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June 4, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH LIFESIGNS, INC., FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Request to renew a Service Agreement with Lifesigns,Inc., to expire on June 30, 2008, for Fiscal Year 2008-09. The renewal of this Agreement will allow the Department of Mental Health to continue to provide sign language interpretation services to hearing impaired persons in a mental health services setting.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, execute, and renew the Service Agreement, as listed in Attachment A, with Lifesigns, Inc. to provide sign language interpretation services to hearing impaired persons in a mental health services setting, using an Agreement format substantially similar to Attachment A-1 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09, effective from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, not to exceed $50,000, fully offset by Sales Tax Realignment funds.

2. Authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute future amendments to this Agreement, provided that: 1) the County's total payments under the Agreement for the fiscal year shall not exceed an increase of 20 percent from the total compensation amount (TCA); 2) any such increase shall

be used to reflect program and/or policy changes; 3) the Board of Supervisors has appropriated sufficient funds for all changes; 4) approval of County Counsel and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or their designee, is obtained prior to any such amendments; 5) the parties may, by written Amendment, mutually agree to reduce programs or services without reference to the 20 percent limitation; and 6) the Director of Mental Health shall notify the CEO's office of agreement changes after execution of such amendments.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Board approval to renew is required because this Service Agreement will expire on June 30, 2008.

The recommended action will authorize the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to enter into a contract with Lifesigns, Inc., to provide sign language interpretation services to hearing impaired persons in a mental health services setting.

Additionally, new and revised contract provisions mandated for Local Small Business Enterprise Preference Program and Safely Surrendered Baby Law will ensure uniformity of all terms and conditions.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended Board actions are consistent with the principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan's Organizational Goal No. 1, Service Excellence; Goal No. 3, Organizational Effectiveness; Goal No. 5, Children and Families' Well-Being; and Goal No. 7, Health and Mental Health. The renewal of this agreement will continue to promote the collaborative partnership between government and community agencies and will ensure inclusion of all revised and new contract provisions.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The maximum amount of the contract with Lifesigns, Inc. will not exceed $50,000 fully offset with Sales Tax Realignment in the amount of $50,000 for FY 2008-09. Funding is included in DMH's 2008-09 Proposed Budget. There is no increase in net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The renewal of this Service Agreement with Lifesigns, Inc., will provide DMH with sign language interpreters. Lifesigns, Inc., has provided sign language interpretation services since being awarded a solicitation bid. Since then Lifesigns, Inc., has shown to

be uniquely qualified to provide effective sign language interpretation services to hearing impaired persons. Lifesigns, Inc., staff has specific training and experience that enable them to appropriately interpret and provide sign language for the sensitive situations encountered in the course of providing mental health services to the client population served by DMH and its contract agencies.

The Agreement format has been approved as to form by County Counsel. The CEO has reviewed the proposed action. DMH clinical and administrative staff will also continue to administer and supervise the agreement, evaluate the program to ensure that quality services are being provided to clients, and ensure that Agreement provisions and Departmental policies are being followed.

Attachment A provides information regarding Supervisorial Districts and Agreement terms. Attachment A-2 provides information regarding Contracting with Minority/Women–Owned Firms Percentage of Ownership In Firms contracting with the County.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This Service Agreement has an existing agreement with DMH, which will expire on June 30, 2008, and is being renewed because of the continuing need for sign language interpretation services to hearing impaired persons who receive mental health services and reside in the County of Los Angeles.

In FY 2001-02, the County's Internal Services Department solicited bids from vendors for provision of sign language interpretation services to hearing impaired persons. Lifesigns, Inc., and one other vendor responded, and the bid submitted by Lifesigns, Inc., was the lowest while offering comprehensive services consistent with the needs of DMH programs. During FY 2008-09 a Request for Information process will begin, which will allow DMH to solicit from qualified vendors for sign language interpretation services to hearing impaired persons who receive mental health services.

The Department has evaluated and determined that the Living Wage Program (County Code Chapter 2.201) does not apply to the recommended Agreement.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

Board approval of the proposed actions is expected to allow contractor to provide uninterrupted services and accessible mental health services to clients residing in the County of Los Angeles.

CONCLUSION

The Department of Mental Health will need one copy of the adopted Board actions. It is requested that the Executive Officer, of the Board, notify the Department of Mental Health, Contracts Development and Administration Division, at (213) 738-4684 when this document is available.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

WTF:SRH:SAS
MLM:JS:yb

Attachments (3)

c: County Counsel
Department of Mental Health
Chairperson, Mental Health Commission

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES -- DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
Contracts Development and Administration Division

ATTACHMENT A

RENEWAL OF SPECIALIZED AGREEMENTS FOR FY 2008-09

SERVICES AGREEMENT

Item No.	CONTRACTOR	SUP. DIST.	Agreement Term	FY 2008-09	Funding Source
1	Lifesigns, Inc. 2222 Laverna Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90041	1	7/1/08 - 6/30/09	$50,000	Sales Tax Realignment

ATTACHMENT A-1

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT

CONTRACTOR:

_____ _____
Contract Number

_____

Business Address: _____
Reference

_____
Number(s)

_____

Contractor Headquarters' Supervisorial District _

Mental Health Service Area(s)_____ OR Countywide _____

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DISTRIBUTION

(Please type in the applicable name for each)

Deputy Director_____ Lead Manager _____

K: S__ --or-- U_____

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SERVICES AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

AND

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the County has a need for, and desires to engage the services of an individual or firm with special expertise and experience to be a Contractor for the County to provide sign language interpretation services for the hearing impaired; and

WHEREAS, Contractor is specifically trained and possesses the skills, experience, and competency to provide assistance for the hearing impaired; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to engage Contractor for such special services upon the terms provided in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the County is authorized by Government Code Section 31000 to contract for such special services, including those contemplated herein; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, conditions, representations and warranties contained herein, it is agreed by and between County and Contractor as follows:

PREAMBLE

For over a decade, the County has collaborated with its community partners to enhance the capacity of the health and human services system to improve the lives of children and families. These efforts require, as a fundamental expectation, that the County's contracting partners share the County and community's commitment to provide health and human services that support achievement of the County's vision, goals, values, and adopted outcomes. Key to these efforts is the integration of service delivery systems and the adoption of the Customer Service and Satisfaction Standards.

The County of Los Angeles' Vision is to improve the quality of life in the County by providing responsive, efficient, and high quality public services that promote the self-sufficiency, well-being and prosperity of

individuals, families, business and communities. This philosophy of teamwork and collaboration is anchored in the shared values of:

- Responsiveness
- Professionalism
- Accountability
- Compassion
- Integrity
- Commitment
- A Can-Do Attitude
- Respect for Diversity

These shared values are encompassed in the County Mission to enrich lives through effective and caring service and the County Strategic Plan's eight goals: 1) Service Excellence; 2) Workforce Excellence; 3) Organizational Effectiveness; 4) Fiscal Responsibility; 5) Children and Families' Well-Being; 6) Community Services; 7) Health and Mental Health; and 8) Public Safety. Improving the well-being of children and families requires coordination, collaboration, and integration of services across functional and jurisdictional boundaries, by and between County departments/agencies, and community and contracting partners.

The basic conditions that represent the well-being we seek for all children and families in Los Angeles County are delineated in the following five outcomes, adopted by the Board of Supervisors in January 1993.

- Good Health;
- Economic Well-Being;
- Safety and Survival;
- Emotional and Social Well-Being; and
- Education and Workforce Readiness.

Recognizing no single strategy - in isolation - can achieve the County's outcomes of well-being for children and families, consensus has emerged among County and community leaders that making substantial improvements in integrating the County's health and human services system is necessary to significantly move toward achieving these outcomes. The County has also established the following values and goals for guiding this effort to integrate the health and human services delivery system:

- ✔ Families are treated with respect in every encounter they have with the health, educational, and social services systems.
- ✔ Families can easily access a broad range of services to address their needs, build on their strengths, and achieve their goals.
- ✔ There is no "wrong door": wherever a family enters the system is the right place.
- ✔ Families receive services tailored to their unique situations and needs.

- ✔ Service providers and advocates involve families in the process of determining service plans, and proactively provide families with coordinated and comprehensive information, services, and resources.
- ✔ The County service system is flexible, able to respond to service demands for both the Countywide population and specific population groups.
- ✔ The County service system acts to strengthen communities, recognizing that just as individuals live in families, families live in communities.
- ✔ In supporting families and communities, County agencies work seamlessly with public and private service providers, community-based organizations, and other community partners.
- ✔ County agencies and their partners work together seamlessly to demonstrate substantial progress towards making the system more strength-based, family-focused, culturally-competent, accessible, user-friendly, responsive, cohesive, efficient, professional, and accountable.
- ✔ County agencies and their partners focus on administrative and operational enhancements to optimize the sharing of information, resources, and best practices while also protecting the privacy rights of families.
- ✔ County agencies and their partners pursue multi-disciplinary service delivery, a single service plan, staff development opportunities, infrastructure enhancements, customer service and satisfaction evaluation, and revenue maximization.
- ✔ County agencies and their partners create incentives to reinforce the direction toward service integration and a seamless service delivery system.
- ✔ The County human service system embraces a commitment to the disciplined pursuit of results accountability across systems. Specifically, any strategy designed to improve the County human services system for children and families should ultimately be judged by whether it helps achieve the County's five outcomes for children and families: good health, economic well-being, safety and survival, emotional and social

well-being, and education and workforce readiness.

The County, its clients, contracting partners, and the community will continue to work together to develop ways to make County services more accessible, customer friendly, better integrated, and outcome-focused. Several departments have identified shared themes in their strategic plans for achieving these goals including: making an effort to become more consumer/client-focused; valuing community partnerships and collaborations; emphasizing values and integrity; and using a strengths-based and multi-disciplinary team approach. County departments are also working to provide the Board of Supervisors and the community with a better understanding of how resources are being utilized, how well services are being provided, and what are the results of the services: is anyone better off?

The County of Los Angeles health and human service departments and their partners are working together to achieve the following ***Customer Service And Satisfaction Standards*** in support of improving outcomes for children and families.

Personal Service Delivery

The service delivery team – staff and volunteers – will treat customers and each other with courtesy, dignity, and respect.

- Introduce themselves by name
- Listen carefully and patiently to customers
- Be responsive to cultural and linguistic needs
- Explain procedures clearly
- Build on the strengths of families and communities

Service providers will work proactively to facilitate customer access to services.

- Provide services as promptly as possible
- Provide clear directions and service information
- Outreach to the community and promote available services
- Involve families in service plan development
- Follow-up to ensure appropriate delivery of services

Service Environment

Service providers will deliver services in a clean, safe, and welcoming environment, which supports the effective delivery of services.

- Ensure a safe environment
- Ensure a professional atmosphere
- Display vision, mission, and values statements
- Provide a clean and comfortable waiting area

- Ensure privacy
- Post complaint and appeals procedures

The basis for all County health and human services contracts is the provision of the highest level of quality services that support improved outcomes for children and families. The County and its contracting partners must work together and share a commitment to achieve a common vision, goals, outcomes, and standards for providing services.

THIS AGREEMENT for Sign Language Interpretation Services (hereafter "Agreement") is made and entered into this 1ST day of July, 2008, by and between _____ (hereafter "Contractor") and the County of Los Angeles, on behalf of its Department of Mental Health (hereafter "County").

