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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

APPROVAL TO RENEW A SOLE SOURCE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY SERVICES, INC.
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-11
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Request approval to renew a Sole Source Services Agreement with Mental Health Advocacy Services, Inc., to continue assisting clients with mental illness to file applications for financial benefits and provide advocacy services for families in need of Special Education services from public schools.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute a Sole Source Services Agreement, substantially similar to Attachment I, with Mental Health Advocacy Services, Inc. (MHAS), for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-11, effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, with the option to extend the term up to six additional months to allot time for the completion of a new solicitation. The Total Compensation Amount (TCA) for FY 2010-11 is $404,900, funded by Sales Tax Realignment revenue.

2. Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute future Amendments to the Services Agreement provided that: 1) the County's total payments under this Agreement for the applicable FY does not exceed an increase of 20 percent from the applicable Board approved TCA; 2) any such increase will be used to provide additional services or to reflect program and/or policy changes; 3) your Board has appropriated sufficient funds for all changes; 4)

approval of County Counsel and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or their respective designees, is obtained prior to any such Amendment; 5) the parties may, by written Amendment, mutually agree to reduce programs or services; and 6) the Director of Mental Health notifies your Board of Agreement changes in writing within 30 days after execution of each Amendment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Board approval of the recommended actions is required to renew the Agreement with MHAS that will ensure uninterrupted services. Currently, the FY 2009-10 Agreement is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2010. During FY 2010-11, DMH plans to develop and implement a solicitation process to identify new agencies that can provide the same services as MHAS at a significant advantage to the County.

MHAS is a non-profit organization that provides legal services to people with mental and developmental disabilities. This agency's specialty in assisting severely and persistently mentally ill adults through the application process for Supplemental Social Security (SSI)/Medi-Cal benefits is best supported by MHAS' demonstrated area of expertise and knowledge for protocols regarding the filing and processing of SSI/Medi-Cal applications that result in quick approval of benefits. MHAS' staff has developed a unique rapport with the Social Security Administration (SSA) and the State Disability Evaluation Division (DED) that further facilitates the agency's ability to assist the needs of all its clients with great efficiency. This has established MHAS as a reputable agency with consistently successful outcomes for its clients, which in turn has also benefitted the Department of Mental Health (DMH) financially by increasing its generated Medi-Cal revenue.

MHAS is uniquely qualified to provide the services needed to assist this population as the combination of its programmatic expertise and program design has led to consistently successful outcomes which have established it as the leader in its industry. Since initially obtaining a contract with DMH in 1997, MHAS has assisted over 4,600 adult consumers obtain SSI and Medi-Cal benefits, and currently serves 600 new consumers each year. MHAS has a success rate of 80 percent in helping consumers acquire benefits, compared to an overall 50 percent national success rate. It is estimated that the total value of SSI and Medi-Cal benefits received by the project's consumers will be close to $50 million by the end of 2010.

There have been consistently positive advantages and benefits that County departments have gained from MHAS' assistance to clients in obtaining Medi-Cal and SSI benefits. Services provided by various County departments, such as DMH, Department of Health Services, and the Department of Public Social Services, will potentially be covered or replaced by services provided through Medi-Cal/SSI benefits. For example, mental health clients who obtain SSI benefits through the help of MHAS will no longer have a need (or be eligible) for General Relief (GR) services, and subsequently, these clients become independent from soliciting GR services. Thus, once-limited County resources and net County cost can be reallocated to other areas as mentally ill persons become beneficiaries of SSI and Medi-Cal, and thus minimize the use of costly resources to the County (e.g., receiving community-based health treatment rather than obtaining emergency treatment).

MHAS also offers education and legal advocacy for low-income parents of disabled school-aged children to access special education services which they are entitled to under federal and State laws.

Renewal of the MHAS contract will ensure immediate access to benefits for mentally and developmentally disabled clients. In addition, Board approval will allow the Department to amend the Sole Source Services Agreement, as the need arises.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions are consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal 2, Children, Family and Adult Well-Being, and Goal 4, Health and Mental Health.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no net County cost.

The TCA for MHAS in FY 2010-11 is $404,900, funded with Sales Tax Realignment revenue. Funding is included in DMH's 2010-11 Proposed Budget. Funding for future FYs to the extent necessary will be requested through DMH's annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

SSI advocacy plays an important role in helping people with mental disabilities become eligible for benefits. For DMH clients who are unable to work due to their disability, SSI becomes one of the few sources of income available for this population. The SSI application process is cumbersome and complex for many people with mental illness, and MHAS has become an entity known for its ability to retain experienced and knowledgeable advocates who are able to successfully assist the mentally ill population in obtaining and maintaining their SSI payments.

Administrative staff of DMH will continue to administer and monitor Contractor's adherence to the Agreement to ensure quality services are provided to clients.

The Agreement format includes the following revised and new provisions: Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, Contractor's Obligations as a Business Associate under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH), Immediate Termination by County, and Indemnification and Insurance. The attached Agreement format has been approved as to form by County Counsel. The CEO has reviewed the proposed actions.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Solicitation requirement process and time limitations will prevent DMH from completing the entire solicitation process before the beginning of the new contract term on July 1, 2010. During FY 2010-11, DMH plans to undertake a solicitation process to identify and consider new agencies that may be able to provide the services that are currently offered by MHAS at a significant advantage to the County. The selected agency will be one able to render such services to commence during FY 2011 -12 for a three-year term period.

DMH is requesting approval of a Sole Source contract with MHAS based on historical evidence that MHAS has negotiated with the SSA and DED to establish a special process for developing and evaluating the program's Medi-Cal/SSI applications. Attached is the required Sole Source Contract Checklist (Attachment II). Notification of intent to award a Sole Source contract was submitted to

your Board on April 19, 2010, (Attachment III).

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Board approval of the proposed actions will ensure that access to benefits for mentally and developmentally disabled clients will continue without interruption.

Respectfully submitted,

MARVIN J. SOUTHARD, D.S.W.
Director

MJS:OC:RK

Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Chairperson, Mental Health Commission

ATTACHMENT I

CONTRACTOR:

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Business Address:

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Contract Number

N/A
Provider Number

_____
Reference Number

Supervisorial District:_____ Mental Health Service Area(s): _____

ADVOCACY SERVICES AGREEMENT

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I. CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS CERTIFICATION

ADVOCACY SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2010, by and between the County of Los Angeles (hereafter "County"), and _____

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(hereafter “Contractor”)

Business Address:

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RECITALS

WHEREAS, County has determined that it is necessary to obtain professional services to provide advocacy services to adults and children with mental disabilities described in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Contractor, by virtue of its competence and expertise in the area of advocacy services, qualified to provide these professional services; and

WHEREAS, County believes it is in the best interest of the people of the County of Los Angeles to provide these services by contract; and

WHEREAS, these services shall be provided by Contractor in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, guidelines, and directives, including, but not limited to, the following: WIC Section 5600 et seq., including, but not limited to, Sections 5600.4, 5600.9, 5602, 5614, 5650, 5680 through 5688.5, 5705 and 5705.5; WIC Sections 5450 and 5464; California Government Code Sections 26227 and 53703; Part B of Title XIX of the Federal Public Health Services Act, (42 United States Code Section 300x et seq.); California Penal Code Section 11165 and 11166 et seq.; Titles 9 and 22 of the California Code of Regulations (hereafter “CCR”); State Department of Mental Health's Cost Reporting/Data Collection Manual; policies and procedures developed by County; and policies and procedures which have been documented in the form of Policy Letters issued by the State

Department of Mental Health, including, but not limited to, Policy Letters 88-03, 85-37 and 85-35; and

WHEREAS, the following terms, as used in this Agreement, shall have the following meanings:

A. "Day (s)" means calendar day(s) unless otherwise specified;

B. "Director" means County's Director of Mental Health or his authorized designee;

C. "DMH" means County's Department of Mental Health;

D. "Fiscal Year" means County's Fiscal Year, which commences July 1 and ends the following June 30;

E. "State" means the State of California;

WHEREAS, this Agreement is authorized by WIC Section 5600 et seq., California Government Code Sections 23004, 26227 and 53703, and otherwise.

NOW, THEREFORE, Contractor and County agree 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 five goals: 1) Operational Effectiveness; 2) Children, Family and Adult Well-Being; 3) Community and Municipal Services; 4) Health and Mental Health; 5) 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

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 Access

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.

1. TERM: The term of this Agreement shall commence on July 1, 2010 and shall continue through

June 30, 2011.

A. Contractor shall provide services, as described in Paragraph 3 (DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES), continuously and without interruption from the commencement date of this Agreement through the expiration date of this Agreement unless sooner terminated as provided hereunder.

B. This Agreement may be terminated without cause at any time by either party by giving at least thirty days prior written notice to the other party. County may also terminate this Agreement immediately if County determines that any Federal, State, and/or County funds are not budgeted or available for this Agreement or any portion hereof.

C. This Agreement shall automatically terminate on the date: (1) that a majority ownership of Contractor changes by sale or otherwise or (2) that there is any sale or other change of ownership of the facility(ies) where services are to be provided as described in Exhibit A (Statement of Work). Contractor shall provide written notice to County immediately after Contractor first becomes aware that either of these circumstances will occur or has occurred.

D. Other termination provisions for County are found in Paragraphs 6 (COUNTY AUDIT SETTLEMENTS), 12 (RECORDS AND AUDITS), 20 (NONDISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT), 22 (INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE), 23 (WARRANTY AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES), 27 (DELEGATION AND ASSIGNMENT BY CONTRACTOR), 28 (SUBCONTRACTING), 34 (TERMINATION FOR INSOLVENCY), 35 (TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT), and 36 (TERMINATION FOR IMPROPER CONSIDERATION).

E. In the event that this Agreement is terminated by Contractor or County or automatically, then upon the issuance of any notice of termination, or on the date of automatic termination, Contractor shall make immediate and appropriate plans to transfer or refer all clients receiving services under this Agreement to other agencies for continuing services in accordance with the client's needs. Such plans shall be subject to prior written approval of Director, except that in specific cases, as determined by Contractor, where an immediate client transfer or referral is indicated, Contractor may make an immediate transfer or referral. All costs related to all such transfers or referrals as well as all costs related to all continuing services shall not be a charge to this Agreement nor reimbursable in any way hereunder.

F. 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 70 (NOTICES).

G. 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.

2. 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. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES: Contractor shall provide mental health services in the form as described in Exhibit A (Statement of Work) attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Services provided by Contractor shall be the same regardless of the client's ability to pay or source of payment.

4. 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.

5. PAYMENT:

A. In consideration of the performance by Contractor in a manner satisfactory to County of the services described in Exhibit A (Statement of Work), Contractor shall be paid in accordance with the

Payment Schedule established in Exhibit B.

In no event shall Contractor be reimbursed under this Agreement for any services provided to any client whose approved referral to Contractor hereunder has been canceled by Director. In such circumstance, County shall not reimburse Contractor hereunder for the particular client after the date Director cancels the client's approved referral.

Contractor shall submit a monthly billing to County which shall include as supporting documentation, copies of DMH's Facility Billing Statement form for each client.

Each monthly billing shall be submitted within sixty days of the last date services were provided during the particular month. The monthly billing and subsequent payment shall be made in accordance with County policies and procedures. If billings are not submitted as required by County, then payment shall be withheld until County is in receipt of correct and complete billings.

B. 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.

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.

6. COUNTY AUDIT SETTLEMENTS:

A. If, at any time during the term of this Agreement or at any time after the expiration or termination of this Agreement, authorized representatives of County conduct an audit of Contractor regarding the services provided hereunder and if such audit finds that County's dollar liability for such services is less than payments made by County to Contractor, then, the difference shall be either: (1) repaid by Contractor to County by cash payment upon demand or (2) at the sole discretion of Director, deducted from any amounts due by County to Contractor, whether under this Agreement or otherwise. If such audit finds that County's dollar liability for services provided hereunder is more than payments made by County to Contractor, then the difference shall be paid to Contractor by County by cash payment.

B. Failure on the part of Contractor to comply with any of the terms of this Paragraph 6 shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement upon which County may terminate or suspend this Agreement.

