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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVAL TO RENEW 18 OUT-OF-STATE CHILD PLACEMENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENTS (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Request approval to renew 18 Out-of-State Child Placement Mental Health Services agreements for mentally ill clients who are placed in out-of-state residential programs.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute the renewal of 18 Out-of-State Child Placement (OSCP) Mental Health Services agreements, listed in Attachment I and substantially similar to the agreement format in Attachment II, at an estimated annual cost of $22,417,000, for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-11 with two successive one-year automatic renewal options through FY 2012-13.

2. Authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute future new agreements with other qualified and licensed OSCP providers provided that: 1) your Board has appropriated sufficient funds for all changes; 2) approval of County Counsel and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or their designees, is obtained prior to any such new agreements; and 3) the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, notifies your Board of new agreements in writing within 30 days after execution of each agreement.

3. Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute amendments to existing or future new agreements, provided that: 1) the County's revised daily rate

for each applicable fiscal year does not increase by 20 percent from the applicable revised daily rate; 2) any increase will be used to provide additional services or to reflect program or Board policy changes; 3) your Board has appropriated sufficient funds for all changes; 4) approval of County Counsel and the CEO, or their designees, is obtained prior to any such amendments; 5) the parties, by written Amendment, may mutually agree to reduce programs or services without reference to the 20 percent limitation; and 6) the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, 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 will renew the existing 18 OSCP Mental Health Services agreements expiring on June 30, 2010. Renewal of these agreements will allow continued services to severely and persistently mentally ill (SPMI) young adults, seriously emotionally disturbed (SED) children, adolescents, and their families, and provision of support and technical services for the delivery of these mental health services. In addition, Board approval will allow the Department to enter into agreements with new OSCP providers, and to amend agreements, 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

These 18 OSCP agreements will be funded at the rates shown in Attachment I. The rates are based on provider expenses, prevailing wages in the State, cost-of-living, and negotiated rates with insurance companies and other public and private agencies. The total estimated annual amount for these agreements is $22,417,000 for FYs 2010-11 through 2012-13, funded by Senate Bill 90 and federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act funds. Funding is included in DMH's FY 2010-11 Proposed Budget, and funding for future fiscal years will be requested through DMH's annual budget process.

There is no increase in net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The renewal of these agreements will provide an array of mental health treatment services to SPMI young adults, SED children, adolescents, and their families who are residents of the County of Los Angeles and are placed in out-of-state education and mental health treatment facilities. Placements are based on a referral from the local school districts as these SED children and adolescents have either failed in multiple local residential programs or have been refused admission by a multitude of mental health programs in California.

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

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The County currently has existing agreements with 18 OSCP contractors that will expire June 30, 2010. They are being renewed due to the continuing need for their specialized services for Los Angeles County residents.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Board approval of the proposed actions will allow contractors to provide uninterrupted mental health services to difficult to place SPMI young adults, SED children, adolescents, and their families.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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Enclosures

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

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
Contracts Development and Administration Division
SPECIALIZED CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR FYs 2010-11, 2011-12 AND 2012-13
OUT-OF-STATE CHILD PLACEMENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENTS*

Item No.	CONTRACTOR	SUP. DIST. (HQ)	Agreement Term	FY 2010-11 Daily Rate **	FY 2011-12 Daily Rate **	FY 2012-13 Daily Rate **
1	Cathedral Home for Children P.O. Box 520 Laramie, WY 82073	N/A Out-of-State	3 Yrs	$165.00	$165.00	$165.00
2	Colorado Boys Ranch 28071 Highway 109 - P.O. Box 681 La Junta, CO 81050	N/A Out-of-State	3 Yrs	$127.92	$127.92	$127.92
3	Daystar Residential, Inc. 3926 Bahler Road Manvel, TX 77578	N/A Out-of-State	3 Yrs	$88.00	$88.00	$88.00
4	Devereux Arizona Treatment Network 11000 N. Scottsdale Road, Suite 260 Scottsdale, AZ 85254	N/A Out-of-State	3 Yrs	$109.00	$109.00	$109.00
5	Devereux Cleo Wallace 8405 Church Ranch Boulevard Westminster, CO 80021	N/A Out-of-State	3 Yrs	$158.00	$158.00	$158.00
6	Devereux Florida 5850 T.G. Lee Blvd., Suite 400 Orlando, FL 32822	N/A Out-of-State	3 Yrs	$252.00	$252.00	$252.00
7	Devereux Glenholme 81 Sabbaday Lane Washington, CT 06793-1318	N/A Out-of-State	3 Yrs	$34.00	$34.00	$34.00
8	Devereux Texas Treatment Network * * * 1150 Devereux Drive League City, TX 77573	N/A Out-of-State	3 Yrs	$129.55, $171.91, $177.74, $66.88, $39.29	$129.55, $171.91, $177.74, $66.88, $39.29	$129.55, $171.91, $177.74, $66.88, $39.29
9	Excelsior Youth Centers, Inc. 15001 East Oxford Avenue Aurora, CO 80014	N/A Out-of-State	3 Yrs	$61.75	$61.75	$61.75
10	Forest Heights Lodge P.O. Box 789 Evergreen, CO 80439-0789	N/A Out-of-State	3 Yrs	$61.00	$61.00	$61.00