1.0 APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS: Exhibits I, II, III, IV, V, VI and VII are attached to and form a part of this Agreement. Any reference throughout the base agreement and each of its exhibits to "Agreement" shall, unless the context clearly denotes otherwise, denote the base agreement with all exhibits hereby incorporated. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency in meaning or provisions between the base agreement and the exhibits, or between exhibits, such conflict or inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence first to the base agreement, and then to the exhibits according to the following priority:

A. Exhibit I- Statement of Work

B. Exhibit II- Financial Summary

C. Exhibit III- Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement

D. Exhibit IV- Contractor Employee Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement

E. Exhibit V Attestation Regarding Federally Funded Programs

F. Exhibit VI Safely Surrendered Baby Law

G. Exhibit VII Charitable Contributions Certification

2.0 ADMINISTRATION: Director shall have the authority to administer this Agreement on behalf of County. Contractor shall designate in writing a Contract Manager who shall function as liaison with County regarding Contractor's performance hereunder.

3.0 SERVICES PROVIDED: Contractor shall provide services to County as set forth in Exhibit I (STATEMENT OF WORK) which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as though fully set

forth herein.

4.0 TERM OF AGREEMENT: The period of this Agreement shall commence on date of Board approval and shall continue in full force and effect through June 30, 2009.

A. Six Months Notification of Agreement Expiration: Contractor shall notify County when this Agreement is within six (6) months of expiration. Contractor shall send such notice to those persons and addresses which are set forth in Paragraph 50 (NOTICES)

B. Suspension of Payments: Payments to Contractor under this Agreement shall be suspended if Director, for good cause, determines that Contractor is in default under any of the provisions of this Agreement. Except in cases of alleged fraud or similar intentional wrongdoing, at least 30 calendar days notice of such suspension shall be provided to Contractor, including a statement of the reason(s) for such suspension. Thereafter, Contractor may, within 15 calendar days, request reconsideration of the Director's decision. Payments shall not be withheld pending the results of the reconsideration process.

5.0 COMPENSATION:

A. In consideration of the performance by Contractor in a manner satisfactory to County of the services described in Exhibit I, Contractor shall be paid in accordance with the Fee Schedule established in Exhibit II. Total compensation for all services furnished hereunder shall not exceed the sum of _____ DOLLARS ($_____) for each Fiscal Year _____, _____, and _____. Notwithstanding such limitation of funds, Contractor agrees to satisfactorily provide all services specified in Exhibit I. To request payment, Contractor shall present to County's Program Manager monthly in arrears invoices accompanied by a statement of the number of hours worked daily by each individual assigned to provide services and a report of service hours completed for the invoice period. This report shall be prepared in a format satisfactory to County's Program Manager or his/her designated representative.

B. The Maximum Contract Amount for this Agreement shall not exceed _____ DOLLARS ($_____) for each Fiscal Year _____, _____, and _____. In no event shall County pay Contractor more than this Maximum Contract Amount for Contractor's performance hereunder. Furthermore, Contractor shall inform County

when up to seventy-five percent (75%) of the Maximum Contract Amount has been incurred. Contractor shall send such notice to those persons and addresses which are set forth in Paragraph 50 (NOTICES). Payment to Contractor shall be only upon written approval of the invoice and report by County's Program Manager or his/her designated representative.

Contractor shall submit invoices to:

County of Los Angeles
Department of Mental Health
Planning & Program Support Bureau
Administration Unit
550 South Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90020
ATTN: Toni Jiminez/Program Manager

C. No Payment for Services Provided Following Expiration/Termination of Contract: Contractor shall have no claim against County for payment of any money or reimbursement, of any kind whatsoever, for any service provided by Contractor after the expiration or other termination of this Contract. Should Contractor receive any such payment, it shall immediately notify County and shall immediately repay all such funds to County. Payment by County for services rendered after expiration/termination of this Contract shall not constitute a waiver of County's right to recover such payment from Contractor. This provision shall survive the expiration or other termination of this Contract.

D. Budget Reductions: In the event that the County's Board of Supervisors adopts, in any fiscal year, a County Budget which provides for reductions in County contracts, the County reserves the right to reduce its payment obligation under this Agreement to implement such Board reductions for that fiscal year and any subsequent fiscal year during the term of this Agreement (including any extensions), and the services to be provided by the Contractor under this Agreement shall also be reduced correspondingly. The County's notice to the Contractor regarding said reduction in payment obligation shall be provided within thirty (30) calendar days of the Board's approval of such action. Except as set forth in the preceding sentence, the Contractor shall continue to provide all of the services set forth in this Agreement.

6.0 COUNTY'S QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN: The County or its agent will evaluate Contractor's performance under this Agreement on not less than an annual basis. Such evaluation will include assessing

Contractor's compliance with all contract terms and performance standards. Contractor deficiencies which County determines are severe or continuing and that may place performance of the Agreement in jeopardy if not corrected will be reported to the Board of Supervisors. The report will include improvement/corrective action measures taken by the County and Contractor. If improvement does not occur consistent with the corrective action measures, County may terminate this Agreement or impose other penalties as specified in this Agreement.

7.0 REPORTING RESPONSIBILITY AND USE OF COUNTY RESOURCES:

A. County's Program Manager:

(1) Contractor shall report to County's Program Manager who shall be responsible for coordination of all administrative and contractual matters relating to this Agreement, the approval of all invoices submitted hereunder by Contractor, and final acceptance of all documentation and work.

(2) Upon advance approval of the County Program Manager, County may provide Contractor with certain County resources, and use of County facilities, as determined by the County Program Manager, who shall be the sole judge of the reasonableness and extent of any such use. The use or non-use of County resources by Contractor shall not relieve Contractor of its responsibility to provide services and complete all work under this Agreement in a manner satisfactory to County, and shall not affect Contractor status as an independent contractor. County's Program Manager shall be: Toni Jiminez .

B. Contractor Manager: Contractor Manager shall be responsible for coordination of all administrative and contractual matters relating to this Agreement, including, but not limited to, allocation of Contractor resources, submission of invoices, and resolution of any questions/disputes.

Contractor Manager shall be:

Patricia Hughes, CEO

8.0 PERFORMANCE UNDER EMERGENCY CONDITIONS :

A. FORCE MAJEUR: In the event that performance by either party is rendered impossible (permanent or temporarily) by governmental restrictions, regulation or controls or other causes beyond the reasonable control of such party, said event shall excuse performance by such party, or in the case of temporary impossibility, shall excuse performance only for a period commensurate with the period of

impossibility. Notwithstanding the foregoing, County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon any event which renders performance impossible. In such case, County shall be responsible for payment of all expenses incurred to the point at which this Agreement is terminated.

B. CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE DURING CIVIL UNREST OR DISASTER: Contractor and its subcontractor(s) recognize that health care facilities (e.g., residential health care facilities) maintained by County, and the participants that they serve, provide care that is essential to the residents of the community they serve, and that these services are of particular importance at the time of riot, insurrection, civil unrest, natural disaster, or similar event. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Agreement, full performance by Contractor and its subcontractor(s) during any riot, insurrection, civil unrest, natural disaster or similar event is not excused if such performance remains physically possible. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be considered a material breach by Contractor for which Director may suspend of County may immediate terminate this agreement.

C. EMERGENCY AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: Notwithstanding Contractor's and County's contractual objective to provide services to eligible persons, Contractor shall make program services available to any person impacted during the event of a state/nationally declared emergency, contingent upon the availability and commitment of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or State Office of Emergency Services (OES) funds with which to reimburse Contractor for funds expended.

9.0 WARRANTY: Contractor represents and warrants that all work, deliverables, and other services provided to County shall be of professional quality, will be provided as required by this Agreement, and will be free from any, errors, or omissions.

10.0 INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE:

A. Indemnification: Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless County, and its Special Districts, elected and appointed officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all liability, including but not limited to demands, claims, actions, fees, costs, and expenses (including attorney and expert witness fees), arising from or connected with Contractor's acts and/or omissions arising from and/or relating to this Agreement.

B. General Insurance Requirements: Without limiting Contractor's indemnification of County

and during the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall provide and maintain, and shall require all of its subcontractors to maintain, the following programs of insurance specified in this Agreement. Such insurance shall be primary to and not contributing with any other insurance or self-insurance programs maintained by County, and such coverage shall be provided and maintained at Contractor's own expense.

1) Evidence of Insurance: Certificate(s) or other evidence of coverage satisfactory to County shall be delivered to *Department of Mental Health, 550 South Vermont Avenue, Contracts Development and Administration Division, 5th Floor, Los Angeles, CA, 90020,* prior to commencing services under this Agreement. Such certificates or other evidence shall:

(a) Specifically identify this Agreement.

(b) Clearly evidence all coverages required in this Agreement.

(c) Contain the express condition that County is to be given written notice by mail at least thirty (30) days in advance of cancellation for all policies evidenced on the certificate of insurance.

(d) Include copies of the additional insured endorsement to the commercial general liability policy, adding the County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, its officials, officers and employees as insureds for all activities arising from this Agreement.

(e) Identify any deductibles or self-insured retentions for County's approval. The County retains the right to require Contractor to reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as they apply to County, or, require Contractor to provide a bond guaranteeing payment of all such retained losses and related costs, including, but not limited to, expenses or fees, or both, related to investigations, claims administrations, and legal defense. Such bond shall be executed by a corporate surety licensed to transact business in the State of California.

2) Insurer Financial Ratings: Insurance is to be provided by an insurance company acceptable to the County with an A.M. Best rating of not less than A:VII, unless otherwise approved by County.

3) Failure to Maintain Coverage: Failure by Contractor to maintain the required insurance, or to provide evidence of insurance coverage acceptable to County, shall constitute a material

breach of the contract upon which County may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement. County, at its sole option, may obtain damages from Contractor resulting from said breach. Alternatively, County may purchase such required insurance coverage, and without further notice to Contractor, County may deduct from sums due to Contractor any premium costs advanced by County for such insurance.

4) Notification of Incidents, Claims or Suits: Contractor shall report to County:

(a) Any accident or incident relating to services performed under this Agreement which involves injury or property damage which may result in the filing of a claim or lawsuit against Contractor and/or County. Such report shall be made in writing within 24 hours of occurrence.

(b) Any third party claim or lawsuit filed against Contractor arising from or related to services performed by Contractor under this Agreement.

(c) Any injury to a Contractor employee which occurs on County property. This report shall be submitted on a County "Non-employee Injury Report" to the County contract manager.

(d) Any loss, disappearance, destruction, misuse, or theft of any kind whatsoever of County property, monies or securities entrusted to Contractor under the terms of this Agreement.

5) Compensation for County Costs: In the event that Contractor fails to comply with any of the indemnification or insurance requirements of this Agreement, and such failure to comply results in any costs to County, Contractor shall pay full compensation for all costs incurred by County.

6) Insurance Coverage Requirements for Subcontractors: Contractor shall ensure any and all sub-contractors performing services under this Agreement meet the insurance requirements of this Agreement by either:

(a) Contractor providing evidence of insurance covering the activities of sub-contractors, or

(b) Contractor providing evidence submitted by sub-contractors evidencing that sub-contractors maintain the required insurance coverage. County retains the right to obtain copies of evidence of sub-contractor insurance coverage at any time.

C. Insurance Coverage Requirements:

1) General Liability: Insurance (written on ISO policy form CG 00 01 or its equivalent) with limits of not less than the following:

General Aggregate: Two Million Dollars ($2,000,000)

Products/Completed Operations Aggregate: One Million Dollars ($1,000,000)

Personal and Advertising Injury: One Million Dollars ($1,000,000)

Each Occurrence: One Million Dollars ($1,000,000)

2) Automobile Liability: Insurance (written on ISO policy form CA 00 01 or its equivalent) with a limit of liability of not less than One Million Dollars ($1,000,000) for each accident. Such insurance shall include coverage for all "owned", "hired" and "non-owned" vehicles, or coverage for "any auto".

