EIN), or the name of the leasing organization. A management company is defined as any organization that operates and manages a business on behalf of the owner of that business, with the owner retaining ultimate legal responsibility for operation of the facility.

Item VI - If the answer is yes, identify which has changed (Administrator, Medical Director, or Director of Nursing) and the date the change was made. Be sure to include name of the new Administrator, Director of Nursing or Medical Director, as appropriate.

Item VII - A chain affiliate is any free-standing health care facility that is either owned, controlled, or operated under lease or contract by an organization consisting of two or more free-standing health care facilities organized within or across State lines which is under the ownership or through any other device, control and direction of a common party. Chain affiliates include such facilities whether public, private, charitable or proprietary. They also include subsidiary organizations and holding corporations. Provider-based facilities, such as hospital-based home health agencies, are not considered to be chain affiliates.

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER
RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS--PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTIONS**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.
2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.
3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.
4. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
5. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
6. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

CERTIFICATION

(1) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it, its owners, officers, corporate managers and partners:

- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency;
- (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- (c) (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.

(2) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Signature:

Date:

(Printed Name & Title)

(Name of Agency or
Company)