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11	Griffith Centers for Children, Inc. 14142 Denver West Parkway, Suite 225 Lakewood, CO 80401-3189	N/A Out-of-State	3 Yrs	$148.00	$148.00	$148.00
12	Heartspring, Inc. 8700 E. 29th Street, North Wichita, KS 67226	N/A Out-of-State	3 Yrs	$35.00	$35.00	$35.00
13	Heritage Schools, Inc. 5600 N. Heritage School Drive Provo, UT 84604	N/A Out-of-State	3 Yrs	$75.00	$75.00	$75.00
14	Intermountain Children's Home and Services 500 South Lamborn Helena, MT 59601	N/A Out-of-State	3 Yrs	$71.54	$71.54	$71.54
15	Mental Health Systems, Inc. 9465 Farnham Street San Diego, CA 92123	N/A Out-of-State	3 Yrs	$88.00	$88.00	$88.00
16	Provo Canyon School, Inc. 1350 East 750 Norh Orem, UT 84097	N/A Out-of-State	3 Yrs	$95.00	$95.00	$95.00
17	The Learning Clinic P.O. Box 324 Brooklyn, CT 06234	N/A Out-of-State	3 Yrs	$47.68	$47.68	$47.68
18	Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch 1732 South 72nd Street West Billings, MT 59106	N/A Out-of-State	3 Yrs	$92.00	$92.00	$92.00

*Out-of-State Child Placement Mental Health Services Agreemets provide a comprehensive residential treatment program serving Severely Emotionally Disturbed (SED) children and adolescents outside California.

**The daily rate for the Out-of-State Child Placement Mental Health Services Agreement is determined by DMH staff and based on services provided, the provider's costs, prevailing wages in the state, cost-of-living, and negotiated rates with other counties, public and private agencies, and insurance companies.

*** The rates vary for Devereaux based on one of four individual facilities at which the client is placed.

ATTACHMENT II

CONTRACTOR:_____

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Business Address:

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_____
Contract Number

_____
Reference Number

OUT-OF-STATE CHILD PLACEMENT

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT

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- Exhibit A — GENERAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES EXHIBIT (IN OUT-OF-STATE RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES)
- Exhibit B — SUBCONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF EMPLOYER
- Exhibit C — CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EMPLOYER
- Exhibit D — ATTESTATION REGARDING FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS

OUT-OF-STATE CHILD PLACEMENT
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made and entered into by and between COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (hereafter referred to as "County"), and _____ (hereafter referred to as "Contractor").

WHEREAS, this Agreement is entered pursuant to Government Code 7576, Chapter 654, Statute of 1996, and Welfare and Institutions Code 300, Sections A through J.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Agreement is to compensate Contractor for mental health services to the County of Los Angeles, Department of Mental Health (DMH). These services are provided to children who are emotionally disturbed and have been assessed by DMH and have been determined to require residential placement and mental health services.

WHEREAS, the following term, as used in this Agreement shall have the following meaning: 'Director" means County's Director of Mental Health or the authorized designee.

NOW, THEREFORE; the parties 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 eight goals: 1) Service Excellence; 2) Workforce Excellence; 3) Organizational Effectiveness; 4) Fiscal Responsibility; 5) Children and Families' Well-Being; 6) Community Services; 7) Health and Mental Health; and 8) Public Safety. Improving the well-being of children and families requires coordination, collaboration, and integration of services across functional and jurisdictional boundaries, by and between County departments/agencies, and community and contracting partners.

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

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

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

- ✔ Families are treated with respect in every encounter they have with the health, educational, and social services systems.
- ✔ Families can easily access a broad range of services to address their needs, build on their strengths, and achieve their goals.
- ✔ There is no "wrong door": wherever a family enters the system is the right place.
- ✔ Families receive services tailored to their unique situations and needs.
- ✔ Service providers and advocates involve families in the process of determining service plans, and proactively provide families with coordinated and comprehensive information, services, and resources.

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

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

community with a better understanding of how resources are being utilized, how well services are being provided, and what are the results of the services: is anyone better off?

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

Personal Service Delivery

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

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

Service 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.

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1.0 CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

1.1 Contractor shall provide mental health services for children/adolescents who are referred to Contractor by County. Contractor shall provide the following: Mental health services for children and adolescents between ages 0 to 22 years of age, as more fully described in Exhibit A (General Mental Health Services Exhibit), attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. These services shall be available on a twenty-four (24) hour, seven (7) days per week basis during the term of this Agreement.