7. PRIOR AGREEMENT(S) SUPERSEDED:

A. Reference is made to the certain document(s) entitled:

TITLE	COUNTY AGREEMENT NUMBER	DATE OF EXECUTION
N/A	N/A	N/A

The parties agree that the provisions of such prior Agreement(s), and all Amendments thereto, shall be entirely superseded as of N/A, by the provisions of this Agreement.

B. The parties further agree that all payments made by County to Contractor under any such prior Agreement(s) for services rendered thereunder on and after N/A, shall be applied to and considered as payments made under this Agreement and shall be applied against all applicable Federal, State, and/or County funds provided hereunder.

8. STAFFING:

A. Contractor shall operate continuously throughout the term of this Agreement with a sufficient number of staff necessary to provide the services described in Exhibit A (Statement of Work). Director may, in his sole discretion, determine from time to time the number and type of staff which

Contractor shall provide for services hereunder.

B. During the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall have available and shall provide upon request to authorized representatives of County, a list of all persons by name, title, professional degree, and experience, who are providing any services hereunder.

9. STAFF TRAINING AND SUPERVISION: Contractor shall institute and maintain an in-service training program for all its staff providing services under this Agreement. Contractor shall institute and maintain appropriate supervision of all persons providing services hereunder. Contractor shall be responsible for the training of all appropriate staff on any matters that County may reasonably require.

10. PROGRAM SUPERVISION, MONITORING AND REVIEW: Pursuant to WIC Section 5608 and CCR Title 9, Section 521, all services hereunder shall be provided by Contractor under the general supervision of Director. Director shall have the right to monitor and specify the kind, quality, appropriateness, timeliness, amount of services, and the criteria for determining the persons to be served. Upon receipt of a DMH Monitoring Report, Contractor shall respond in writing to the particular DMH Contract Monitor within the time specified in the Report either acknowledging the reported deficiencies or presenting contrary evidence, and, in addition, submitting a plan for immediate correction of all deficiencies. In the event of a State audit of this Agreement, if State auditors disagree with County's written instructions to Contractor in its performance of this Agreement, and if such disagreement results in a State disallowance of any of Contractor's costs hereunder, then County shall be liable for Contractor's disallowed costs as determined by State. Authorized State representatives shall have the right to review and monitor Contractor's facilities, programs, and procedures at any reasonable time.

11. 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.

12. RECORDS AND AUDITS:

A. Records:

(1) Services Records: Contractor shall maintain accurate and complete records of all services provided by all the various professional, paraprofessional, intern, student, volunteer and other personnel in sufficient detail to permit an evaluation and audit of services provided under this Agreement. In addition to the requirements set forth in this Paragraph 12, Contractor shall comply with any additional client record requirements which may be included in the Exhibit(s). Contractor shall also maintain accurate and complete program records of all services rendered in accordance with all applicable County, State and Federal requirements.

All such records shall be maintained by Contractor at a location in Los Angeles County for a minimum period of four years following the expiration or termination of this Agreement, or until County, State and/or Federal audit findings applicable to such services are fully resolved, whichever is later. During such retention period, all such records shall be made available during County's normal business hours to authorized representatives of County, State, and/or Federal governments for purposes of inspection, program review, and/or audit. In the event any records are located outside Los Angeles County, Contractor shall pay County for all travel, per diem, and other costs incurred by County for any inspection or audit at such other location.

(2) Financial Records: Contractor shall prepare and maintain, on a current basis, accurate and complete financial records of its activities and operations relating to this Agreement in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, with all the guidelines, standards, and procedures which may be provided by County to Contractor. Minimum standards for accounting principles are set forth in County's Auditor- Controller's Contract Accounting and Administration Handbook which shall be furnished to Contractor by County upon request.

The above financial records shall include, but are not limited to:

(a) Books of original entry and a general ledger.

(b) A listing of all County remittances received.

(c) Employment records.

All financial records shall be maintained by Contractor at a location in Los Angeles County for a minimum period of seven years following the expiration or termination of this Agreement, or until County, State and/or Federal audit findings are fully resolved, whichever is later. During such retention period, all such records shall be made available during County's normal business hours to authorized representatives of County, State, and/or Federal governments for purposes of inspection, program review, and/or audit. In the event any records are located outside Los Angeles County, Contractor shall pay County for all travel, per diem, and other costs incurred by County for any inspection or audit at such other location.

(3) Preservation of Records: If, following termination of this Agreement, Contractor's facility(ies) is (are) closed or if majority ownership of Contractor changes, then within forty-eight hours thereafter, Director of SDMH and the Director shall be notified thereof by Contractor in writing of all arrangements made by Contractor for preservation of all the client, financial, and other records referred to in this Paragraph 12.

B. Audits:

(1) Contractor shall provide County and its authorized representatives access to and the right to examine, audit, excerpt, copy, or transcribe, any pertinent transaction, activity, time cards, or any other records relating to this Agreement.

(2) County shall perform periodic program review(s) of Contractor's records that relate to this Agreement, and if the results of any program review requires a corrective plan of action, Contractor shall submit such a plan to DMH no later than thirty days after receiving the findings of the program review.

(3) Audit Reports: In the event that any audit of any or all aspects of this Agreement is conducted of Contractor by any Federal or State auditor, or by any auditor or accountant employed by Contractor or otherwise, then Contractor shall file a copy of such audit report(s) with DMH's Contracts Development and Administration Division within thirty days of Contractor's receipt thereof, unless otherwise provided by applicable Federal or State law or under this Agreement.

C. Failure on the part of Contractor to comply with any of the terms of this Paragraph 12 shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement upon which County may terminate or suspend this Agreement.

13. FEDERAL ACCESS TO RECORDS: If, and to the extent that, Section 1861(v)(1)(I) of Social Security Act (42 United States Code Section 1395x(v)(1)(I)) is applicable, Contractor agrees that for a period of four years following the furnishing of services under this Agreement, Contractor shall maintain and make available, upon written request, to the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services or the Comptroller General of the United States, or to any of their duly authorized representatives, the contract, books, document and records of Contractor which are necessary to verify the nature and extent of the cost of services hereunder. Furthermore, if Contractor carries out any of the services provided hereunder through any subcontract with a value or cost of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS ($10,000) or more over a twelve-month period with a related organization (as that term is defined under Federal law), Contractor agrees that each such subcontract shall provide for such access to the subcontract, books, documents and records of the subcontractor.

14. REPORTS:

A. Contractor shall make reports as required by Director or by State regarding Contractor's activities and operations as they relate to Contractor's performance of this Agreement. In no event may County require such reports unless it has provided Contractor with at least thirty days' prior written notification. County shall provide Contractor with a written explanation of the procedures for reporting the required information.

B. Income Tax Withholding:

(1) If Contractor has not had a DMH contract in effect for at least the last three consecutive years, Contractor shall submit to DMH's Contracts Development and Administration Division the following reports showing timely payment of employees' Federal and State income tax withholding. Further, Contractor shall provide these reports to DMH whenever requested by Director. These reports shall include, but are not limited to:

(a) Within ten days of filing with the Federal or State government, a copy of

Contractor's Federal and State quarterly income tax withholding returns (i.e., Federal Form 941 and/or State Form DE-3 or their equivalents).

(b) Within ten days of each payment, a copy of a receipt for, or other proof of payment of, each employee's Federal and State income tax withholding, whether such payments are made on a monthly or quarterly basis.

(2) Required submission of above quarterly and monthly reports by Contractor may be waived or discontinued by Director in writing based on Contractor's demonstration of prompt and appropriate payment of all its obligations. This Subparagraph B shall not apply to governmental agencies.

15. DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION: During and after the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall not publish or disseminate any commercial advertisements, press releases, feature articles, or other materials, using the name of County or of any County employee or agent or of any County client without prior written consent of Director. Director shall have the sole and absolute right to grant or deny such consent.

16. CONFIDENTIALITY: Contractor shall maintain the confidentiality of all records and information, including, but not limited to, billings, County records, client records and information, in accordance with WIC Sections 5328 through 5330, inclusive, Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 205.50, and all other applicable County, State and Federal laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and directives, relating to confidentiality. Contractor shall require all its officers, employees, and agents providing services hereunder to acknowledge, in writing, understanding of, and agreement to fully comply with, all such confidentiality provisions. Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless County, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all loss, damage, liability, and expense arising from any disclosure of such records and information by Contractor, its officers, employees, or agents.

17. CLIENTS' RIGHTS: Contractor shall comply with all clients' rights policies provided by County. County Patients' Rights Advocates shall be given access by Contractor to all clients, clients' records, and Contractor's personnel to monitor Contractor's compliance with all applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

18. REPORTING OF CLIENT ABUSE AND RELATED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS:

A. Elders and Dependent Adults: Contractor, and all persons employed or subcontracted by Contractor, shall comply with WIC Section 15630 et seq. and shall report all known or suspected instances of physical abuse of elders and dependent adults under the care of Contractor either to an appropriate County adult protective services agency or to a local law enforcement agency, as mandated by these code sections. Contractor, and all persons employed or subcontracted by Contractor, shall make the report on such abuse, and shall submit all required information, in accordance with WIC Sections 15630, 15633 and 15633.5.

B. Minor Children Abuse: Contractor and all persons employed or subcontracted by Contractor, shall comply with California Penal Code (hereafter "PC") Section 11164 et sec. and shall report all known or suspected instances of child abuse to an appropriate child protective agency, as mandated by California Penal Code 11164, 11165.8 and 11166. Contractor and all persons employed or subcontracted by Contractor, shall make the report on such abuse, and shall submit all required information, in accordance with PC Sections 11166 and 11167.

C. Contractor Personnel:

(1) Contractor shall assure that any person who enters into employment as a care custodian of elders, dependent adults, and minor children or who enters into employment as a health or other practitioner, prior to commencing employment, and as a prerequisite to that employment, shall sign a statement on a form provided by Contractor in accordance with the above code sections to the effect that such person has knowledge of, and will comply with, these code sections.

(2) Although clerical and other non treatment staff are not required to report suspected cases of abuse, they should consult with mandated reporters upon suspecting any abuse.

(3) For the safety and welfare of elders, dependent adults, and minor children Contractor shall, to the maximum extent permitted by law, ascertain arrest and conviction records for all current and prospective employees and shall not employ or continue to employ any person convicted of any crime involving any harm to elders, dependent adults, or minor children.

(4) Contractor shall not employ or continue to employ, or shall take other appropriate action to fully protect all persons receiving services under this Agreement concerning, any person whom

Contractor knows, or reasonably suspects, has committed any acts which are inimical to the health, morals, welfare, or safety of elders, dependent adults, or minor children or which otherwise make it inappropriate for such person to be employed by Contractor. In the event that Contractor becomes aware that a criminal complaint has been filed against any employee or prospective employee, Contractor shall make a determination whether the acts as alleged in the complaint would be inimical to the interests of elders, dependent adults, and minor children or would otherwise make it inappropriate for such person to be employed by Contractor. If Contractor determines that such alleged acts would be inimical to the interests of elders, dependent adults, and minor children or would otherwise make it inappropriate for such person to be employed by Contractor, then Contractor shall not employ or continue to employ such person or shall take other appropriate action to fully protect all persons receiving services under this Agreement.

19. NONDISCRIMINATION IN SERVICES:

A. Contractor shall not discriminate in the provision of services hereunder because of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, or physical or mental handicap, in accordance with requirements of Federal and State law. For the purpose of this Paragraph 19, discrimination in the provision of services may include, but is not limited to, the following: denying any person any service or benefit or the availability of a facility; providing any service or benefit to any person which is different, or is provided in a different manner or at a different time, from that provided to others; subjecting any person to segregation or separate treatment in any matter related to the receipt of any service; restricting any person in any way in the enjoyment of any advantage or privilege enjoyed by others receiving any service or benefit; and treating any person differently from others in determining admission, enrollment quota, eligibility, membership, or any other requirement or condition which persons must meet in order to be provided any service or benefit. Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that intended beneficiaries of this Agreement are provided services without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, or physical or mental handicap.

