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**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

48 May 21, 2024

  
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Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL TO EXECUTE A NEW SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH  
SPRING EVOLUTION INC., DBA WOLF CONNECTION, TO IMPLEMENT  
WOLF THERAPY – POWER OF THE PACK PROGRAM  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Request approval to execute a new sole source Contract with Spring Evolution Inc., dba Wolf Connection, to implement Wolf Therapy – Power of the Pack Program serving children and youth residing in the Antelope Valley.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health (Director), or designee, to prepare, sign, and execute a new sole source Contract (Contract), substantially similar to Attachment I, with Spring Evolution Inc., dba Wolf Connection (Wolf Connection) for two fiscal years. The Contract will be effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026, with the option of two annual extensions through June 30, 2028. The Total Contract Amount (TCA) is \$2,400,000, \$1,200,000 for each Fiscal Year (FY), fully funded by Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) – Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) revenue.
2. Delegate authority to the Director, or designee, to prepare, sign, and execute future amendments to the Contract in Recommendation 1, to revise the TCA; rollover unspent funds; revise the Contract language; add, delete, modify, or replace the Statement of Work (SOW); and/or reflect federal, State, and County regulatory and/or policy changes provided that: 1) the TCA will not exceed an increase of 10 percent from the Board approved TCA in Recommendation 1; and 2) sufficient funds are

available. These amendments will be subject to prior review and approval as to form by County Counsel, with written notice to the Board and Chief Executive Office (CEO).

3. Delegate authority to the Director, or her designee, to terminate the sole source Contract described in Recommendation 1 in accordance with the Contract's termination provisions, including Termination for Convenience. The Director, or designee, will provide written notification to your Board and CEO of such termination action.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

There is a great demand for innovative, preventive, and emotional wellbeing programs. Recent surveys and workgroup meetings with youth conducted by the Department of Mental Health (DMH) and the Los Angeles County Youth Commission indicate that youth want innovative, non-traditional mental health services. The new Contract with Wolf Connection will provide a multi-tiered, immersive digital education and empowerment program that creates space for children and youth 11 through 18 years age (participants) to practice awareness of themselves and their environment as they connect with the wolves. Through their direct relationships with wolves, the non-traditional programs encourage all participants to believe in their worthiness and capacity for personal growth and the power of the pack or community.

Board approval of Recommendation 1 will allow DMH to execute a new sole source Contract with Wolf Connection to implement Wolf Therapy – Power of the Pack program serving children and youth residing throughout the Antelope Valley.

Board approval of Recommendation 2 will allow DMH to amend the Contract to add, delete, modify, or replace the SOW, revise the TCA, rollover unspent funds, and reflect federal, State, and County regulatory and/or policy as necessary, without interruption to services.

Board approval of Recommendation 3 will allow DMH to terminate the Contract in accordance with the Contract's termination provisions, including Termination for Convenience, in a timely manner, as necessary.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal I, Make Investments that Transform Lives, specifically Strategy I.1- Increase Our Focus on Prevention Initiatives; and Strategy I.2- Enhance Our Delivery of Comprehensive Interventions; and County's Strategic Plan Goal III, Realize Tomorrow's Government Today, specifically Strategy III.3 – Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The total allocation for FY 2024-25 is \$1,200,000, fully funded by MHSA-PEI revenue. Funding for FY 2024-25 has been included in DMH's annual budget process.

Funding for future fiscal year 2025-26 is \$1,200,000 and will be requested through DMH's annual budget process. There is no net County cost impact associated with the recommended action.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Wolf Connection is an exclusive service provider that delivers innovative and non-traditional mental health services through Wolf Therapy – Power of the Pack Program.

Wolf Connection has established strong partnerships with Antelope Valley School Districts including Antelope Valley Union High School District and Palmdale Unified; foster care organizations; and Probation Camps that serve youth from the Antelope Valley region. For the past 12 years, Wolf Connection's multisession empowerment programs have transformed the lives of young people in the Antelope Valley who collectively experienced a disproportionate rate of poverty, foster care, teen pregnancy, gang activity, and incarceration. Their onsite and virtual program options provide opportunities to expand their reach and impact throughout Service Area (SA) 1.

The program targets children and youth 11 through 18 years of age and DMH estimates that this program will serve approximately 1,000 participants virtually, and 100 participants in-person at the ranch annually.

In accordance with Board Policy No. 5.100 (Sole Source Contracts and Amendments), DMH notified your Board (Attachment II), of its intent to execute a new sole source Contract with Wolf Connection to implement Wolf Therapy – Power of the Pack program serving children and youth ages 11 to 18 residing in the Antelope Valley. The required Sole Source Checklist (Attachment III), approved by CEO, is also attached.

The sole source contract (Attachment I) has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

As mandated by your Board, the performance of all contractors is evaluated by DMH on an annual basis to ensure compliance with all contract terms and performance standards.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

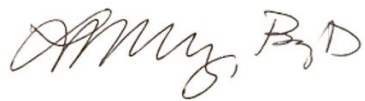
Board approval of the recommended actions will allow DMH to address service gaps in SA 1 as it relates to non-traditional healing modalities, as well as meaningful connections with peers, adult mentors, and wolf teachers.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

5/21/2024

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa H. Wong, Psy.D.", written in black ink.

LISA H. WONG, Psy.D.

Director

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Enclosures

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors  
Chief Executive Office  
County Counsel



**CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**AND**

**SPRING EVOLUTION INC., DBA WOLF CONNECTION**

**DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH WOLF THERAPY SERVICES CONTRACT**

MH280009  
**Contract Number**

29063 Aliso Canyon Rd.

N/A  
**Legal Entity Number**

Palmdale, CA 93350  
**Contractor Headquarters Address**

189255  
**Vendor Number**

**Contractor Headquarters' Supervisorial District** 5

**Contractor Headquarters' Service Area** 1

**Mental Health Supervisorial District(s)** 5

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- J** Charitable Contributions Certification
- K** Attestation Regarding Information Security Requirements
- L** Contribution and Agent Declaration Form

**CONTRACT BETWEEN  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
AND  
SPRING EVOLUTION INC., DBA WOLF CONNECTION  
FOR  
WOLF THERAPY – POWER OF THE PACK PROGRAM SERVICES**

This Contract (“Contract”) made and entered into on 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2024 by and between the County of Los Angeles, hereinafter referred to as “County” and Spring Evolution Inc., DBA Wolf Connection, hereinafter referred to as “Contractor”. Spring Evolution Inc., DBA Wolf Connection is located at 29063 Aliso Canyon Rd., Palmdale, CA 93550.

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, the County may contract with private businesses for therapeutic services when certain requirements are met; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor is a non-profit firm specializing in providing therapeutic services; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor is equipped, staffed, and prepared to provide these services as described in the Contract; and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2024, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to execute the Contract; and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, and for good and valuable consideration, the parties agree to the following:

**1.0 APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS**

Entire Contract: The body of this Contract, all exhibits, Statement of Work (SOW) and Fiscal Provisions attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, for this Contract, as approved in writing by the Director, including any addenda thereto as approved in writing by the Director, which are incorporated herein by reference but not attached, will constitute the complete and exclusive statement of understanding between the parties which supersedes all previous Contracts, written or oral, and all other communications between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Contract. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency in the definition or interpretation of any word, responsibility, schedule, or the contents or description of any task, deliverable, goods, service, or other work, or otherwise between the base Contract and the Exhibits, or between Exhibits, such conflict or inconsistency will be resolved by giving precedence first to the terms and conditions of the Contract and then to the Exhibits according to the following priority.

### **Standard Exhibits:**

- Exhibit A Statement of Work and Attachments
- Exhibit B Fiscal Provisions
- Exhibit C Intentionally Omitted
- Exhibit D County's Administration
- Exhibit E Contractor's Administration
- Exhibit F Form(s) Required at the Time of Contract Execution (Confidentiality Forms)
- Exhibit G Safely Surrendered Baby Law

### **Unique Exhibits:**

- Exhibit H Intentionally Omitted
- Exhibit I Business Associate Agreement under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)
- Exhibit J Charitable Contributions Certification
- Exhibit K Attestation Regarding Information Security Requirements
- Exhibit L Contribution and Agent Declaration Form

This Contract constitutes the complete and exclusive statement of understanding between the parties, and supersedes all previous contracts, written and oral, and all communications between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Contract. No change to this Contract will be valid unless prepared pursuant to Paragraph 8.1 (Amendments) and signed by both parties.

## **2.0 DEFINITIONS**

### **2.1 Standard Definitions**

The headings herein contained are for convenience and reference only and are not intended to define the scope of any provision thereof. The following words as used herein must be construed to have the following meaning, unless otherwise apparent from the context in which they are used.

**2.1.1 Board of Supervisors (Board):** The Board of Supervisors of the County acting as governing body.

**2.1.2 Contract:** This agreement executed between County and Contractor. Included are all supplemental agreements amending or extending the service to be performed. The Contract sets forth the terms and

conditions for the issuance and performance of all tasks, deliverables, services, and other work.

- 2.1.3 Contractor:** The person or persons, sole proprietor, partnership, joint venture, corporation or other legal entity who has entered into an agreement with the County to perform or execute the work covered by this Contract.
- 2.1.4 Contractor's Project Manager:** The person designated by the Contractor to administer the Contract operations under this Contract.
- 2.1.5 County's Program Manager:** Person designated by County's Program Director to manage the operations under this Contract.
- 2.1.6 County's Program Monitor:** Person with responsibility to oversee the day-to-day activities of this Contract. Responsibility for inspections of any and all tasks, deliverables, goods, services and other work provided by the Contractor.
- 2.1.7 County's Program Director:** Person designated by County with authority for County on contractual or administrative matters relating to this Contract that cannot be resolved by the County's Program Manager.
- 2.1.8 County Observed Holidays:** Days on which County departments are closed for business in observance of significant events. A list of County observed holidays may be found on the County's website <https://lacounty.gov/government/about-la-county/about/>.
- 2.1.9 Day(s):** Calendar Day(s) unless otherwise specified.
- 2.1.10 Department:** The County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health which is entering into this Contract on behalf of the County of Los Angeles.
- 2.1.11 Director:** Director of Department.
- 2.1.12 Fiscal Year:** The 12-month period beginning July 1st and ending the following June 30th.
- 2.1.13 Statement of Work:** A written description of the work to be performed by Contractor to meet the needs of the County, including special provisions pertaining to the method, frequency, manner, and place of performing the contract services.
- 2.1.14 Subcontract:** An agreement by the Contractor to employ a subcontractor to provide services to fulfill this Contract.
- 2.1.15 Subcontractor:** Any individual, person or persons, sole proprietor, firm, partnership, joint venture, corporation, or other legal entity furnishing supplies, services of any nature, equipment, and/or materials to

Contractor in furtherance of Contractor's performance of this Contract, at any tier, under oral or written agreement.

### **3.0 WORK**

- 3.1** Pursuant to the provisions of this Contract, the Contractor must fully perform, complete and deliver on time, all tasks, deliverables, goods, services and other work as set forth in herein.
- 3.2** If the Contractor provides any tasks, deliverables, goods, services, or other work, other than as specified in this Contract, the same will be deemed to be a gratuitous effort on the part of the Contractor, and the Contractor must have no claim whatsoever against the County.

### **4.0 TERM OF CONTRACT**

- 4.1** The term of this Contract will be for two years effective **July 1, 2024** and will continue in full force and effect through **June 30, 2026** , unless sooner terminated or extended, in whole or in part, as provided in this Contract.
- 4.2** The County will have the sole option to extend this Contract term for up to two additional one-year periods, for a maximum total Contract term of four years through **June 30, 2028**. Each such extension option may be exercised at the sole discretion of the Director, or designee.

The County maintains a database that tracks/monitors Contractor performance history. Information entered into the database may be used for a variety of purposes, including determining whether the County will exercise a contract term extension option.

- 4.3** The Contractor must notify Department when this Contract is within six months of the expiration of the term as provided for hereinabove. Upon occurrence of this event, the Contractor must send written notification to Department at the address herein provided in Exhibit D (County's Administration).

### **5.0 CONTRACT SUM**

#### **5.1 Total Contract Sum**

The total funding for the full term of this contract; two fiscal years, is TWO MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,400,000).

Please see Exhibit B (Fiscal Provisions) for detail.

#### **5.2 Written Approval for Reimbursement**

The Contractor will not be entitled to payment or reimbursement for any tasks or services performed, nor for any incidental or administrative expenses whatsoever incurred in or incidental to performance hereunder, except as specified herein.

Assumption or takeover of any of the Contractor's duties, responsibilities, or obligations, or performance of same by any person or entity other than the Contractor, whether through assignment, subcontract, delegation, merger, buyout, or any other mechanism, with or without consideration for any reason whatsoever, must not occur except with the County's express prior written approval.

### **5.3 Notification of 75% of Total Contract Sum**

The Contractor must maintain a system of record keeping that will allow the Contractor to determine when it has incurred 75% of the total contract sum under this Contract. Upon occurrence of this event, the Contractor must send written notification to Department at the address herein provided in Exhibit D (County's Administration).

### **5.4 No Payment for Services Provided Following Expiration-Termination of Contract**

The Contractor will have no claim against County for payment of any money or reimbursement, of any kind whatsoever, for any service provided by the Contractor after the expiration or other termination of this Contract. Should the Contractor receive any such payment it must immediately notify County and must immediately repay all such funds to County. Payment by County for services rendered after expiration-termination of this Contract will not constitute a waiver of County's right to recover such payment from the Contractor.

### **5.5 Invoices and Payments**

**5.5.1** The Contractor must invoice the County only for providing the tasks, deliverables, goods, services, and other work specified in Exhibit A (Statement of Work and Attachments) and elsewhere hereunder. The Contractor must prepare invoices, which will include the charges owed to the Contractor by the County under the terms of this Contract.

**5.5.2** The Contractor's invoices must be priced in accordance with Exhibit B (Fiscal Provisions). Contractor will be paid only for the tasks, deliverables, goods, services, and other work approved in writing by the County. If the County does not approve work in writing no payment will be due to the Contractor for that work.

**5.5.3** The Contractor must submit the monthly invoices to the County by the 15<sup>th</sup> calendar day of the month following the month of service.

**5.5.4** All invoices under this Contract and supportive documentation (i.e., receipts) must be submitted to the County via electronic mail to the following email address: [ad\\_prs@dmh.lacounty.gov](mailto:ad_prs@dmh.lacounty.gov)

#### **5.5.5 County Approval and Payment of Invoices**

All invoices submitted by the Contractor for payment must have the written approval of the County's Program Manager or designee prior to any payment thereof. In no event will the County be liable or responsible for any payment prior to such written approval. Approval for payment will not be unreasonably withheld.

Payments for services billed through invoices shall be paid within 60 calendar days after receipt of a complete and accurate invoice, subject to the limitations and conditions specified in Exhibit A (Statement of Work and Attachments) of this contract.

At any time, If the County reasonably determines from a review of Contractor's service and billing records that the Contractor failed to deliver required services associated with this Contract and/or SOW, County shall have the right to adjust and/or recover payment(s) associated with such service(s). The recovery from Contractor shall be made through cash payment made by Contractor to County and/or County offsets to County future payment(s).

This Contract is also subject to any additional restrictions, limitations, or conditions imposed by the State, and federal government which may in any way affect the provisions of payment or funding of this Contract.

**5.5.6 Intentionally Omitted**

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**5.7 Default Method of Payment: Direct Deposit or Electronic Funds Transfer**

**5.7.1** The County, at its sole discretion, has determined that the most efficient and secure default form of payment for goods and/or services provided under an agreement/contract with the County will be Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) or direct deposit, unless an alternative method of payment is deemed appropriate by the Auditor-Controller (A-C).

**5.7.2** The Contractor must submit a direct deposit authorization request via the website <https://directdeposit.lacounty.gov> with banking and vendor information, and any other information that the A-C determines is reasonably necessary to process the payment and comply with all accounting, record keeping, and tax reporting requirements.

**5.7.3** Any provision of law, grant, or funding agreement requiring a specific form or method of payment other than EFT or direct deposit will supersede this requirement with respect to those payments.

**5.7.4** At any time during the duration of the Contract, a Contractor may submit a written request for an exemption to this requirement. Such request must be based on specific legal, business or operational needs and



explain why the payment method designated by the A-C is not feasible and an alternative is necessary. The A-C, in consultation with the contracting department(s), will decide whether to approve exemption requests.

## **6.0 ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT - COUNTY**

### **6.1 County's Administration**

A listing of all County Administration referenced in the following subparagraphs are designated in Exhibit D (County's Administration). The County will notify the Contractor in writing of any changes as they occur.