Address of facility:

Street Address _____

City and State _____

Phone Number(s_____

Fax Number(s) _____

1.2 Contractor shall immediately notify the County of any and all changes in regards to previously agreed policies of mental health services.

1.3 Contractor shall have and maintain a valid license to provide mental health services from the State of California.

1.4 Contractor shall immediately report to County any and all behavioral and physical changes affecting the concerned child that has been placed by County.

2.0 COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

2.1 County shall determine eligibility of children for mental health services.

2.2 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the parties recognize that County reserves the right in its discretion to remove any or all children from Contractor's home at any time. County shall provide advance notice of such removals.

3.0 TERM AND TERMINATION:

3.1 Initial Period: The Initial Period of this Agreement shall commence on _____ and shall continue in full force and effect through _____.

3.2 Automatic Renewal Period(s): After the Initial Period, this Agreement shall be automatically renewed two additional periods without further action by the parties hereto unless either party desires to terminate this Agreement at the end of either the Initial Period or First Automatic Renewal Period and gives

written notice to the other party not less than 30 calendar days prior to the end of the Initial Period or the end of the First Automatic Renewal Period, as applicable.

(1) First Automatic Renewal Period: If this Agreement is automatically renewed, the First Automatic Renewal Period shall commence on _____ and shall continue in full force and effect through _____.

(2) Second Automatic Renewal Period: If this Agreement is automatically renewed, the Second Automatic Renewal Period shall commence on _____and shall continue in full force and effect through _____.

3.3 County and Contractor may cancel or terminate this Agreement in whole or in part by giving the County or Contractor thirty (30) days written notice without any liability other than payment for work already performed up to the date of agreement termination. Contractor shall be paid the reasonable value of those services rendered.

3.4 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.

3.5 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 55 (NOTICES).

4.0 WORK: Pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, Contractor shall fully provide, complete and deliver on time all tasks, deliverables, goods, services, and other work as set forth in this Agreement.

5.0 COMPENSATION:

5.1 Payment For Mental Health Services:

As compensation for mental health services herein, **County shall pay Contractor the sum of $_____ per day for a child (0-22 years of age)** in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

5.2 County compensation may include federal funds received from the State of California Department of Mental Health such as Special Education Grants to States (CFDA No. 84.027) in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) under subrecipient ID number MH140004.

5.3 Contractor shall invoice County monthly in arrears for services rendered that month. At the beginning of each agreement period, the County shall send a supply of invoices to the Contractor. Immediately following the month services were rendered, the Contractor shall complete and sign the invoice and mail to the DMH.

5.4 In compliance with Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requirements, Contractor will provide Contractor's Tax Identification Number or Social Security Number on each invoice submitted.

5.5 Invoices shall be submitted to:

County of Los Angeles
Department of Mental Health
AB 3632 Residential Placement Unit, CSOC
550 S. Vermont Avenue, 3rd floor
Los Angeles, CA 90020
ATTN.: Mr. Paul McIver, LCSW
Out-Of-State Child Placement Coordinator

5.6 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.

5.7 Budget Reductions: In the event that the County's Board of Supervisors adopts, in any fiscal year, a County Budget which provides for reductions in County contracts, the County reserves the right to reduce its payment obligation under this Agreement to implement such Board reductions for that fiscal year and any subsequent fiscal year during the term of this Agreement (including any extensions), and the services to be provided by the Contractor under this Agreement shall also be reduced correspondingly. The County's notice to the Contractor regarding said reduction in payment obligation shall be provided

within thirty (30) calendar days of the Board's approval of such action. Except as set forth in the preceding sentence, the Contractor shall continue to provide all of the services set forth in this Agreement.

6.0 SERVICES AND FINANCIAL RECORDS: Contractor shall file and retain in the agency or facility copies of this Agreement, and such other intake forms, medical records or financial records as may be required by County. In addition, ledgers, accounting books and file card systems shall be legible, complete and shall be kept current.

7.0 UNAVAILABILITY OF FACILITY: Should Contractor's facility become unavailable for any reason including, but not limited to, foreclosure, fire, disaster, or loss of State License, this Agreement shall terminate as of the date that the last child is removed from the facility, and payment shall be made on a prorate basis.

8.0 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 8. 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, 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 fully liable and responsible for any and all performance required of it under this Agreement, 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 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 allow ability 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 8 or a blanket consent to any further subcontracting.

J. In the event that County consents to any subcontracting, Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for any and all payments or other compensation to all subcontractors and 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 8, 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 and maintain on file an executed Subcontractor Employee Acknowledgment of Employer (Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference) form for each of the subcontractor's employees performing services under the subcontract. Such Acknowledgments shall be executed by each such employee on or immediately after the commencement date of the particular subcontract but in no event later than the date such employee first performs any services under the subcontract.