B. Contractor shall further establish and maintain written complaint procedures under which any person applying for or receiving any services hereunder may seek resolution from Contractor of a complaint with respect to any alleged discrimination in the provision of services by Contractor's personnel.

Such procedures shall also include a provision whereby any such person, who is dissatisfied with Contractor's resolution of the matter, shall be referred by Contractor to Director for the purpose of presenting his complaint of the alleged discrimination. Such complaint procedures shall also indicate that if such person is not satisfied with County's resolution or decision with respect to the complaint of alleged discrimination, such person may appeal the matter to the State.

C. Contractor shall have admission policies which are in accordance with CCR Title 9, Sections 526 and 527, and which shall be in writing and available to the public. Contractor shall not employ discriminatory practices in the admission of any person and assignment of accommodations. At the time any person applies for services under this Agreement, such person shall be advised by Contractor of the complaint procedures described in Subparagraph B. A copy of such complaint procedures shall be posted by Contractor in a conspicuous place, available and open to the public, in each of Contractor's facilities where services are provided hereunder.

20. NONDISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT:

A. Contractor certifies and agrees that all persons employed by it, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies are and will be treated equally by it without regard to, or because of, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, or physical or mental handicap in compliance with all applicable Federal and State anti- discrimination laws and regulations.

B. Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that qualified applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, or physical or mental handicap, in compliance with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations. Such action shall include, but is not limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

C. Contractor shall post in conspicuous places in each of Contractor's facilities providing services hereunder, available and open to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this Paragraph 20.

D. Contractor shall deal with its subcontractors, bidders, or vendors without regard to or

because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, or physical or mental handicap.

E. Contractor shall allow County representatives access to its employment records during regular business hours to verify compliance with the provisions of this Paragraph 20 when so requested by Director.

F. Contractor shall comply with all applicable requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 United States Code Section 794). Policy and procedure guidelines for such compliance are available to Contractor from the DMH's Personnel Division.

G. If County finds that any of the above provisions have been violated, the same shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement upon which County may cancel, terminate, or suspend this Agreement. While County reserves the right to determine independently that the anti-discrimination provisions of this Agreement have been violated, in addition, a determination by the California Fair Employment Practices Commission or the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that Contractor has violated State or Federal anti-discrimination laws or regulations shall constitute a finding by County that Contractor has violated the anti-discrimination provisions of this Agreement.

H. The parties agree that in the event Contractor violates any of the anti-discrimination provisions of this Paragraph 20, County shall be entitled, at its option, to the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($500) pursuant to California Civil Code Section 1671 as liquidated damages in lieu of terminating or suspending this Agreement.

21. FAIR LABOR STANDARDS: Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, and shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its officers, employees, and agents, from any and all liability, including, but not limited to, wages, overtime pay, liquidated damages, penalties, court costs, and attorneys' fees arising under any wage and hour law, including, but not limited to, the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, for services performed by Contractor's employees for which County may be found jointly or solely liable.

22. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE:

A. Indemnification: Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County, 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 the Contractor's acts and/or omissions arising from and/or relating to this Agreement.

B. General Provisions for all Insurance Coverage: Without limiting Contractor's indemnification of County, and in the performance of this Agreement and until all of its obligations pursuant to this Agreement have been met, Contractor shall provide and maintain at its own expense insurance coverage satisfying the requirements specified in Subparagraphs B. and C. of this Paragraph 21. These minimum insurance coverage terms, types and limits (the "Required Insurance") also are in addition to and separate from any other contractual obligation imposed upon Contractor pursuant to this Agreement. The County in no way warrants that the Required Insurance is sufficient to protect the Contractor for liabilities which may arise from or relate to this Agreement.

1) Evidence of Coverage and Notice to County

(a) Certificate(s) of insurance coverage (Certificate) satisfactory to County, and a copy of an Additional Insured endorsement confirming County and its Agents (defined below) has been given Insured status under the Contractor's General Liability policy, shall be delivered to County at the address shown below and provided prior to commencing services under this Agreement.

(b) Renewal Certificates shall be provided to County not less than 10 days prior to Contractor's policy expiration dates. The County reserves the right to obtain complete, certified copies of any required Contractor and/or Subcontractor insurance policies at any time.

(c) Certificates shall identify all Required Insurance coverage types and limits specified herein, reference this Agreement by name or number, and be signed by an authorized representative of the insurer(s). The Insured party named on the Certificate shall match the name of the Contractor identified as the contracting party in this Agreement. Certificates shall provide the full name of each insurer providing coverage, its NAIC (National Association of Insurance Commissioners) identification number, its financial rating, the amounts of any policy deductibles or self-insured retentions exceeding fifty thousand ($50,000.00) dollars, and list any County required endorsement forms.

(d) Neither the County's failure to obtain, nor the County's receipt of, or failure to object to a non-complying insurance certificate or endorsement, or any other insurance documentation or information provided by the Contractor, its insurance broker(s) and/or insurer(s), shall be construed as a waiver of any of the Required Insurance provisions.

Certificates and copies of any required endorsements shall be sent to:

Los Angeles County - Department of Mental Health

Contracts Development and Administration Division

550 S. Vermont Ave., 5th Floor

Los Angeles, CA 90020

Contractor also shall promptly report to County any injury or property damage accident or incident, including any injury to a Contractor employee occurring on County property, and any loss, disappearance, destruction, misuse, or theft of County property, monies or securities entrusted to Contractor. Contractor also shall promptly notify County of any third party claim or suit filed against Contractor or any of its Sub-Contractors which arises from or relates to this Agreement, and could result in the filing of a claim or lawsuit against Contractor and/or County.

2) Additional Insured Status and Scope of Coverage

The County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents, Employees and Volunteers (collectively County and its Agents) shall be provided additional insured status under Contractor's General Liability policy with respect to liability arising out of Contractor's ongoing and completed operations performed on behalf of the County. County and its Agents additional insured status shall apply with respect to liability and defense of suits arising out of the Contractor's acts or omissions, whether such liability is attributable to the Contractor or to the County. The full policy limits and scope of protection also shall apply to the County and its Agents as an additional insured, even if they exceed the County's minimum Required Insurance specifications herein. Use of an automatic additional insured endorsement form is acceptable providing it satisfies the Required Insurance provisions herein.

3) Cancellation of Insurance

Except in the case of cancellation for non-payment of premium, Contractor's

insurance policies shall provide, and Certificates shall specify, that County shall receive not less than thirty (30) days advance written notice by mail of any cancellation of the Required Insurance. Ten (10) days prior notice may be given to County in event of cancellation for non-payment of premium.

4) Failure to Maintain Insurance

Contractor's failure to maintain or to provide acceptable evidence that it maintains the Required Insurance shall constitute a material breach of the Agreement, upon which County immediately may withhold payments due to Contractor, and/or suspend or terminate this Agreement. County, at its sole discretion, may obtain damages from Contractor resulting from said breach.

5) Insurer Financial Ratings

Coverage shall be placed with insurers acceptable to the County with A.M. Best ratings of not less than A:VII unless otherwise approved by County.

6) Contractor's Insurance Shall Be Primary

Contractor's insurance policies, with respect to any claims related to this Agreement, shall be primary with respect to all other sources of coverage available to Contractor. Any County maintained insurance or self-insurance coverage shall be in excess of and not contribute to any Contractor coverage.

7) Waivers of Subrogation

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor hereby waives its rights and its insurer(s)' rights of recovery against County under all the Required Insurance for any loss arising from or relating to this Agreement. The Contractor shall require its insurers to execute any waiver of subrogation endorsements which may be necessary to effect such waiver.

8) Subcontractor Insurance Coverage Requirements

Contractor shall include all Subcontractors as insureds under Contractor's own policies, or shall provide County with each Subcontractor's separate evidence of insurance coverage. Contractor shall be responsible for verifying each Subcontractor complies with the Required Insurance provisions herein, and shall require that each Subcontractor name the County and Contractor as additional insureds on the Subcontractor's General Liability policy. Contractor shall obtain County's prior review and

approval of any Subcontractor request for modification of the Required Insurance.

9) Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions (SIRs)

Contractor's policies shall not obligate the County to pay any portion of any Contractor deductible or SIR. The County retains the right to require Contractor to reduce or eliminate policy deductibles and SIRs as respects the County, or to provide a bond guaranteeing Contractor's payment of all deductibles and SIRs, including all related claims investigation, administration and defense expenses. Such bond shall be executed by a corporate surety licensed to transact business in the State of California.

10) Claims Made Coverage

If any part of the Required Insurance is written on a claims made basis, any policy retroactive date shall precede the effective date of this Agreement. Contractor understands and agrees it shall maintain such coverage for a period of not less than three (3) years following Agreement expiration, termination or cancellation.

11) Application of Excess Liability Coverage

Contractors may use a combination of primary, and excess insurance policies which provide coverage as broad as ("follow form" over) the underlying primary policies, to satisfy the Required Insurance provisions.

12) Separation of Insureds

All liability policies shall provide cross-liability coverage as would be afforded by the standard ISO (Insurance Services Office, Inc.) separation of insureds provision with no insured versus insured exclusions or limitations.

13) Alternative Risk Financing Programs

The County reserves the right to review, and then approve, Contractor use of self-insurance, risk retention groups, risk purchasing groups, pooling arrangements and captive insurance to satisfy the Required Insurance provisions. The County and its Agents shall be designated as an Additional Covered Party under any approved program.

14) County Review and Approval of Insurance Requirements

The County reserves the right to review and adjust the Required Insurance provisions, conditioned upon County's determination of changes in risk exposures.

C. Insurance Coverage

1) Commercial General Liability insurance (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form CG 00 01), naming County and its Agents as an additional insured, with limits of not less than:

General Aggregate:	$2 million
Products/Completed Operations Aggregate:	$1 million
Personal and Advertising Injury:	$1 million
Each Occurrence:	$1 million

2) Automobile Liability insurance (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form CA 00 01) with limits of not less than $1 million for bodily injury and property damage, in combined or equivalent split limits, for each single accident. Insurance shall cover liability arising out of Contractor's use of autos pursuant to this Agreement, including owned, leased, hired, and/or non-owned autos, as each may be applicable.

3) Workers Compensation and Employers' Liability insurance or qualified self-insurance satisfying statutory requirements, which includes Employers' Liability coverage with limits of not less than $1 million per accident. If Contractor will provide leased employees, or, is an employee leasing or temporary staffing firm or a professional employer organization (PEO), coverage also shall include an Alternate Employer Endorsement (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form WC 00 03 01 A) naming the County as the Alternate Employer, and the endorsement form shall be modified to provide that County will receive not less than thirty (30) days advance written notice of cancellation of this coverage provision. If applicable to Contractor's operations, coverage also shall be arranged to satisfy the requirements of any federal workers or workmen's compensation law or any federal occupational disease law.

4) Unique Insurance Coverage

(a) Sexual Misconduct Liability

Insurance covering actual or alleged claims for sexual misconduct and/or molestation with limits of not less than $2 million per claim and $2 million aggregate, and claims for negligent employment, investigation, supervision, training or retention of, or failure to report to proper authorities, a person(s) who committed any act of abuse, molestation, harassment, mistreatment or maltreatment of a sexual nature.

(b) Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions

Insurance covering Contractor's liability arising from or related to this Contract, with limits of not less than $1 million per claim and $3 million aggregate. Further, Contractor understands and agrees it shall maintain such coverage for a period of not less than three (3) years following this Agreement's expiration, termination or cancellation.

(c) Property Coverage

Contractors given exclusive use of County owned or leased property shall carry property coverage at least as broad as that provided by the ISO special causes of loss (ISO policy form CP 10 30) form. The County and its Agents shall be named as an Additional Insured and Loss Payee on Contractor's insurance as its interests may appear. Automobiles and mobile equipment shall be insured for their actual cash value. Real property and all other personal property shall be insured for their full replacement value.

23. WARRANTY AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES:

A. Contractor warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Agreement upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by Contractor for the purpose of securing business.

B. For breach or violation of this warranty, County shall have the right to immediately terminate this Agreement and, in its sole discretion, to deduct from the Agreement price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

24. 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 economic dependent of such employee, shall be employed in any capacity by Contractor 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.