3) Workers Compensation and Employers' Liability: Insurance providing workers compensation benefits, as required by the Labor Code of the State of California or by any other state, and for which Contractor is responsible. If Contractor's employees will be engaged in maritime employment, coverage shall provide workers compensation benefits as required by the U.S. Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, Jones Act or any other federal law for which Contractor is responsible. In all cases, the above insurance also shall include Employers' Liability coverage with limits of not less than the following:

Each Accident: One Million Dollars ($1,000,000)

Disease – policy limit: One Million Dollars($1,000,000)

Disease – each employee: One Million Dollars ($1,000,000)

4) Professional Liability: Insurance covering liability arising from any error, omission, negligent or wrongful act of the Contractor, its officers or employees with limits of not less than One Million Dollars ($1,000,000) per occurrence and Three Million Dollars ($3,000,000) aggregate. The coverage also shall provide an extended two-year reporting period commencing upon termination or cancellation of this Agreement.

11.0 CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT:

A. Contractor shall provide to County an executed Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality

Agreement (Exhibit III) prior to performing work under this Agreement. Such Agreement shall be delivered to Department of Mental Health, ATTN: Chief, Contracts Development and Administration Division, 550 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90020 on or immediately after the effective date of this Agreement but in no event later than the date the Contractor first performs work under this Agreement.

12.0 CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT: Contractor shall maintain on file an executed Contractor Employee Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement (Exhibit IV) for each individual who performs work under this Agreement after the effective date of this Agreement but in no event later than the date the individual first performs work under this Agreement. Such Agreements shall be maintained in accordance with all applicable County, State and Federal requirements and made available for inspection and/or audit by authorized representatives of County, State and/or Federal governments.

13.0 TITLE TO PROPERTY: County and Contractor agree that all design concepts, algorithms, programs, formats, documentation, and all other original materials and work product produced by the Contractor pursuant to performance under this Agreement, are the sole property of the Contractor. County and Contractor agree that all data, including enhancements and modifications of the data, generated during the course of this agreement shall remain the sole property of the County. Contractor further agrees that any documentation or technical materials provided by County or generated by County or Contractor during the course of Contractor performance pursuant to this Agreement shall not be reproduced or disclosed without the prior written consent of County's Project Manager.

14.0 TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT:

A. This Agreement may be terminated, in whole or in part, from time to time, when such action is deemed by County to be in its best interest. Termination of work hereunder shall be effected by notice of termination to Contractor specifying the extent to which performance of work is terminated and the date upon which such termination becomes effective which shall be no less than five (5) business days after the notice is sent. Such termination shall be without liability to County other than payment for work already rendered up to the date of termination. County shall pay Contractor the reasonable value for such work not to exceed the maximum sum due under this Agreement.

B. After receipt of a notice of termination and except as otherwise directed by County, Contractor shall:

1) Stop work under this Agreement on the date and to the extent specified in such notice;

2) Transfer title and deliver to County all completed work and work in process; and

3) Complete performance of such part of the work as shall not have been terminated by such notice.

C. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the failure of Contractor to comply with the terms of this Agreement or any directions by or on behalf of County issued pursuant thereto, may constitute a material breach hereof, thereby justifying immediate termination or suspension of this Agreement.

D. Contractor shall maintain accurate and complete financial records of its activities and operations relating to this Agreement and, for a period of four (4) years after termination or final settlement under this Agreement.

E. Contractor shall make available to County, all of its books, records, documents or other evidence bearing on the costs and expenses of Contractor under this Agreement with respect to Contractor's work hereunder. All such material shall be maintained by Contractor at a location in Los Angeles County, provided that if any such material is located outside Los Angeles County, then, at County's option, Contractor shall pay County for travel, per diem, and other cost incurred by County to examine, audit, excerpt, copy or transcribe such material at such other location.

15.0 LIMITATION OF COUNTY'S OBLIGATION TO NON-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS: Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, County shall not be obligated for Contractor's performance hereunder or by any provision of this Agreement during this or any of County's future fiscal years unless and until County's Board of Supervisors appropriates funds for this Agreement in County's Budget for each such fiscal year. Should County, during this or any subsequent fiscal year impose budgetary restrictions which appropriate less than the amount provided for in Paragraph 5 (COMPENSATION) of this Agreement, County shall reduce services under this Agreement consistent with such imposed budgetary

reductions. In the event funds are not appropriated for this Agreement, then this Agreement shall terminate as of June 30 of the last fiscal year for which funds were appropriated. County shall notify Contractor of any such changes in allocation of funds at the earliest possible date

In the event of the imposition of such budgetary constraints, Contractor agrees to limit its performance, and its corresponding requirements for compensation, to work remaining under this Agreement as determined by County's Project Manager.

16.0 PROHIBITION AGAINST ASSIGNMENT AND DELEGATION: This is a personal services agreement and Contractor shall not assign its rights or delegate its duties under this Agreement, or both, either in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of County. Any unapproved assignment or delegation shall be null and void.

17.0 SUBCONTRACTING: No performance of this Agreement or any portion thereof may be subcontracted by Contractor without the express written consent of County, and any other subcontract shall be null and void and shall constitute a breach of the terms of this Agreement.

18.0 CAPTIONS AND PARAGRAPH HEADINGS: Captions and paragraph headings used throughout this Agreement, including all exhibits, are for convenience only and are not a part of the Agreement and shall not be used in constructing the Agreement.

19.0 WAIVER: No waiver by either party of any breach of any provision of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any other breach of such provision. Failure of either party to enforce at any time, or from time to time, any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver thereof.

20.0 GOVERNING LAW, JURISDICTION AND VENUE: This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of California. Contractor agrees and consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of California for all purposes regarding this Agreement and further agrees and consents that venue of any action brought hereunder shall be exclusively in the County of Los Angeles, California.

21.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

A. No County employee whose position in County enables such employee to influence the award or administration of this Agreement or any competing agreement, and no spouse or Contractor

economic dependent of such employee, shall be employed in any capacity by or have any direct or indirect financial interest in this Agreement. No officer or employee of Contractor who may financially benefit from the provision of services hereunder shall in any way participate in County's approval, or ongoing evaluation, of such services, or in any way attempt to unlawfully influence County's approval or ongoing evaluation of such services.

B. Contractor shall comply with all conflict of interest laws, ordinances and regulations now in effect or hereafter to be enacted during the term of this Agreement. Contractor warrants that it is not now aware of any facts which create a conflict of interest. If Contractor hereafter becomes aware of any facts which might reasonably be expected to create a conflict of interest, it shall immediately make full written disclosure of such facts to County. Full written disclosure shall include, without limitation, identification of all persons implicated and complete description of all relevant circumstances.

22.0 COMPLETE AGREEMENT: The body of this Agreement, and the Exhibits I, II, III, IV, V, VI and VII thereto, shall constitute the complete and exclusive statement of understanding between the parties which supersedes all previous agreements, written or oral, and all communications between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.

23.0 COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW:

A. Contractor shall comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines, and directives applicable to its performance hereunder. Further, all provisions required thereby to be included in this Agreement are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

B. Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless County from and against any and all liability, damages, costs or expenses, including, but not limited, defense costs and attorneys' fees, arising from or related to any violation on the part of Contractor, its officers, employees, or agents, of any such Federal, State or local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines, or directives.

C. Contractor shall maintain in effect an active compliance program in accordance with the recommendations set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General.

D. Duty to Notify: Contractor agrees to notify County of any and all legal complaints,

citations, enforcement proceedings, administrative proceedings, judgments or litigation, known to Contractor, whether civil or criminal initiated against Contractor, its officers, employees, or agents which are likely to have a material effect on the organization's stewardship, financial position and/or ability to perform and deliver services under this contract.

24.0 ALTERATION OF TERMS: No addition to, or alteration of, the terms of the body of this Agreement, or the Exhibit(s) or Budget(s) hereto, whether by written or oral understanding of the parties, their officers, employees or agents, shall be valid and effective unless made in the form of a written amendment to this Agreement which is formally approved and executed by the parties.

The County's Board of Supervisors or Chief Executive Officer or designee may require the addition and/or change of certain terms and conditions in the Agreement during the term of this Agreement. The County reserves the right to add and/or change such provisions as required by the County's Board of Supervisors or Chief Executive Officer. To implement such orders, an Amendment to the Agreement shall be prepared and executed by the Contractor and by the Director of Mental Health.

25.0 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS: It is understood and agreed, and it is the intention of the parties hereto, that Contractor is an independent contractor and not the employee, agent, joint venture, or partner of County for any purpose whatsoever. Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for the payment of any and all Federal, State or local taxes which may be or become due as a result of Contractor's engagement under this Agreement.

26.0 COUNTY LOBBYIST: Contractor, and each County lobbyist or County lobbying firm as defined in Los Angeles County Code Section 2.160.010 retained by Contractor, shall fully comply with County's Lobbyist Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.160. Failure on the part of Contractor or any County lobbyist or County lobbying firm retained by Contractor to fully comply with County's Lobbyist Ordinance shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement, upon which County may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement.

27.0 RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING: If any Federal funds are to be used to pay for any of Contractor's services under this Agreement, Contractor shall fully comply with all certification and disclosure requirements prescribed by Section 319 of Public Law 101-121 (31 United States Code Section 1352) and any

implementing regulations, and shall ensure that each of its subcontractors receiving funds under this Agreement also fully complies with all such certification and disclosure requirements.

28.0 ANTI-DISCRIMINATION: Contractor certifies and agrees that all persons employed by Contractor, its affiliates, subsidiaries or holding companies, are and will be treated equally by Contractor without regard to or because or race, religion, ancestry, national origin or sex, and in compliance with all anti-discrimination laws of California and the United States. Contractor certifies and agrees that it will deal with its subcontractors, bidders or vendors without regard to or because of race, religion, ancestry, national origin or sex. Contractor shall allow County access to its employment records during regular business hours to verify compliance with these provisions when so requested by County. If County finds that any of these provisions have been violated, such violation shall constitute a material breach of contact upon which County may determine to cancel, terminate, or suspend this Agreement. In addition to an independent finding by County of such violation, a finding by the State of California or by the United States of violation shall constitute a finding by County of such violation.

Contractor and County agree that in the event of a violation by Contractor of the antidiscrimination provisions of this Agreement, County shall, at its option, be entitled to the sum of Two Thousand Dollars ($2,000.00) pursuant to California Civil Code Section 1671 as damages in lieu of canceling, terminating, or suspending this Agreement.

29.0 PERSONNEL ARE AGENTS OF CONTRACTOR: Contractor represents and warrants that all individuals performing work under this Agreement including, but not limited to, the individuals listed in Exhibit B hereto, and their agents and subcontractors, are fully authorized agents of Contractor for all purposes of this Agreement, and have actual and full authority to perform all activity and work related to this Agreement on behalf of Contractor.

30.0 TERMINATION FOR IMPROPER CONSIDERATION: County may, by written notice to Contractor, immediately terminate the right of Contractor to proceed under this Agreement if it is found that consideration, in any form, was offered or given by Contractor, either directly or through an intermediary, to any County officer, employee or agent with the intent of securing the Agreement or securing favorable treatment with respect to the award, amendment or extension of the Agreement or the making of any

determination with respect to Contractor's performance pursuant to the Agreement. In the event of such termination, County shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by Contractor.

Contractor shall immediately report any attempt by a County officer or employee to solicit such improper consideration. The report shall be made either to the County manager charged with the supervision of the employee or to the County Auditor-Controller's Employee Fraud Hotline at (800) 544-6861.

Among other items, such improper consideration may take the form of cash, discounts, service, the provision of travel or entertainment, or tangible gifts.