M. County shall have no liability or responsibility whatsoever for any payment or other compensation for any subcontractor or its officers, employees, and agents.

N. Director or his designee is hereby authorized to act for and on behalf of County pursuant to this Paragraph 8, including, but not limited to, consenting to any subcontracting.

9.0 INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE:

A. Indemnification: Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless County, and its Special Districts, elected and appointed officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all liability,

including but not limited to demands, claims, actions, fees, costs, and expenses (including attorney and expert witness fees), arising from or connected with Contractor's acts and/or omissions arising from and/or relating to this Agreement.

B. General Insurance Requirements: Without limiting Contractor's indemnification of County and during the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall provide and maintain, and shall require all of its subcontractors to maintain, the following programs of insurance specified in this Agreement. Such insurance shall be primary to and not contributing with any other insurance or self-insurance programs maintained by County, and such coverage shall be provided and maintained at Contractor's own expense.

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

(a) Specifically identify this Agreement.

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

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

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

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

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

3) Failure to Maintain Coverage: Failure by Contractor to maintain the required insurance, or to provide evidence of insurance coverage acceptable to County, shall constitute a material breach of the contract upon which County may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement. County, at its sole option, may obtain damages from Contractor resulting from said breach. Alternatively, County may purchase such required insurance coverage, and without further notice to Contractor, County may deduct from sums due to Contractor any premium costs advanced by County for such insurance.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

C. Insurance Coverage Requirements:

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

General Aggregate:	Two Million Dollars	($2,000,000)
Products/Completed Operations Aggregate:	One Million Dollars	($1,000,000)
Personal and Advertising Injury:	One Million Dollars	($1,000,000)
Each Occurrence:	One Million Dollars	($1,000,000)

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

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

Each Accident:	One Million Dollars	($1,000,000)
Disease – policy limit:	One Million Dollars	($1,000,000)
Disease – each employee:	One Million Dollars	($1,000,000)

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

10.0 NON-DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT:

10.1 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, religion,

national origin, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, physical handicap, or political affiliation, and in compliance with all applicable Federal and State anti-discrimination laws and regulations.

10.2 Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that qualified applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to race, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, physical handicap, or political affiliation. 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.

10.3 Contractor shall deal with its subcontractors, bidders, or vendors without regard to or because of race, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, marital status, physical handicap, or political affiliation.

10.4 Contractor shall allow County representatives access to its employment records during regular business hours to verify compliance with the provisions of this Paragraph 10 when so requested by Director.

10.5 If County finds that any of the above provisions has been violated, the same shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement upon which County may immediately 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.

10.6 In the event that Contractor violates any of the anti-discrimination provisions of this Paragraph 10, 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.

11.0 <u>CONFIDENTIALITY</u>:

11.1 Contractor agrees to maintain the confidentiality of all records, including but not limited to claims, County records, patient/client records and information, in accordance with all applicable Federal,

State and local laws, regulations, ordinances, and directives relating to confidentiality. Contractor should ensure that names, addresses and all other information concerning the circumstances of children referred to by County are kept confidential. Contractor shall not divulge such information to any unauthorized person.

11.2 Contractor shall maintain the confidentiality of all records and information, including, but not limited to, claims, County records, patient/client records and information, and DMH's Mental Health Management Information System (MHMIS) or Integrated System (IS) records, in accordance with WIC Sections 5328 through 5330, inclusive, and all other applicable County, State, and Federal laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines, 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.

12.0 RIGHT TO MONITOR AND AUDIT:

12.1 County, State, or Federal personnel shall have the right to monitor and audit all work performed under this Agreement. Authorized representatives of County shall have the right to inspect the facility and review records without prior notice to Contractor, on any day of the week between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

12.2 For a period of five (5) years from the termination of this Agreement, Contractor shall at any reasonable time, make all records retained by Contractor under this Agreement available to County, State of California, or Federal personnel for inspection and copying. County, State of California, or Federal personnel may publish data contained in any statistical records retained by Contractor or derived from records retained by Contractor.

13.0 CHANGES AND MODIFICATIONS: This Agreement contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties. No addition to, or alteration of, the terms of this Agreement, whether by written or verbal understanding of the parties, their officers, agents, or employees, shall be valid unless made in the form of a written amendment to this Agreement and formally approved and executed by the parties.

14.0 DELEGATION AND ASSIGNMENT BY CONTRACTOR:

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

B. Shareholders, partners, members, or other equity holders of Contractor may transfer, sell, exchange, assign, or divest themselves of any interest they may have therein. However, in the event any such sale, transfer, exchange, assignment, or divestment is effected in such a way as to give majority control of Contractor to any person(s), corporation, partnership, or 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.