25. UNLAWFUL SOLICITATION: Contractor shall require all of its employees to acknowledge, in writing, understanding of and agreement to comply with the provisions of Article 9 of Chapter 4 of Division 3 (commencing with Section 6l50) of California Business and Professions Code (i.e., State Bar Act provisions regarding unlawful solicitation as a runner or capper for attorneys) and shall take positive and affirmative steps in its performance hereunder to insure that there is no violation of such provisions by its employees. Contractor shall utilize the attorney referral service of all those bar associations within the County of Los Angeles that have such a service.

26. INDEPENDENT STATUS OF CONTRACTOR:

A. This Agreement is by and between County and Contractor and is not intended, and shall not be construed, to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture, or association, as between County and Contractor. The employees and agents of one party shall not be, or be construed to be, the employees or agents of the other party for any purpose whatsoever.

B. Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for providing to, or on behalf of, all persons performing work pursuant to this Agreement all compensation and benefits. County shall have no liability or responsibility for the payment of any salaries, wages, unemployment benefits, disability benefits,

Federal, State, or local taxes, or other compensation, benefits, or taxes for any personnel provided by or on behalf of Contractor.

C. Contractor understands and agrees that all persons performing services pursuant to this Agreement are, for purposes of workers' compensation liability, the sole employees of Contractor and not employees of County. Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for furnishing any and all workers' compensation benefits to any person as a result of any injuries arising from or connected with any services performed by or on behalf of Contractor pursuant to this Agreement.

D. Contractor shall provide to County an executed Contractor Employee Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement (Exhibit D) attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference for each of its employees performing services under this Agreement. Such Acknowledgements shall be delivered to DMH's Contracts Development and Administration Division on or immediately after the commencement date of this Agreement, but in no event later than date any such employee first performs services under this Agreement.

27. 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.

28. SUBCONTRACTING:

A. No performance of this Agreement, or any portion thereof, shall be subcontracted by Contractor without the prior written consent of County as provided in this Paragraph 28. Any attempt by Contractor to subcontract any performance, obligation, or responsibility under this Agreement, without the prior written consent of County, shall be null and void and shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in the event of any such breach by Contractor, this Agreement may be terminated forthwith by County. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the parties do not in any way intend that any person or entity shall acquire any rights as a third party beneficiary of this Agreement.

B. If Contractor desires to subcontract any portion of its performance, obligations, or responsibilities under this Agreement, Contractor shall make a written request to County for written approval to enter into the particular subcontract. Contractor's request to County shall include:

(1) The reasons for the particular subcontract.

(2) A detailed description of the services to be provided by the subcontract.

(3) Identification of the proposed subcontractor and an explanation of why and how the proposed subcontractor was selected, including the degree of competition involved.

(4) A description of the proposed subcontract amount and manner of compensation, together with Contractor's cost or price analysis thereof.

(5) A copy of the proposed subcontract which shall contain the following provision:

"This contract is a subcontract under the terms of the prime contract with the County of Los Angeles and shall be subject to all of the provisions of such prime contract."

(6) Any other information and/or certifications requested by County.

C. County shall review Contractor's request to subcontract and shall determine, in its sole discretion, whether or not to consent to such request on a case-by-case basis.

D. Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless County, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all liability, damages, costs, and expenses, including, but not limited to, defense costs and legal fees, arising from or related to Contractor's use of any subcontractor, including any officers, employees, or agents of any subcontractor, in the same manner as required for Contractor, its officers, employees, and agents, under this Agreement.

E. Notwithstanding any County consent to any subcontracting, Contractor shall remain responsible for any and all performance required of it under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, the obligation to properly supervise, coordinate, and perform, all work required hereunder, and no subcontract shall bind or purport to bind County. Further, County approval of any subcontract shall not be construed to limit in any way Contractor’s performance, obligations, or responsibilities, to County, nor shall such approval limit in any way any of County's rights or remedies contained in this Agreement. Additionally, County approval of any subcontract shall not be construed in any way to constitute the determination of the allowability or appropriateness of any cost or payment under this Agreement.

F. In the event that County consents to any subcontracting, such consent shall be subject to County's right to give prior and continuing approval of any and all subcontractor personnel providing services under such subcontract. Contractor shall assure that any subcontractor personnel not approved by County shall be immediately removed from the provision of any services under the particular subcontract or that other action is taken as requested by County. County shall not be liable or responsible in any way to Contractor, to any subcontractor, or to any officers, employees, or agents of Contractor or any subcontractor, for any liability, damages, costs or expenses arising from or related to County's exercise of such right.

G. In the event that County consents to any subcontracting, such consent shall be subject to County's right to terminate, in whole or in part, any subcontract at any time upon written notice to Contractor when such action is deemed by County to be in its best interest. County shall not be liable or responsible in any way to Contractor, to any subcontractor, or to any officers, employees, or agents of Contractor or any subcontractor, for any liability, damages, costs, or expenses arising from or related to County's exercise of such right.

H. In the event that County consents to any subcontracting, each and all of the provisions of this Agreement and any amendment thereto shall extend to, be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors or administrators of the respective parties.

I. In the event that County consents to any subcontracting, such consent shall apply to each particular subcontract only and shall not be, or be construed to be, a waiver of this Paragraph 28 or a blanket consent to any further subcontracting.

J. Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for any and all payments and other compensation to all subcontractors and their officers, employees, and agents. County shall have no liability or responsibility whatsoever for any payment or other compensation for any subcontractors or their officers, employees, and agents.

K. Contractor shall deliver to the Chief of DMH's Contracts Development and Administration Division a fully executed copy of each subcontract entered into by Contractor pursuant to this Paragraph 28, on or immediately after the effective date of the subcontract but in no event later than the date any services are performed under the subcontract.

L. In the event that County consents to any subcontracting, Contractor shall obtain an executed Subcontractor Employee Acknowledgement of Employer (Exhibit F) attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference for each of the subcontractor's employees performing services under the subcontract. Such Acknowledgments shall be delivered to the Chief of DMH's Contracts Development and Administration Division on or immediately after the effective date of the particular subcontract but in no event later than the date any such employee first performs services under the subcontract.

M. Director is hereby authorized to act for and on behalf of County pursuant to this

Paragraph 28, including, but not limited to, consenting to any subcontracting.

29. 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.

30. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW:

A. Contractor shall comply with all Federal, including, but not limited to, Title XIX of the Social Security Act, State, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, 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 to, 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, ADA standards, 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.

31. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES: Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the parties do not in any way intend that any person or entity shall acquire any rights as a third party beneficiary of this Agreement.

32. LICENSES, PERMITS, REGISTRATIONS, ACCREDITATIONS, AND CERTIFICATES:

Contractor shall obtain and maintain in effect during the term of this Agreement, all licenses, permits, registrations, accreditations, and certificates required by all Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, guidelines and directives, which are applicable to Contractor's facility(ies) and services under this Agreement. Contractor shall further ensure that all of its officers, employees, and agents, who perform services hereunder, shall obtain and maintain in effect during the term of this Agreement all licenses, permits, registrations, accreditations, and certificates which are applicable to their performance hereunder. A copy of each such license, permit, registration, accreditation, and certificate required by all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, guidelines and directives shall be provided, in duplicate, to DMH's Contracts Development and Administration Division.

33. FORM OF BUSINESS ORGANIZATION AND REAL PROPERTY DISCLOSURE:

A. Form of Business Organization: Contractor shall prepare and submit to DMH's Contracts Development and Administration Division, an affidavit sworn to and executed by an authorized officer of Contractor, containing the following:

(1) A statement indicating the form of Contractor's business organization (i.e., proprietorship, partnership, corporation, joint venture, or a combination thereof) and whether Contractor is for profit or non-profit.

(2) A detailed statement indicating whether Contractor is totally or substantially owned by any other business organization(s), and if so, the name and address of each such business organization.

(3) A detailed statement indicating whether Contractor totally or partially owns any other business organization(s) that will be providing services, supplies, materials or equipment to Contractor or in any manner does business with Contractor under this Agreement, and if so, the name and address of each such business organization and the specific nature of its business with Contractor.

If, during the term of this Agreement, the form of Contractor’s business organization changes, or the majority ownership of Contractor changes, or Contractor’s ownership of other businesses dealing with Contractor under this Agreement changes, Contractor shall notify DMH’s Contracts Development and Administration Division in writing detailing such changes thirty days prior to any such changes.

B. Real Property Disclosure: If Contractor is purchasing, renting, leasing or subleasing, or is planning to purchase, rent, lease, or sublease, any real property where any clients are to receive services hereunder, Contractor shall prepare and submit to DMH's Contracts Development and Administration Division, an affidavit, sworn to and executed by an authorized officer of Contractor, containing the following:

(1) The location by street address and city of any such real property.

(2) The fair market value of any such real property as such value is reflected on the most recently issued County Tax Collector's tax bill.

(3) A detailed description of all existing and pending rental agreements, leases, and subleases with respect to any such real property, to include: the term (duration) of such rental agreement, lease, or sublease; the amount of monetary consideration to be paid to the lessor or sublessor over the term of the rental agreement, lease or sublease; the type and dollar value of any other consideration to be paid to the lessor or sublessor over the term of the rental agreement, lease, or sublease; the names and addresses of all parties who stand in the position of lessor or sublessor; if the lessor or sublessor is a private corporation and its shares are not publicly traded (on a stock exchange or over-the-counter), a listing by names and addresses of all officers, directors, and stockholders thereof; and if the lessor or sublessor is a partnership, a listing by names and addresses of all general and limited partners thereof.

(4) A listing by names and addresses of all Contractor's officers, directors, members of its advisory boards, members of its staff, and consultants, who have any family relationship by marriage or blood with a lessor or sublessor referred to in Subparagraph 3, or who have any financial interest in such lessor's or sublessor's business, or both. If such lessor or sublessor is a corporation or partnership, such listing shall also include the names and addresses of all of Contractor's officers, members of its advisory boards, members of its staff, and consultants, who have any family relationship, by marriage or blood, to an officer, director, or stockholder of the corporation, or to any partner of the partnership. In preparing the latter listing, Contractor shall also indicate the name(s) of the officer(s), director(s), stockholder(s), or partner(s), as appropriate, and the family relationship which exists between such person(s) and Contractor's representatives listed. Related party transactions will be allowed only if

reasonable. True and correct copies of all written rental agreements, leases, and subleases with respect to any such real property shall be appended to such affidavit and made a part thereof.

(5) In the event that the information described in Subparagraphs 1 through 4 is already in Contractor's rental agreement(s), lease(s), and/or sublease(s) and is clearly highlighted by Contractor, Contractor may submit such document(s) in lieu of the above affidavit.

34. TERMINATION FOR INSOLVENCY:

A. County may terminate this Agreement forthwith in the event of the occurrence of any of the following:

(1) Insolvency of Contractor. Contractor shall be deemed to be insolvent if it has ceased to pay its debts for at least sixty days in the ordinary course of business or cannot pay its debts as they become due, whether or not a petition has been filed under the Federal Bankruptcy Code and whether or not Contractor is insolvent within the meaning of the Federal Bankruptcy Code.

(2) The filing of a voluntary or involuntary petition regarding Contractor under the Federal Bankruptcy Code.

(3) The appointment of a Receiver or Trustee for Contractor.

(4) The execution by Contractor of a general assignment for the benefit of creditors.

B. The rights and remedies of County provided in this Paragraph 34 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

35. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT:

A. County may by written notice of default to Contractor, terminate this Agreement 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 Subparagraph 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 35 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

36. 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 determinations with respect to the 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 is could pursue in the event of default by the 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, services, the provision of travel or entertainment, or tangible gifts.

37. SEVERABILITY: If any provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Agreement and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

38. CAPTIONS AND PARAGRAPH HEADINGS: Captions and paragraph headings used in this Agreement are for convenience only and are not a part of this Agreement and shall not be used in

construing this Agreement.

39. ALTERATION OF TERMS: No addition to, or alteration of, the terms of the body of this Agreement, or Statement of Work or Fee Schedule 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 in the same manner as this Agreement.