31.0 TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT:

A. County may, by written notice of default to Contractor, terminate this Agreement immediately in any one of the following circumstances:

1) If, as determined in the sole judgment of County, Contractor fails to perform any services within the times specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof as County may authorize in writing; or

2) If, as determined in the sole judgment of County, Contractor fails to perform and/or comply with any of the other provisions of this Agreement, or so fails to make progress as to endanger performance of this Agreement in accordance with its terms, and in either of these two circumstances, does not cure such failure within a period of five days (or such longer period as County may authorize in writing) after receipt of notice from County specifying such failure.

B. In the event that County terminates this Agreement as provided in Sub- paragraph A, County may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as County may deem appropriate, services similar to those so terminated, and Contractor shall be liable to County for any reasonable excess costs incurred by County, as determined by County, for such similar services.

C. The rights and remedies of County provided in this Paragraph 31.0 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

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32.0 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE: The performance of services under this Agreement may be terminated in whole or in part from time to time when such action is deemed by County to be in its best interest. Termination of services hereunder shall be effected by delivery to Contractor of a thirty (30) day advance Notice of Termination specifying the date upon which such termination becomes effective.

After receipt of a Notice of Termination and except as otherwise directed by County, Contractor shall stop services under this Agreement on this date specified in such Notice of Termination.

33.0 CONSIDERATION OF HIRING COUNTY EMPLOYEES TARGETED FOR LAYOFF OR FORMER COUNTY EMPLOYEES ON A REEMPLOYMENT LIST: Should Contractor require additional or replacement personnel after the effective date of this Agreement to perform the services set forth herein, Contractor shall give first consideration for such employment openings to qualified permanent County employees who are targeted for layoff or qualified former County employees who are on a reemployment list during the term of this Agreement.

34.0 CONSIDERATION OF GAIN PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT: Should Contractor require additional or replacement personnel after the effective date of this Agreement, Contractor shall give consideration for any such employment openings to participants in the County's Department of Public Social Services' Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program who meet Contractor's minimum qualifications for the open position. The County will refer GAIN participants by job category to the Contractor.

35.0 CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM:

A. Contractor's Warranty of Adherence to County's Child Support Compliance Program: Contractor acknowledges that County has established a goal of ensuring that all individuals who benefit financially from County through contract are in compliance with their court-ordered child, family, and spousal support obligations in order to mitigate the economic burden otherwise imposed upon County and its taxpayers.

As required by County's Child Support Compliance Program (County Code Chapter 2.200) and without limiting Contractor's duty under this Agreement to comply with all applicable provisions of law, Contractor warrants that it is now in compliance and shall during the term of this Agreement maintain in

compliance with employment and wage reporting requirements as required by the Social Security Act (42 USC Section 653a) and California Unemployment Insurance Code Section 1088.5, and shall implement all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Withholdings Orders or Child Support Services Department Notices of Wage and Earnings Assignment for Child, Family, or Spousal Support, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 706.031 and Family Code Section 5246(b).

B. Termination for Breach of Warranty to Maintain Compliance with County's Child Support Compliance Program: Failure of Contractor to maintain compliance with the requirements set forth in Subparagraph A (Contractor's Warranty of Adherence to County's Child Support Compliance Program) shall constitute default under this Agreement. Without limiting the rights and remedies available to County under any other provision of this Agreement, failure of Contractor to cure such default within 90 calendar days of written notice shall be grounds upon which County may terminate this Agreement pursuant to Paragraph 31 (TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT) and pursue debarment of Contractor, pursuant to County Code Chapter 2.202.

36.0 AUTHORIZATION WARRANTY: Contractor represents and warrants that the person executing this Agreement on its behalf is an authorized agent who has actual authority to bind Contractor to each and every term, condition, and obligation of this Agreement and that all requirements of Contractor have been fulfilled to provide such actual authority.

37.0 NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES REGARDING THE FEDERAL EARNED INCOME CREDIT: Contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the federal income tax laws. Such notice shall be provided in accordance with the requirements set forth in Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015.

38.0 USE OF RECYCLED-CONTENT PAPER PRODUCTS: Consistent with the Board of Supervisors' policy to reduce the amount of solid waste deposited at the County landfills, the Contractor agrees to use recycled-content paper to the maximum extent possible on the Project.

39.0 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY AND DEBARMENT:

A. A responsible Contractor is a Contractor who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity and experience to satisfactorily perform the contract.

It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible contractors.

B. The Contractor is hereby notified that, in accordance with Chapter 2.202 of the County Code, if the County acquires information concerning the performance of the Contractor on this or other Agreements which indicates that the Contractor is not responsible, the County may, in addition to other remedies provided in the Agreement, debar the Contractor from bidding or proposing on, or being awarded, and/or performing work on County Agreements for a specified period of time, which generally will not exceed five years but may exceed five years or be permanent if warranted by the circumstances, and terminate any or all existing Agreements the Contractor may have with the County.

C. The County may debar a Contractor if the Board of Supervisors finds, in its discretion, that the Contractor has done any of the following: (1) violated a term of an Agreement with the County or a nonprofit corporation created by the County; (2) committed an act or omission which negatively reflects on the Contractor's quality, fitness or capacity to perform a contract with the County, any other public entity, or a nonprofit corporation created by the County, or engaged in a pattern or practice which negatively reflects on same; (3) committed an act or offense which indicates a lack of business integrity or business honesty; or (4) made or submitted a false claim against the County or any other public entity.

D. If there is evidence that the Contractor may be subject to debarment, the Department will notify the Contractor in writing of the evidence which is the basis for the proposed debarment and will advise the Contractor of the scheduled date for a debarment hearing before the Contractor Hearing Board.

E. The Contractor Hearing Board will conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed debarment is presented. The Contractor and/or the Contractor's representative shall be given an opportunity to submit evidence at that hearing. After the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall prepare a tentative proposed decision, which shall contain a recommendation regarding whether the contractor should be debarred, and, if so, the appropriate length of time of the debarment. The Contractor and the Department shall be provided an opportunity to object to the tentative proposed decision prior to its presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

F. After consideration of any objections, or if no objections are submitted, a record of the

hearing, the proposed decision and any other recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board shall be presented to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall have the right to modify, deny or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Hearing Board.

G. If a Contractor has been debarred for a period longer than five years, that Contractor may, after the debarment has been in effect for at least five years, submit a written request for review of the debarment determination to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The County may, in its discretion, reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment if it finds that the Contractor has adequately demonstrated one or more of the following: (1) elimination of the grounds for which the debarment was imposed; (2) a bona fide change in ownership or management; (3) material evidence discovered after debarment was imposed; or (4) any other reason that is in the best interest of the County.

H. The Contractor Hearing Board will consider a request for review of a debarment determination only where (1) the Contractor has been debarred for a period longer than five years; (2) the debarment has been in effect for at least five years; and (3) the request is in writing, states one or more of the grounds for reduction of the debarment period or termination of the debarment, and includes supporting documentation. Upon receiving an appropriate request, the Contractor Hearing Board will provide notice of the hearing on the request. At the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed reduction of debarment period or termination of debarment is presented. This hearing shall be conducted and the request for review decided by the Contractor Hearing Board pursuant to the same procedures as for a debarment hearing.

I. The Contractor Hearing Board's proposed decision shall contain a recommendation on the request to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The Contractor Hearing Board shall present its proposed decision and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall have the right to modify, deny, or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.

J. These terms shall also apply to subcontractors of County Contractors.

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40.0 CONTRACTOR'S EXCLUSION FROM PARTICIPATION IN A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM: Contractor hereby warrants that neither it nor any of its staff members is restricted or excluded from providing services under any health care program funded by the Federal government, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, and that Contractor will notify Director within 30 calendar days in writing of: (1) any event that would require Contractor or a staff member's mandatory exclusion from participation in a Federally funded health care program; and (2) any exclusionary action taken by any agency of the Federal government against Contractor or one or more staff members barring it or the staff members from participation in a Federally funded health care program, whether such bar is direct or indirect, or whether such bar is in whole or in part.

There are a variety of different reasons why an individual or entity may be excluded from participating in a Federally funded health care program. Sometimes, the exclusion is mandatory and in other cases the Office of Inspector General (OIG) has the discretion not to exclude.

The mandatory bases for exclusion include: (1) felony convictions for program related crimes, including fraud or false claims, or for offenses related to the dispensing or use of controlled substances, or (2) convictions related to patient abuse.

Permissive exclusions may be based on: (1) conviction of a misdemeanor related to fraud or financial misconduct involving a government program; (2) obstructing an investigation; (3) failing to provide access to documents or premises as required by federal health care program officials; (4) conviction of a misdemeanor related to controlled substances; (5) failing to disclose information about the entity itself, its subcontractors or its significant business transactions; (6) loss of a state license to practice a health care profession; (7) default on a student loan given in connection with education in a health profession; (8) charging excessive amounts to a Federally funded health care program or furnishing services of poor quality or which are substantially in excess of the needs of the patients; (9) paying a kickback or submitting a false or fraudulent claim. Persons controlling or managing excluded entities who knew of the conduct leading to the exclusion can themselves be excluded, and entities which are owned and controlled by excluded individuals can also be excluded.

Contractor shall indemnify and hold County harmless against any and all loss or damage County

may suffer arising from any Federal exclusion of Contractor or its staff members from such participation in a Federally funded health care program. Contractor shall provide the certification set forth in Exhibit V as part of its obligation under this Paragraph 40.

Failure by Contractor to meet the requirements of this Paragraph shall constitute a material breach of Agreement upon which County may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement.

41.0 CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION – LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS (45 C.F.R. PART 76): The Contractor hereby acknowledges that the County is prohibited from contracting with and making sub-awards to parties that are suspended, debarred, ineligible, or excluded or whose principals are suspended, debarred, ineligible, or excluded from securing federally funded contracts. By executing this Agreement, Contractor certifies that neither it nor any of its owners, officers, partners, directors or other principals is currently suspended, debarred, ineligible, or excluded from securing federally funded contracts. Further, by executing this Agreement, Contractor certifies that, to its knowledge, none of its subcontractors, at any tier, or any owner, officer, partner, director or other principal of any subcontractor is currently suspended, debarred, ineligible, or excluded from securing federally funded contracts. Contractor shall immediately notify County in writing, during the term of this Agreement, should it or any of its subcontractors or any principals of either be suspended, debarred, ineligible, or excluded from securing federally funded contracts. Failure of Contractor to comply with this provision shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement upon which the County may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement.

42.0 CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATION AS A BUSINESS ASSOCIATE UNDER THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996: Under this Agreement, Contractor ("Business Associate") provides services ("Services") to County ("Covered Entity") and Business Associate receives, has access to, or creates Protected Health Information in order to provide those Services. Covered Entity is subject to the Administrative Simplification requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"), and regulations promulgated thereunder, including the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information ("the Privacy Regulations") and the Health Insurance Reform: Security Standards ("the Security Regulations") at 45 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 160 and

164 ("together, the "Privacy and Security Regulations").

The Privacy and Security Regulations require Covered Entity to enter into a contract with Business Associate in order to mandate certain protections for the privacy and security of Protected Health Information, and those Regulations prohibit the disclosure to or use of Protected Health Information by Business Associate if such a contract is not in place.

Therefore, the parties agree as follows:

DEFINITIONS

1.1 "Disclose" and "Disclosure" mean, with respect to Protected Health Information, the release, transfer, provision of access to, or divulging in any other manner of Protected Health Information outside Business Associate's internal operations or to other than its employees.