### **6.2 County's Program Director**

The role of the County's Program Director may include:

**6.2.1** Coordinating with Contractor and ensuring Contractor's performance of the Contract; however, in no event will Contractor's obligation to fully satisfy all of the requirements of this Contract be relieved, excused or limited thereby; and

**6.2.2** Upon request of the Contractor, providing direction to the Contractor, as appropriate, in areas relating to County policy, information requirements, and procedural requirements; however, in no event, will Contractor's obligation to fully satisfy all of the requirements of this Contract be relieved, excused or limited thereby.

### **6.3 County's Program Manager**

The role of the County's Program Manager is authorized to include:

**6.3.1** Meeting with the Contractor's Project Manager on a regular basis; and

**6.3.2** Inspecting any and all tasks, deliverables, goods, services, or other work provided by or on behalf of the Contractor; however, in no event will Contractor's obligation to fully satisfy all of the requirements of this Contract be relieved, excused or limited thereby.

The County's Program Manager is not authorized to make any changes in any of the terms and conditions of this Contract and is not authorized to further obligate County in any respect whatsoever.

### **6.4 County's Program Monitor**

The role of the County's Program Monitor is to oversee the day-to-day administration of this Contract; however, in no event will Contractor's obligation to fully satisfy all of the requirements of this Contract be relieved, excused or limited thereby. The County's Program Monitor reports to the County's Program Manager.

## **7.0 ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT - CONTRACTOR**

### **7.1 Contractor's Administration**

A listing of all of Contractor's Administration referenced in the following paragraphs is designated in Exhibit E (Contractor's Administration). The Contractor will notify the County in writing of any changes as they occur.

### **7.2 Contractor's Project Manager**

**7.2.1** The Contractor's Project Manager is designated in Exhibit E (Contractor's Administration). The Contractor must notify the County in writing of any change to Exhibit E (Contractor's Administration), as changes occur.

**7.2.2** The Contractor's Project Manager will be responsible for the Contractor's day-to-day activities as related to this Contract and will meet and coordinate with County's Program Manager and County's Program Monitor on a regular basis.

### **7.3 Approval of Contractor's Staff**

County has the absolute right to approve or disapprove all of the Contractor's staff performing work hereunder and any proposed changes in the Contractor's staff, including, but not limited to, the Contractor's Project Manager.

### **7.4 Contractor's Staff Identification**

Contractor will provide, at Contractor's expense, all staff providing services under this Contract with a photo identification badge.

### **7.5 Background and Security Investigations**

**7.5.1** Each of Contractor's staff performing services under this Contract, who is in a designated sensitive position, as determined by County in County's sole discretion, must undergo, and pass a background investigation to the satisfaction of County as a condition of beginning and continuing to perform services under this Contract. Such background investigation must be obtained through fingerprints submitted to the California Department of Justice to include State, local, and federal-level review, which may include, but will not be limited to, criminal conviction information. The fees associated with the background investigation will be at the expense of the Contractor, regardless of whether the member of Contractor's staff passes or fails the background investigation.

If a member of Contractor's staff does not pass the background investigation, County may request that the member of Contractor's staff

be removed immediately from performing services under the Contract. Contractor must comply with County's request at any time during the term of the Contract. County will not provide to Contractor or to Contractor's staff any information obtained through the County's background investigation.

**7.5.2** County, in its sole discretion, may immediately deny or terminate facility access to any member of Contractor's staff that does not pass such investigation to the satisfaction of the County or whose background or conduct is incompatible with County facility access.

**7.5.3** These terms will also apply to subcontractors of County contractors.

**7.5.4** Disqualification of any member of Contractor's staff pursuant to this Paragraph 7.5 will not relieve Contractor of its obligation to complete all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract.

## **7.6 Confidentiality**

**7.6.1** Contractor must maintain the confidentiality of all records and information in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies and procedures relating to confidentiality, including, without limitation, County policies concerning information technology security and the protection of confidential records and information.

**7.6.2** Contractor must indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, costs and expenses, including, without limitation, defense costs and legal, accounting and other expert, consulting, or professional fees, arising from, connected with, or related to any failure by Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or subcontractors, to comply with this Paragraph, as determined by County in its sole judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to Contractor's indemnification obligations under this Paragraph will be conducted by Contractor and performed by counsel selected by Contractor and approved by County. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, County will have the right to participate in any such defense at its sole cost and expense, except that in the event Contractor fails to provide County with a full and adequate defense, as determined by County in its sole judgment, County will be entitled to retain its own counsel, including, without limitation, County Counsel, and to reimbursement from Contractor for all such costs and expenses incurred by County in doing so. Contractor will not have the right to enter into any settlement, agree to any injunction, or make any admission, in each case, on behalf of County without County's prior written approval.

**7.6.3** Contractor must inform all of its officers, employees, agents and subcontractors providing services hereunder of the confidentiality provisions of this Contract.

Contractor must sign and adhere to the provisions of Exhibit F1 (Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement).

Contractor will cause each employee performing services covered by this Contract to sign and adhere to the provisions of Exhibit F2 (Contractor Employee Acknowledgment and Confidentiality Agreement).

Contractor will cause each non-employee performing services covered by this Contract to sign and adhere to the provisions of Exhibit F3 (Contractor Non-Employee Acknowledgment and Confidentiality Agreement).

## **8.0 STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **8.1 Amendments**

**8.1.1** For any change which affects the scope of work, contract term, contract sum, payments, or any term or condition included under this Contract, an amendment to the Contract must be prepared and executed by the Contractor and by the Director, or designee.

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

**8.1.3** The Director, or designee, may at their sole discretion, authorize extensions of time as defined in Paragraph 4.0 (Term of Contract). The Contractor agrees that such extensions of time will not change any other term or condition of this Contract during the period of such extensions. To implement an extension of time, an Amendment to the Contract must be prepared and executed by the Contractor and by the Director, or designee.

### **8.2 Assignment and Delegation/Mergers or Acquisitions**

**8.2.1** The Contractor must notify the County of any pending acquisitions/mergers of its company unless otherwise legally prohibited from doing so. If the Contractor is restricted from legally notifying the

County of pending acquisitions/mergers, then it should notify the County of the actual acquisitions/mergers as soon as the law allows and provide to the County the legal framework that restricted it from notifying the County prior to the actual acquisitions/mergers.

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

**8.2.3** Any assumption, assignment, delegation, or takeover of any of the Contractor's duties, responsibilities, obligations, or performance of same by any person or 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, will be a material breach of the Contract which may result in the termination of this Contract. In the event of such termination, County will be entitled to pursue the same remedies against Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by Contractor.

### **8.3 Authorization Warranty**

The Contractor represents and warrants that the person executing this Contract for the Contractor is an authorized agent who has actual authority to bind the Contractor to each and every term, condition, and obligation of this Contract and that all requirements of the Contractor have been fulfilled to provide such actual authority.

### **8.4 Budget Reductions**

In the event that the County's Board adopts, in any fiscal year, a County Budget which provides for reductions in the salaries and benefits paid to the majority of County employees and imposes similar reductions with respect to County contracts, the County reserves the right to reduce its payment obligation under this Contract correspondingly for that fiscal year and any subsequent fiscal year during the term of this Contract (including any extensions), and the services to be provided by the Contractor under this Contract will also be reduced correspondingly. The County's notice to the Contractor regarding said reduction in payment obligation will be provided within 30 days of the Board's approval of such

actions. Except as set forth in the preceding sentence, the Contractor must continue to provide all of the services set forth in this Contract.

## **8.5 Complaints**

The Contractor must develop and maintain operating procedures for receiving, investigating and responding to complaints.

### **8.5.1 Complaint Procedures**

- Within 30 business days after the Contract effective date, the Contractor must provide the County with the Contractor's procedures for receiving, investigating and responding to user complaints.
- The County will review the Contractor's procedures and provide the Contractor with approval of said procedures or with requested changes.
- If the County requests changes in the Contractor's procedures, the Contractor must make such changes and resubmit the procedures within 10 business days for County approval.
- If, at any time, the Contractor wishes to change the Contractor's procedures, the Contractor must submit proposed changes to the County for approval before implementation.
- The Contractor must preliminarily investigate all complaints and notify the County's Program Manager of the status of the investigation within three business days of receiving the complaint.
- When complaints cannot be resolved informally, a system of follow-through will be instituted which adheres to formal plans for specific actions and strict time deadlines.
- Copies of all written responses must be sent to the County's Program Manager within five business days of mailing to the complainant.

## **8.6 Compliance with Applicable Laws**

**8.6.1** In the performance of this Contract, Contractor must comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies and procedures, and all provisions required thereby to be included in this Contract are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

**8.6.2** Contractor must indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, costs, and expenses, including, without limitation, defense costs and legal, accounting and other expert, consulting or professional fees, arising from, connected with, or related

to any failure by Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or subcontractors, to comply with any such laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies, or procedures, as determined by County in its sole judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to Contractor's indemnification obligations under this Paragraph will be conducted by Contractor and performed by counsel selected by Contractor and approved by County. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, County will have the right to participate in any such defense at its sole cost and expense, except that in the event Contractor fails to provide County with a full and adequate defense, as determined by County in its sole judgment, County will be entitled to retain its own counsel, including, without limitation, County Counsel, and to reimbursement from Contractor for all such costs and expenses incurred by County in doing so. Contractor will not have the right to enter into any settlement, agree to any injunction or other equitable relief, or make any admission, in each case, on behalf of County without County's prior written approval.

## **8.7 Compliance with Civil Rights Laws**

The Contractor hereby assures that it will comply with Subchapter VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 USC Sections 2000 (e) (1) through 2000 (e) (17), to the end that no person will, on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, religion, ancestry, age, condition of physical handicap, marital status, political affiliation, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under this Contract or under any project, program, or activity supported by this Contract. Additionally, Contractor certifies to the County:

- 8.7.1** That Contractor has a written policy statement prohibiting discrimination in all phases of employment.
- 8.7.2** That Contractor periodically conducts a self-analysis or utilization analysis of its work force.
- 8.7.3** That Contractor has a system for determining if its employment practices are discriminatory against protected groups.
- 8.7.4** Where problem areas are identified in employment practices, the Contractor has a system for taking reasonable corrective action, to include establishment of goals or timetables.

## **8.8 Compliance with the County's Jury Service Program**

### **8.8.1 Jury Service Program**

This Contract is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled Contractor Employee Jury Service ("Jury Service Program") as

codified in Sections 2.203.010 through 2.203.090 of the Los Angeles County Code.

### **8.8.2 Written Employee Jury Service Policy**

- Unless the Contractor has demonstrated to the County's satisfaction either that the Contractor is not a "Contractor" as defined under the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.020 of the County Code) or that the Contractor qualifies for an exception to the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.070 of the County Code), the Contractor must have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its Employees will receive from the Contractor, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for actual jury service. The policy may provide that Employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with the Contractor or that the Contractor deduct from the Employee's regular pay the fees received for jury service.
- For purposes of this paragraph, "Contractor" means a person, partnership, corporation or other entity which has a contract with the County or a subcontract with a County contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or more in any 12-month period under one or more County contracts or subcontracts. "Employee" means any California resident who is a full-time employee of the Contractor. "Full-time" means 40 hours or more worked per week, or a lesser number of hours if: 1) the lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by the County, or 2) Contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full-time. Full-time employees providing short-term, temporary services of 90 days or less within a 12-month period are not considered full-time for purposes of the Jury Service Program. If the Contractor uses any subcontractor to perform services for the County under the Contract, the subcontractor will also be subject to the provisions of this paragraph. The provisions of this paragraph will be inserted into any such subcontract agreement and a copy of the Jury Service Program must be attached to the Contract.
- If the Contractor is not required to comply with the Jury Service Program when the Contract commences, the Contractor will have a continuing obligation to review the applicability of its "exception status" from the Jury Service Program, and the Contractor must immediately notify the County if the Contractor at any time either comes within the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor" or if the Contractor no longer qualifies for an exception to the Jury



Service Program. In either event, the Contractor must immediately implement a written policy consistent with the Jury Service Program. The County may also require, at any time during the Contract and at its sole discretion, that the Contractor demonstrate, to the County's satisfaction that the Contractor either continues to remain outside of the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor" and/or that the Contractor continues to qualify for an exception to the Program.

- Contractor's violation of this paragraph of the Contract may constitute a material breach of the Contract. In the event of such material breach, County may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Contract and/or bar the Contractor from the award of future County contracts for a period of time consistent with the seriousness of the breach.

## **8.9 Conflict of Interest**

**8.9.1** No County employee whose position with the County enables such employee to influence the award of this Contract or any competing contract, and no spouse or economic dependent of such employee, will be employed in any capacity by the Contractor or have any other direct or indirect financial interest in this Contract. No officer or employee of the Contractor who may financially benefit from the performance of work hereunder will in any way participate in the County's approval, or ongoing evaluation, of such work, or in any way attempt to unlawfully influence the County's approval or ongoing evaluation of such work.

**8.9.2** The Contractor must comply with all conflict of interest laws, ordinances, and regulations now in effect or hereafter to be enacted during the term of this Contract. The Contractor warrants that it is not now aware of any facts that create a conflict of interest. If the Contractor hereafter becomes aware of any facts that might reasonably be expected to create a conflict of interest, it must immediately make full written disclosure of such facts to the County. Full written disclosure must include, but is not limited to, identification of all persons implicated and a complete description of all relevant circumstances. Failure to comply with the provisions of this paragraph will be a material breach of this Contract.

## **8.10 Consideration of Hiring County Employees Targeted for Layoffs or are on a County Re-Employment List**

Should the Contractor require additional or replacement personnel after the effective date of this Contract to perform the services set forth herein, the Contractor must give first consideration for such employment openings to qualified,

permanent County employees who are targeted for layoff or qualified, former County employees who are on a re-employment list during the life of this Contract.

## **8.11 Consideration of Hiring GAIN/START Participants**

**8.11.1** Should the Contractor require additional or replacement personnel after the effective date of this Contract, the Contractor will give consideration for any such employment openings to participants in the County's Department of Public Social Services Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program or Skills and Training to Achieve Readiness for Tomorrow (START) Program who meet the contractor's minimum qualifications for the open position. For this purpose, consideration will mean that the Contractor will interview qualified candidates. The County will refer GAIN/START participants by job category to the Contractor. Contractors must report all job openings with job requirements to: [gainstart@dpss.lacounty.gov](mailto:gainstart@dpss.lacounty.gov) and [BSERVICES@OPPORTUNITY.LACOUNTY.GOV](mailto:BSERVICES@OPPORTUNITY.LACOUNTY.GOV) and DPSS will refer qualified GAIN/START job candidates.

**8.11.2** In the event that both laid-off County employees and GAIN/START participants are available for hiring, County employees must be given first priority.

## **8.12 Contractor Responsibility and Debarment**

### **8.12.1 Responsible Contractor**

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.

### **8.12.2 Chapter 2.202 of the County Code**

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 contracts which indicates that the Contractor is not responsible, the County may, in addition to other remedies provided in the Contract, debar the Contractor from bidding or proposing on, or being awarded, and/or performing work on County contracts 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 contracts the Contractor may have with the County.

### **8.12.3 Non-responsible Contractor**

The County may debar a contractor if the Board finds, in its discretion, that the Contractor has done any of the following: 1) violated a term of a contract 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.

### **8.12.4 Contractor Hearing Board**

- 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.
- The Contractor Hearing Board will conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed debarment is presented. The Contractor and/or the Contractor's representative will be given an opportunity to submit evidence at that hearing. After the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board will prepare a tentative proposed decision, which will 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 will be provided an opportunity to object to the tentative proposed decision prior to its presentation to the Board.
- 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 will be presented to the Board. The Board will have the right to modify, deny, or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.
- 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 interests of the County.

- 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 will conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed reduction of debarment period or termination of debarment is presented. This hearing will 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 will contain a recommendation on the request to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The Contractor Hearing Board will present its proposed decision and recommendation to the Board. The Board will have the right to modify, deny, or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.

#### **8.12.5 Subcontractors of Contractor**

These terms will also apply to subcontractors of County contractors.

#### **8.13 Contractor's Acknowledgement of County's Commitment to Safely Surrendered Baby Law**

The Contractor acknowledges that the County places a high priority on the implementation of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law. The Contractor understands that it is the County's policy to encourage all County contractors to voluntarily post the County's poster, Exhibit G (Safely Surrendered Baby Law) in a prominent position at the Contractor's place of business. The Contractor will also encourage its subcontractors, if any, to post this poster in a prominent position in the subcontractor's place of business. Information and posters for printing are available at <https://lacounty.gov/residents/family-services/child-safety/safe-surrender/>.