The County's Board of Supervisors or Chief Administrative 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 Administrative 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.

40. ENTIRE AGREEMENT: The body of this Agreement, and Exhibits A through I, all of which are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, shall constitute the complete and exclusive statement of understanding between the parties which supersedes all previous agreements, written or oral, and all other communications between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.

1. Exhibit A (Statement of Work)
2. Exhibit B (Fee Schedule)
3. Exhibit C (Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement)
4. Exhibit D (Contractor Employee Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement)
5. Exhibit E (Contractor Non-Employee Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement)
6. Exhibit F (Sub-Contractor Employee Acknowledgement of Employer)
7. Exhibit G (Attestation Regarding Federally Funded Program)
8. Exhibit H ("Safely Surrendered Baby Law")
9. Exhibit I (Charitable Contributions Certification)

41. WAIVER: No waiver by County of any breach of any provision of this Agreement shall constitute a

waiver of any other breach of such provision. Failure of County to enforce at any time, or from time to time, any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver thereof. The rights and remedies set forth in this Paragraph 41 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

42. EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION: Contractor warrants that it fully complies with all Federal statutes and regulations regarding employment of aliens and others and that all its employees performing services hereunder meet the citizenship or alien status requirements set forth in Federal statutes and regulations. Contractor shall obtain, from all covered employees performing services hereunder, all verification and other documentation of employment eligibility status required by Federal statutes and regulations as they currently exist and as they may be hereafter amended. Contractor shall retain all such documentation for the period prescribed by law. Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its officers and employees from and against any employer sanctions and any other liability which may be assessed against Contractor or County in connection with any alleged violation of any Federal statutes or regulations pertaining to the eligibility for employment of persons performing services under this Agreement.

43. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND LITERATURE: In public announcements and literature distributed by Contractor for the purpose of apprising clients and the general public of the nature of its services, Contractor shall clearly indicate that the services which it provides under this Agreement are funded under the Short-Doyle Plan of the County of Los Angeles.

44. CONTRACTOR'S OFFICES: Contractor shall notify in writing DMH's Contracts Development and Administration Division, and any other County office(s) as identified in Paragraph 70 (NOTICES), of any change in its business address, as shown on page I of this Agreement, at least thirty days prior to the effective date thereof.

45. AUTHORIZATION WARRANTY: Contractor represents and warrants that the person executing this Agreement for Contractor 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.

46. 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.

47. COUNTY LOBBYISTS: 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.

48. MAINTENANCE STANDARDS FOR SERVICE DELIVERY SITES: Contractor shall assure that all locations where services are provided under this Agreement are operated at all times in accordance with all County community standards with regard to property maintenance and repair, graffiti abatement, refuse removal, fire safety, landscaping, and in full compliance with all applicable local laws, ordinances, and regulations relating to the property. County's periodic monitoring visits to Contractor's facility(ies) shall include a review of compliance with this Paragraph 48.

49. CONSIDERATION OF GREATER AVENUES FOR INDEPENDENCE (GAIN) OR GENERAL RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK (GROW) PARTICIPANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT: Should Contractor require additional or replacement personnel after the effective date of this Agreement, Consultant 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 or General Relief Opportunities for Work (GROW) Program who meet Contractor's minimum qualifications for the open position. If Contractor decides to pursue consideration of GAIN/GROW participants for hiring, Contractor shall provide information regarding job openings and job requirements to Department of Public Social Services' GAIN/GROW staff at GAINGROW@dpss.lacounty.gov. County will refer GAIN/GROW participants, by job category, to Consultant.

In the even that both laid-off County employees and GAIN/GROW participants are available for hiring, County employees shall be given first priority.

50. CERTIFICATION OF DRUG-FREE WORK PLACE: Contractor certifies and agrees that Contractor and its employees shall comply with DMH's policy of maintaining a drug-free work place. Contractor and its employees shall not manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, or use any controlled substances as defined in 21 United States Code Section 812, including, but not limited to, marijuana, heroin, cocaine, and amphetamines, at any of Contractor's facilities or work sites or County's facilities or work sites. If Contractor or any of its employees is convicted of or pleads nolo contendere to any criminal drug statute violation occurring at any such facility or work site, then Contractor, within five days thereafter, shall notify Director in writing.

51. CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM:

A. Contractor's Warranty of Adherence to County's Child Support Compliance Program: Contractor acknowledges that the County has established a goal of ensuring that all individuals who benefit financially from the 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 the County and its taxpayers.

As required by the County's Child Support Compliance Program (County Code Chapter 2.200) and without limiting the 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 Federal Social Security Act (42 USC Section 653a) and California Unemployment Insurance Code Section 1088.5, and shall implement all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Withholding 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 of 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 (Contractors' 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 with 90 calendar days of written notice shall be grounds upon which County may terminate this Agreement pursuant to Paragraph 35 (TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT) and pursue debarment of Contractor, pursuant to County Code Chapter 2.202.

52. 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.

53. 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.

54. 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.

55. 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.

56. 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 healthcare program officials; (4) conviction of a misdemeanor related to controlled substances; (5) failing to disclose information about the entity itself, its Sub-Contractors 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 G as part of its obligation under this Paragraph.

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.

57. <u>CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATION AS A BUSINESS ASSOCIATE UNDER THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996 AND THE HEALTH INFORMATION</u>

TECHNOLOGY FOR ECONOMIC AND CLINICAL HEALTH ACT (BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT)

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, Public Law 104-191 ("HIPAA"), and regulations promulgated thereunder, including the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information ("Privacy Regulations") and the Health Insurance Reform: Security Standards ("the Security Regulations") at 45 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) 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 ("Business Associate Agreement") 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.

Further, pursuant to the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, Public Law 111-005 ("HITECH Act"), effective February 17, 2010, certain provisions of the HIPAA Privacy and Security Regulations apply to Business Associates in the same manner as they apply to Covered Entity and such provisions must be incorporated into the Business Associate Agreement.

This Business Associate Agreement and the following provisions are intended to protect the privacy and provide for the security of Protected Health Information disclosed to or used by Business Associate in compliance with HIPAA's Privacy and Security Regulations and the HITECH Act, as they now exist or may hereafter be amended.

Therefore, the parties agree as follows:

DEFINITIONS

1.1 "Breach" has the same meaning as the term "breach" in 45 C.F.R. § 164.402.

1.2 "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.

1.3 "Electronic Health Record" has the same meaning as the term "electronic health record" in the HITECH Act, 42 U.S.C. section 17921. Electronic Health Record means an electronic record of health-related information on an individual that is created, gathered, managed, and consulted by authorized health care clinicians and staff.

1.4 "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.

The term "Electronic Media" draws no distinction between internal and external data, at rest (that is, in storage) as well as during transmission.

1.5 "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.

1.6 "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).

1.7 "Minimum Necessary" refers to the minimum necessary standard in 45 C.F.R. § 162.502 (b) as in effect or as amended.

1.8 "Privacy Rule" means the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Parts 160 and 164, also referred to as the Privacy Regulations.

1.9 "Protected Health Information" has the same meaning as the term "protected health information"

in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103, limited to the information created or received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity. Protected Health Information includes information 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.

1.10 "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.

1.11 "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.

1.12 "Security Rule" means the Security Standards for the Protection of Electronic Health Information also referred to as the Security Regulations at 45 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 160 and 164.

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

1.14 "Unsecured Protected Health Information" has the same meaning as the term "unsecured protected health information" in 45 C.F.R. § 164.402.

1.15 "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.

1.16 Terms used, but not otherwise defined in this Business Associate Agreement shall have the same meaning as those terms in the HIPAA Regulations and HITECH Act.

OBLIGATIONS OF BUSINESS ASSOCIATE

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

(a) shall Use and Disclose Protected Health Information only as necessary to perform the Services, and as provided in Sections 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9, 2.10, 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 or in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy Regulations or the HITECH Act if so Used or Disclosed by Covered Entity.

2.2 Prohibited Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information. Business Associate:

(a) shall not Use or Disclose Protected Health Information for fundraising or marketing purposes.

(b) shall not disclose Protected Health Information to a health plan for payment or health care operations purposes if the Individual has requested this special restriction and has paid out of pocket in full for the health care item or service to which the Protected Health Information solely relates.

(c) shall not directly or indirectly receive payment in exchange for Protected Health Information, except with the prior written consent of Covered Entity and as permitted by the HITECH Act. This prohibition shall not effect payment by Covered Entity to Business Associate. Covered Entity shall not provide such written consent except upon express approval of the departmental privacy officer and only to the extent permitted by law, including HIPAA and the HITECH Act.

2.3 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 Business Associate Agreement. 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 as in effect or as amended.

(b) as to Electronic Protected 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; effective February 17, 2010, said safeguards shall be in accordance with 45 C.F.R. Sections 164.308, 164.310, and 164.312, and shall comply with the Security Rule's policies and procedure and documentation requirements.

2.4 Reporting Non-Permitted Use or Disclosure and Security Incidents and Breaches of Unsecured Protected Health Information. Business Associate

(a) shall report to Covered Entity each Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information that is made by Business Associate, its employees, representatives, Agents, subcontractors, or other parties under Business Associate's control with access to Protected Health Information but which is not specifically permitted by this Business Associate Agreement or otherwise required by law.

(b) shall report to Covered Entity each Security Incident of which Business Associate becomes aware.

(c) shall notify Covered Entity of each Breach by Business Associate, its employees, representatives, agents or subcontractors of Unsecured Protected Health Information that is known to Business Associate or, by exercising reasonable diligence, would have been known to Business Associate. Business Associate shall be deemed to have knowledge of a Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information if the Breach is known, or by exercising reasonable diligence would have been known, to any person, other than the person committing the Breach, who is an employee, officer, or other agent of the Business Associate as determined in accordance with the federal common law of agency.

2.4.1 Immediate Telephonic Report. Except as provided in Section 2.4.3, notification shall be made immediately upon discovery of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information,

Security Incident or Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information by a telephone call to 1-562- 940-3335.

2.4.2 Written Report. Except as provided in Section 2.4.3, the initial telephonic notification shall be followed by written notification made without unreasonable delay and in no event later than three (3) business days from the date of discovery of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information, Security Incident, or Breach by the Business Associate to the Chief Privacy Officer at:

Chief Privacy Officer

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration

500 West Temple Street

Suite 525

Los Ángeles, California 90012

HIPAA@auditor.lacounty.gov

(213) 974-2166

(a) The notification required by section 2.4 shall include, to the extent possible, the identification of each Individual whose Unsecured Protected Health Information has been, or is reasonably believed by the Business Associate to have been, accessed, acquired, Used, or Disclosed; and

(b) The notification required by section 2.4 shall include, to the extent possible, all information required to provide notification to the Individual under 45 C.F.R. 164.404(c), including:

(i) A brief description of what happened, including the date of the Breach and the date of the discovery of the Breach, if known;

(ii) A description of the types of Unsecured Protected Health Information that were involved in the Breach (such as whether full name, social security number, date of birth, home address, account number, diagnosis, disability code, or other types of information were involved);

(iii) Any other details necessary to conduct an assessment of whether there is a risk of harm to the Individual;

(iv) Any steps Business Associate believes that the Individual could take to protect him or herself from potential harm resulting from the breach;

(v) A brief description of what Business Associate is doing to investigate the Breach, to mitigate harm to the Individual, and to protect against any further Breaches; and

(vi) The name and contact information for the person most knowledge regarding the facts and circumstances of the Breach.

If Business Associate is not able to provide the information specified in section 2.3.2 (a) or (b) at the time of the notification required by section 2.4.2, Business Associate shall provide such information promptly thereafter as such information becomes available.

2.4.3 Request for Delay by Law Enforcement. Business Associate may delay the notification required by section 2.4 if a law enforcement official states to Business Associate that notification would impede a criminal investigation or cause damage to national security. If the law enforcement official's statement is in writing and specifies the time for which a delay is required, Business Associate shall delay notification, notice, or posting for the time period specified by the official; if the statement is made orally, Business Associate shall document the statement, including the identity of the official making the statement, and delay the notification, notice, or posting temporarily and no longer than 30 days from the date of the oral statement, unless a written statement as described in paragraph (a) of this section is submitted during that time.