1.2 "Electronic Media" has the same meaning as the term "electronic media" in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103. Electronic Media means (1) Electronic storage media including memory devices in computers (hard drives) and any removable/transportable digital memory medium, such as magnetic tape or disk, optical disk, or digital memory card; or (2) Transmission media used to exchange information already in electronic storage media. Transmission media include, for example, the internet (wide-open), extranet (using internet technology to link a business with information accessible only to collaborating parties), leased lines, dial-up lines, private networks, and the physical movement of removable/transportable electronic storage media. Certain transmissions, including of paper, via facsimile, and of voice, via telephone, are not considered to be transmissions via electronic media, because the information being exchanged did not exist in electronic form before the transmission.

1.3 "Electronic Protected Health Information" has the same meaning as the term "electronic protected health information" in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103. Electronic Protected Health Information means Protected Health Information that is (i) transmitted by electronic media; (ii) maintained in electronic media.

1.4 "Individual" means the person who is the subject of Protected Health Information and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.502(g).

1.5 "Protected Health Information" has the same meaning as the term "protected health information" in 45 C.F.R. § 164.501, limited to the information created or received by Business Associate from or on

behalf of Covered Entity. Protected Health Information includes information, whether oral or recorded in any form or medium, that (i) relates to the past, present or future physical or mental health or condition of an Individual; the provision of health care to an Individual, or the past, present, or future payment for the provision of health care to an Individual; (ii) identifies the Individual (or for which there is a reasonable basis for believing that the information can be used to identify the Individual); and (iii) is received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity, or is created by Business Associate, or is made accessible to Business Associate by Covered Entity. "Protected Health Information" includes Electronic Health Information.

1.6 "Required By Law" means a mandate contained in law that compels an entity to make a Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information and that is enforceable in a court of law. Required by law includes, but is not limited to, court orders and court-ordered warrants; subpoenas or summons issued by a court, grand jury, a governmental or tribal inspector general, or any administrative body authorized to require the production of information; a civil or an authorized investigative demand; Medicare conditions of participation with respect to health care providers participating in the program; and statutes or regulations that require the production of information, including statutes or regulations that require such information if payment is sought under a government program providing benefits.

1.7 "Security Incident" means the attempted or successful unauthorized access, Use, Disclosure, modification, or destruction of information in, or interference with system operations of, an Information System which contains Electronic Protected Health Information. However, Security Incident does not include attempts to access an Information System when those attempts are not reasonably considered by Business Associate to constitute an actual threat to the Information System.

1.8 "Services" has the same meaning as in the body of this Agreement.

1.9 "Use" or "Uses" mean, with respect to Protected Health Information, the sharing, employment, application, utilization, examination or analysis of such Information within Business Associate's internal operations.

1.10 Terms used, but not otherwise defined in this Paragraph 42 shall have the same meaning as those terms in the HIPAA Regulations.

OBLIGATIONS OF BUSINESS ASSOCIATE

2.1 Permitted Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information. Business Associate:

(a) shall Use and Disclose Protected Health Information as necessary to perform the Services, and as provided in Sections 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 4.3 and 5.2 of this Agreement;

(b) shall Disclose Protected Health Information to Covered Entity upon request;

(c) may, as necessary for the proper management and administration of its business or to carry out its legal responsibilities:

(i) Use Protected Health Information; and

(ii) Disclose Protected Health Information if the Disclosure is Required by Law.

Business Associate shall not Use or Disclose Protected Health Information for any other purpose.

2.2 Adequate Safeguards for Protected Health Information. Business Associate:

(a) shall implement and maintain appropriate safeguards to prevent the Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information in any manner other than as permitted by this Paragraph. Business Associate agrees to limit the Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information to the minimum necessary in accordance with the Privacy Regulation's minimum necessary standard.

(b) effective as of April 20, 2005, specifically as to Electronic Health Information, shall implement and maintain administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of Electronic Protected Health Information.

2.3 Reporting Non-Permitted Use or Disclosure and Security Incidents. Business Associate shall report to Covered Entity each Use or Disclosure that is made by Business Associate, its employees, representatives, agents or subcontractors but is not specifically permitted by this Agreement, and effective as of April 20, 2005, shall report to Covered Entity each Security Incident of which Business Associate becomes aware. The initial report shall be made by telephone call to the Department of Mental Health's Privacy Officer, telephone number (213) 738-4864 within forty-eight (48) hours from the time the Business Associate becomes aware of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure or Security Incident, followed by a full written report no later than ten (10) business days from the date the Business Associate becomes aware

of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure or Security Incident to the Chief Privacy Officer at:

Chief Privacy Officer

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration

500 West Temple ST.

Suite 525

Los Angeles, CA 90012

2.4 Mitigation of Harmful Effect. Business Associate agrees to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Business Associate of a Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information by Business Associate in violation of the requirements of this Paragraph 42.

2.5 Availability of Internal Practices, Books and Records to Government Agencies. Business Associate agrees to make its internal practices, books, and records relating to the Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information available to the Secretary of the federal Department of Health and Human Services for purposes of determining Covered Entity's compliance with the Privacy and Security Regulations. Business Associate shall immediately notify Covered Entity of any requests made by the Secretary and provide Covered Entity with copies of any documents produced in response to such request.

2.6 Access to Protected Health Information. Business Associate shall, to the extent Covered Entity determines that any Protected Health Information constitutes a "designated record set" as defined by 45 C.F.R. § 164.501, make the Protected Health Information specified by Covered Entity available to the Individual(s) identified by Covered Entity as being entitled to access and copy that Protected Health Information. Business Associate shall provide such access for inspection of that Protected Health Information within two (2) business days after receipt of request from Covered Entity. Business Associate shall provide copies of that Protected Health Information within five (5) business days after receipt of request from Covered Entity.

2.7 Amendment of Protected Health Information. Business Associate shall, to the extent Covered Entity determines that any Protected Health Information constitutes a "designated record set" as defined by 45 C.F.R. § 164.501, make any amendments to Protected Health Information that are requested by Covered Entity. Business Associate shall make such amendment within ten (10) business days after

receipt of request from Covered Entity in order for Covered Entity to meet the requirements under 45 C.F.R. § 164.526.

2.8 Accounting of Disclosures. Business Associate agrees to maintain documentation of the information required to provide an accounting of Disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.538, and to make this information available to Covered Entity upon Covered Entity's request, in order to allow Covered Entity to respond to an Individual's request for accounting of disclosures. However, Business Associate is not required to provide an accounting of Disclosures that are necessary to perform its Services if such Disclosures are for either payment or health care operations purposes, or both. Additionally, such accounting is limited to disclosures that were made in the six (6) years prior to the request (not including disclosures that were made prior to the compliance date of the Privacy Rule, April 14, 2003) and shall be provided for as long as Business Associate maintains the Protected Health Information.

Any accounting provided by Business Associate under this Section 2.8 shall include: (a) the date of the Disclosure; (b) the name, and address if known, of the entity or person who received the Protected Health Information; (c) a brief description of the Protected Health Information disclosed; and (d) a brief statement of the purpose of the Disclosure. For each Disclosure that could require an accounting under this Section 2.8, Business Associate shall document the information specified in (a) through (d), above, and shall securely maintain the information for six (6) years from the date of the Disclosure. Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity, within ten (10) business days after receipt of request from Covered Entity, information collected in accordance with this Section 2.8 to permit Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528.

OBLIGATION OF COVERED ENTITY

3.1 Obligation of Covered Entity. Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any current or future restrictions or limitations on the use of Protected Health Information that would affect Business Associate's performance of the Services, and Business Associate shall thereafter restrict or limit its own uses and disclosures accordingly.

TERM AND TERMINATION

4.1 Term. The term of this Paragraph 42 shall be the same as the term of this Agreement. Business Associate's obligations under Sections 2.1 (as modified by Section 4.2), 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 4.3 and 5.2 shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

4.2 Termination for Cause. In addition to and notwithstanding the termination provisions set forth in this Agreement, upon Covered Entity's knowledge of a material breach by Business Associate, Covered Entity shall either:

(a) Provide an opportunity for Business Associate to cure the breach or end the violation and terminate this Agreement if Business Associate does not cure the breach or end the violation within the time specified by Covered Entity;

(b) Immediately terminate this Agreement if Business Associate has breached a material term of this Paragraph and cure is not possible; or

(c) If neither termination nor cure is feasible, Covered Entity shall report the violation to the Secretary of the federal Department of Health and Human Services.

4.3 Disposition of Protected Health Information Upon Termination or Expiration.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, upon termination for any reason or expiration of this Agreement, Business Associate shall return or destroy all Protected Health Information received from Covered Entity, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity. This provision shall apply to Protected Health Information that is in the possession of subcontractors or agents of Business Associate. Business Associate shall retain no copies of the Protected Health Information.

(b) In the event that Business Associate determines that returning or destroying the Protected Health Information is infeasible, Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity notification of the conditions that make infeasible. If return or destruction is infeasible, Business Associate shall extend the protections of this Agreement to such Protected Health Information and limit further Uses and Disclosures of such Protected Health Information to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as Business Associate maintains such Protected Health Information.

MISCELLANEOUS

5.1 No Third Party Beneficiaries. Nothing in this Paragraph 42 shall confer upon any person other than the parties and their respective successors or assigns, any rights, remedies, obligations, or liabilities whatsoever.

5.2 Use of Subcontractors and Agents. Business Associate shall require each of its agents and subcontractors that receive Protected Health Information from Business Associate, or create Protected Health Information for Business Associate, on behalf of Covered Entity, to execute a written agreement obligating the agent or subcontractor to comply with all the terms of this Paragraph 42.

5.3 Relationship to Services Agreement Provisions. In the event that a provision of this Paragraph 42 is contrary to another provision of this Agreement, the provision of this Paragraph 42 shall control. Otherwise, this Paragraph 42 shall be construed under, and in accordance with, the terms of this Agreement.

5.4 Regulatory References. A reference in this Paragraph 42 to a section in the Privacy or Security Regulations means the section as in effect or as amended.

5.5 Interpretation. Any ambiguity in this Paragraph 42 shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that permits Covered Entity to comply with the Privacy and Security Regulations.

5.6 Amendment. The parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this Paragraph from time to time as is necessary for Covered Entity to comply with the requirements of the Privacy and Security Regulations.

43.0 CONTRACTOR'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO THE SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW: The Contractor acknowledges that the County places a high priority on the implementation of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law. The Contractor understands that it is the County's policy to encourage all County Contractors to voluntarily post the County's "Safely Surrendered Baby Law" poster in a prominent position at the Contractor's place of business. The Contractor will also encourage its subcontractors, if any, to post this poster in a prominent position in the subcontractor's place of business. The County's Department of Children and Family Services will supply the Contractor with the poster to be used.

44.0 COMPLIANCE WITH JURY SERVICE PROGRAM:

A Jury Service Program: This Agreement is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled Contractor Employee Jury Service ("Jury Service Program") as codified in Sections 2.203.010 through 2.203.090 of the Los Angeles County Code.

B Written Employee Jury Service Policy:

(1) Unless Contractor has demonstrated to the County's satisfaction either that Contractor is not a "Contractor" as defined under the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.020 of the County Code) or that Contractor qualifies for an exception to the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.070 of the County Code), Contractor shall have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its Employees shall receive from the Contractor, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for actual jury service. The policy may provide that Employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with the Contractor or that the Contractor deduct from the Employee's regular pay the fees received for jury service.