## **8.14 Contractor's Warranty of Adherence to County's Child Support Compliance Program**

**8.14.1** The Contractor acknowledges that the County has established a goal of ensuring that all individuals who benefit financially from the County through contracts are in compliance with their court-ordered child, family and spousal support obligations in order to mitigate the economic burden otherwise imposed upon the County and its taxpayers.

**8.14.2** As required by the County's Child Support Compliance Program (County Code Chapter 2.200) and without limiting the Contractor's duty under this Contract to comply with all applicable provisions of law, the Contractor warrants that it is now in compliance and will during the term of this Contract, maintain compliance with employment and wage reporting requirements as required by the Federal Social Security Act (42 USC Section 653a) and California Unemployment Insurance Code Section 1088.5, and will implement all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Withholding Orders or Child Support Services Department Notices of Wage and Earnings Assignment for Child, Family or Spousal Support, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 706.031 and Family Code Section 5246(b).

## **8.15 County's Quality Assurance Plan**

The County or its agent(s) will monitor the Contractor's performance under this Contract on not less than an annual basis. Such monitoring will include assessing the Contractor's compliance with all Contract terms and conditions and performance standards. Contractor deficiencies which the County determines are significant or continuing and that may place performance of the Contract in jeopardy if not corrected will be reported to the Board and listed in the appropriate contractor performance database. The report to the Board will include improvement/corrective action measures taken by the County and the Contractor. If improvement does not occur consistent with the corrective action measures, the County may terminate this Contract or impose other penalties as specified in this Contract.

## **8.16 Damage to County Facilities, Buildings or Grounds**

**8.16.1** The Contractor will repair, or cause to be repaired, at its own cost, any and all damage to County facilities, buildings, or grounds caused by the Contractor or employees or agents of the Contractor. Such repairs must be made immediately after the Contractor has become aware of such damage, but in no event later than 30 days after the occurrence.

**8.16.2** If the Contractor fails to make timely repairs, County may make any necessary repairs. All costs incurred by County, as determined by

County, for such repairs must be repaid by the Contractor by cash payment upon demand.

## **8.17 Employment Eligibility Verification**

**8.17.1** The Contractor warrants that it fully complies with all Federal and State statutes and regulations regarding the employment of aliens and others and that all its employees performing work under this Contract meet the citizenship or alien status requirements set forth in Federal and State statutes and regulations. The Contractor must obtain from all employees performing work hereunder, all verification and other documentation of employment eligibility status required by Federal and State statutes and regulations including, but not limited to, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, (P.L. 99-603), or as they currently exist and as they may be hereafter amended. The Contractor must retain all such documentation for all covered employees for the period prescribed by law.

**8.17.2** The Contractor must indemnify, defend, and hold harmless, the County, its agents, officers, and employees from employer sanctions and any other liability which may be assessed against the Contractor or the County or both in connection with any alleged violation of any Federal or State statutes or regulations pertaining to the eligibility for employment of any persons performing work under this Contract.

## **8.18 Counterparts and Electronic Signatures and Representations**

This Contract may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original but all of which together will constitute one and the same Contract. The facsimile, email or electronic signature of the parties will be deemed to constitute original signatures, and facsimile or electronic copies hereof will be deemed to constitute duplicate originals.

The County and the Contractor hereby agree to regard electronic representations of original signatures of authorized officers of each party, when appearing in appropriate places on the Amendments prepared pursuant to Paragraph 8.1 (Amendments) and received via communications facilities (facsimile, email, or electronic signature), as legally sufficient evidence that such legally binding signatures have been affixed to Amendments to this Contract.

## **8.19 Fair Labor Standards**

The Contractor must comply with all applicable provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act and must indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County and its agents, officers, and employees 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 work performed by the Contractor's employees for which the County may be found jointly or solely liable.

## **8.20 Force Majeure**

**8.20.1** Neither party will 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 paragraph as "force majeure events").

**8.20.2** Notwithstanding the foregoing, a default by a subcontractor of Contractor will 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 will 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.

**8.20.3** 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.

## **8.21 Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue**

This Contract will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of California. The Contractor agrees and consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of California for all purposes regarding this Contract and further agrees and consents that venue of any action brought hereunder will be exclusively in the County.

## **8.22 Independent Contractor Status**

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

**8.22.2** The Contractor will be solely liable and responsible for providing to, or on behalf of, all persons performing work pursuant to this Contract all compensation and benefits. The County will 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 the Contractor.

**8.22.3** The Contractor understands and agrees that all persons performing work pursuant to this Contract are, for purposes of Workers' Compensation liability, solely employees of the Contractor and not employees of the County. The Contractor will 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 work performed by or on behalf of the Contractor pursuant to this Contract.

**8.22.4** The Contractor must adhere to the provisions stated in Paragraph 7.6 (Confidentiality).

### **8.23 Indemnification**

The Contractor must indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County, its Special Districts, elected and appointed officers, employees, agents and volunteers (County Indemnitees) 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 and/or relating to this Contract, except for such loss or damage arising from the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the County indemnitees.

### **8.24 General Provisions for all Insurance Coverage**

**8.24.1** Without limiting Contractor's indemnification of County, and in the performance of this Contract and until all of its obligations pursuant to this Contract have been met, Contractor must provide and maintain at its own expense insurance coverage satisfying the requirements specified in Paragraphs 8.24 and 8.25 of this Contract. These minimum insurance coverage terms, types and limits (the "Required Insurance") also are in addition to and separate from any other contractual obligation imposed upon Contractor pursuant to this Contract. The County in no way warrants that the Required Insurance is sufficient to protect the Contractor for liabilities which may arise from or relate to this Contract.

#### **8.24.2 Evidence of Coverage and Notice to County**

- Certificate(s) of insurance coverage (Certificate) satisfactory to County, and a copy of an Additional Insured endorsement



confirming County and its Agents (defined below) has been given Insured status under the Contractor's General Liability policy, must be delivered to County at the address shown below and provided prior to commencing services under this Contract.

- Renewal Certificates must be provided to County not less than 10 days prior to Contractor's policy expiration dates. The County reserves the right to obtain complete, certified copies of any required contractor and/or sub-contractor insurance policies at any time.
- Certificates must identify all Required Insurance coverage types and limits specified herein, reference this Contract by name or number, and be signed by an authorized representative of the insurer(s). The Insured party named on the Certificate must match the name of the contractor identified as the contracting party in this Contract. Certificates must provide the full name of each insurer providing coverage, its NAIC (National Association of Insurance Commissioners) identification number, its financial rating, the amounts of any policy deductibles or self-insured retentions exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), and list any County required endorsement forms.
- Neither the County's failure to obtain, nor the County's receipt of, or failure to object to a non-complying insurance certificate or endorsement, or any other insurance documentation or information provided by the Contractor, its insurance broker(s) and/or insurer(s), will be construed as a waiver of any of the Required Insurance provisions.
- Certificates and copies of any required endorsements must be sent to:

County of Los Angeles  
Department of Mental Health  
510 S. Vermont Ave., 20<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90020

Attention: Contracts Development and Administration Division

-or-

electronically to the County Contract Administrator identified on  
Exhibit D - County's Administration

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

#### **8.24.3 Additional Insured Status and Scope of Coverage**

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

#### **8.24.4 Cancellation of or Changes in Insurance**

Contractor must provide County with, or Contractor's insurance policies must contain a provision that County will receive, written notice of cancellation or any change in Required Insurance, including insurer, limits of coverage, term of coverage or policy period. The written notice must be provided to County at least 10 days in advance of cancellation for non-payment of premium and 30 days in advance for any other cancellation or policy change. Failure to provide written notice of cancellation or any change in Required Insurance may constitute a material breach of the Contract, in the sole discretion of the County, upon which the County may suspend or terminate this Contract.

#### **8.24.5 Failure to Maintain Insurance**

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

breach. Alternatively, the County may purchase the Required Insurance, and without further notice to Contractor, deduct the premium cost from sums due to Contractor or pursue Contractor reimbursement.

**8.24.6 Insurer Financial Ratings**

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

**8.24.7 Contractor's Insurance Must Be Primary**

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

**8.24.8 Waivers of Subrogation**

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

**8.24.9 Subcontractor Insurance Coverage Requirements**

Contractor must include all subcontractors as insureds under Contractor's own policies or must provide County with each subcontractor's separate evidence of insurance coverage. Contractor will be responsible for verifying each subcontractor complies with the Required Insurance provisions herein and must require that each subcontractor name the County and Contractor as additional insureds on the subcontractor's General Liability policy. Contractor must obtain County's prior review and approval of any subcontractor request for modification of the Required Insurance.

**8.24.10 Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions (SIRs)**

Contractor's policies will not obligate the County to pay any portion of any Contractor deductible or SIR. The County retains the right to require Contractor to reduce or eliminate policy deductibles and SIRs as respects the County, or to provide a bond guaranteeing Contractor's payment of all deductibles and SIRs, including all related claims investigation, administration and defense expenses. Such bond must be

executed by a corporate surety licensed to transact business in the State of California.

**8.24.11 Claims Made Coverage**

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

**8.24.12 Application of Excess Liability Coverage**

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

**8.24.13 Separation of Insureds**

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

**8.24.14 Alternative Risk Financing Programs**

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

**8.24.15 County Review and Approval of Insurance Requirements**

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

**8.25 Insurance Coverage**

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

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

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

**8.25.3 Workers Compensation and Employers' Liability** insurance or qualified self- insurance satisfying statutory requirements, which includes Employers' Liability coverage with limits of not less than \$1 million per accident. If Contractor will provide leased employees, or, is an employee leasing or temporary staffing firm or a professional employer organization (PEO), coverage also must include an Alternate Employer Endorsement (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form WC 00 03 01 A) naming the County as the Alternate Employer. The written notice must be provided to County at least ten (10) days in advance of cancellation for non-payment of premium and thirty (30) days in advance for any other cancellation or policy change. If applicable to Contractor's operations, coverage also must be arranged to satisfy the requirements of any federal workers or workmen's compensation law or any federal occupational disease law.

**8.25.4 Unique Insurance Coverage**

- **Sexual Misconduct Liability**

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

- **Professional Liability-Errors and Omissions**

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

**8.26 Liquidated Damages**

**8.26.1** If, in the judgment of the Director, or their designee, the Contractor is deemed to be non-compliant with the terms and obligations assumed

hereby, the Director, or their designee, at their option, in addition to, or in lieu of, other remedies provided herein, may withhold the entire monthly payment or deduct pro rata from the Contractor's invoice for work not performed. A description of the work not performed and the amount to be withheld or deducted from payments to the Contractor from the County, will be forwarded to the Contractor by the Director, or their designee, in a written notice describing the reasons for said action.

- 8.26.2** If the Director, or their designee, determines that there are deficiencies in the performance of this Contract that the Director, or their designee, deems are correctable by the Contractor over a certain time span, the Director, or their designee, will provide a written notice to the Contractor to correct the deficiency within specified time frames. Should the Contractor fail to correct deficiencies within said time frame, the Director, or their designee, may: (a) Deduct from the Contractor's payment, pro rata, those applicable portions of the Monthly Contract Sum; and/or (b) Deduct liquidated damages. The parties agree that it will be impracticable or extremely difficult to fix the extent of actual damages resulting from the failure of the Contractor to correct a deficiency within the specified time frame. The parties hereby agree that under the current circumstances a reasonable estimate of such damages will be determined by the Director or designee is, or as specified in Attachment 2 (Performance Requirements Summary (PRS)) Chart of Exhibit A (Statement of Work and Attachments) hereunder, and that the Contractor will be liable to the County for liquidated damages in said amount. Said amount will be deducted from the County's payment to the Contractor; and/or (c) Upon giving five days' notice to the Contractor for failure to correct the deficiencies, the County may correct any and all deficiencies and the total costs incurred by the County for completion of the work by an alternate source, whether it be County forces or separate private contractor, will be deducted and forfeited from the payment to the Contractor from the County, as determined by the County.
- 8.26.3** The action noted in Paragraph 8.26.2 must not be construed as a penalty, but as adjustment of payment to the Contractor to recover the County cost due to the failure of the Contractor to complete or comply with the provisions of this Contract.
- 8.26.4** This Paragraph must not, in any manner, restrict or limit the County's right to damages for any breach of this Contract provided by law or as specified in the PRS or Paragraph 8.26.2, and must not, in any manner, restrict or limit the County's right to terminate this Contract as agreed to herein.

## **8.27 Most Favored Public Entity**

If the Contractor's prices decline or should the Contractor at any time during the term of this Contract provide the same goods or services under similar quantity and delivery conditions to the State of California or any county, municipality, or district of the State at prices below those set forth in this Contract, then such lower prices must be immediately extended to the County.

## **8.28 Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action**

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

**8.28.2** Contractor certifies to the County each of the following:

- That Contractor has a written policy statement prohibiting discrimination in all phases of employment.
- That Contractor periodically conducts a self-analysis or utilization analysis of its work force.
- That Contractor has a system for determining if its employment practices are discriminatory against protected groups.
- Where problem areas are identified in employment practices, the Contractor has a system for taking reasonable corrective action, to include establishment of goals or timetables.

**8.28.3** The Contractor must take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation, in compliance with all applicable Federal and State anti-discrimination laws and regulations. Such action must include, but is not limited to: 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.

**8.28.4** The Contractor certifies and agrees that it will deal with its subcontractors, bidders, or vendors without regard to or because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation.

**8.28.5** The Contractor certifies and agrees that it, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies will comply with all applicable Federal and State laws

and regulations to the end that no person will, on the grounds of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under this Contract or under any project, program, or activity supported by this Contract.

**8.28.6** The Contractor will allow County representatives access to the Contractor's employment records during regular business hours to verify compliance with the provisions of this Paragraph 8.28 (Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action) when so requested by the County.

**8.28.7** If the County finds that any provisions of this Paragraph 8.28 (Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action) have been violated, such violation will constitute a material breach of this Contract upon which the County may terminate or suspend this Contract. While the County reserves the right to determine independently that the anti-discrimination provisions of this Contract have been violated, in addition, a determination by the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission or the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that the Contractor has violated Federal or State anti-discrimination laws or regulations will constitute a finding by the County that the Contractor has violated the anti-discrimination provisions of this Contract.

**8.28.8** The parties agree that in the event the Contractor violates any of the anti-discrimination provisions of this Contract, the County will, at its sole option, be entitled to the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for each such violation pursuant to California Civil Code Section 1671 as liquidated damages in lieu of terminating or suspending this Contract.

### **8.29 Non Exclusivity**

Nothing herein is intended nor will be construed as creating any exclusive arrangement with the Contractor. This Contract will not restrict County from acquiring similar, equal or like goods and/or services from other entities or sources.

### **8.30 Notice of Delays**

Except as otherwise provided under this Contract, when either party has knowledge that any actual or potential situation is delaying or threatens to delay the timely performance of this Contract, that party must, within one business day, give notice thereof, including all relevant information with respect thereto, to the other party.



### **8.31 Notice of Disputes**

The Contractor must bring to the attention of the County's Program Manager and/or County's Programs Director any dispute between the County and the Contractor regarding the performance of services as stated in this Contract. If the County's Program Manager or County's Program Director is not able to resolve the dispute, the Director or designee will resolve it.

### **8.32 Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit**

The Contractor must notify its employees, and will 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 must be provided in accordance with the requirements set forth in Internal Revenue Service Notice No. 1015.

### **8.33 Notice to Employees Regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law**

The Contractor must notify and provide to its employees and will require each subcontractor to notify and provide to its employees, information regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, its implementation in Los Angeles County, and where and how to safely surrender a baby. The information is set forth in Exhibit G (Safely Surrendered Baby Law) of this Contract. Additional information is available at <https://lacounty.gov/residents/family-services/child-safety/safely-surrender/>.

### **8.34 Notices**

All notices or demands required or permitted to be given or made under this Contract must be in writing and will be hand delivered with signed receipt or mailed by first class registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, or sent via electronic mail addressed to the parties as identified in Exhibits D (County's Administration) and E (Contractor's Administration). Names and addresses may be changed by either party giving 10 days prior written notice thereof to the other party. The Director or designee will have the authority to issue all notices or demands required or permitted by the County under this Contract.

### **8.35 Prohibition Against Inducement or Persuasion**

Notwithstanding the above, the Contractor and the County agree that, during the term of this Contract and for a period of one year thereafter, neither party will in any way intentionally induce or persuade any employee of one party to become an employee or agent of the other party. No bar exists against any hiring action initiated through a public announcement.