15.0 RIGHT OF TERMINATION:

15.1 Upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party, either party may terminate this Agreement. However, County may **immediately** terminate this contract by written notification if County, in its sole discretion finds any or all of the following to exist:

15.1.1 Contractor fails to perform the covenants herein contained at the time and in the manner herein provided;

15.1.2 Contractor's mental health license is revoked or is allowed to lapse;

15.1.3 Contractor's facility is found to be in such condition as to constitute a danger to the health and safety of the children in such facility;

15.1.4 County has cause to believe that allegations of child abuse and/or endangerment against Contractor are true, or;

15.1.5 County, State, or Federal funding becomes unavailable.

16.0 GOVERNING LAW, JURISDICTION AND VENUE: This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the **State of California.** Any reference to a specific statute, regulation, or any other document not prepared by County is deemed to include a reference to any amendment thereto as of the effective date of such amendment; further, this Agreement shall be interpreted and the parties' duties and obligations under this Agreement shall be consistent with any amendment to any applicable statute, regulation or other document not prepared by County which occurs after the effective date of this Agreement.

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.

17.0 COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS: This Agreement shall be performed in accordance with all pertinent regulations of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the California Department of Mental Health (CDMH), and County's Department of Mental Health (DMH).

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

19.0 STAFFING: Contractor shall operate throughout the term of this Agreement with staff, including, but not limited to, professional staff, that approximates the type and number as indicated in Contractor's

Negotiation Package for this Agreement, as approved in writing by Director, including any addenda thereto as approved in writing by Director and as required by WIC and CCR. Such staff shall be qualified and shall possess all appropriate licenses in accordance with WIC Section 5603 and all other applicable requirements of the California Business and Professions Code, WIC, CCR, CR/DC Manual, Los Angeles County DMH Organizational Provider's Manual for Specialty Mental Health Services under the Rehabilitation Option and Targeted Case Management Services, SDMH Policy Letters, and function within the scope of practice as dictated by licensing boards/bodies.

19.1 If vacancies occur in any of Contractor's staff that would reduce Contractor's ability to perform any services under the Agreement, Contractor shall promptly notify Director of such vacancies.

19.2 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 under this Agreement.

20.0. STAFF TRAINING AND SUPERVISION: Contractor shall institute and maintain an in-service training program of treatment review and case conferences in which all its professional, para-professional, intern, student and clinical volunteer personnel shall participate. Contractor shall institute and maintain appropriate supervision of all persons providing services under this Agreement with particular emphasis on the supervision of para-professionals, interns, students, and clinical volunteers in accordance with Departmental clinical supervision policy. Contractor shall be responsible for the provision of federal mandatory training for all staff at the time of employment and for subsequent updates as required by Federal and State law including but not limited to HIPAA and Sexual Harassment and for the training of all appropriate staff on the Los Angeles County DMH Organizational Provider's Manual for Specialty Mental Health Services under the Rehabilitation Option and Targeted Case Management Services, CR/DC Manual (as applicable), and other State and County policies and procedures as well as on any other matters that County may reasonably require.

Contractor shall document and make available upon request by the Federal, State and/or County the type and number of hours of training provided to Contractor's officers, employees, agents, and subcontractors as required by State or Federal law.

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21.0. PROGRAM SUPERVISION, MONITORING AND REVIEW:

A. 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 or his designee. Director or his designee 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 any contract monitoring report pertaining to services/activities under this Agreement, Contractor shall respond in writing to the particular DMH Contract Monitor within the time specified in the contract monitoring 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.

B. To assure compliance with this Agreement and for any other reasonable purpose relating to performance of this Agreement, and subject to the provisions of State and Federal law, authorized County, State, and/or Federal representatives and designees shall have the right to enter Contractor's premises (including all other places where duties under this Agreement are being performed), with or without notice, to: inspect, monitor and/or audit Contractor's facilities, programs and procedures, or to otherwise evaluate the work performed or being performed; review and copy any records and supporting documentation pertaining to the performance of this Agreement; and elicit information regarding the performance of this Agreement or any related work. The representatives and designees of such agencies may examine, audit and copy such records at the site at which they are located. Contractor shall provide access to facilities and shall cooperate and assist County, State, and/or Federal representatives and designees in the performance of their duties. Unless otherwise agreed upon in writing, Contractor must provide specified data upon request by County, State, and/or Federal representatives and designees within ten (10) State business days for monitoring purposes.

22.0 PATIENTS'/CLIENTS' RIGHTS: Contractor shall comply with all applicable patients'/clients' rights provisions, including, but not limited to, WIC Section 5325 et seq., CCR Title 9, Section 850 et seq., and CCR Title 22. Further, Contractor shall comply with all patients'/clients' rights policies provided by County.

County Patients' Rights Advocates shall be given access by Contractor to all patients/clients, patients'/clients' records, and Contractor's personnel in order to monitor Contractor's compliance with all applicable statutes, regulations, manuals and policies.