(2) For purposes of this Section, "Contractor" means a person, partnership, corporation or other entity which has an Agreement with the County or a subcontract with a County Contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of $50,000 or more in any 12-month period under one or more County Agreements or subcontracts. "Employee" means any California resident who is a full-time employee of Contractor. "Full-time" means 40 hours or more worked per week or a lesser number of hours if: 1) the lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by the County, or 2) Contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full-time. Full-time employees providing short-term, temporary services of 90 days or less within a 12-month period are not considered full-time for purposes of the Jury Service Program. If Contractor uses any subcontractor to perform services for the County under the Agreement, the subcontractor shall also be subject to the provisions of this Section. The provisions of this Section shall be inserted into any such subcontract Agreement and a copy of the Jury Service Program shall be attached to the Agreement.

(3) If Contractor is not required to comply with the Jury Service Program when the Agreement commences, Contractor shall have a continuing obligation to review the applicability of its

"exception status" from the Jury Service Program, and Contractor shall immediately notify County if Contractor at any time either comes within the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor" or if Contractor no longer qualifies for an exception to the Program. In either event, Contractor shall immediately implement a written policy consistent with the Jury Service Program. The County may also require, at any time during the Agreement and at its sole discretion, that Contractor demonstrate to the County's satisfaction that Contractor either continues to remain outside of the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor" and/or that Contractor continues to qualify for an exception to the Program.

(4) Contractor's violation of this section of the Agreement may constitute a material breach of the Agreement. In the event of such material breach, County may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Agreement and/or bar Contractor from the award of future County Agreements for a period of time consistent with the seriousness of the breach.

45.0 DELEGATION AND ASSIGNMENT BY CONTRACTOR:

A. Contractor shall not assign its rights or delegate its duties under this Agreement, or both, whether in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of County, in its discretion, and any attempted assignment or delegation without such consent shall be null and void. For purposes of this paragraph, County consent shall require a written amendment to this Agreement, which is formally approved and executed by the parties. Any payments by County to any approved delegate or assignee on any claim under this Agreement shall be deductible, at County's sole discretion, against the claims which Contractor may have against County.

B. Shareholders, partners, members, or other equity holders of Contractor may transfer, sell, exchange, assign, or divest themselves of any interest they may have therein. However, in the event any such sale, transfer, exchange, assignment, or divestment is effected in such a way as to give majority control of Contractor to any person(s), corporation, partnership, or legal entity other than the majority controlling interest therein at the time of execution of this Agreement, such disposition is an assignment requiring the prior written consent of County in accordance with applicable provisions of this Agreement.

C. Any assumption, assignment, delegation, or takeover of any of the Contractor's duties, responsibilities, obligations, or performance of same by any entity other than the Contractor, whether

through assignment, subcontract, delegation, merger, buyout, or any other mechanism, with or without consideration for any reason whatsoever without County's express prior written approval, shall be a material breach of this Agreement which may result in the termination of this Agreement. In the event of such termination, County shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by Contractor.

46.0 CONTRACTOR'S CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COMPLIANCE: The Supervision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act regulates entities receiving or raising charitable contributions. The "Nonprofit Integrity Act of 2004" (SB 1262, Chapter 919) increased Charitable Purposes Act requirements. By requiring Contractors to complete the certification in Attachment VII, the County seeks to ensure that all County contractors which receive or raise charitable contributions comply with California law in order to protect the County and its taxpayers. A Contractor which receives or raises charitable contributions without complying with its obligations under California law commits a material breach subjecting it to either contract termination or debarment proceedings or both. (County Code Chapter 2.202)

47.0 COUNTY'S OBLIGATION FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE FISCAL YEARS: Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, this Agreement shall not be effective and binding upon the parties unless and until County's Board of Supervisors appropriates funds for purposes hereof in County's Budget for County's current Fiscal Year. Further, County shall not be obligated for Contractor's performance hereunder or by any provision of this Agreement during any of County's future Fiscal Years unless and until County's Board of Supervisors appropriates funds for purposes hereof in County's Budget for each such future Fiscal Year. In the event that funds are not appropriated for this Agreement, then this Agreement shall terminate as of June 30 of the last Fiscal Year for which funds were appropriated.

48. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND OUTCOME MEASURES: The Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and County policies and procedures relating to performance standards and outcome measures. This is applicable whenever specific Federal or State funding, which has policies or procedures for performance standards and/or outcome measures has been included as part of the Contractor's contract and shall apply for all County policies, procedures, or departmental bulletins

approved by the Director or his designee for performance standards and/or outcome measures. County will notify Contractor whenever County policies or procedures are to apply to this contract provision (e.g., AB 2034 grant) at least, where feasible, 30 calendar days prior to implementation.

These Federal, State or County performance standards and/or outcome measures will be used as part of the determination of the effectiveness of the services delivered by the Contractor.

49.0 LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PREFERENCE PROGRAM: This contract is subject to all provisions of the County's ordinance entitled Local Business Enterprise Preference Program, as codified in Chapter 2.204 of the Los Angeles County Code. Specifically, Contractor shall pay particular attention to the following provisions in Chapter 2.204:

Contractor shall not knowingly and with the intent to defraud, fraudulently obtain, retain, attempt to obtain or retain, or aid another in fraudulently obtaining or retaining or attempting to obtain or retain certification as a Local Small Business Enterprise,

Contractor shall not willfully and knowingly make a false statement with the intent to defraud, whether by affidavit, report, or other representation, to a County official or employee for the purpose of influencing the certification or denial of certification of any entity as a Local Small Business Enterprise.

If Contractor has obtained certification as a Local Small Business Enterprise by reason of having furnished incorrect supporting information or by reason of having withheld information, and which knew, or should have known, the information furnished was incorrect or the information withheld was relevant to its request for certification, and which by reason of such certification has been awarded this contract to which it would not otherwise have been entitled, shall:

1. Pay to the County any difference between the contract amount and what the County's costs would have been if the contract had been properly awarded;
2. In addition to the amount described in subdivision (1), be assessed a penalty in an amount of not more than 10 percent (10%) of the amount of the contract; and
3. Be subject to the provisions of Chapter 2.202 of the Los Angeles County Code (Determinations of Contractor Non-responsibility and Contractor Debarment).

The above penalties shall also apply to any Contractor that has previously obtained proper

certification, however, as a result of a change in their status would no longer be eligible for certification, and fails to notify the State and the Office of Affirmative Action Compliance (OAAC) of this information prior to responding to a solicitation or accepting a contract award.

50.0 NOTICES: All notices or demands required or permitted to be given or made under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be hand-delivered with signed receipt or mailed by first-class, registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties at the following addresses and to the attention of the persons named. Director shall have the authority to execute all notices or demands which are required or permitted by County under this Agreement. Addresses and persons to be notified may be changed by either party by giving ten days prior written notice thereof to the other party.

For the County, please use the following contact information:

County of Los Angeles
Department of Mental Health
Contract Development and Administration Division
550 S. Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90020
ATTN: Richard Kushi, Chief

For the Contractor, please use the following contact information:

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Amendment to be subscribed by County's Director of Mental Health or his designee, and Consultant has caused this Amendment to be subscribed in its behalf by its duly authorized officer, the day, month, and year first above written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By_____
MARVIN J. SOUTHARD, D.S.W.
Director of Mental Health

_____
CONTRACTOR

By_____

Name_____

Title_____
(AFFIX CORPORATE SEAL HERE)

APPROVED AS TO FORM
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

APPROVED AS TO CONTRACT
ADMINISTRATION:

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

By_____
Chief, Contracts Development and
Administration Division

EXHIBIT I

STATEMENT OF WORK

Service Agreement with Lifesigns, Inc.

Provision of professional sign language interpretation services to hearing impaired clients in mental health settings requires a special expertise. Lifesigns, Inc. is uniquely qualified to provide these services. Lifesigns, Inc. staff have specific training and experience that enable them to appropriately interpret and provide sign language for the sensitive situations encountered in the course of providing mental health services to the client population served by the Department of Mental Health (DMH) and its contract agencies.

In order to comply with various Federal and State mandates requiring equal access to mental health services for hearing impaired persons, DMH will use the services of Lifesigns, Inc. to meet these requirements. Goals of this Agreement include, but are not limited to:

I. Goals

To provide qualified sign language interpretation services to hearing impaired clients who require the assistance to receive services at directly-operated and contract agencies as well as interpretation services at public meetings and training events.

A. To provide qualified sign language interpreters on an as needed basis.

B. To provide effective and accessible communication services at a level that will afford the hearing impaired client optimum benefit and equal to that of their hearing peers.

C. To provide sign language interpreter service that meets all Federal, State, and local laws and non-discrimination requirements.

II. Description of Services

Services include, but are not limited, to the following:

A. Interpreter Referral--24 hours a day, 7 days a week
B. Communication Aids
C. Telephone Assistance
D. Interpreter Training
E. Non-Emergency Interpreter Requests

F. Emergency Interpreter Requests--dispatched within 45 minutes of the request, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

III. Contractor's Responsibilities

A. Provide qualified sign language interpreters on an as needed basis to facilitate communication between clinicians and the hearing impaired clients served.

B. Provide qualified sign language interpreters on an as needed basis to facilitate communication at public meetings and training events.

C. Submit all required documentation and invoices.

D. Monitor and enforce all contracting provisions.

IV. DMH's Responsibilities

A. Provide community mental health services to hearing impaired clients served at directly-operated and contracted program sites.

B. Appoint one individual to act as liaison/facilitator between directly-operated and contracted programs and the Contractor. This liaison/facilitator will be responsible for authorizing all requests for interpreters, monitoring for verification and accuracy, and relaying pertinent information to the Contractor.

EXHIBIT II

LIFESIGNS, INC

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

FISCAL YEAR 2008-09

Pre-scheduled professional sign language interpretation service @ $60.00 per hour (2 hour minimum) for 816.67 hours*	$49,000
Special additional fee for emergency/unscheduled sessions @ $10.00 for 100 hours	$1,000
Maximum Contract Amount	$50,000

*__Note__: *Actual number of hours for emergency charges and/or scheduled services incurred may vary, but the total charges will not exceed the Maximum Contract Amount of $50,000.*

ARTICLES

Article I
Contractor shall inform County when up to 75 percent (75%) of the Maximum Contract Amount has been incurred. Contractor shall send such notice to those persons and addresses that are set forth in Paragraph 50 (NOTICES).

Article II
No Payment for Services Provided Following Expiration/Termination of Contract:
Contractor shall have no claim against County for payment of any money or reimbursement, of any kind whatsoever, for any service provided by Contractor after expiration or other termination of this Contract. Should Contractor receive such payment, it shall immediately notify County and shall immediately repay all such funds to County. Payment by County for services rendered after expiration/termination of this Contract shall not constitute a waiver of County's right to recover such payment from Contractor. This provision shall survive the expiration or other termination of this Contract.

Article III
The Maximum Contract Amount is funded by County General Funds (CGF)/Realignment.

EXHIBIT III

CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

CONTRACTOR _____

CONTRACT NUMBER _____

CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

I understand and agree that I am an independent contractor and that I am not an employee of the County of Los Angeles for any purpose whatsoever and that I do not have and will not acquire any rights or benefits of any kind from the County of Los Angeles by virtue of my performance of work under the above-referenced contract. I understand and agree that I do not have and will not acquire any rights or benefits from the County of Los Angeles pursuant to any agreement between any person or entity and the County of Los Angeles.

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT:

(You may be involved with work pertaining to services provided by the County of Los Angeles and, if so, you may have access to confidential data and information pertaining to persons and/or entities receiving services from the County. In addition, you may also have access to proprietary information supplied by the County of Los Angles or by other vendors doing business with the County of Los Angeles. The County has a legal obligation to protect all such confidential data and information in its possession, especially data and information concerning health, mental health, criminal and welfare recipient records. If you are to be involved in County work, the County must ensure that you, too, will protect the confidentiality of such data and information. Consequently, you must sign this agreement as a condition of your work for the County. Please read this agreement and take due time to consider it prior to signing.)