### **8.36 Public Records Act**

**8.36.1** Any documents submitted by the Contractor; all information obtained in connection with the County's right to audit and inspect the Contractor's

documents, books, and accounting records pursuant to Paragraph 8.38 (Record Retention and Inspection-Audit Settlement) of this Contract; as well as those documents which were required to be submitted in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) used in the solicitation process for this Contract, become the exclusive property of the County. All such documents become a matter of public record and will be regarded as public records. Exceptions will be those elements in the California Government Code Section 7921 et seq. (Public Records Act) and which are marked "trade secret", "confidential", or "proprietary". The County will not in any way be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any such records including, without limitation, those so marked, if disclosure is required by law, or by an order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.

**8.36.2** In the event the County is required to defend an action on a Public Records Act request for any of the aforementioned documents, information, books, records, and/or contents of a proposal marked "trade secret", "confidential", or "proprietary", the Contractor agrees to defend and indemnify the County from all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, in action or liability arising under the Public Records Act.

### **8.37 Publicity**

**8.37.1** The Contractor must not disclose any details in connection with this Contract to any person or entity except as may be otherwise provided hereunder or required by law. However, in recognizing the Contractor's need to identify its services and related clients to sustain itself, the County will not inhibit the Contractor from publishing its role under this Contract within the following conditions:

- The Contractor must develop all publicity material in a professional manner; and
- During the term of this Contract, the Contractor will not, and will not authorize another to, publish or disseminate any commercial advertisements, press releases, feature articles, or other materials using the name of the County without the prior written consent of the County's Program Director.

**8.37.2** The Contractor may, without the prior written consent of County, indicate in its proposals and sales materials that it has been awarded this Contract with the County, provided that the requirements of this Paragraph 8.37 (Publicity) will apply.

### **8.38 Record Retention and Inspection-Audit Settlement**

- 8.38.1** The Contractor must maintain accurate and complete financial records of its activities and operations relating to this Contract in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Contractor must also maintain accurate and complete employment and other records relating to its performance of this Contract. The Contractor agrees that the County, or its authorized representatives, will have access to and the right to examine, audit, excerpt, copy, or transcribe any pertinent transaction, activity, or record relating to this Contract. All such material, including, but not limited to, all financial records, bank statements, cancelled checks or other proof of payment, timecards, sign-in/sign-out sheets and other time and employment records, and proprietary data and information, will be kept and maintained by the Contractor and will be made available to the County during the term of this Contract and for a period of ten years thereafter unless the County's written permission is given to dispose of any such material prior to such time. All such material must be maintained by the Contractor at a location in Los Angeles County, provided that if any such material is located outside of Los Angeles County, then, at the County's option, the Contractor will pay the County for travel, per diem, and other costs incurred by the County to examine, audit, excerpt, copy, or transcribe such material at such other location.
- 8.38.2** In the event that an audit of the Contractor is conducted specifically regarding this Contract by any Federal or State auditor, or by any auditor or accountant employed by the Contractor or otherwise, then the Contractor must file a copy of such audit report with the County's Auditor Controller within 30 days of the Contractor's receipt thereof, unless otherwise provided by applicable Federal or State law or under this Contract. Subject to applicable law, the County will make a reasonable effort to maintain the confidentiality of such audit report(s)
- 8.38.3** Failure on the part of the Contractor to comply with any of the provisions of this subparagraph will constitute a material breach of this Contract upon which the County may terminate or suspend this Contract.
- 8.38.4** If, at any time during the term of this Contract or within ten years after the expiration or termination of this Contract, representatives of the County conduct an audit of the Contractor regarding the work performed under this Contract, and if such audit finds that the County's dollar liability for any such work is less than payments made by the County to the Contractor, then the difference must be either: a) repaid by the Contractor to the County by cash payment upon demand or b) at the sole option of the County's Auditor-Controller, deducted from any

amounts due to the Contractor from the County, whether under this Contract or otherwise. If such audit finds that the County's dollar liability for such work is more than the payments made by the County to the Contractor, then the difference will be paid to the Contractor by the County by cash payment, provided that in no event will the County's maximum obligation for this Contract exceed the funds appropriated by the County for the purpose of this Contract.

### **8.39 Recycled Bond Paper**

Consistent with the Board policy to reduce the amount of solid waste deposited at the County landfills, the Contractor agrees to use recycled-content paper to the maximum extent possible on this Contract.

### **8.40 Subcontracting**

**8.40.1** The requirements of this Contract may not be subcontracted by the Contractor **without the advance approval of the County**. Any attempt by the Contractor to subcontract without the prior consent of the County may be deemed a material breach of this Contract.

**8.40.2** If the Contractor desires to subcontract, the Contractor must provide the following information promptly at the County's request:

- A description of the work to be performed by the subcontractor.
- A draft copy of the proposed subcontract; and
- Other pertinent information and/or certifications requested by the County.

**8.40.3** The Contractor must indemnify, defend, and hold the County harmless with respect to the activities of each and every subcontractor in the same manner and to the same degree as if such subcontractor(s) were the Contractor employees.

**8.40.4** The Contractor will remain fully responsible for all performances required of it under this Contract, including those that the Contractor has determined to subcontract, notwithstanding the County's approval of the Contractor's proposed subcontract.

**8.40.5** The County's consent to subcontract will not waive the County's right to prior and continuing approval of any and all personnel, including subcontractor employees, providing services under this Contract. The Contractor is responsible to notify its subcontractors of this County right.

**8.40.6** The County's Program Director is authorized to act for and on behalf of the County with respect to approval of any subcontract and subcontractor employees. After approval of the subcontract by the

County, Contractor must forward a fully executed subcontract to the County for their files.

**8.40.7** The Contractor will be solely liable and responsible for all payments or other compensation to all subcontractors and their officers, employees, agents, and successors in interest arising through services performed hereunder, notwithstanding the County's consent to subcontract.

**8.40.8** The Contractor must obtain certificates of insurance, which establish that the subcontractor maintains all the programs of insurance required by the County from each approved subcontractor. Before any subcontractor employee may perform any work hereunder, Contractor must ensure delivery of all such documents to:

Department of Mental Health  
510 S. Vermont Ave., 20<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90020

Attention: Contracts Development and Administration Division

-or-

electronically to the County Contract Administrator identified on  
Exhibit D - County's Administration

**8.41 Termination for Breach of Warranty to Maintain Compliance with County's Child Support Compliance Program**

Failure of the Contractor to maintain compliance with the requirements set forth in Paragraph 8.14 (Contractor's Warranty of Adherence to County's Child Support Compliance Program) will constitute default under this Contract. Without limiting the rights and remedies available to the County under any other provision of this Contract, failure of the Contractor to cure such default within 90 calendar days of written notice will be grounds upon which the County may terminate this Contract pursuant to Paragraph 8.43 (Termination for Default) and pursue debarment of the Contractor, pursuant to County Code Chapter 2.202.

**8.42 Termination for Convenience**

**8.42.1** This Contract may be terminated, in whole or in part, from time to time, when such action is deemed by the County, in its sole discretion, to be in its best interest. Termination of work hereunder will be effected by notice of termination to the Contractor specifying the extent to which performance of work is terminated and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. The date upon which such termination becomes effective will be no less than 10 days after the notice is sent.

**8.42.2** After receipt of a notice of termination and except as otherwise directed by the County, the Contractor must:

- Stop work under this Contract on the date and to the extent specified in such notice, and
- Complete performance of such part of the work as would not have been terminated by such notice.

**8.42.3** All material including books, records, documents, or other evidence bearing on the costs and expenses of the Contractor under this Contract must be maintained by the Contractor in accordance with Paragraph 8.38 (Record Retention and Inspection-Audit Settlement).

### **8.43 Termination for Default**

**8.43.1** The County may, by written notice to the Contractor, terminate the whole or any part of this Contract, if, in the judgment of County's Program Director:

- Contractor has materially breached this Contract; or
- Contractor fails to timely provide and/or satisfactorily perform any task, deliverable, service, or other work required either under this Contract; or
- Contractor fails to demonstrate a high probability of timely fulfillment of performance requirements under this Contract, or of any obligations of this Contract and in either case, fails to demonstrate convincing progress toward a cure within five working days (or such longer period as the County may authorize in writing) after receipt of written notice from the County specifying such failure.

**8.43.2** In the event that the County terminates this Contract in whole or in part as provided in Paragraph 8.43.1, the County may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as the County may deem appropriate, goods and services similar to those so terminated. The Contractor will be liable to the County for any and all excess costs incurred by the County, as determined by the County, for such similar goods and services. The Contractor will continue the performance of this Contract to the extent not terminated under the provisions of this paragraph.

**8.43.3** Except with respect to defaults of any subcontractor, the Contractor will not be liable for any such excess costs of the type identified in Paragraph 8.43.2 if its failure to perform this Contract arises out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Such causes may include but are not limited to: acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of the County in either its sovereign or contractual capacity,

acts of Federal or State governments in their sovereign capacities, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather; but in every case, the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a subcontractor, and if such default arises out of causes beyond the control of both the Contractor and subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either of them, the Contractor will not be liable for any such excess costs 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 the Contractor to meet the required performance schedule. As used in this paragraph, the term "subcontractor(s)" means subcontractor(s) at any tier.

**8.43.4** If, after the County has given notice of termination under the provisions of Paragraph 8.43 (Termination for Default) it is determined by the County that the Contractor was not in default under the provisions of Paragraph 8.43 (Termination for Default) or that the default was excusable under the provisions of subparagraph 8.43.3, the rights and obligations of the parties will be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to Paragraph 8.42 (Termination for Convenience).

**8.43.5** The rights and remedies of the County provided in this Paragraph 8.43 (Termination for Default) will not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

#### **8.44 Termination for Improper Consideration**

**8.44.1** The County may, by written notice to the Contractor, immediately terminate the right of the Contractor to proceed under this Contract if it is found that consideration, in any form, was offered or given by the Contractor, either directly or through an intermediary, to any County officer, employee, or agent with the intent of securing the Contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to the award, amendment, or extension of the Contract or the making of any determinations with respect to the Contractor's performance pursuant to the Contract. In the event of such termination, the County will be entitled to pursue the same remedies against the Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by the Contractor.

**8.44.2** The Contractor must immediately report any attempt by a County officer, employee, or agent to solicit such improper consideration. The report must be made to the Los Angeles County Fraud Hotline at (800) 544-6861 or <https://fraud.lacounty.gov/>.

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

#### **8.45 Termination for Insolvency**

**8.45.1** The County may terminate this Contract forthwith in the event of the occurrence of any of the following:

- Insolvency of the Contractor. The Contractor will be deemed to be insolvent if it has ceased to pay its debts for at least 60 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 the Contractor is insolvent within the meaning of the Federal Bankruptcy Code;
- The filing of a voluntary or involuntary petition regarding the Contractor under the Federal Bankruptcy Code;
- The appointment of a Receiver or Trustee for the Contractor; or
- The execution by the Contractor of a general assignment for the benefit of creditors.

**8.45.2** The rights and remedies of the County provided in this Paragraph 8.45 (Termination for Insolvency) will not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

#### **8.46 Termination for Non-Adherence of County Lobbyist Ordinance**

The Contractor, and each County Lobbyist or County Lobbying firm as defined in County Code Section 2.160.010 retained by the Contractor, must fully comply with the County's Lobbyist Ordinance, County Code Chapter 2.160. Failure on the part of the Contractor or any County Lobbyist or County Lobbying firm retained by the Contractor to fully comply with the County's Lobbyist Ordinance will constitute a material breach of this Contract, upon which the County may in its sole discretion, immediately terminate or suspend this Contract.

#### **8.47 Termination for Non-Appropriation of Funds**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, the County will not be obligated for the Contractor's performance hereunder or by any provision of this Contract during any of the County's future fiscal years unless and until the County's Board appropriates funds for this Contract in the County's Budget for each such future fiscal year. In the event that funds are not appropriated for this Contract, then this Contract will terminate as of June 30 of the last fiscal year for which funds were appropriated. The County will notify the Contractor in writing of any such non-allocation of funds at the earliest possible date.



#### **8.48 Validity**

If any provision of this Contract or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Contract and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances will not be affected thereby.

#### **8.49 Waiver**

No waiver by the County of any breach of any provision of this Contract will constitute a waiver of any other breach or of such provision. Failure of the County to enforce at any time, or from time to time, any provision of this Contract will not be construed as a waiver thereof. The rights and remedies set forth in this paragraph 8.49 will not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

#### **8.50 Warranty Against Contingent Fees**

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

**8.50.2** For breach of this warranty, the County will have the right to terminate this Contract and, at its sole discretion, deduct from the Contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

#### **8.51 Warranty of Compliance with County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program**

Contractor acknowledges that County has established a goal of ensuring that all individuals and businesses that benefit financially from County through contract are current in paying their property tax obligations (secured and unsecured roll) in order to mitigate the economic burden otherwise imposed upon County and its taxpayers.

Unless Contractor qualifies for an exemption or exclusion, Contractor warrants and certifies that to the best of its knowledge it is now in compliance, and during the term of this contract will maintain compliance, with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.206.

#### **8.52 Termination for Breach of Warranty to Maintain Compliance with County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program**

Failure of Contractor to maintain compliance with the requirements set forth in Paragraph 8.51 "Warranty of Compliance with County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program" will constitute default under this contract. Without limiting the

rights and remedies available to County under any other provision of this contract, failure of Contractor to cure such default within 10 days of notice will be grounds upon which County may terminate this contract and/or pursue debarment of Contractor, pursuant to Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.206.

### **8.53 Time Off for Voting**

The Contractor must notify its employees and must require each subcontractor to notify and provide to its employees, information regarding the time off for voting law ([Elections Code Section 14000](#)). Not less than 10 days before every statewide election, every contractor and subcontractors must keep posted conspicuously at the place of work, if practicable, or elsewhere where it can be seen as employees come or go to their place of work, a notice setting forth the provisions of [Section 14000](#).

### **8.54 Compliance with County's Zero Tolerance Policy on Human Trafficking**

Contractor acknowledges that the County has established a Zero Tolerance Policy on Human Trafficking prohibiting contractors from engaging in human trafficking.

If a Contractor or member of Contractor's staff is convicted of a human trafficking offense, the County will require that the Contractor or member of Contractor's staff be removed immediately from performing services under the Contract. County will not be under any obligation to disclose confidential information regarding the offenses other than those required by law.

Disqualification of any member of Contractor's staff pursuant to this paragraph will not relieve Contractor of its obligation to complete all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract.

### **8.55 Intentionally Omitted**

### **8.56 Compliance with Fair Chance Employment Hiring Practices**

Contractor, and its subcontractors, must comply with fair chance employment hiring practices set forth in California Government Code Section 12952. Contractor's violation of this paragraph of the Contract may constitute a material breach of the Contract. In the event of such material breach, County may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Contract.

### **8.57 Compliance with the County Policy of Equity**

The Contractor acknowledges that the County takes its commitment to preserving the dignity and professionalism of the workplace very seriously, as set forth in the County Policy of Equity (CPOE) (<https://ceop.lacounty.gov/>). The Contractor further acknowledges that the County strives to provide a workplace free from discrimination, harassment, retaliation and inappropriate conduct based on a protected characteristic, and which may violate the CPOE. The Contractor, its employees and subcontractors acknowledge and certify receipt and understanding

of the CPOE. Failure of the Contractor, its employees or its subcontractors to uphold the County's expectations of a workplace free from harassment and discrimination, including inappropriate conduct based on a protected characteristic, may subject the Contractor to termination of contractual agreements as well as civil liability.

#### **8.58 Prohibition from Participation in Future Solicitation(s)**

A Proposer, or a Contractor or its subsidiary or Subcontractor ("Proposer/Contractor"), is prohibited from submitting a bid or proposal in a County solicitation if the Proposer/Contractor has provided advice or consultation for the solicitation. A Proposer/Contractor is also prohibited from submitting a bid or proposal in a County solicitation if the Proposer/Contractor has developed or prepared any of the solicitation materials on behalf of the County. A violation of this provision will result in the disqualification of the Contractor/Proposer from participation in the County solicitation or the termination or cancellation of any resultant County contract.

#### **8.59 Injury and Illness Prevention Program**

Contractor will be required to comply with the State of California's Cal OSHA's regulations. California Code of Regulations Title 8 Section 3203 requires all California employers to have a written, effective Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP) that addresses hazards pertaining to the particular workplace covered by the program.

#### **8.60 Reduce Single-Use Plastics**

##### **8.60.1 Reduce Single-Use Plastics**

The Contractor acknowledges that County places a high priority on the implementation of Board Policy 3.185, Reduce Single-Use Plastics, and must eliminate the use of single-use plastic in County facilities as required by Board Policy 3.185.