23.0 REPORTING OF PATIENT/CLIENT ABUSE AND RELATED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS:

23.1 Minor Children Abuse: Contractor, and all persons employed or subcontracted by Contractor, shall comply with California Penal Code (hereafter "PC") Section 11164 et seq.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.

23.2 Contractor Staff:

23.2.1 Contractor shall assure that any person who enters into employment as a care custodian of 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 laws to the effect that such person has knowledge of, and will comply with, these code sections.

23.2.2 Although clerical and other non-treatment staff may not be required to report suspected cases of abuse, they should consult with mandated reporters upon suspecting any abuse.

23.2.3 For the safety and welfare of 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 minor children.

23.2.4 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 minor children, or which otherwise make it inappropriate for such person to be employed by Contractor.

24.0 <u>NON-DISCRIMINATION IN SERVICES</u>: Contractor shall not discriminate in the provision of services hereunder because of race, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, or physical or mental handicap, in accordance with requirements of Federal and State law. For the purpose of this Paragraph 24.0, 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, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, or physical or mental handicap.

24.1 Contractor shall establish and maintain written complaint procedures under which any person applying for or receiving any services under this Agreement may seek resolution from Contractor of a complaint with respect to any alleged discrimination in the rendering 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, if appropriate.

24.2 Contractor shall have admission policies specifying non-discrimination in writing and available to the public. Contractor shall not employ discriminatory practices in the admission of any person, assignment of accommodations, or otherwise. Any time any person applies for services under this Agreement, such person shall be advised by Contractor of the complaint procedures described in the above paragraph. 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 under this Agreement.

25.0 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.

26.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

26.1 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.

26.2 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.

27.0 INDEPENDENT STATUS OF CONTRACTOR:

27.1 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.

27.2 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.

27.3 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.

27.4 Contractor shall obtain and maintain on file an executed Contractor Employee Acknowledgment of Employer form (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference) for each of its employees performing services under this Agreement. Such Acknowledgments shall be executed by each such employee on or immediately after the commencement date of this Agreement but in no event later than the date such employee first performs services under this Agreement.

28.0 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.

29.0 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.

30.0 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, as required by all Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, 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 as required by all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines and directives shall be provided, in duplicate, to DMH's Contracts Development and Administration Division.

31.0 TERMINATION FOR INSOLVENCY:

31.1 County may terminate this Agreement immediately in the event of the occurrence of any of the following:

31.1.1 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.

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

31.1.3 The appointment of a Receiver or Trustee for Contractor.

31.1.4 The execution by Contractor of a general assignment for the benefit of creditors.

31.2 The rights and remedies of County provided in this Paragraph 32 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

32.0 TERMINATION FOR IMPROPER CONSIDERATION: County may, by written notice to Contractor, immediately terminate the right of Contractor to proceed under this Agreement if it is found that consideration, in any form, was offered or given by Contractor, either directly or through an intermediary, to any County officer, employee or agent with the intent of securing the Agreement or securing favorable treatment with respect to the award, amendment or extension of the Agreement or the making of any determinations with respect to the Contractor's performance pursuant to the Agreement. In the event of such termination, County shall be entitle to pursue the same remedies against Contractor as it 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, service, the provision of travel or entertainment, or tangible gifts.

33.0 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.

34.0 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.

35.0 ENTIRE AGREEMENT: The body of this Agreement; Exhibit A - General Mental Health Services Exhibit, Exhibit B - Subcontractor Employee Acknowledgement of Employer form, Exhibit C - Contractor Employee Acknowledgement of Employer form, and Exhibit D – Attestation Regarding Federally Funded Programs 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. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency in the definition or interpretation of any word, responsibility, or schedule, or the contents or description of any service or other work, or otherwise, between the body of this

Agreement and the other referenced documents, or between such other documents, such conflict or inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence first to the body of this Agreement and then to such other documents according to the following priority:

Exhibit A - General Mental Health Services Exhibit.

Exhibit B - Subcontractor Employee Acknowledgement of Employer.

Exhibit C - Contractor Employee Acknowledgement of Employer.

Exhibit D – Attestation Regarding Federally Funded Programs

36.0 **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 36 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

37.0 **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.

38.0 **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.

39.0 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.

40.0 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.

41.0 RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING: If any Federal funds are to be used to pay for any of Contractor's services under this Agreement, Contractor shall fully comply with all certification and disclosure requirements prescribed by Section 319 of Public Law 101-121 (31 United States Code Section 1352) and any implementing regulations, and shall ensure that each of its subcontractors receiving funds under this Agreement also fully complies with all such certification and disclosure requirements.

42.0 COUNTY'S QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN: The County or its agent will evaluate Contractor's performance under this Agreement on not less than an annual basis. Such evaluation will include assessing Contractor's compliance with all contract terms and performance standards. Contractor deficiencies which County determines are severe or continuing and that may place performance of the Agreement in jeopardy if not corrected will be reported to the Board of Supervisors. The report will include improvement/corrective action measures taken by the County and Contractor. If improvement does not occur consistent with the corrective action measures, County may terminate this Agreement or impose other penalties as specified in this Agreement.