I hereby agree that I will not divulge to any unauthorized person any data or information obtained while performing work pursuant to the above-referenced contract with the County of Los Angeles. I agree to forward all requests for the release of any data or information received by me to the County Project Manager.

EXHIBIT III

CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT
(Continued)

I agree to keep confidential all financial, health, criminal and welfare recipient records and all data and information pertaining to persons and/or entities receiving services from the County, design concepts, algorithms, programs, formats, documentation, County proprietary information and all other original materials produced, created or provided to or by me under the above-referenced contract. I agree to protect these confidential materials against disclosure to other than County employees who have a need to know the information. I agree that if proprietary information supplied by the County or by other County vendors is provided to me during this engagement, I shall keep such information confidential.

I agree to report to the County Project Manager any and all violations of this contract by myself and/or by any other person of which I became aware. I agree to return all confidential materials to the County Project Manager upon completion of termination of this contract.

I acknowledge that violation of this agreement may subject me to civil and/or criminal action and that the County of Los Angeles may seek all possible legal redress.

NAME: _____ DATE: _____
(Signature)

NAME: _____

POSITION: _____

EXHIBIT IV

CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

CONTRACTOR NAME _____

EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

I understand and agree that I am an employee and that I am not an employee of the County of Los Angeles for any purpose whatsoever and that I do not have and will not acquire any rights or benefits of any kind from the County of Los Angeles by virtue of my performance of work under the above-referenced Agreement. I understand and agree that I do not have and will not acquire any rights or benefits from the County of Los Angeles pursuant to any agreement between any person or entity and the County of Los Angeles.

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT:

(You may be involved with work pertaining to services provided by the Lifesigns, Inc. in Los Angeles County and, if so, you may have access to confidential data and information pertaining to persons and/or entities receiving services from Lifesigns, Inc. In addition, you may also have access to proprietary information supplied by Lifesigns, Inc. or by other vendors doing business with Lifesigns, Inc. Lifesigns, Inc. has a legal obligation to protect all such confidential data and information in its possession, especially data and information concerning health, mental health, criminal and welfare recipient records. If you are to be involved in County work, the County must ensure that you, too, will protect the confidentiality of such data and information. Consequently, you must sign this agreement as a condition of your work with Lifesigns, Inc. Please read this agreement and take due time to consider it prior to signing.)

I hereby agree that I will not divulge to any unauthorized person any data or information obtained while performing work pursuant to the above-referenced Agreement with Lifesigns, Inc. I agree to forward all requests for the release of any data or information received by me to the CONTRACTOR Manager.

I agree to keep confidential all financial, health, criminal and welfare recipient records and all data and information pertaining to persons and/or entities receiving services from Lifesigns, Inc. design concepts, algorithms, programs, formats, documentation, County proprietary information and all other original materials produced, created or provided to or by me under the above referenced Agreement.

EXHIBIT IV

CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT
(Continued)

I agree to protect these confidential materials against disclosure to other than County employees who have a need to know the information. I agree that if proprietary information supplied by Lifesigns, Inc. or by other County vendors is provided to me during this engagement, I shall keep such information confidential.

I agree to report to the CONTRACTOR Manager any and all violations of this Agreement by myself and/or by any other person of which I became aware. I agree to return all confidential materials to the CONTRACTOR Manager upon completion of termination of this Agreement.

I acknowledge that violation of this agreement may subject me to civil and/or criminal action and that the County of Los Angeles may seek all possible legal redress.

BY: _____ DATE: _____
(Employee Signature)

NAME: _____

EXHIBIT V

ATTESTATION REGARDING FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS

In accordance with your agreement with the County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health under Paragraph (CONTRACTOR'S/UNIVERSITY'S EXCLUSION FROM PARTICIPATION IN A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM):

I, the undersigned certify that I am not presently excluded from participation in federally funded health care programs, nor is there an investigation presently pending or recently concluded of me which is likely to result in my exclusion from any federally funded health care program, nor am I otherwise likely to be found by a federal or state agency to be ineligible to provide goods or services under the federally funded health care programs.

I further certify as the official responsible for the administration of _____ _____ (hereafter "Contractor") that all of its officers, employees, agents and/or sub-contractors are not presently excluded from participation in any federally funded health care programs, nor is there an investigation presently pending or recently concluded of any such officers, employees, agents and/or sub-contractors which is likely to result in an exclusion from any federally funded health care program, nor are any of its officers, employees, agents and/or sub-contractors otherwise likely to be found by a federal or state agency to be ineligible to provide goods or services under the federally funded health care programs.

I understand and certify that I will notify DMH within thirty (30) calendar days, in writing of:

- Any event that would require Contractor or any of its officers, employees, agents and/or sub-contractors exclusion or suspension under federally funded health care programs, or
- Any suspension or exclusionary action taken by an agency of the federal or state government against Contractor, or one or more of its officers, employees, agents and/or sub-contractors, barring it or its officers, employees, agents and/or sub-contractors from providing goods or services for which federally funded healthcare program payment may be made.

Name of authorized official _____
Please print name

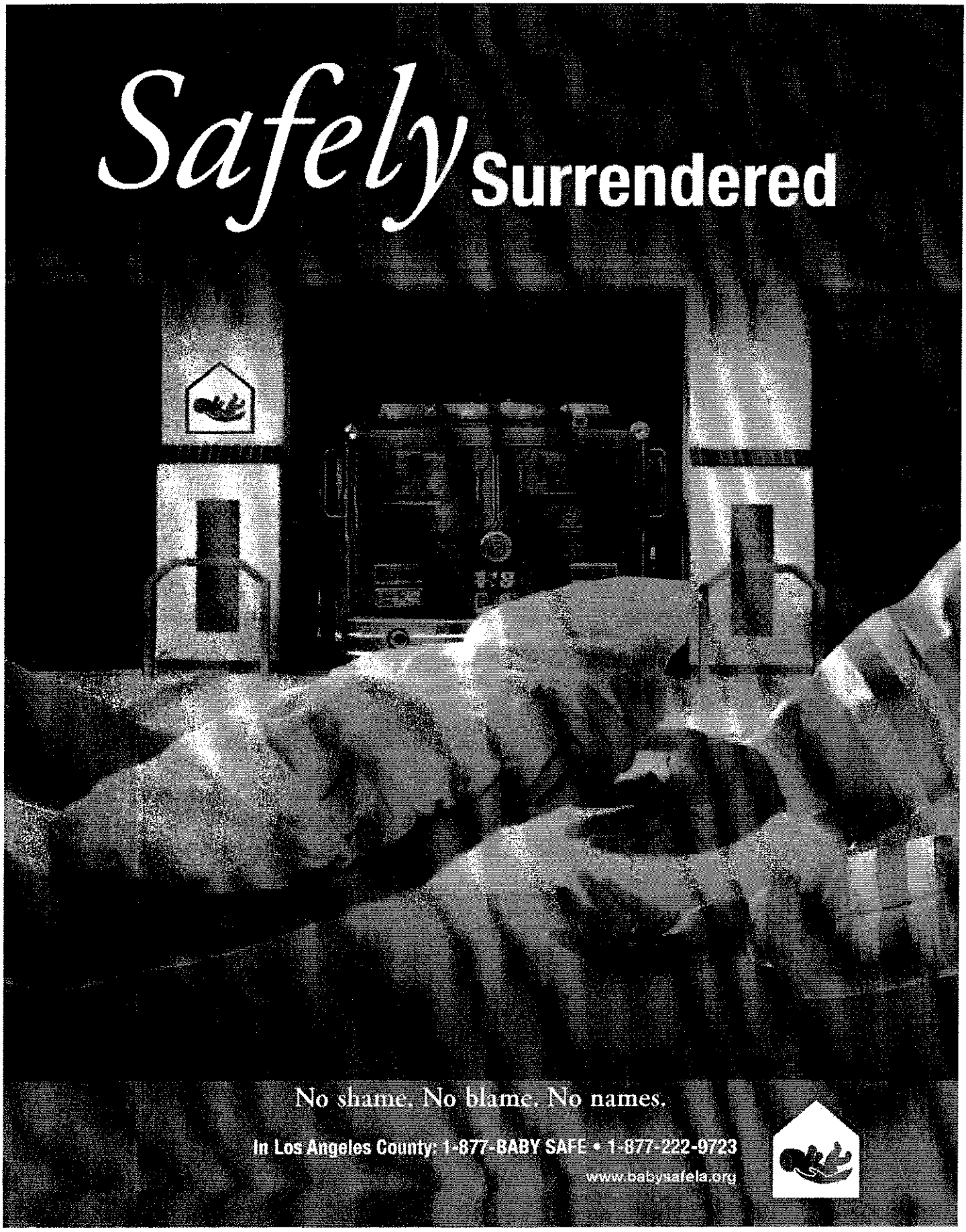
Signature of authorized official _____ Date _____

EXHIBIT VI

SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW

Posters and Fact Sheets are available in English and Spanish for printing purposes at the following website:

www.babysafela.org


Safely Surrendered
No shame. No blame. No names.
In Los Angeles County: 1-877-BABY SAFE • 1-877-222-9723
www.babysafela.org

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www.babysafela.org

Safely Surrendered *Baby Law*

What is the Safely Surrendered Baby Law?

How does it work?

A distressed parent who is unable or unwilling to care for a baby can legally, confidentially, and safely surrender a baby within three days (72 hours) of birth. The baby must be handed to an employee at a hospital or fire station in Los Angeles County. As long as the baby shows no sign of abuse or neglect, no name or other information is required. In case the parent changes his or her mind at a later date and wants the baby back, staff will use bracelets to help connect them to each other. One bracelet will be placed on the baby, and a matching bracelet will be given to the parent or other surrendering adult.

What if a parent wants the baby back?

Parents who change their minds can begin the process of reclaiming their baby within 14 days. These parents should call the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services at 1-800-540-4000.

Can only a parent bring in the baby?

No. While in most cases a parent will bring in the baby, the Law allows other people to bring in the baby if they have lawful custody.

Does the parent or surrendering adult have to call before bringing in the baby?

No. A parent or surrendering adult can bring in a baby anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, as long as the parent or surrendering adult surrenders the baby to someone who works at the hospital or fire station.

Does the parent or surrendering adult have to tell anything to the people taking the baby?

No. However, hospital or fire station personnel will ask the surrendering party to fill out a questionnaire designed to gather important medical history information, which is very useful in caring for the baby. The questionnaire includes a stamped return envelope and can be sent in at a later time.

What happens to the baby?

The baby will be examined and given medical treatment. Upon release from the hospital, social workers immediately place the baby in a safe and loving home and begin the adoption process.

What happens to the parent or surrendering adult?

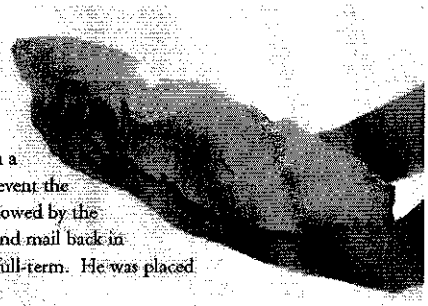
Once the parent or surrendering adult surrenders the baby to hospital or fire station personnel, they may leave at any time.