2.5 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 Business Associate Agreement.

2.6 Breach Notification. Business Associate shall, to the extent Covered Entity determines that there has been a Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information, provide Breach notification for each and every Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information by Business Associate, its employees, representatives, agents or subcontractors, in a manner that permits Covered Entity to comply with its obligations under Subpart D, Notification in the Case of Breach of Unsecured PHI, of the Privacy and Security Regulations, including:

(a) Notifying each Individual whose Unsecured Protected Health Information has been, or is reasonably believed to have been, accessed, acquired, Used, or Disclosed as a result of such Breach;

(b) The notification required by paragraph (a) of this Section 2.6 shall include, to the extent possible:

(i) A brief description of what happened, including the date of the Breach and the date of the discovery of the Breach, if known;

(ii) A description of the types of Unsecured Protected Health Information that were involved in the Breach (such as whether full name, social security number, date of birth, home address, account number, diagnosis, disability code, or other types of information were involved);

(iii) Any steps the Individual should take to protect him or herself from potential harm resulting from the Breach;

(iv) A brief description of what Business Associate is doing to investigate the Breach, to mitigate harm to individuals, and to protect against any further Breaches; and

(v) Contact procedures for Individual(s) to ask questions or learn additional information, which shall include a toll-free telephone number, an e-mail address, Web site, or postal address.

(vi) The notification required by paragraph (a) of this section shall be written in plain language

Covered Entity, in its sole discretion, may elect to provide the notification required by this Section 2.6, and Business Associate shall reimburse Covered Entity any and all costs incurred by Covered Entity, including costs of notification, internet posting, or media publication, as a result of Business Associate's Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information.

2.7 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.

2.8 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. If Business Associate maintains an Electronic Health Record, Business Associate shall provide such information in electronic format to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under the HITECH Act.

2.9 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.

2.10 Accounting of Disclosures. Upon Covered Entity’s request, Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity an accounting of each Disclosure of Protected Health Information made by Business Associate or its employees, agents, representatives or subcontractors, in order 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 and/or the HITECH Act which requires an Accounting of Disclosures of Protected Health Information maintained in an Electronic Health Record for treatment, payment, and health care operations.

However, Business Associate is not required to provide an Accounting of Disclosures that are necessary to perform the Services because such Disclosures are for either payment or health care operations purposes, or both.

Any accounting provided by Business Associate under this Section 2.10 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 2.10, 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 2.10 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. If Business Associate maintains an Electronic Health Record, Business Associate shall provide such information in electronic format to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under the HITECH Act.

2.11 Indemnification. Business Associate shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Covered Entity, including its elected and appointed officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all liability, including but not limited to demands, claims, actions, fees, costs, penalties and fines (including regulatory penalties and/or fines), and expenses (including attorney and expert witness fees), arising from or connected with Business Associate's acts and/or omissions arising from and/or relating to this Business Associate Agreement; Business Associate's obligations under this provision extend to compliance and/or enforcement actions and/or activities, whether formal or informal, of Secretary of the federal Department of Health and Human Services and/or Office for Civil Rights.

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 Business Associate Agreement shall be the same as the term of this Agreement. Business Associate’s obligations under Sections 2.1 (as modified by Section 4.2), 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9, 2.10, 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 either party's knowledge of a material breach by the other party, the party with knowledge of the other party's breach shall:

(a) Provide an opportunity for the breaching party to cure the breach or end the violation and terminate this Agreement if the breaching party does not cure the breach or end the violation within the time specified by the non-breaching party;

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

(c) If neither termination nor cure is feasible, 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 Business Associate 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 Business Associate Agreement 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 Business Associate Agreement.

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

5.4 Regulatory References. A reference in this Business Associate Agreement 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 Business Associate Agreement 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 Business Associate Agreement from time to time as is necessary for Covered Entity to comply with the requirements of the Privacy and Security Regulations and other privacy laws governing Protected Health Information.

58. 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.

59. NOTICES TO EMPLOYEES REGARDING THE SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW: The Contractor shall notify and provide to its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify and provide to its employees, a fact sheet regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, its implementation in Los Angeles County, and where and how to safely surrender a baby. The fact sheet is set forth in Exhibit H of this Agreement and is also available on the Internet at www.babysafela.org for printing purposes.

60. 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 in 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.

61. 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.

62. 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 Exhibit I, 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).

63. LIMITATION OF COUNTY'S OBLIGATION DUE 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 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.

64. 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 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."

65. 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 of

this information prior to responding to a solicitation or accepting a contract award."

66. FORCE MAJEURE:

A. Neither party shall be liable for such party's failure to perform its obligations under and in accordance with this Contract, if such failure arises out of fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, other natural occurrences, strikes, lockouts (other than a lockout by such party or any of such party's subcontractors), freight embargoes, or other similar events to those described above, but in every such case the failure to perform must be totally beyond the control and without any fault or negligence of such party (such events are referred to in this sub-paragraph as "force majeure events").

B. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a default by a subcontractor of Contractor shall not constitute a force majeure event, unless such default arises out of causes beyond the control of both Contractor and such subcontractor, and without any fault or negligence of either of them. In such case, Contractor shall not be liable for failure to perform, unless the goods or services to be furnished by the subcontractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit Contractor to meet the required performance schedule. As used in this sub-paragraph, the term "subcontractor" and "subcontractors" mean subcontractors at any tier.

C. In the event Contractor's failure to perform arises out of a force majeure event, Contractor agrees to use commercially reasonable best efforts to obtain goods or services from other sources, if applicable, and to otherwise mitigate the damages and reduce the delay caused by such force majeure event.

67. CONTRACTOR'S WARRANTY OF COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM: Contractor acknowledges that County has established a goal of ensuring that all individuals and businesses that benefit financially from County through contract are current in paying their property tax obligations (secured and unsecured roll) in order to mitigate the economic burden otherwise imposed upon County and its taxpayers. Unless Contractor qualifies for an exemption or exclusion, Contractor warrants and certifies that to the best of its knowledge it is now in compliance, and during the term of this contract will maintain compliance, with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.206.

68. TERMINATION FOR BREACH OF WARRANTY TO MAINTAIN COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S

COUNTY'S DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM: Failure of Contractor to maintain compliance with the requirements set forth in Paragraph 67 (CONTRACTOR'S WARRANTY OF COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM) shall constitute default under this contract. Without limiting the rights and remedies available to County under any other provision of this contract, failure of Contractor to cure such default within 10 days of notice shall be grounds upon which County may terminate this contract and/or pursue debarment of Contractor, pursuant to County Code Chapter 2.206.

69. IMMEDIATE TERMINATION BY COUNTY:

A. In addition to any other provisions for termination provided in this Agreement, this Agreement may be terminated by County immediately if County determines that:

(1) Contractor has failed to initiate delivery of services within 30 calendar days of the commencement date of this Agreement; or

(2) Contractor has failed to comply with any of the provisions of Paragraphs 19 (NONDISCRIMINATION IN SERVICES), 20 (NONDISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT), 22 (INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE), 23 (WARRANTY AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES), 24 (CONFLICT OF INTEREST), 27 (DELEGATION AND ASSIGNMENT BY CONTRACTOR), 51 (CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM), 50 (CERTIFICATION OF DRUG-FREE WORK PLACE), 56 (CONTRACTOR'S EXCLUSION FROM PARTICIPATION IN A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM) and/or 67 (CONTRACTOR'S WARRANTY OF COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM); or

(3) In accordance with Paragraphs 34 (TERMINATION FOR INSOLVENCY), 35 (TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT), 36 (TERMINATION FOR IMPROPER CONSIDERATION), 47 (COUNTY LOBBYISTS), and/or 68 (TERMINATION FOR BREACH OF WARRANTY TO MAINTAIN COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM).

B. In the event that this Agreement is terminated, then:

(1) Upon issuance of any notice of termination, Contractor shall make immediate and appropriate plans to transfer or refer all patients/clients receiving services under this Agreement to other

agencies for continuing services in accordance with the patient's/client's needs. Such plans shall be subject to prior written approval of Director or his designee, except that in specific cases, as determined by Contractor, where an immediate patient/client transfer or referral is indicated, Contractor may make an immediate transfer or referral. If Contractor terminates this Agreement, all costs related to all such transfers or referrals as well as all costs related to all continuing services shall not be a charge to this Agreement nor reimbursable in any way under this Agreement; and

(2) Any termination of this Agreement by County shall be approved by County's Board of Supervisors.

70. NOTICES: All notices or demands required or permitted to be given 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 pre-paid, 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 (10) 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

Contracts Development and Administration Division

550 S. Vermont Avenue, 5th Floor

Los Angeles, CA 90020

Attention: Chief of Contracts

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 Agreement to be subscribed by County's Director of Mental Health or his designee, and Contractor has caused this Agreement 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 A

Mental Health Advocacy Services, Inc.

STATEMENT OF WORK

I. ADULTS

i) BACKGROUND

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) advocacy is the key to helping people with mental disabilities stabilize. For people who cannot work due to a disability, SSI and General Relief (GR) are the only sources of income available. Because GR payments are not sufficient to pay for housing, SSI is needed to move these people off the streets and through the continuum of care into permanent housing. Without SSI income, a person may cycle through the network of emergency shelters and transitional housing repeatedly but never obtain permanent housing. Medi-Cal coverage, which is automatically provided to SSI recipients, is also crucial for this population, especially people with mental disabilities. Through Medi-Cal, disabled individuals are able to access essential health and mental health services. Without these services, many people with mental disabilities are at high risk for failed placements in transitional housing and are likely to require numerous hospitalizations and other costly acute treatment. Unfortunately, applying for SSI is a long, difficult process, especially for people with mental disabilities, and there are many possible complications which can lead to denial of benefits. Experienced, knowledgeable advocates are needed to assist people with mental disabilities in obtaining SSI and to help them prevent disruption in their payments after they have been approved.

Mental Health Advocacy Services, Inc. (MHAS) will assist severely and persistently mentally ill adults referred by the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to apply for and maintain the SSI/Medi-Cal benefits for which they are eligible. Individuals within this group would be least likely to successfully apply for SSI without the intensive assistance of this project.

This program is a continuation of MHAS's Homeless SSI Outreach Project, which had been funded through the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority with a HUD Homeless Initiative grant beginning in 1995. Since DMH began referring clients to MHAS under the Advocacy Services Agreement in 2002, MHAS has obtained SSI/Medi-Cal benefits for approximately 2,800 DMH clients, with an approval rate of approximately 85%. This is contrasted with the overall SSI approval rate of approximately 50%.

ii) OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Program are to:

A. Obtain referrals and information from DMH to assist clients with mental disabilities in applying for SSI/Medi-Cal.

B. Provide Medi-Cal/SSI Advocacy Services to 660 DMH adult and transitional age youth, approaching age 18.

iii) TARGET POPULATION

The targeted group will be severely and persistently mentally ill adults.

iv) PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

MHAS will assist DMH clients to obtain and maintain SSI/Medi-Cal benefits. MHAS will utilize the unique methodology it has developed which has proven to be highly effective in obtaining SSI/Medi-Cal benefits for people with mental disabilities. The program will assist up to 660 DMH clients per year. Based on the success of MHAS's current project, it is projected that 85% of the clients assisted will obtain SSI/Medi-Cal benefits.

To obtain SSI/Medi-Cal benefits for clients, MHAS advocates will file federal applications for SSI and Medi-Cal benefits. By utilizing the federal application for categorically linked benefits, clients will gain long-term access to Medi-Cal benefits and maintain their Medi-Cal for as long as they continue to receive SSI benefits. The federal SSI/Medi-Cal application will be used because, unlike the State Medi-Cal application, it eliminates the need to re-apply for Medi-Cal each year and allows clients to gradually re-enter the workplace without immediately losing their Medi-Cal coverage.

v) SCOPE OF WORK

A. Responsibilities of County

DMH has agreed to utilize the resources of Mental Health Advocacy Services (MHAS) for filing SSI/Medi-Cal applications and reconsiderations and providing post-entitlement assistance in maintaining benefits. DMH will also utilize MHAS as a resource for SSI hearings for those cases in which MHAS files the initial application.