43.0 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 43.

44.0 NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES REGRADING 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.

45.0 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY AND DEBARMENT:

A. A responsible Contractor is a Contractor who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity and experience to satisfactorily perform the contract. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible contractors.

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

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

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

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

F. After consideration of any objections, or if no objections are submitted, a record of the hearing, the proposed decision and any other recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board shall be presented to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall have the right to modify, deny or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Hearing Board.

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

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

hearing shall be conducted and the request for review decided by the Contractor Hearing Board pursuant to the same procedures as for a debarment hearing.

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.

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

46.0 CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION – LOWER THEIR COVERD TRANSACTIONS (45 C.F.R. PART 76): The Contractor haereby 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 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.

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

members from participation in a Federally funded health care program, whether such bar is direct or indirect, or whether such bar is in whole or in part.

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

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

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

Contractor shall indemnify and hold County harmless against any and all loss or damage County may suffer arising from any Federal exclusion of Contractor or its staff members from such participation in a Federally funded health care program. Contractor shall provide the certification set forth in Exhibit D as part of its obligation under this Paragraph 47.

Failure by Contractor to meet the requirements of this Paragraph 47 shall constitute a material breach of Agreement upon which County may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement.

48.0 <u>HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT</u>:

A. The parties acknowledge the existence of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and its implementing regulations ("HIPAA"). Contractor understands and agrees

that it is a *"Covered Entity"* under HIPAA and, as such, has obligations with respect to the confidentiality, privacy, and security of patients' medical information, and must take certain steps to preserve the confidentiality of this information, both internally and externally, including the training of staff and the establishment of proper procedures for the release of such information, including the use of appropriate consents and authorizations specified under HIPAA.

B. The parties acknowledge their separate and independent obligations with respect to HIPAA, and that such obligations relate to *transactions and code sets*, *privacy*, and *security*. Contractor understands and agrees that it is separately and independently responsible for compliance with HIPAA in all these areas and that County has not undertaken any responsibility for compliance on Contractor's behalf. Contractor has not relied, and will not in any way rely, on County for legal advice or other representations with respect to Contractor's obligations under HIPAA, but will independently seek its own counsel and take the necessary measures to comply with the law and its implementing regulations.

C. Contractor and County understand and agree that each is independently responsible for HIPAA compliance and agree to take all necessary and reasonable actions to comply with the requirements of HIPAA law and implementing regulations related to Transactions and Code Sets, Privacy, and Security. Each party further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the other party (including their officers, employees and agents) for its failure to comply with HIPAA.

D. Contractor and County understand and agree that HIPAA has imposed additional requirements in regards to changes in DMH's IS.

(1) County desires to clarify IS terminology under this Agreement as it relates to HIPAA, and, accordingly, has set forth in Attachment VIII (Crosswalk Fact Sheet) a "crosswalk" of technical terms, definitions and language to be used with this Agreement.

(2) County desires to clarify other HIPAA-related changes set forth in the DMH Provider Manual and which are incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth.

(a) County has added to the DMH Provider Manual a Guide to Procedure Codes, which includes a "crosswalk" of DMH activity codes to Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and Health Care Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes.

(b) County has added to the DMH Provider Manual an Electronic Data Interchange/Direct Data Entry (EDI/DDE) Selection and General Requirements Agreement, which includes the method in which Contractor or its Subcontractor(s) elects to submit HIPAA-compliant transactions and requirements for these transactions.

(c) County has added to the DMH Provider Manual a Trading Partner Agent Authorization Agreement which includes the Contractor's authorization to its Subcontractor(s) to submit HIPAA-compliant transactions on behalf of Contractor.

E. Contractor understands that County operates an informational website www.dmh.co.la.ca.us related to the services under this Agreement and the parties' HIPAA obligations, and agrees to undertake reasonable efforts to utilize said website to obtain updates, other information, and forms to assist Contractor in its performance.

F. Contractor understands and agrees that if it uses the services of an Agent in any capacity in order to receive, transmit, store or otherwise process Data or Data Transmissions or perform related activities, the Contractor shall be fully liable to DMH or for any acts, failures or omissions of the Agent in providing said services as though they were the Contractor's own acts, failures, or omissions.

G. Contractor further understands and agrees that the terms and conditions of the current Trading Partner Agreement (TPA) set forth in the DMH Provider Manual shall apply to this Agreement and that said Terms and Conditions are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

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

50.0 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.

51.0 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 in 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.

52.0 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.

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

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

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

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

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

The above penalties shall also apply to any Contractor that has previously obtained proper certification, however, as a result of a change in their status would no longer be eligible for certification, and fails to notify the State and the Office of Affirmative Action Compliance of this information prior to responding to a solicitation or accepting a contract award.