##### **8.60.2 Procurement Data Reporting**

The Contractor will keep a monthly record of purchases of single-use products including: product type, brand name, quantity purchased, and unit cost. Data will be provided to the County's Program Monitor along with other regular reports and be available upon request.

#### **8.61 Campaign Contribution Prohibition Following Final Decision in Contract Proceeding**

Pursuant to [Government Code Section 84308](#), Contractor and its Subcontractors, are prohibited from making a contribution of more than \$250 to a County officer for

twelve (12) months after the date of the final decision in the proceeding involving this Contract. Failure to comply with the provisions of [Government Code Section 84308](#) and of this paragraph, may be a material breach of this Contract as determined in the sole discretion of the County.

## **9.0 UNIQUE TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **9.1 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)**

The County is subject to the Administrative Simplification requirements and prohibitions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191 (HIPAA), and regulations promulgated thereunder, including the Privacy, Security, Breach Notification, and Enforcement Rules at 45 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Parts 160 and 164 (collectively, the "HIPAA Rules"). Under this Contract, the Contractor provides services to the County and the Contractor creates, has access to, receives, maintains, or transmits Protected Health Information as defined in Exhibit I (Business Associate Under Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA")) in order to provide those services. The County and the Contractor therefore agree to the terms of Exhibit I (Business Associate Under Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA")).

### **9.2 Ownership of Materials, Software and Copyright**

**9.2.1** County will be the sole owner of all right, title and interest, including copyright, in and to all software, plans, diagrams, facilities, and tools (hereafter "materials") which are originated or created through the Contractor's work pursuant to this Contract. The Contractor, for valuable consideration herein provided, must execute all documents necessary to assign and transfer to, and vest in the County all of the Contractor's right, title and interest in and to such original materials, including any copyright, patent and trade secret rights which arise pursuant to the Contractor's work under this Contract.

**9.2.2** During the term of this Contract and for five years thereafter, the Contractor must maintain and provide security for all of the Contractor's working papers prepared under this Contract. County will have the right to inspect, copy and use at any time during and subsequent to the term of this Contract, any and all such working papers and all information contained therein.

**9.2.3** Any and all materials, software and tools which are developed or were originally acquired by the Contractor outside the scope of this Contract, which the Contractor desires to use hereunder, and which the Contractor considers to be proprietary or confidential, must be specifically identified by the Contractor to the County's Program Manager as proprietary or

confidential, and must be plainly and prominently marked by the Contractor as "Proprietary" or "Confidential" on each appropriate page of any document containing such material.

**9.2.4** The County will use reasonable means to ensure that the Contractor's proprietary and/or confidential items are safeguarded and held in confidence. The County agrees not to reproduce, distribute or disclose to non-County entities any such proprietary and/or confidential items without the prior written consent of the Contractor.

**9.2.5** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, the County will not be obligated to the Contractor in any way under subparagraph 9.2.4 for any of the Contractor's proprietary and/or confidential items which are not plainly and prominently marked with restrictive legends as required by subparagraph 9.2.3 or for any disclosure which the County is required to make under any state or federal law or order of court.

### **9.3 Patent, Copyright and Trade Secret Indemnification**

**9.3.1** The Contractor must indemnify, hold harmless and defend County from and against any and all liability, damages, costs, and expenses, including, but not limited to, defense costs and attorneys' fees, for or by reason of any actual or alleged infringement of any third party's patent or copyright, or any actual or alleged unauthorized trade secret disclosure, arising from or related to the operation and utilization of the Contractor's work under this Contract. County will inform the Contractor as soon as practicable of any claim or action alleging such infringement or unauthorized disclosure and will support the Contractor's defense and settlement thereof.

**9.3.2** In the event any equipment, part thereof, or software product becomes the subject of any complaint, claim, or proceeding alleging infringement or unauthorized disclosure, such that County's continued use of such item is formally restrained, enjoined, or subjected to a risk of damages, the Contractor, at its sole expense, and providing that County's continued use of the system is not materially impeded, must either:

- Procure for County all rights to continued use of the questioned equipment, part, or software product; or
- Replace the questioned equipment, part, or software product with a non-questioned item; or
- Modify the questioned equipment, part, or software so that it is free of claims.

**9.3.3** The Contractor will have no liability if the alleged infringement or unauthorized disclosure is based upon a use of the questioned product,

either alone or in combination with other items not supplied by the Contractor, in a manner for which the questioned product was not designed nor intended.

#### **9.4 Data Destruction**

Contractor(s) that have maintained, processed, or stored the County data and/or information, implied or expressed, have the sole responsibility to certify that the data and information have been appropriately destroyed consistent with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication SP 800-88 titled Guidelines for Media Sanitization. Available at:

<http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/PubsDrafts.html#SP-800-88 Rev.%201>

The data and/or information may be stored on purchased, leased, or rented electronic storage equipment (e.g., printers, hard drives) and electronic devices (e.g., servers, workstations) that are geographically located within the County, or external to the County's boundaries. The County must receive within 10 business days, a signed document from Contractor(s) that certifies and validates the data and information were placed in one or more of the following stored states: unusable, unreadable, and/or indecipherable.

Contractor(s) must certify that any County data stored on purchased, leased, or rented electronic storage equipment and electronic devices, including, but not limited to printers, hard drives, servers, and/or workstations are destroyed consistent with the current National Institute of Standard and Technology (NIST) Special Publication SP-800-88, Guidelines for Media Sanitization. Contractor(s) must provide County with written certification, within 10 business days of removal of any electronic storage equipment and devices that validates that any and all County data was destroyed and is unusable, unreadable, and/or indecipherable.

#### **9.5 Contractor's Charitable Activities Compliance**

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

**9.6 Intentionally Omitted**

**9.7 Intentionally Omitted**

**9.8 Intentionally Omitted**

**9.9 Organic Waste Recycling**

**9.9.1** As of January 1, 2022, all organic waste, including green waste must be diverted from landfills and recycled per Senate Bill (SB) 1383.

**9.9.2** The Contractor must not dispose of green waste material(s) in a landfill. The Contractor must identify methods for proper management, through composting, recycling, or reuse, of green waste materials, such as vegetative cuttings, shrubs, brushes, grasses, tree trimmings, and pruning.

**9.9.3** All such materials collected must be managed on-site or taken to an approved organic waste processing facility. If using an off-site organic waste processing facility, then the Contractor must provide the County with contact and location information for the facility. If the organic waste is managed on-site at the generating facility, the Contractor must train facility staff in managing the green waste to compost the acceptable materials.

**9.9.4** The Contractor must identify methods of preventing contamination, segregating paper and plastic found in landscaping waste, and removing debris such that those items do not end up contaminating green waste. The Contractor must provide a report to the County's Project Manager as to methods they have used to prevent contamination of green waste. As needed, Contractor must train Contractor's staff on measures needed to comply with County's directive to prevent contamination of green waste.

**9.10 Procurement of SB 1383-Compliant Compost and Mulch**

Any compost or mulch purchased by the Contractor must be SB 1383-compliant. Contractor is responsible for verifying that any compost or mulch comes from an SB 1383-compliant source prior to purchasing. Contractor must provide documentation showing the quantity of mulch or compost purchased, the date of purchase, and the name and address of the facility where the compost or mulch was produced.

**9.11 Edible Food Donation**

**9.11.1** Contractor must recover the maximum amount feasible of Edible Food, consistent with food safety requirements, and arrange to provide such Edible Food to a Food Recovery Organization/Service.

**9.11.2** Contractor must not intentionally cause or allow the spoilage of Edible Food capable of being recovered.

**9.11.3** Contractor must keep records of the following and provide them to the County's Program Monitor on a quarterly basis:

- The name, address, and point of contact of each Food Recovery Organization/Service that has collected Edible Food from the Contractor.
- Copies of all contracts, agreements and written communications with each Food Recovery Organization/Service that has collected Edible Food from Contractor.
- The types, established frequency, and quantity, measured in pounds, of Edible Food that has been provided to each Food Recovery Organization/Service each month.

The types and amounts, measured in pounds, of Edible Food that has been made available to, but that was not accepted by a Food Recovery Organization/Service.

## **9.12 Intentionally Omitted**

## **9.13 Contractor Protection of Electronic County Information**

9.13.1 The Board has recognized that the County must ensure that appropriate safeguards are in place to protect public data and avoid the penalties and fines that may be imposed when unprotected confidential/sensitive information is disclosed inappropriately. County Policy 5.200 "Contractor Protection of Electronic County Information" provides specific details and can be accessed at the following link: [https://library.municode.com/ca/la\\_county\\_-\\_bos/codes/board\\_policy?nodeId=CH5COPU\\_5.200COPRCELS\\_TIN](https://library.municode.com/ca/la_county_-_bos/codes/board_policy?nodeId=CH5COPU_5.200COPRCELS_TIN). Contractor agrees that it will comply with County Policy 5.200, as it now exists or as it might be modified in the future, as it relates to information acquired in the course of providing services during the term of this Contract.

9.13.2 Contractor must sign Exhibit K (Attestation Regarding Information Security Requirements) to attest compliance with Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Policy No. 5.200 "Contractor Protection of Electronic County Information" and acknowledge that it is the responsibility of the Contractor to access the following link: <https://dmh.lacounty.gov/for-providers/administrative-tools/administrative-forms/contract-attachments> for Information Security documents annually, if there are any changes to the



information requested on the security documents, and/or upon notification by DMH of updated Information Security documents. Contractor must also ensure that prior to access, its workforce members, including subcontractors, that create, receive, maintain, or transmit Protected Health Information (PHI) acknowledge and sign the applicable Attachments to Exhibit K. Security and privacy requirements will apply to all County Personal Information, PHI and Medical Information electronically stored or transmitted by contractors and subcontractors, irrespective of storage and/or transmission methodology.

## 10.0 Survival

In addition to any terms and conditions of this Contract that expressly survive expiration or termination of this Contract by their terms, the following provisions will survive the expiration or termination of this Contract for any reason:

Paragraph 1.0	Applicable Documents
Paragraph 2.0	Definitions
Paragraph 3.0	Work
Paragraph 5.4	No Payment for Services Provided Following Expiration-Termination of Contract
Paragraph 7.6	Confidentiality
Paragraph 8.1	Amendments
Paragraph 8.2	Assignment and Delegation/Mergers or Acquisitions
Paragraph 8.6	Compliance with Applicable Law
Paragraph 8.19	Fair Labor Standards
Paragraph 8.20	Force Majeure
Paragraph 8.21	Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue
Paragraph 8.23	Indemnification
Paragraph 8.24	General Provisions for all Insurance Coverage
Paragraph 8.25	Insurance Coverage
Paragraph 8.26	Liquidated Damages
Paragraph 8.34	Notices
Paragraph 8.38	Record Retention and Inspection-Audit Settlement

Paragraph 8.42	Termination for Convenience
Paragraph 8.43	Termination for Default
Paragraph 8.48	Validity
Paragraph 8.49	Waiver
Paragraph 8.58	Prohibition from Participation in Future Solicitation
Paragraph 9.2	Ownership of Materials, Software and Copyright
Paragraph 9.3	Patent, Copyright and Trade Secret Indemnification
Paragraph 9.13	Contractor Protection of Electronic County Information
Paragraph 10.0	Survival

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Contractor has executed this Contract, or caused it to be duly executed and the County of Los Angeles, by order of its Board of Supervisors has caused this Contract to be executed on its behalf by the County's Director of Mental Health or designee thereof, the day and year first above written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By \_\_\_\_\_

Lisa H. Wong, Psy.D.  
Director  
County of Los Angeles  
Department of Mental Health

Spring Evolution Inc., DBA Wolf Connection

CONTRACTOR

By \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

(AFFIX CORPORATE SEAL HERE)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

BY: Rachel Kleinberg  
Senior Deputy County Counsel

**Wolf Connection Empowerment:  
Child and Youth Support  
STATEMENT OF WORK (SOW)  
Exhibit A**

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# STATEMENT OF WORK (SOW)

## 1.0 SCOPE OF WORK

Spring of Evolution, Inc. DBA Wolf Connection (Contractor) will focus on facilitating the restorative human-animal relationship through their Wolf Connection Empowerment Program and Wolf Therapy (Programs). These Programs will create a space for children and youth 11 through 18 years of age (participants) to practice awareness of themselves and their environment as they connect with the wolves. Contractor’s Programs will provide evidence-based, life-supporting services via a multi-tiered model. Wolf Lessons for Human Lives is an immersive 12-lesson online social emotional education program, designed to be implemented at schools and probation camps by facilitators (teacher, counselor, probation staff, etc.) with support from Contractor’s staff. In addition to the online program, a limited number of participants from schools and probation camps will engage in Wolf Connection’s Signature 8-week Empowerment in-person Program at the Wolf Heart Ranch.

## 2.0 SPECIFIC WORK REQUIREMENTS

**2.1** Contractor staff will work with administrators and staff at schools and probation camps to determine the level of school and probation camps staff involvement at each site for both online and in-person programs, Contractor will train all identified staff within schools and probation camps to become facilitators and support participants throughout the programs.

### **2.2 Wolf Lessons for Human Life (WLFHL) Online Program:**

2.2.1 The online program consists of 12 lessons listed below and will be conducted in individual or group setting. Each lesson will cover a unique "wolf lesson," with the primary objectives of connecting participants with the inherent worth, resilience and sense of belonging to a “pack” or community. The participants will be engaged to consider their own interpretation of the lesson and how to authentically express it in the context of their own lives and stories via interactive exercises and prompts.

<b>1. Self-Acceptance</b>	<b>7. Generosity / Contribution</b>
<b>2. Self-Discovery</b>	<b>8. Authentic Communication</b>
<b>3. Resilience</b>	<b>9. Compassionate Leadership</b>
<b>4. Curiosity / Risk-Taking</b>	<b>10. Collaboration/ Teamwork</b>
<b>5. Commitment/ Discernment</b>	<b>11. Environmental Awareness</b>
<b>6. Reliance / Empathy</b>	<b>12. Inner Peace</b>

2.2.2 Utilize a variety of creative formats to engage participants and provide guided prompts to elicit participants’ responses.

2.2.2.1 Contractor will provide mentorship through the online program and will reply to participants’ responses to program

prompts. Schools and probation camps will have the option of only allowing the facilitator to see the participants' responses, and to utilize these activities for class discussion.

- 2.2.2.2 Upon completion of each lesson, the participant will receive one to two virtual pack member cards that includes the wolf's photo, story, and affirmation.
- 2.2.2.3 Participants who complete all 12 lessons will graduate virtually by receiving a certificate, virtual wolf pack deck, and a special video.
- 2.2.2.4 Participants who complete the 12 lessons will be eligible for an on-site culminating visit to Wolf Heart Ranch with their classmates.

**2.3 In-person Program - Signature 8-week Empowerment Program**

2.3.1 This program will be conducted on-site at Wolf Hearth Ranch, five-hour per week for eight weeks, in a cohort setting, up to 25 participants per cohort. Contractor will collaborate with schools and probation camps to recruit participants for the Empowerment Program and selected participants will complete a simple application to enroll into the program. The 8-week program will consist of the following sessions:

Sessions 1 & 2	<b>Connection:</b> Discovering the bond - Connecting with the heart.
Sessions 3 & 4	<b>Discovery:</b> Blazing new trails within oneself - Opening to new experiences and beliefs.
Sessions 5 & 6	<b>Creation:</b> Making choices and following through - Collaborating with others.
Sessions 7 & 8	<b>Consolidation:</b> Getting ready to face life's challenges with the new tools and skills learned during the program - Becoming a member of the human pack.

- 2.3.2 Each session of this program will include the following components:
- 2.3.2.1 Council circle,
  - 2.3.2.2 Mindfulness practices,
  - 2.3.2.3 Somatic movement via hiking/bonding with the wolves,
  - 2.3.2.4 Relationship building with wolves and other participants, and
  - 2.3.2.5 Expressive arts (sharing one's wolf "howl" via poetry, drawing, storytelling etc.).

## 2.4 Number to be Served Annually

- 2.4.1 Contractor will serve: 1,000 participants virtually – Wolf Lessons for Human Lives; and
- 2.4.2 100 participants in-person at the ranch – Signature 8-week Empowerment Program.

DMH has the discretion to deny payment for quarter four invoices if the Contractor does not meet 80% of the required number of participants by the end of each contract year.

## 3.0 QUALITY CONTROL

The Contractor will establish and utilize a comprehensive Quality Control Plan (Plan) to ensure the County receives a consistently high level of service throughout the term of the Contract. The Plan must be submitted to the County's Program Monitor for review. The Plan must include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- 3.1 Method of monitoring to ensure that Contract requirements are being met;
- 3.2 A record of all inspections conducted by the Contractor, any corrective action taken, the time a problem was first identified, a clear description of the problem, and the time elapsed between identification and completed corrective action, must be provided to the County upon request.