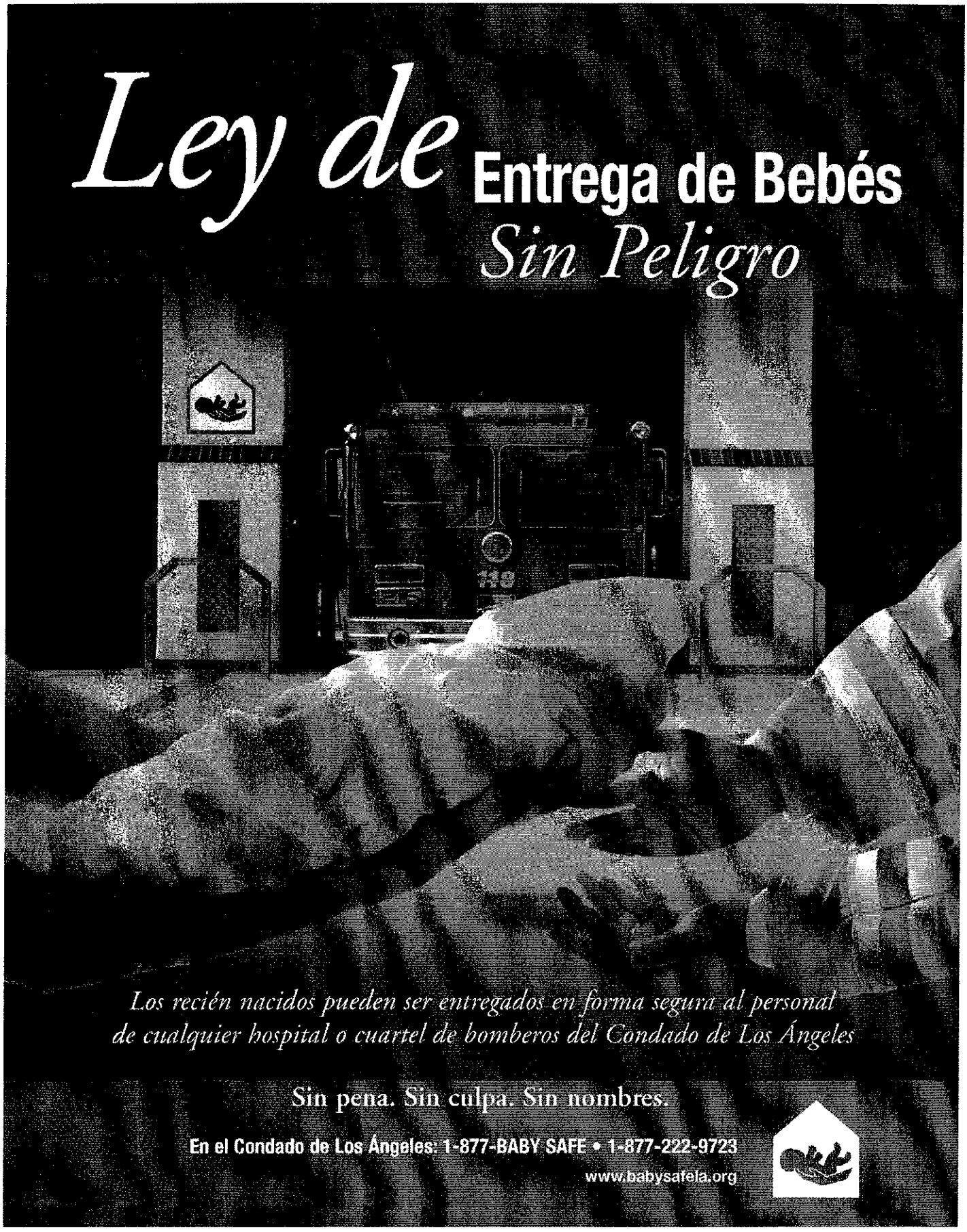
Why is California doing this?

The purpose of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law is to protect babies from being abandoned, hurt or killed by their parents. You may have heard tragic stories of babies left in dumpsters or public bathrooms. Their parents may have been under severe emotional distress. The mothers may have hidden their pregnancies, fearful of what would happen if their families found out. Because they were afraid and had no one or nowhere to turn for help, they abandoned their babies. Abandoning a baby is illegal and places the baby in extreme danger. Too often, it results in the baby's death. The Safely Surrendered Baby Law prevents this tragedy from ever happening again in California.

A baby's story

Early in the morning on April 9, 2005, a healthy baby boy was safely surrendered to nurses at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. The woman who brought the baby to the hospital identified herself as the baby's aunt and stated the baby's mother had asked her to bring the baby to the hospital on her behalf. The aunt was given a bracelet with a number matching the anklet placed on the baby; this would provide some identification in the event the mother changed her mind about surrendering the baby and wished to reclaim the baby in the 14-day period allowed by the Law. The aunt was also provided with a medical questionnaire and said she would have the mother complete and mail back in the stamped return envelope provided. The baby was examined by medical staff and pronounced healthy and full-term. He was placed with a loving family that had been approved to adopt him by the Department of Children and Family Services.

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Ley de Entrega de Bebés *Sin Peligro*

¿Qué es la Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro?

La Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin [illegible] la posibilidad de que un recién [illegible] de sus padres [illegible] a personas con custodia legal [illegible] a la persona a quien [illegible] hasta los 3 días de vida permite [illegible] hospitales del Condado de Los Ángeles [illegible] días (72 horas) de vida a ningún [illegible] sufrido abuso o [illegible] negligencia puede entregar al [illegible] empleado del hospital o cuartel de bomberos [illegible] preguntas o hacer [illegible] persona que [illegible]

Cada recién nacido se merece la oportunidad de tener una vida saludable. Si alguien que usted conoce está pensando en abandonar a un recién nacido, infórmele que tiene otras opciones. Hasta tres días (72 horas) después del nacimiento, se puede entregar un recién nacido al personal de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del condado de Los Angeles.

¿Cómo funciona?

El padre/madre con dificultades que no pueda o no quiera cuidar de su recién nacido puede entregarlo en forma legal, confidencial y segura dentro de los tres días (72 horas) del nacimiento. El bebé debe ser entregado a un empleado de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Ángeles. Siempre que el bebé no presente signos de abuso o negligencia, no será necesario suministrar nombres ni información alguna. Si el padre/madre cambia de opinión posteriormente y desea recuperar a su bebé, los trabajadores utilizarán brazaletes para poder vincularlos. El bebé llevará un brazalete y el padre/madre o el adulto que lo entregue recibirá un brazalete igual.

¿Qué pasa si el padre/madre desea recuperar a su bebé?

Los padres que cambien de opinión pueden comenzar el proceso de reclamar a su recién nacido dentro de los 14 días. Estos padres deberán llamar al Departamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias (Department of Children and Family Services) del Condado de Los Ángeles al 1-800-540-4000.

¿Sólo los padres podrán llevar al recién nacido?

No. Si bien en la mayoría de los casos son los padres los que llevan al bebé, la ley permite que otras personas lo hagan *si tienen custodia legal.*

¿Los padres o el adulto que entrega al bebé deben llamar antes de llevar al bebé?

No. El padre/madre o adulto puede llevar al bebé en cualquier momento, las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana, siempre y cuando entreguen a su bebé a un empleado del hospital o cuartel de bomberos.

¿Es necesario que el padre/madre o adulto diga algo a las personas que reciben al bebé?

No. Sin embargo, el personal del hospital o cuartel de bomberos le pedirá a la persona que entregue al bebé que llene un cuestionario con la finalidad de recabar antecedentes médicos importantes, que resultan de gran utilidad para cuidar bien del bebé. El cuestionario incluye un sobre con el sello postal pagado para enviarlo en otro momento.

¿Qué pasará con el bebé?

El bebé será examinado y le brindarán atención médica. Cuando le den el alta del hospital, los trabajadores sociales inmediatamente ubicarán al bebé en un hogar seguro donde estará bien atendido, y se comenzará el proceso de adopción.

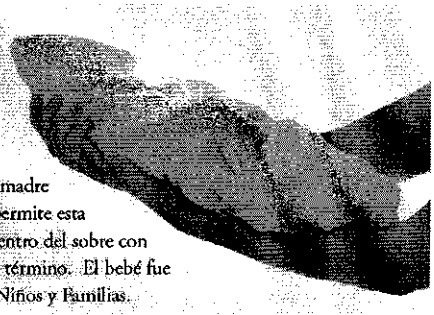
¿Qué pasará con el padre/madre o adulto que entregue al bebé?

Una vez que los padres o adulto hayan entregado al bebé al personal del hospital o cuartel de bomberos, pueden irse en cualquier momento.

¿Por qué se está haciendo esto en California? ?

La finalidad de la Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro es proteger a los bebés para que no sean abandonados, lastimados o muertos por sus padres. Usted probablemente haya escuchado historias trágicas sobre bebés abandonados en basureros o en baños públicos. Los padres de esos bebés probablemente hayan estado pasando por dificultades emocionales graves. Las madres pueden haber ocultado su embarazo, por temor a lo que pasaría si sus familias se enteraran. Abandonaron a sus bebés porque tenían miedo y no tenían nadie a quien pedir ayuda. El abandono de un recién nacido es ilegal y pone al bebé en una situación de peligro extremo. Muy a menudo el abandono provoca la muerte del bebé. La Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro impide que vuelva a suceder esta tragedia en California.

Historia de un bebé



A la mañana temprano del día 9 de abril de 2005, se entregó un recién nacido saludable a las enfermeras del Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. La mujer que llevó el recién nacido al hospital se dio a conocer como la tía del bebé, y dijo que la madre le había pedido que llevara al bebé al hospital en su nombre. Le entregaron a la tía un brazalete con un número que coincidía con la pulsera del bebé; esto serviría como identificación en caso de que la madre cambiara de opinión con respecto a la entrega del bebé y decidiera recuperarlo dentro del período de 14 días que permite esta ley. También le dieron a la tía un cuestionario médico, y ella dijo que la madre lo llenaría y lo enviaría de vuelta dentro del sobre con franqueo pagado que le habían dado. El personal médico examinó al bebé y se determinó que estaba saludable y a término. El bebé fue ubicado con una buena familia que ya había sido aprobada para adoptarlo por el Departamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias.

EXHIBIT VII

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS CERTIFICATION

_____
Company Name

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Address

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Internal Revenue Service Employer Identification Number

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California Registry of Charitable Trusts "CT" number (if applicable)

The Nonprofit Integrity Act (SB 1262, Chapter 919) added requirements to California's Supervision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act which regulates those receiving and raising charitable contributions.

Check the Certification below that is applicable to your company.

☐ Proposer or Contractor has examined its activities and determined that it does not now receive or raise charitable contributions regulated under California's Supervision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act. If Proposer engages in activities subjecting it to those laws during the term of a County contract, it will timely comply with them and provide County a copy of its initial registration with the California State Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts when filed.

OR

☐ Proposer or Contractor is registered with the California Registry of Charitable Trusts under the CT number listed above and is in compliance with its registration and reporting requirements under California law. Attached is a copy of its most recent filing with the Registry of Charitable Trusts as required by Title 11 California Code of Regulations, sections 300-301 and Government Code sections 12585-12586.

_____ _____
Signature Date

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Name and Title of Signer (please print)

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
Contracts Development and Administration Division

Attachment A-2

CONTRACTING WITH MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED FIRMS
PERCENTAGE OF OWNERSHIP IN FIRM

SPECIALIZED AGREEMENT

	Contractor/Firm	Firm Status	Black/African American		Hispanic/Latin American		Asian American		White	
			% Men	% Women	% Men	% Women	% Men	% Women	% Men	% Women
1	Lifesigns, Inc	NP								

Firm Status: NP = Non Profit
P = For Profit
G = Governmental

NOTE: Non Profit firms and governmental institutions are not owned; hence, the data on percentage of ownership in firm by ethnicity and gender is not required per instructions from the Office of Affirmative Action Comp