54.0 **FORCE MAJEURE:** 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 subparagraph as "force majeure events").

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 subparagraph, the term "subcontractor" and "subcontractors" mean subcontractors at any tier.

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.

55.0 **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 days prior written notice thereof to the other party.

To Contractor: _____

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Attention: _____

To County: Department of Mental Health
Contracts Development and
Administration Division
550 South Vermont Ave., 5th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90020

Attention: Richard Kushi, Chief

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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 COUNTY COUNSEL:

APPROVED AS TO CONTRACT
ADMINISTRATION:
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

By _____
Chief, Contracts Development
and Administration Division

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GENERAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES EXHIBIT

(PLACEMENT IN OUT-OF-STATE RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES)

This Exhibit describes and defines the array of mental health treatment services to be provided to Severely Emotionally Disturbed (SED) children placed into out-of-state residential care programs pursuant to Government Code 7576, Chapter 654, Statute of 1996, and Welfare Institutions Code 300, Sections A through J.

A. GENERAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES are bundled into a single, daily program unit and include the following:

1. Individual, Group, and Family Therapy

These are interventions designed to provide the maximum reduction of mental disability and restoration or maintenance of functioning consistent with the requirements for learning, development, independent living and enhanced self-sufficiency. Services shall be directed toward achieving the patient's/client's goals/desired results/personal milestones, and enabling patients/clients to benefit from Special Education.

For patients/clients who are SED children, mental health services provide a range of services to assist the patient/client to gain the social and functional skills necessary for appropriate development and social integration.

Services may be either face-to-face or by telephone contact with the patient/client or significant support persons and may be provided anywhere in the community. In the unusual circumstance where the patient/client and/or significant other is not present, plan development activities hereunder may be provided without a face-to-face or telephone contact.

Services shall include assessment, evaluation, collateral, and rehabilitation services; including assistance in restoring or maintaining a patient's/client's or group of patients'/clients' functional skills, daily living skills, social skills, grooming and personal hygiene skills, medication compliance, development of support systems; counseling of the patient/client and/or family; training in leisure activities integral to achieving the patient's/client's goals/desired results/personal milestones; and medication education.

2. Medication Evaluation and Monitoring

These include prescribing, administering, dispensing and monitoring of psychiatric medications necessary to alleviate the symptoms of mental illness, which are provided by a staff person within the scope of practice of his/her profession.

Services may be either face-to-face or by telephone with the patient/client or significant support persons.

Services include evaluation of the need for medication, clinical effectiveness and the side effects of medication; obtaining informed consent; medication education, including, but not limited to, discussing risks, benefits and alternatives with the patient/client or significant support persons.

3. Crisis Intervention

These services consist of a quick emergency response enabling a patient/client to cope with a crisis, while maintaining his/her status as a functioning community member to the greatest extent possible. A crisis is an unplanned event that results in the patient's/client's need for immediate service intervention. Crisis intervention services are limited to stabilization of the presenting emergency.

Services may be either face-to-face or by telephone with the patient/client or significant support persons.

4. Case Management/Brokerage

These are provided to access medical, educational, social, pre-vocational, rehabilitative, or other needed community services for eligible patients/clients. These services provide for the continuity of care within the mental health system and related social service systems. Services shall include linkage and consultation, placement and plan development.

Linkage and consultation services include:

(1) Identification and pursuit of resources which are necessary and appropriate to implement the service plan;

(2) Interagency and intra-agency consultation, communication, coordination, and referral; and

(3) Monitoring service delivery, the service plan, and to ensure patient/client access to services and the service delivery system.

Services may be either face-to-face or by telephone with the patient/client or significant support persons.

B. PERSONS TO BE SERVED: Contractor shall provide services to children and adolescents, ages 0 to 22, who are identified as Severely Emotionally Disturbed (SED), have been assessed by Department of Mental Health, and have been determined to require residential placement and mental health treatment services in order to benefit

from Special Education by an Individualized Education Program (IEP) team and who are referred to Contractor by Director.

C. **SERVICE DELIVERY SITE(S):** Contractor's facility(ies) where services are provided is (are) located at:

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Contractor shall obtain the prior written consent of Director at least seventy (70) days before terminating services at such location(s) and/or before commencing such services at any other location(s).

EXHIBIT B

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: _____
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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 C

CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EMPLOYER

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

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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 contract between my employer, _____, and the County of Los Angeles.

ACKNOWLEDGED AND RECEIVED:

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

NAME: _____
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EXHIBIT D

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 healthcare 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 subcontractors 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 subcontractors 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 subcontractors 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 subcontractors exclusion or suspension under federally funded healthcare 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 subcontractors, barring it or its officers, employees, agents and/or subcontractors 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 _____