1. DMH will refer persons who are not expected to be able to work for at least the next 12 months; have unearned income below $865 per month; have resources below $2,000; are citizens or qualified legal residents; have retrievable medical records documenting ongoing psychiatric treatment covering at least the past 12 months; and have been with DMH for at least the past 6 months. For clients that have been with DMH for less than 6 months, exceptions can be made, at

MHAS's discretion and in discussion with the clinician, if there is prior medical evidence.

2. With the consent of the client, a referral should be made by the case manager or person who has the most contact with the client by telephone to MHAS.

3. Centers will be responsible for providing a copy of the chart and for completing the Evaluation of Mental Disorders Medical Report by the date requested. The evaluation must be signed by a psychiatrist or licensed psychologist and sent to MHAS.

4. Centers will prepare an invoice in the amount of $96.00 for the evaluation and bill up to $25.00 only for copies according to the county established rate per page for copies of medical records to the State Department of Social Services, Disability Evaluation Division, which should be attached to each evaluation or medical records package.

B. Responsibilities of Contractor

For each client referred to MHAS, specific activities will include the following:

1. arranging with the case manager an appointment for MHAS to visit the referring center to interview the client;

2. screening the potential SSI/Medi-Cal beneficiary for non-medical eligibility;

3. completing the SSI/Medi-Cal application packet;

4. collecting all mental health records and reports and other medical records from the referring center and other sources to support the application;

5. collecting the necessary documentation to prove financial eligibility;

6. filing the application or reconsideration packet with the Social Security Administration (SSA);

7. staying in contact with the appropriate State DAPD analyst to monitor the processing of the application;

8. with the case manager, assisting the client in keeping required appointments with the local SSA office and responding to any additional SSA or DAPD inquiries;

9. assisting the client in obtaining representation in SSI hearings for denied cases;

10. completing monthly statistics by center for submission to the Department

11. providing the centers with documentation of SSI approval to facilitate Medi-Cal billing.

II. CHILDREN

MHAS will provide training and technical assistance to families in need of special education services for their emotionally disturbed children in Los Angeles County. Specific project activities will include:

1. Provision of training sessions in the community to educate families in how to obtain special education and related services for emotionally disturbed children;

2. Distribution of training materials describing the services available and methods for obtaining them;

3. Provision of screening interviews/assessments of families participating in training sessions to determine eligibility for special education services and assess need for advocacy, technical assistance, and additional training;

4. Provision of technical assistance to families in the areas of requests for services, assessment methods, written documentation and communications with school districts and other public agencies, and preparation for and participation in Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meetings;

5. Provision of individual representation for families who are unable to obtain appropriate special education services after receiving training and technical assistance;

6. Participation in IEP meetings, mediation conferences, and administrative hearings with school district and other public agency representatives to resolve disputes between families and the public agencies.

EXHIBIT B

MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY SERVICES

BUDGET

For FY 2010-11 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011)

I.	PERSONNEL PLUS EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	$350,300
II.	SERVICES AND SUPPLIES	22,100
III.	EQUIPMENT - Lease/Maintenance	6,000
IV.	OFFICE RENT	26,500
	TOTAL BUDGET (MAXIMUM CONTRACT AMOUNT)	$404,900

Contractor may adjust the dollar amount of any of the above line items, up to a maximum of ten percent (10%) of the dollar amount of any line item being augmented, without the prior written approval of Director, provided that any increase in any line item shall be offset by a corresponding decrease in the other line items. Any other changes in the Budget shall require Director's written approval. In no event shall any such adjustment result in any increase in the dollar amount of the Total Budget (Maximum Contract Amount).

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EXHIBIT C

CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

CONTRACTOR NAME _____ Contract No._____

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The Contractor referenced above has entered into a contract with the County of Los Angeles to provide certain services to the County. The County requires the Corporation to sign this Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement.

CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Contractor understands and agrees that the Contractor employees, Contractors, Outsourced Vendors and independent Contractors (Contractor's Staff) that will provide services in the above referenced agreement are Contractor's sole responsibility. Contractor understands and agrees that Contractor's Staff must rely exclusively upon Contractor for payment of salary and any and all other benefits payable by virtue of Contractor's Staff's performance of work under the above-referenced contract.

Contractor understands and agrees that Contractor's Staff are not employees of the County of Los Angeles for any purpose whatsoever and that Contractor's Staff 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. Contractor understands and agrees that Contractor's Staff 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:

Contractor and Contractor's Staff may be involved with work pertaining to services provided by the County of Los Angeles and, if so, Contractor and Contractor's Staff may have access to confidential data and information pertaining to persons and/or entities receiving services from the County. In addition, Contractor and Contractor's Staff may also have access to proprietary information supplied 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, criminal, and welfare recipient records. Contractor and Contractor's Staff understand that if they are involved in County work, the County must ensure that Contractor and Contractor's Staff, will protect the confidentiality of such data and information. Consequently, Contractor must sign this Confidentiality Agreement as a condition of work to be provided by Contractor's Staff for the County.

Contractor and Contractor's Staff hereby agrees that they will not divulge to any unauthorized person any data or information obtained while performing work pursuant to the above-referenced contract between Contractor and the County of Los Angeles. Contractor and Contractor's Staff agree to forward all requests for the release of any data or information received to County's Project Manager.

Contractor and Contractor's Staff agree to keep confidential all 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, Contractor proprietary information and all other original materials produced, created, or provided to Contractor and Contractor's Staff under the above-referenced contract. Contractor and Contractor's Staff agree to protect these confidential materials against disclosure to other than Contractor or County employees who have a need to know the information. Contractor and Contractor's Staff agree that if proprietary information supplied by other County vendors is provided to me during this employment, Contractor and Contractor's Staff shall keep such information confidential.

Contractor and Contractor's Staff agree to report any and all violations of this agreement by Contractor and Contractor's Staff and/or by any other person of whom Contractor and Contractor's Staff become aware.

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

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____/_____/_____

PRINTED NAME: _____ POSITION: _____

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EXHIBIT D

CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

Contractor Name _____ Contract No._____

Employee Name _____

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Your employer referenced above has entered into a contract with the County of Los Angeles to provide certain services to the County. The County requires your signature on this Contractor Employee Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement.

EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

I understand and agree that the Contractor referenced above is my sole employer for purposes of the above-referenced contract. I understand and agree that I must rely exclusively upon my employer for payment of salary and any and all other benefits payable to me or on my behalf by virtue of my performance of work under the above-referenced contract.

I understand and agree 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.

I understand and agree that I may be required to undergo a background and security investigation(s). I understand and agree that my continued performance of work under the above-referenced contract is contingent upon my passing, to the satisfaction of the County, any and all such investigations. I understand and agree that my failure to pass, to the satisfaction of the County, any such investigation shall result in my immediate release from performance under this and/or any future contract.

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT:

I may be involved with work pertaining to services provided by the County of Los Angeles and, if so, I may have access to confidential data and information pertaining to persons and/or entities receiving services from the County. In addition, I may also have access to proprietary information supplied 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, criminal, and welfare recipient records. I understand that if I am involved in County work, the County must ensure that I, too, will protect the confidentiality of such data and information. Consequently, I understand that I must sign this agreement as a condition of my work to be provided by my employer for the County. I have read this agreement and have taken 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 between my employer and the County of Los Angeles. I agree to forward all requests for the release of any data or information received by me to my immediate supervisor.

I agree to keep confidential all 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, Contractor 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 my employer or County employees who have a need to know the information. I agree that if proprietary information supplied by other County vendors is provided to me during this employment, I shall keep such information confidential.

I agree to report to my immediate supervisor any and all violations of this agreement by myself and/or by any other person of whom I become aware. I agree to return all confidential materials to my immediate supervisor upon completion of this contract or termination of my employment with my employer, whichever occurs first.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____/_____/_____

PRINTED NAME: _____ POSITION:_____

When completed, this form must be maintained on file by CONTRACTOR 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.

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EXHIBIT E

CONTRACTOR NON-EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

Contractor Name _____ Contract No._____

Non-Employee Name _____

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The Contractor referenced above has entered into a contract with the County of Los Angeles to provide certain services to the County. The County requires your signature on this Contractor Non-Employee Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement.

NON-EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

I understand and agree that the Contractor referenced above has exclusive control for purposes of the above-referenced contract. I understand and agree that I must rely exclusively upon the Contractor referenced above for payment of salary and any and all other benefits payable to me or on my behalf by virtue of my performance of work under the above-referenced contract.

I understand and agree 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.

I understand and agree that I may be required to undergo a background and security investigation(s). I understand and agree that my continued performance of work under the above-referenced contract is contingent upon my passing, to the satisfaction of the County, any and all such investigations. I understand and agree that my failure to pass, to the satisfaction of the County, any such investigation shall result in my immediate release from performance under this and/or any future contract.

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT:

I may be involved with work pertaining to services provided by the County of Los Angeles and, if so, I may have access to confidential data and information pertaining to persons and/or entities receiving services from the County. In addition, I may also have access to proprietary information supplied 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, criminal, and welfare recipient records. I understand that if I am involved in County work, the County must ensure that I, too, will protect the confidentiality of such data and information. Consequently, I understand that I must sign this agreement as a condition of my work to be provided by the above-referenced Contractor for the County. I have read this agreement and have taken 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 between the above-referenced Contractor and the County of Los Angeles. I agree to forward all requests for the release of any data or information received by me to the above-referenced Contractor.

I agree to keep confidential all 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, Contractor 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 the above-referenced Contractor or County employees who have a need to know the information. I agree that if proprietary information supplied by other County vendors is provided to me, I shall keep such information confidential.

I agree to report to the above-referenced Contractor any and all violations of this agreement by myself and/or by any other person of whom I become aware. I agree to return all confidential materials to the above-referenced Contractor upon completion of this contract or termination of my services hereunder, whichever occurs first.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____/_____/_____

PRINTED NAME: _____ POSITION: _____

When completed, this form must be maintained on file by CONTRACTOR 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.

EXHIBIT F

SUBCONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EMPLOYER

I understand that _____ is my sole employer for purposes of this employment.

I rely exclusively upon_____ for payment of all salary and any and all other benefits payable to me or on my behalf during the period of this employment.

I understand and agree that I am not an employee of Los Angeles County 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 during the period of this employment.

I understand and agree that I do not have and will not acquire any rights or benefits pursuant to any subcontract between my employer, _____, and any person or entity that has a prime contract with the County of Los Angeles.

ACKNOWLEDGED AND RECEIVED:

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

NAME: _____
Print

When completed, this form must be maintained on file by CONTRACTOR 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.