### 3.3 Data Collection

Contractor will submit the following Performance Based data and reports:

- 3.3.1 Socio-demographic information in accordance with the reporting guidelines identified in the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) – Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Regulations. Please see link ([https://www.mhsoac.ca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2018-08/PEI%20Regulations\\_As\\_Of\\_July%202018.pdf](https://www.mhsoac.ca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2018-08/PEI%20Regulations_As_Of_July%202018.pdf)). Data collection methods will be implemented for all participants participating in program activities. Data collection tools and methods implemented by Contractor will not include personally identifiable data. Data collection tools shall collect the following socio-demographic information:

- 3.3.1.1 Age;
- 3.3.1.2 Race;
- 3.3.1.3 Ethnicity;
- 3.3.1.4 Primary language;
- 3.3.1.5 Sexual orientation (ages 12+);
- 3.3.1.6 Disability;
- 3.3.1.7 Veteran status (ages 18+);
- 3.3.1.8 Gender assigned at birth; and  
Current gender identity (ages 12+)



3.3.2 Participant Survey Outcomes

Pre and Post survey for all participants will be collected at the commencement and ending of each cohort. Outcome data will be shared with the Department of Mental Health (DMH) bi-annually and at the end of the year collectively for the entire year (refer to Attachment II).

3.3.3 Facilitator Survey Outcomes and Qualitative Experiential Reports

Post survey for school and probation camp facilitators will be collected at the end of each cohort. Outcome data will be shared with DMH bi-annually and at the end of the year collectively for the entire year (refer to Attachment II).

**4.0 QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN**

The County will evaluate the Contractor’s performance under this Contract using the quality assurance procedures as defined in the Contract, Paragraph 8.15 (County’s Quality Assurance Plan).

**4.1 Monthly Meetings**

Contractor is required to attend a scheduled monthly meeting.

4.1.1 DMH School Based Community Access Point (SBCAP) team will meet with Contractors’ representative from the staff mentioned in Section 5.4 of the SOW on a monthly basis to report on improvements made and share updated content.

4.1.1.1 Contractor will provide updates on the number of participants in both online and on-site programs.

4.1.1.2 Contractor will provide monthly update regarding marketing and outreach efforts, new partnerships developed, and number of participants in online and in person programs. each program.

**4.2 Contract Discrepancy Report**

4.2.1 Verbal notification of a Contract discrepancy will be made to the Contractor’s Program Monitor as soon as possible whenever a Contract discrepancy is identified. The problem must be resolved within a time period mutually agreed upon by the County and the Contractor.

4.2.2 The County’s Contract Program Monitor will determine whether a formal Contract Discrepancy Report (CDR) will be issued. Upon receipt of this document, the Contractor is required to respond in writing to the County’s Program Monitor within five business days, acknowledging the reported discrepancies or presenting contrary evidence.

4.2.3 A plan for correction of all deficiencies identified in the CDR must be submitted to the County’s Program Monitor within 10 business days.

### **4.3 County Observations**

In addition to departmental contracting staff, other County personnel may observe performance, activities, and review documents relevant to this Contract at any time during normal business hours. However, these personnel may not unreasonably interfere with the Contractor's performance.

### **4.4 Outcomes**

4.4.1 The goals for participants.

4.4.1.1 Increase protective factors:

- a. Social Connections;
- b. Social and Emotional Competence of Children;

4.4.1.2 Increase Connection to Nature; and

4.4.1.3 Increase Resilience through Self-Connection and Coping Skills development.

4.4.2 The goals for school and probation camp's staff.

4.4.2.1 Increase Social and Emotional Competence of Adults;

4.4.2.2 Increase Connection to Nature; and

4.4.2.3 Increase Resilience through Coping Skills and Community.

## **5.0 RESPONSIBILITIES**

The County's and the Contractor's responsibilities are as follows:

### **COUNTY**

#### **5.1 Personnel**

The County will administer the Contract according to the Contract, Paragraph 6.0 (Administration of Contract – County). Specific duties will include:

5.1.1 Identify staff to serve as liaisons between the County and Contractor for this project.

5.1.2 Monitoring the Contractor's performance in the daily operation of this Contract.

5.1.3 Providing direction to the Contractor in areas relating to policy, information, and procedural requirements.

5.1.4 Preparing Amendments in accordance with the Contract, Paragraph 8.1 (Amendments).

#### **5.2 Intentionally Omitted**

## **CONTRACTOR**

### **5.3 Contractor's Project Manager**

- 5.3.1 Contractor must provide a full-time Project Manager or designated alternate. County must have access to the Project Manager during hours of operation as indicated in Section 6.0 (Hours/Day of Work). Contractor must provide a telephone number where the Project Manager may be reached during normal business hours.
- 5.3.2 Contractor's Project Manager must act as a central point of contact with the County.
- 5.3.3 Contractor's Project Manager/alternate must have full authority to act for Contractor on all matters relating to the daily operation of the Contract. Contractor's Project Manager/alternate must be able to effectively communicate, in English, both orally and in writing.

### **5.4 Personnel**

- 5.4.1 Contractor will assign a sufficient number of staff to perform the required work. At least one staff on site must be authorized to act for Contractor in every detail and must speak and understand English.
- 5.4.2 Contractor will be required to background check their staff as set forth in Paragraph 7.5 (Background and Security Investigations), of the Contract.

### **5.5 Contractor's staffing will include the following:**

- 5.5.1 **Executive Director** – will oversee Wolf Connection's overall operation and implementation of the organization's mission. The Executive Director will make management decisions for contractual obligations and supervise the organization's administration and strategy. Total time allocated to this project is 20% Full-Time Equivalent (FTE).
- 5.5.2 **Director of Finance and Strategy** – will oversee the organization's long-term financial health and growth. This position will be responsible for implementing and overseeing the contract's financial obligations and providing documentation regarding contract budget and reporting. Total time allocated to this project is 20% FTE.
- 5.5.3 **Director of Compliance and Human Relations** – will oversee various aspects of employer/employee relationships and will oversee the contract life cycle and maintain adherence to the deliverables and compliance of all contract requirements. Total time allocated to this project is 20% FTE.
- 5.5.4 **Director of Programs** – will work closely with the Executive Director to oversee the curriculum, budget, and implementation of the program. This position is responsible for the general operations of the program department and will oversee the logistics, planning, and evaluating programs and projects

of the contracted programs and content, as it fits into the greater scope of Wolf Connection. Total time allocated to this project is 50% FTE.

- 5.5.5 **Lead of Education and Outreach** – will oversee planning and outreach with current schools and probation camps and will serve as the liaison with school partners virtual platform users. This position will oversee program progress, survey evaluation for groups, growth, and engagement. Total time allocated to this project is 75% FTE.
- 5.5.6 **Content Manager** – will oversees the ongoing development and improvement of media content associated with the virtual program. This position integrates creativity and project management skills to produce high quality media deliverables to accompany the virtual program and engage participants, and adults alike. The total time allocated to this project is 90% FTE.
- 5.5.7 **Community Liaison** – will serve as a bridge between Contractor and our schools and probation camps utilizing the virtual program. This position is key to our commitment to relationships and collaboration, such that programming is highly beneficial to school administrators and facilitators (teachers, counselors, etc.), as well as participants. This position will support seamless implementation of the programming at schools and probation camps, and will manage incentives, communications, and feedback. Total time allocated to this project is 90% FTE.
- 5.5.8 **Onsite Program Manager** – will supervise, train and lead the onsite empowerment program staff. This individual will be responsible for scheduling and supervising staff directly serving the onsite program portion of this proposed contract. Total time allocated to this project is 20% FTE per month for 12 months.
- 5.5.9 **Lead of Programs (2 FTE)** - will oversee the facilitation of the virtual program through participant and media engagement. This position will be responsible for staff prep, debrief, and curriculum and the overall experience for participants using the platform.
- 5.5.10 **Program Assistant (3 FTE)** - will support the virtual and on-site programs by managing participant engagement through WLFHL and media content creation. They train on co-facilitation and support leads throughout programming. For the on-site program, staff support the overall safety, flow, and therapeutic magical experience of the participants.
- 5.5.11 **Animal Handler** – will handle the wolves and are expertly trained to provide safe and engaging experience for program participants. This staff will handle the wolves that come into camera for the virtual experience and handle the wolves and facilitate engagement during the on-site programming. This position involves coordination and collaboration between the Program and

Pack Services teams at Wolf Heart Ranch. The total time allocated to this project is 50% FTE.

5.5.12 **Executive Assistant** - will be the administrative support for the Executive Director and Director of Programs and will be responsible for program tracking contract deliverables, budget and invoicing, scheduling, and general administration. Total time allocated to this project is 25% FTE.

## 5.6 Identification Badges

5.6.1 Contractor must ensure their staff are appropriately identified as set forth in Paragraph 7.4 (Contractor's Staff Identification), of the Contract.

## 5.7 Materials and Equipment

5.7.1 The purchase of all materials/equipment to provide the needed services is the responsibility of the Contractor. Contractor must use materials and equipment that are safe for the environment and safe for use by the employee.

## 5.8 Training

5.8.1 Contractor must provide training programs for all new employees and continuing in-service training for all staff.

5.8.2 All staff must be trained in their assigned tasks and in the safe handling of equipment. All equipment must be checked daily for safety. All staff must wear safety and protective gear according to Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards.

## 5.9 Contractor's Administrative Office

Contractor will maintain an administrative office with a telephone in the company's name where Contractor conducts business. The office will be staffed during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, by at least one employee who can respond to inquiries which may be received about the Contractor's performance of the Contract. When the office is closed, an answering service will be provided to receive calls and take messages. **Contractor will answer calls received by the answering service within 48 hours of receipt of the call.**

## 6.0 HOURS/DAY OF WORK

6.1 Services are provided Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. and based on agreements with schools and probation camps.

6.2 The Contractor is not required to provide services on County recognized holidays.

## 7.0 INTENTIONALLY OMITTED

## 8.0 TARGET POPULATION

Services will target children and youth 11 through 18 years of age within SA 1 and will prioritize children who are:

8.1 At-risk or involved in the Child Welfare System;

- 8.2 At-risk or involved with the Justice System; or
- 8.3 Attending alternative schooling that offer education to a group of children at one time, such as probation camp, not including homeschooling.

Contractor will partner with schools within SA 1 and probation camps within SA 3 which serve SA 1 children and youth as there are no probation camps within SA 1.

**9.0 ADDITION AND/OR DELETION OF FACILITIES, SPECIFIC TASKS AND/OR WORK HOURS**

9.1 All changes must be made in accordance with Subparagraph 8.1 (Amendments) of the Contract.

**9.2 Locations**

9.2.2 Locations for implementing the Online Program will be selected from and in collaboration with schools within SA 1 which can include: Antelope Valley Union High School District, Palmdale Unified School District, Acton-Agua Dulce Unified School District, Hart School District, and Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), and probation camps within SA 3 which serve SA 1 children and youth as there are no probation camps within SA 1, unless other sites are identified by contractor or DMH.

9.2.3 On-site program participants will be selected from the aforementioned sites unless other sites identified by contractor or DMH, and services will occur at Wolf Connection’s physical location, Wolf Heart Ranch, in Acton, CA. School sites and probation camps will be responsible for the transportation of the participants to and from Wolf Heart Ranch.

**10.0 INTENTIONALLY OMITTED**

**11.0 INTENTIONALLY OMITTED**

**12.0 DEFINITIONS**

The headings contained herein are for convenience and reference only and are not intended to define the scope of any provision thereof. The following words as used herein will be construed to have the following meaning, unless otherwise apparent from the context in which they are used.

- 12.1 Connection to Nature: A strong connection with nature means feeling a close relationship or an emotional attachment to our natural surroundings. This connection has been positively correlated with emotional wellbeing.
- 12.2 Coping Skills: The use of cognitive and behavioral strategies to deal effectively with difficult situations.
- 12.3 Council Circle: A means of group communication that promotes input from members. The council circle will consist of a grounding technique and a check in.
- 12.4 Facilitators: Teachers, counselors, or probation staff, that are trained by the Contractor and will support the participants throughout the program.
- 12.5 Participants: Children and youth 11 through 18 years of age enrolled in one of the schools and/or probation camps where Contractor will provide services for this SOW.
- 12.6 Protective Factors: Strengths of individuals, families and communities that act to mitigate risks and promote positive wellbeing and healthy development.
- 12.7 Resilience: The capacity to withstand or to recover quickly from difficulties.
- 12.8 Self-Connection: A sense of personal awareness and acceptance, and the ability to align one’s actions with personal awareness.
- 12.9 Social and Emotional Competence of Adults: Ability to manage stress, regulate one’s own emotions and behavior, solve problems, and create safe and supportive environments.
- 12.10 Social and Emotional Competence of Children: The ability to interact with others, regulate one’s own emotions and behavior, solve problems, and community effectively.
- 12.11 Social Connections: A state of feeling close (or “connected”) to another person or other people. This includes feeling cared about by others as well as a feeling of belonging to a group or community.
- 12.12 Training Post: Sharable Content Object Reference Model (SCORM) compliant and secure learning management system that houses Wolf Lessons for Human Lives. Training post supports individual login and desktop and mobile access. It also supports unique portals for each school and classroom.

### **13. GREEN INITIATIVES**

- 13.1 Contractor must use reasonable efforts to initiate “green” practices for environmental and energy conservation benefits.

13.2 Contractor must notify County's Program Manager of Contractor's new green initiatives prior to Contract commencement.

## **14 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY**

The below Performance Requirements Summary (PRS) chart, SOW Attachment II (SOW Attachments) is a listing of requirements that will be monitored by the County during the term of the Contract are delineated in this SOW.

14.1 All listings of services used in the PRS are intended to be completely consistent with the Contract and this SOW, and are not meant in any case to create, extend, revise, or expand any obligation of Contractor beyond that defined in the Contract and this SOW. In any case of apparent inconsistency between services as stated in the Contract and this SOW and this PRS, the meaning apparent in this SOW will prevail. If any service seems to be created in this PRS which is not clearly and forthrightly set forth in the Contract and this SOW, that apparent service will be invalid and place no requirement on Contractor unless and until incorporated into the Contract.



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# CONTRACT DISCREPANCY REPORT

SAMPLE

CONTRACTOR RESPONSE DUE BY \_\_\_\_\_ (enter date and time)

<b>Date:</b>		<b>Contractor Response Received:</b>		
<b>Contractor:</b>		<b>County's Program Manager:</b>		
<b>Contact Person:</b>	<b>Contract No.:</b>	<b>County's Program Manager Signature:</b>		
<b>Email:</b>		<b>Email:</b>		

A contract discrepancy(s) is specified below. The Contractor will take corrective action and respond back to the **County personnel** identified above by the date required. Failure to take corrective action or respond to this Contract Discrepancy Report by the date specified may result in the deduction of damages.

No.	Contract Discrepancy	Contractor's Response*	County Use Only		
			Date Correction Due	Date Completed	Approved
1					
2					
3					

\*Use additional sheets if necessary

<i>Contractor's Representative Signature</i>	<i>Date Signed</i>
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**Additional Comments:**

## PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY (PRS) CHART

SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE REFERENCE	REQUIRED SERVICE	COUNTY MONITORING METHOD	Due Date
<b>SOW:</b> Section 2.3. Numbers to be Served	Contractor will serve annually <sup>1</sup> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1,000 participants virtually – <i>Wolf Lessons for Human Lives</i>;</li> <li>100 participants in-person at the ranch – <i>Signature 8-week Empowerment Program</i></li> </ul>	Schools and Probation camps Attendance reports	July – December Reports due on January 15 January – June Reports due on July 15
<b>SOW:</b> Subsection 3.3.1 Socio-demographic information	Contractor will collect and submit socio-demographic information for all individuals participating in the program	Reports on the collective information	July – December Reports due on January 15 January – June Reports due on July 15
<b>SOW:</b> Subsection 3.3.2 and 3.3.3 (Outcomes)	Contractor will collect pre- and post-survey data from all participants	Outcome data and report ;	July – December. due on January 15 January – June due on July 15
<b>SOW:</b> Subsection 3.3.3	Contractor will collect post-surveys from facilitators	Outcome data and report	Annually End of the Year Report July 31, 2024
<b>SOW:</b> Subsection 4.1 (Monthly Meetings)	Contractor's representative to attend monthly meetings scheduled by County and provide monthly updates	Attendance in the meeting	To be announced by DMH
<b>SOW:</b> Subsection 3.3	Summary of data outcomes as related to MHSA goals <sup>2</sup>	MHSA End of the year Report	Annually due on July 31

## Footnotes:

- 1- DMH has the discretion to withhold payment for quarter four invoices if the Contractor does not meet 80% of the required number of participants by the end of each contract year.
- 2- DMH will provide the updated MHSA Report link to the Contractor by the end of each contract year.