EXHIBIT G

ATTESTATION REGARDING FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS

In accordance with your agreement with the County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health under Paragraph (CONTRACTOR'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 _____

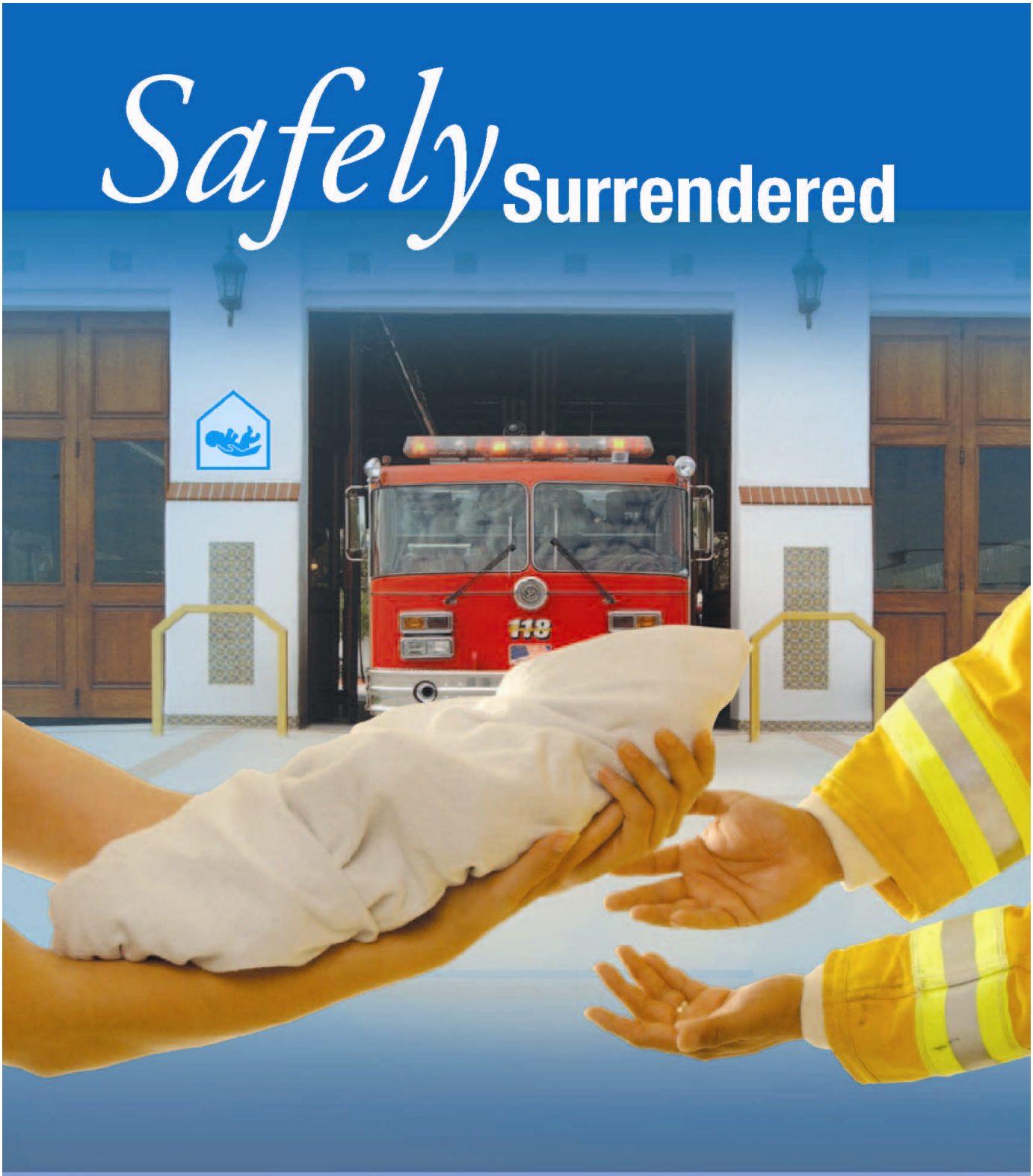
EXHIBIT H

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



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Safely Surrendered Baby Law

What is the Safely Surrendered Baby Law?

California's Safely Surrendered Baby Law allows parents or other persons, with lawful custody, which means anyone to whom the parent has given permission to confidentially surrender a baby. As long as the baby is three days (72 hours) of age or younger and has not been abused or neglected, the baby may be surrendered without fear of arrest or prosecution.

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.

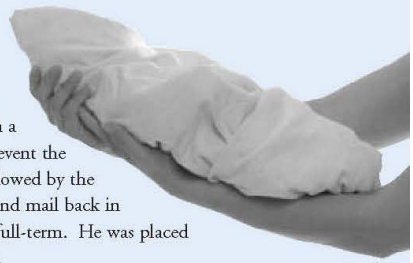
What happens to the parent or surrendering adult?

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?

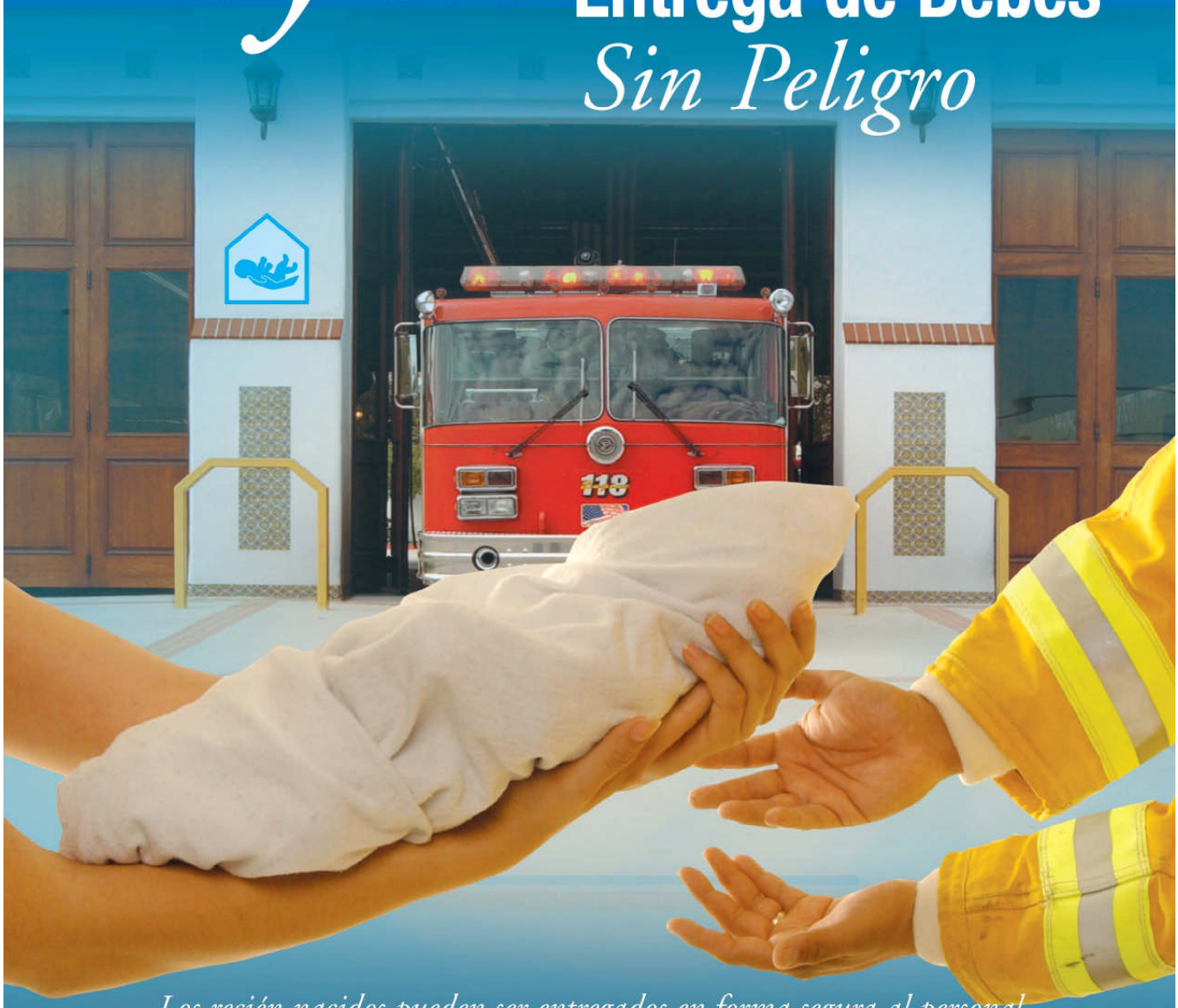
The purpose of the **Safely Surrendered Baby Law** is to protect babies from being abandoned, hurt or killed by their parents. You may have heard tragic stories of babies left in dumpsters or public bathrooms. Their parents may have been under severe emotional distress. The mothers may have hidden their 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.

Ley de Entrega de Bebés *Sin Peligro*



Los recién nacidos pueden ser entregados en forma segura al personal de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Ángeles

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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 Peligro de California permite la entrega confidencial de un recién nacido por parte de sus padres u otras personas con custodia legal, es decir cualquier persona a quien los padres le hayan dado permiso. Siempre que el bebé tenga tres días (72 horas) de vida o menos, y no haya sufrido abuso ni negligencia, pueden entregar al recién nacido sin temor de ser arrestados o procesados.

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 I

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS CERTIFICATION

_____
Company Name

_____
Address

_____
Internal Revenue Service Employer Identification Number

_____
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

_____
Name and Title of Signer (please print)

ATTACHMENT II

SOLE SOURCE CHECKLIST
MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY SERVICES, INC.

Check (✓)	JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS ***Identify applicable justification and provide documentation for each checked item.***
	➢ **Only one bona fide source for the service exists; performance and price competition are not available.**
	➢ **Quick action is required (emergency situation).**
	➢ **Proposals have been solicited but no satisfactory proposals were received.**
	➢ **Additional services are needed to complete an ongoing task and it would be prohibitively costly in time and money to seek a new service provider.**
	➢ **Maintenance service agreements exist on equipment which must be serviced by the authorized manufacturer's service representatives.**
(✓)	➢ **It is more cost-effective to obtain services by exercising an option under an existing contract.** MHAS is a non-profit organization that provides legal services to people with mental and developmental disabilities. This agency's specialty in assisting severely and persistently mentally ill adults through the application process for Supplemental Social Security (SSI)/Medi-Cal benefits is best supported by MHAS' demonstrated area of expertise and knowledge for protocols regarding the filing and processing of SSI/Medi-Cal applications that result in quick approval of benefits. MHAS has assisted the Department of Mental Health (DMH) financially by increasing its generated Medi-Cal revenue that eligible clients have been assisted with obtaining by MHAS. Since initially obtaining a contract with DMH in 1997, MHAS has assisted over 4,600 adult consumers obtain SSI and Medi-Cal benefits, and currently serves 600 new consumers each year. MHAS has a success rate of 80% in helping consumers acquire benefits, compared to an overall 50% national success rate. This has established MHAS as a reputable agency with consistently successful outcomes for its clients, which in turn has benefitted DMH.
	➢ **Other reason. Please explain:**

Sheila A. Shima
Deputy Chief Executive Officer, CEO

5/10/10
Date

ATTACHMENT III

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April 19, 2010

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.
Director of Mental Health

SUBJECT: **ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO RENEW A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT NEGOTIATION WITH MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY SERVICES, INC.**

This memo is to comply with the Board of Supervisors Policy Manual, Section 5.100 Sole Source Contracts. It is the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health's (DMH) intent to enter into sole source contract agreement with Mental Health Advocacy Services, Inc. (MHAS), located at 3255 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 902, Los Angeles, California 90010.

MHAS is a non-profit organization providing legal services to people with mental and developmental disabilities. MHAS' Government Benefits Advocacy Project provides a critical, irreplaceable service to Los Angeles County (LAC) residents by assisting severely and persistently mentally ill adults with applying for and maintaining Social Security Income (SSI) and/or Medi-Cal benefits through their established reputable expertise and protocols for facilitating the filing and processing of SSI and/or Medi-Cal applications resulting in quick approval of benefits. Now in its 13th year, this innovative project, which currently serves 600 new applicants each year, has helped over 4,600 adult consumers served by DMH obtain SSI and/or Medi-Cal benefits. In addition to the individual benefits advocacy, MHAS provides expert technical assistance and training to County agencies and other providers.

MHAS is uniquely qualified to provide the services needed as the combination of expertise and program design at MHAS has led to outstanding outcomes that would be difficult for another organization to match; MHAS has a success rate of over 80% in helping clients acquire benefits compared to an overall success rate of 50% nationally. The learning curve for another provider would be more expensive and the disruption of services would have a costly, negative impact on consumers due to increased risks of homelessness, hospitalization, or incarceration during the period. For every consumer that MHAS helps successfully qualify for benefits, DMH receives substantial reimbursements from Medi-Cal for the services provided. We estimate that in 2010, the total value of SSI and Medi-Cal benefits that will be received by the project's

consumers will be close to $50 million. Furthermore, other County departments such as Department of Health Services (DHS) and Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) who work with the same population, will also gain from the services provided by MHAS.

The sole source contract agreement will be for a term of three Fiscal Years (FYs), 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013. The contract will be funded with Sales Tax Realignment (CGF) in the amount of $404,900 for each FY.

Unless otherwise instructed by a Board office within two (2) weeks, DMH will proceed with negotiating the sole source contract. DMH will work closely with both the Office of the County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office in renewing the current contract with MHAS.

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c: Health Deputies
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