## EXHIBIT B - FISCAL PROVISIONS

### SPRING EVOLUTION INC., DBA WOLF CONNECTION

#### 1.0 Funding Breakdown

Expenditure	Unit	FY24-25	FY 25-26	Total
<b>STAFFING</b>				
Executive Director	0.2	\$18,300	\$18,300	\$36,600
Director of Finance and Strategy	0.2	\$15,300	\$15,300	\$30,600
Director of Compliance and HR	0.2	\$14,500	\$14,500	\$29,000
Director of Programs	0.5	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$80,000
Lead of Education and Outreach	0.75	\$48,000	\$48,000	\$96,000
Content Manager	0.9	\$67,500	\$67,500	\$135,000
Community Liaison	0.9	\$49,500	\$49,500	\$99,000
Onsite Program Manager	0.2	\$14,500	\$14,500	\$29,000
Lead of Programs	2	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$220,000
Program Assistants	3	\$135,000	\$135,000	\$270,000
Animal Handler	0.5	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$45,000
Executive Assistant	0.25	\$16,250	\$16,250	\$32,500
<b>Staffing Total</b>		<b>\$551,350</b>	<b>\$551,350</b>	<b>\$1,102,700</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS</b>				
Payroll Taxes and Benefits	25%	\$137,838	\$137,838	\$275,676
Technical Upgrades and Maintenance		\$200,000	\$200,000	\$400,000
Caregiver Engagement		\$75,000	\$75,000	\$150,000
Food and Supplies		\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
Print Materials		\$29,291	\$29,291	\$58,582
<b>Administrative Operations Total</b>		<b>\$492,129</b>	<b>\$492,129</b>	<b>\$984,258</b>
<b>Staffing and Administrative Operations Total</b>		<b>\$1,043,479</b>	<b>\$1,043,479</b>	<b>\$2,086,958</b>
<b>INDIRECT COSTS</b>				
Indirect Costs (not to exceed 15%)	15%	\$156,521	\$156,521	\$313,042
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$1,200,000</b>	<b>\$1,200,000</b>	<b>\$2,400,000</b>

#### 2.0 Invoicing

Contractor will submit invoices as set forth in Paragraph 5.5- Invoices and Payments- of the Contract and provisions in this exhibit.

2.1 Contractor will submit quarterly invoices for Staffing , Administrative Operations and Indirect Cost

2.2 As indicated in Section 2.4 of Exhibit A- Statement of Work- DMH has the discretion to deny payment for quarter four invoices if the Contractor does not meet 80% of the requirements for numbers of participants

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
INVOICE**

**SAMPLE INVOICE**

FOR DMH USE ONLY
SIGNATURE:
PRINT NAME:
TITLE:
DATE:
FUNDING SOURCE:
ENCUMBRANCE:

**AGENCY NAME: WOLF CONNECTION**

**CONTRACT NUMBER:**

**MONTH OR QUARTER / YEAR:**

Description of Cost	Amount
Staffing Salaries	\$
Payroll Taxes and Benefits	\$
Technical Upgrades and Maintenance	\$
Caregiver Engagement	\$
Food and Supplies	\$
Print Materials	\$
Indirect Costs	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>

DMH has the discretion to deny payment for quarter four invoices if the Contractor does not meet 80% of the required number of virtual participants by the end of each contract year.

**SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRINT NAME/TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

*I certify that the payment amount requested is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and is for activities and costs eligible for reimbursement under the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract. All supporting documentation will be maintained in a separate file for the period specified in the Contract.*

## COUNTY'S ADMINISTRATION

CONTRACT NO. MH280009

### DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH:

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## CONTRACTOR'S ADMINISTRATION

**CONTRACTOR'S NAME:** Spring Evolution Inc., DBA Wolf Connection

**CONTRACT NO:** MH280009

**CONTRACTOR'S CONTRACT MANAGER**

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**Notices to the Contractor shall be sent to the following:**

Name: Malaka Donovan

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**CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT**

Contractor Name: Spring Evolution Inc., DBA Wolf Connection Contract No: MH280009

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

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

**CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

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

Contractor understands and agrees that Contractor's Staff are not employees of the County of Los Angeles for any purpose whatsoever and that Contractor's Staff do not have and will not acquire any rights or benefits of any kind from the County of Los Angeles by virtue of my performance of work under the above-referenced contract. Contractor understands and agrees that Contractor's Staff will not acquire any rights or benefits from the County of Los Angeles pursuant to any agreement between any person or entity and the County of Los Angeles.

**CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT:**

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

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

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

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

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

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_



**CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT**

(Note: For Contractor's record, shall be made available within three (3) days upon DMH request)

Contractor Name: Spring Evolution Inc., DBA Wolf Connection Contract No MH280009

Employee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

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

**EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

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

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

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

**CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT:**

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

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

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

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

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRACTOR NON-EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT**

(Note: For Contractor's record, shall be made available within three (3) days upon DMH request)

Contractor Name: Spring Evolution Inc., DBA Wolf Connection Contract No MH280009

Non-Employee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

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

**NON-EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

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

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

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

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

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

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

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Some parents of newborns can find themselves in difficult circumstances. Sadly, babies are sometimes harmed or abandoned by parents who feel that they're not ready or able to raise a child. Many of these mothers or fathers are afraid and don't know where to turn for help.

This is why California has a Safely Surrendered Baby Law, which gives parents the choice to legally leave their baby at any hospital or fire station in Los Angeles County.

### FIVE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT BABY SAFE SURRENDER

- 1 Your newborn can be surrendered at any hospital or fire station in Los Angeles County up to 72 hours after birth.
- 2 You must leave your newborn with a fire station or hospital employee.
- 3 You don't have to provide your name.
- 4 You will only be asked to voluntarily provide a medical history.
- 5 You have 14 days to change your mind; a matching bracelet (parent) and anklet (baby) are provided to assist you if you change your mind.

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### ABOUT THE BABY SAFE SURRENDER PROGRAM

In 2002, a task force was created under the guidance of the Children's Planning Council to address newborn abandonment and to develop a strategic plan to prevent this tragedy.

Los Angeles County has worked hard to ensure that the Safely Surrendered Baby Law prevents babies from being abandoned. We're happy to report that this law is doing exactly what it was designed to do: save the lives of innocent babies. Visit [BabySafeLA.org](http://BabySafeLA.org) to learn more.

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## FROM SURRENDER TO ADOPTION: ONE BABY'S STORY

Los Angeles County firefighter Ted and his wife Becki were already parents to two boys. But when they got the call asking if they would be willing to care for a premature baby girl who'd been safely surrendered at a local hospital, they didn't hesitate.

Baby Jenna was tiny, but Ted and Becki felt lucky to be able to take her home. "We had always wanted to adopt," Ted says, "but taking

home a vulnerable safely surrendered baby was even better. She had no one, but now she had us. And, more importantly, we had her."

Baby Jenna has filled the longing Ted and Becki had for a daughter—and a sister for their boys. Because her birth parent safely surrendered her when she was born, Jenna is a thriving young girl growing up in a stable and loving family.

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## ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

### Who is legally allowed to surrender the baby?

Anyone with lawful custody can drop off a newborn within the first 72 hours of birth.

### Do you need to call ahead before surrendering a baby?

No. A newborn can be surrendered anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, as long as the parent or guardian surrenders the child to an employee of the hospital or fire station.

### What information needs to be provided?

The surrendering adult will be asked to fill out a medical history form, which is useful in caring for the child. The form can be returned later and includes a stamped return envelope. No names are required.

### What happens to the baby?

After a complete medical exam, the baby will be released and placed in a safe and loving home, and the adoption process will begin.

### What happens to the parent or surrendering adult?

Nothing. They may leave at any time after surrendering the baby.

### How can a parent get a baby back?

Parents who change their minds can begin the process of reclaiming their baby within 14 days by calling the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services at (800) 540-4000.

### If you're unsure of what to do:

You can call the hotline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and anonymously speak with a counselor about your options or have your questions answered.

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English, Spanish and 140 other languages spoken.



## **BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT UNDER THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996 (HIPAA)**

County is a Covered Entity as defined by, and subject to the requirements and prohibitions of, the Administrative Simplification provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191 (HIPAA), and regulations promulgated thereunder, including the Privacy, Security, Breach Notification, and Enforcement Rules at 45 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Parts 160 and 164 (collectively, the "HIPAA Rules") as well as the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act of 2016 and regulations promulgated thereunder including but not limited to the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) Final Rule.

Contractor performs or provides functions, activities or services to County that require Contractor in order to provide such functions, activities or services to create, access, receive, maintain, and/or transmit information that includes or that may include Protected Health Information, as defined by the HIPAA Rules. As such, Contractor is a Business Associate, as defined by the HIPAA Rules, and is therefore subject to those provisions of the HIPAA Rules that are applicable to Business Associates.

The HIPAA Rules require a written agreement ("Business Associate Agreement") between County and Contractor in order to mandate certain protections for the privacy and security of Protected Health Information, and these HIPAA Rules prohibit the disclosure to or use of Protected Health Information by Contractor if such an agreement is not in place.

This Business Associate Agreement and its provisions are intended to protect the privacy and provide for the security of Protected Health Information disclosed to or used by Contractor in compliance with the HIPAA Rules.

Therefore, the parties agree as follows:

### **1. DEFINITIONS**

- 1.1 "Breach" has the same meaning as the term "breach" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.402.
- 1.2 "Business Associate" has the same meaning as the term "business associate" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103. For the convenience of the parties, a "business associate" is a person or entity, other than a member of the workforce of covered entity, who performs functions

or activities on behalf of, or provides certain services to, a covered entity that involve access by the business associate to Protected Health Information. A "business associate" also is a subcontractor that creates, receives, maintains, or transmits Protected Health Information on behalf of another business associate. And in reference to the party to this Business Associate Agreement "Business Associate" shall mean Contractor.

- 1.3 "Covered Entity" has the same meaning as the term "covered entity" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103, and in reference to the party to this Business Associate Agreement, "Covered Entity" shall mean County.
- 1.4 "Data Aggregation" has the same meaning as the term "data aggregation" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.501.
- 1.5 "De-identification" refers to the de-identification standard at 45 C.F.R. § 164.514.
- 1.6 "Designated Record Set" has the same meaning as the term "designated record set" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.501.
- 1.7 "Disclose" and "Disclosure" mean, with respect to Protected Health Information, the release, transfer, provision of access to, or divulging in any other manner of Protected Health Information outside Business Associate's internal operations or to other than its workforce. (See 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.)
- 1.8 "Electronic Health Record" means an electronic record of health-related information on an individual that is created, gathered, managed, and consulted by authorized health care clinicians and staff. (See 42 U.S. C. § 17921.)
- 1.9 "Electronic Media" has the same meaning as the term "electronic media" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103. For the convenience of the parties, electronic media means (1) Electronic storage material on which data is or may be recorded electronically, including, for example, devices in computers (hard drives) and any removable/transportable digital memory medium, such as magnetic tape or disk, optical disk, or digital memory card; (2) Transmission media used to exchange information already in electronic storage media. Transmission media include, for example, the Internet, extranet or intranet, leased lines, dial-up lines, private networks, and the physical movement of removable/transportable electronic storage media. Certain transmissions, including of paper, via facsimile, and of voice, via telephone, are not considered to be transmissions via electronic media if the information being exchanged did not exist in electronic form immediately before the transmission.

- 1.10 "Electronic Protected Health Information" has the same meaning as the term "electronic protected health information" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103, limited to Protected Health Information created or received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity. For the convenience of the parties, Electronic Protected Health Information means Protected Health Information that is (i) transmitted by electronic media; (ii) maintained in electronic media.
- 1.11 "Health Care Operations" has the same meaning as the term "health care operations" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.501.
- 1.12 "Individual" has the same meaning as the term "individual" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103. For the convenience of the parties, Individual means the person who is the subject of Protected Health Information and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.502 (g).
- 1.13 "Law Enforcement Official" has the same meaning as the term "law enforcement official" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.103.
- 1.14 "Minimum Necessary" refers to the minimum necessary standard at 45 C.F.R. § 164.502 (b).
- 1.15 "Protected Health Information" has the same meaning as the term "protected health information" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103, limited to the information created or received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity. For the convenience of the parties, Protected Health Information includes information that (i) relates to the past, present or future physical or mental health or condition of an Individual; the provision of health care to an Individual, or the past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an Individual; (ii) identifies the Individual (or for which there is a reasonable basis for believing that the information can be used to identify the Individual); and (iii) is created, received, maintained, or transmitted by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity, and includes Protected Health Information that is made accessible to Business Associate by Covered Entity. "Protected Health Information" includes Electronic Protected Health Information.
- 1.16 "Required by Law" has the same meaning as the term "required by law" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.103.
- 1.17 "Secretary" has the same meaning as the term "secretary" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103
- 1.18 "Security Incident" has the same meaning as the term "security incident" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.304.



- 1.19 "Services" means, unless otherwise specified, those functions, activities, or services in the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, or Purchase Order or other service arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate.
- 1.20 "Subcontractor" has the same meaning as the term "subcontractor" at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.
- 1.21 "Unsecured Protected Health Information" has the same meaning as the term "unsecured protected health information" at 45 C.F.R. § 164.402.
- 1.22 "Use" or "Uses" means, with respect to Protected Health Information, the sharing, employment, application, utilization, examination or analysis of such Information within Business Associate's internal operations. (See 45 C.F.R § 164.103.)
- 1.23 "API" or "Application Programming Interface" means a standard set of programming instructions and standards for accessing a Web-based software application or Web tool.
- 1.24 Terms used, but not otherwise defined in this Business Associate Agreement, have the same meaning as those terms in the HIPAA Rules.

**2. PERMITTED AND REQUIRED USES AND DISCLOSURES OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION**

- 2.1 Business Associate may only Use and/or Disclose Protected Health Information as necessary to perform Services, and/or as necessary to comply with the obligations of this Business Associate Agreement.
- 2.2 Business Associate may Use Protected Health Information for de-identification of the information if de-identification of the information is required to provide Services.
- 2.3 Business Associate may Use or Disclose Protected Health Information as Required by Law.
- 2.4 Business Associate shall make Uses and Disclosures and requests for Protected Health Information consistent with the Covered Entity's applicable Minimum Necessary policies and procedures.
- 2.5 Business Associate may Use Protected Health Information as necessary for the proper management and administration of its business or to carry out its legal responsibilities.

- 2.6 Business Associate may Disclose Protected Health Information as necessary for the proper management and administration of its business or to carry out its legal responsibilities, provided the Disclosure is Required by Law or Business Associate obtains reasonable assurances from the person to whom the Protected Health Information is disclosed (i.e., the recipient) that it will be held confidentially and Used or further Disclosed only as Required by Law or for the purposes for which it was disclosed to the recipient and the recipient notifies Business Associate of any instances of which it is aware in which the confidentiality of the Protected Health Information has been breached.
- 2.7 Business Associate may provide Data Aggregation services relating to Covered Entity's Health Care Operations if such Data Aggregation services are necessary in order to provide Services.
- 3. PROHIBITED USES AND DISCLOSURES OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION**
- 3.1 Business Associate shall not Use or Disclose Protected Health Information other than as permitted or required by this Business Associate Agreement or as Required by Law.
- 3.2 Business Associate shall not Use or Disclose Protected Health Information in a manner that would violate Subpart E of 45 C.F.R. Part 164 if done by Covered Entity, except for the specific Uses and Disclosures set forth in Sections 2.5 and 2.6.
- 3.3 Business Associate shall not Use or Disclose Protected Health Information for de-identification of the information except as set forth in section 2.2.
- 4. OBLIGATIONS TO SAFEGUARD PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION**
- 4.1 Business Associate shall implement, use, and maintain appropriate safeguards to prevent the Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information other than as provided for by this Business Associate Agreement.
- 4.2 Business Associate shall comply with Subpart C of 45 C.F.R Part 164 with respect to Electronic Protected Health Information, to prevent the Use or Disclosure of such information other than as provided for by this Business Associate Agreement.
- 4.3 Business Associate shall be responsible for the provision of an annual mandatory information security and privacy training, for all staff that create, receive, maintain, or transmit Protected Health Information on behalf of Business Associate or the County, at the

time of initial employment and on an ongoing basis as required by federal and State law, including but not limited to Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

4.3.1 Business Associate shall monitor, track, document and make available upon request by the federal, State and/or County government the annual information security and privacy training (e.g., training bulletins/flyers, sign-in sheets specifying name and function of staff, and/or individual certificates of completion, etc.) provided to Business Associate's workforce members, including clerical, administrative/management, clinical, subcontractors, and independent contractors that create, receive, maintain, or transmit Protected Health Information on behalf of Business Associate or the County.

4.4 Business Associate shall ensure that all workforce members, including clerical, administrative, management, clinical, subcontractors, and independent contractors that create, receive, maintain, or transmit Protected Health Information on behalf of Business Associate or the County, sign a confidentiality statement that includes, at a minimum, General Use, Security and Privacy Safeguards, Unacceptable Use, and Enforcement Policies. The statement must be signed by the workforce member prior to access sensitive content such as Protected Health Information. The statement must be renewed annually.

4.5 Appropriate sanctions must be applied against workforce members who fail to comply with any provisions of Business Associate's security and privacy policies and procedures, including termination of employment where appropriate.

**5. REPORTING NON-PERMITTED USES OR DISCLOSURES, SECURITY INCIDENTS, AND BREACHES OF UNSECURED PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION**

5.1 Business Associate shall report to Covered Entity any Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information not permitted by this Business Associate Agreement, any Security Incident, and/ or any Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information as further described in Sections 5.1.1, 5.1.2, and 5.1.3.

5.1.1 Business Associate shall report to Covered Entity any Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information by Business Associate, its employees, representatives, agents or Subcontractors not provided for by this Agreement of which Business Associate becomes aware.

- 5.1.2 Business Associate shall report to Covered Entity any Security Incident of which Business Associate becomes aware.
- 5.1.3. Business Associate shall report to Covered Entity any Breach by Business Associate, its employees, representatives, agents, workforce members, or Subcontractors of Unsecured Protected Health Information that is known to Business Associate or, by exercising reasonable diligence, would have been known to Business Associate. Business Associate shall be deemed to have knowledge of a Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information if the Breach is known, or by exercising reasonable diligence would have been known, to any person, other than the person committing the Breach, who is an employee, officer, or other agent of Business Associate, including a Subcontractor, as determined in accordance with the federal common law of agency.
- 5.2 Except as provided in Section 5.3, for any reporting required by Section 5.1, Business Associate shall provide, to the extent available, all information required by, and within the times frames specified in, Sections 5.2.1 and 5.2.2.
- 5.2.1 Business Associate shall make an immediate telephonic report upon discovery of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information, Security Incident or Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information to **(562) 940-3335** that minimally includes:
- (a) A brief description of what happened, including the date of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach and the date of Discovery of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach, if known;
  - (b) The number of Individuals whose Protected Health Information is involved;
  - (c) A description of the specific type of Protected Health Information involved in the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach (such as whether full name, social security number, date of birth, home address, account number, diagnosis, disability code or other types of information were involved);
  - (d) The name and contact information for a person highly knowledgeable of the facts and circumstances of the

non-permitted Use or Disclosure of PHI, Security Incident, or Breach

5.2.2 Business Associate shall make a written report without unreasonable delay and in no event later than three (3) business days from the date of discovery by Business Associate of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information, Security Incident, or Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information and to the **HIPAA Compliance Officer at: Hall of Records, County of Los Angeles, Chief Executive Office, Risk Management Branch-Office of Privacy, 320 W. Temple Street, 7th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90012**, CISO-Privacy@ceo.lacounty.gov, that includes, to the extent possible:

- (a) A brief description of what happened, including the date of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach and the date of Discovery of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach, if known;
- (b) The number of Individuals whose Protected Health Information is involved;
- (c) A description of the specific type of Protected Health Information involved in the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach (such as whether full name, social security number, date of birth, home address, account number, diagnosis, disability code or other types of information were involved);
- (d) The identification of each Individual whose Unsecured Protected Health Information has been, or is reasonably believed by Business Associate to have been, accessed, acquired, Used, or Disclosed;
- (e) Any other information necessary to conduct an assessment of whether notification to the Individual(s) under 45 C.F.R. § 164.404 is required;
- (f) Any steps Business Associate believes that the Individual(s) could take to protect him or herself from potential harm from the non-permitted Use or Disclosure, Security Incident, or Breach;
- (g) A brief description of what Business Associate is doing to investigate, to mitigate harm to the Individual(s), and to protect against any further similar occurrences; and

- (h) The name and contact information for a person highly knowledgeable of the facts and circumstances of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure of PHI, Security Incident, or Breach.

5.2.3 If Business Associate is not able to provide the information specified in Section 5.2.1 or 5.2.2 at the time of the required report, Business Associate shall provide such information promptly thereafter as such information becomes available.

5.3 Business Associate may delay the notification required by Section 5.1.3, if a law enforcement official states to Business Associate that notification would impede a criminal investigation or cause damage to national security.

5.3.1 If the law enforcement official's statement is in writing and specifies the time for which a delay is required, Business Associate shall delay its reporting and/or notification obligation(s) for the time period specified by the official.

5.3.2 If the statement is made orally, Business Associate shall document the statement, including the identity of the official making the statement, and delay its reporting and/or notification obligation(s) temporarily and no longer than 30 days from the date of the oral statement, unless a written statement as described in Section 5.3.1 is submitted during that time.

## **6. WRITTEN ASSURANCES OF SUBCONTRACTORS**

6.1 In accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.502 (e)(1)(ii) and § 164.308 (b)(2), if applicable, Business Associate shall ensure that any Subcontractor that creates, receives, maintains, or transmits Protected Health Information on behalf of Business Associate is made aware of its status as a Business Associate with respect to such information and that Subcontractor agrees in writing to the same restrictions, conditions, and requirements that apply to Business Associate with respect to such information.

6.2 Business Associate shall take reasonable steps to cure any material breach or violation by Subcontractor of the agreement required by Section 6.1.

6.3 If the steps required by Section 6.2 do not cure the breach or end the violation, Contractor shall terminate, if feasible, any arrangement with Subcontractor by which Subcontractor creates, receives, maintains, or transmits Protected Health Information on behalf of Business Associate.

- 6.4 If neither cure nor termination as set forth in Sections 6.2 and 6.3 is feasible, Business Associate shall immediately notify County.
- 6.5 Without limiting the requirements of Section 6.1, the agreement required by Section 6.1 (Subcontractor Business Associate Agreement) shall require Subcontractor to contemporaneously notify Covered Entity in the event of a Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information.
- 6.6 Without limiting the requirements of Section 6.1, agreement required by Section 6.1 (Subcontractor Business Associate Agreement) shall include a provision requiring Subcontractor to destroy, or in the alternative to return to Business Associate, any Protected Health Information created, received, maintained, or transmitted by Subcontractor on behalf of Business Associate so as to enable Business Associate to comply with the provisions of Section 17.4.
- 6.7 Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity, at Covered Entity's request, a copy of any and all Subcontractor Business Associate Agreements required by Section 6.1.
- 6.8 Sections 6.1 and 6.7 are not intended by the parties to limit in any way the scope of Business Associate's obligations related to Subcontracts or Subcontracting in the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order, or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate.

## **7. ACCESS TO PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION**

- 7.1 To the extent Covered Entity determines that Protected Health Information is maintained by Business Associate or its agents or Subcontractors in a Designated Record Set, Business Associate shall, within two (2) business days after receipt of a request from Covered Entity, make the Protected Health Information specified by Covered Entity available to the Individual(s) identified by Covered Entity as being entitled to access and shall provide such Individuals(s) or other person(s) designated by Covered Entity with a copy the specified Protected Health Information, in order for Covered Entity to meet the requirements of 45 C.F.R. § 164.524.
- 7.2 If any Individual requests access to Protected Health Information directly from Business Associate or its agents or Subcontractors, Business Associate shall notify Covered Entity in writing within two (2) days of the receipt of the request. Whether access shall be provided or denied shall be determined by Covered Entity.

- 7.3 To the extent that Business Associate maintains Protected Health Information that is subject to access as set forth above in one or more Designated Record Sets electronically and if the Individual requests an electronic copy of such information, Business Associate shall provide the Individual with access to the Protected Health Information in the electronic form and format requested by the Individual, if it is readily producible in such form and format; or, if not, in a readable electronic form and format as agreed to by Covered Entity and the Individual.
- 7.4 To the extent that Business Associate's services involve the facilitation of PHI exchange or networks or the development, provision, or support of EHR systems, Business Associate shall ensure that such services are performed in a manner that complies with the 21st Century Cures Act, including but not limited to providing individuals with access to their electronic protected health information, preventing information blocking, adhering to data exchange standards, and providing secure, standards-based API to enable the access, exchange, and use of ePHI.

**8. AMENDMENT OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION**

- 8.1 To the extent Covered Entity determines that any Protected Health Information is maintained by Business Associate or its agents or Subcontractors in a Designated Record Set, Business Associate shall, within ten (10) business days after receipt of a written request from Covered Entity, make any amendments to such Protected Health Information that are requested by Covered Entity, in order for Covered Entity to meet the requirements of 45 C.F.R. § 164.526.
- 8.2 If any Individual requests an amendment to Protected Health Information directly from Business Associate or its agents or Subcontractors, Business Associate shall notify Covered Entity in writing within five (5) days of the receipt of the request. Whether an amendment shall be granted or denied shall be determined by Covered Entity.

**9. ACCOUNTING OF DISCLOSURES OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION**

- 9.1 Business Associate shall maintain an accounting of each Disclosure of Protected Health Information made by Business Associate or its employees, agents, representatives or Subcontractors, as is determined by Covered Entity to be necessary in order to permit Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528.



9.1.1 Any accounting of disclosures provided by Business Associate under Section 9.1 shall include:

- (a) The date of the Disclosure;
- (b) The name, and address if known, of the entity or person who received the Protected Health Information;
- (c) A brief description of the Protected Health Information Disclosed; and
- (d) A brief statement of the purpose of the Disclosure.

9.1.2 For each Disclosure that could require an accounting under Section 9.1, Business Associate shall document the information specified in Section 9.1.1 and shall maintain the information for six (6) years from the date of the Disclosure.

9.2 Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity, within ten (10) business days after receipt of a written request from Covered Entity, information collected in accordance with Section 9.1.1 to permit Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528

9.3 If any Individual requests an accounting of disclosures directly from Business Associate or its agents or Subcontractors, Business Associate shall notify Covered Entity in writing within five (5) business days of the receipt of the request, and shall provide the requested accounting of disclosures to the Individual(s) within 30 days. The information provided in the accounting shall be in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528.

## **10. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE HIPAA RULES**

10.1 To the extent Business Associate is to carry out one or more of Covered Entity's obligation(s) under Subpart E of 45 C.F.R. Part 164, Business Associate shall comply with the requirements of Subpart E that apply to Covered Entity's performance of such obligation(s).

10.2 Business Associate shall comply with all HIPAA Rules applicable to Business Associate in the performance of Services.

10.3 Business Associate must demonstrate its compliance with Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Policies and the requirements stated in this Business Associate Agreement Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). Business Associate must attest that it has implemented Exhibit K – Attachment 1, “Information Security and Privacy Requirements for

Contracts”. The completed Exhibit K – Attachment 2, “DMH Contractor’s Compliance with Information Security Requirements” questionnaire must be returned to DMH Information Security Officer (DISO) for approval within ten (10) business days from the signed date of this agreement and must be approved prior to the commencement of this agreement with the County and annually thereafter. Business Associate must be prepared to provide supporting evidence upon request.

- 10.4 During the term of the agreement, Business Associate must notify the Covered Entity within ten (10) days of implementation, in writing, about any significant changes such as technology changes, modification in the implemented security safeguards or any major infrastructure changes. Dependent on the adjustment, Business Associate may be asked to re-submit Exhibit K – Attachment 2, “DMH Contractor’s Compliance with Information Security Requirements” questionnaire, to document the change.
- 10.5 Business Associate must ensure that prior to access, its workforce members including Subcontractors that create, receive, maintain, or transmit Protected Health Information on behalf of Business Associate or the County, acknowledge and sign the Exhibit K – Attachment 3, “The Confidentiality Oath (Non-DMH Workforce Members)”, of the agreement. Business Associate must maintain and make available upon request by the federal, State and/or County representatives.

## **11. AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS**

- 11.1 Business Associate shall make its internal practices, books, and records relating to the Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information received from or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity available to the Secretary for purposes of determining Covered Entity’s compliance with the Privacy and Security Regulations.
- 11.2 Unless prohibited by the Secretary, Business Associate shall immediately notify Covered Entity of any requests made by the Secretary and provide Covered Entity with copies of any documents produced in response to such request.

## **12. MITIGATION OF HARMFUL EFFECTS**

- 12.1 Business Associate shall mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect of a Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information by Business Associate in violation of the requirements of this Business Associate Agreement that is known to Business Associate.

**13. BREACH NOTIFICATION TO INDIVIDUALS**

13.1 Business Associate shall, to the extent Covered Entity determines that there has been a Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information by Business Associate, its employees, representatives, agents or Subcontractors, provide breach notification to the Individual in a manner that permits Covered Entity to comply with its obligations under 45 C.F.R. § 164.404.

13.1.1 Business Associate shall notify, subject to the review and approval of Covered Entity, each Individual whose Unsecured Protected Health Information has been, or is reasonably believed to have been, accessed, acquired, Used, or Disclosed as a result of any such Breach.

13.1.2 The notification provided by Business Associate shall be written in plain language, shall be subject to review and approval by Covered Entity, and shall include, to the extent possible:

- (a) A brief description of what happened, including the date of the Breach and the date of the Discovery of the Breach, if known;
- (b) A description of the types of Unsecured Protected Health Information that were involved in the Breach (such as whether full name, social security number, date of birth, home address, account number, diagnosis, disability code, or other types of information were involved);
- (c) Any steps the Individual should take to protect him or herself from potential harm resulting from the Breach;
- (d) A brief description of what Business Associate is doing to investigate the Breach, to mitigate harm to Individual(s), and to protect against any further Breaches; and
- (e) Contact procedures for Individual(s) to ask questions or learn additional information, which shall include a toll-free telephone number, an e-mail address, Web site, or postal address.

13.2 Covered Entity, in its sole discretion, may elect to provide the notification required by Section 13.1 and/or to establish the contact procedures described in Section 13.1.2.

- 13.3 Business Associate shall reimburse Covered Entity any and all costs incurred by Covered Entity, in complying with Subpart D of 45 C.F.R. Part 164, including but not limited to costs of notification, internet posting, or media publication, as a result of Business Associate's Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information; Covered Entity shall not be responsible for any costs incurred by Business Associate in providing the notification required by 13.1 or in establishing the contact procedures required by Section 13.1.2.

**14. INDEMNIFICATION**

- 14.1 Business Associate shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Covered Entity, 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, expenses (including attorney and expert witness fees), and penalties and/or fines (including regulatory penalties and/or fines), arising from or connected with Business Associate's acts and/or omissions arising from and/or relating to this Business Associate Agreement, including, but not limited to, compliance and/or enforcement actions and/or activities, whether formal or informal, by the Secretary or by the Attorney General of the State of California.
- 14.2 Section 14.1 is not intended by the parties to limit in any way the scope of Business Associate's obligations related to Insurance and/or Indemnification in the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order, or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate.

**15. OBLIGATIONS OF COVERED ENTITY**

- 15.1 Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any current or future restrictions or limitations on the Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information that would affect Business Associate's performance of the Services, and Business Associate shall thereafter restrict or limit its own Uses and Disclosures accordingly.
- 15.2 Covered Entity shall not request Business Associate to Use or Disclose Protected Health Information in any manner that would not be permissible under Subpart E of 45 C.F.R. Part 164 if done by Covered Entity, except to the extent that Business Associate may Use or Disclose Protected Health Information as provided in Sections 2.3, 2.5, and 2.6.

**16. TERM**

- 16.1 The term of this Business Associate Agreement shall be the same as the term of the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order, or other service arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate.
- 16.2 Notwithstanding Section 16.1, Business Associate's obligations under Sections 11, 14, and 17 shall survive the termination or expiration of this Business Associate Agreement.

**17. DISPOSITION OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION UPON TERMINATION OR EXPIRATION**

- 17.1 Except as provided in Section 17.3, upon termination for any reason or expiration of this Business Associate Agreement, Business Associate shall return or, if agreed to by Covered entity, shall destroy as provided for in Section 17.2, all Protected Health Information received from Covered Entity, or created, maintained, or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity, that Business Associate, including any Subcontractor, still maintains in any form. Business Associate shall retain no copies of the Protected Health Information.
- 17.2 Destruction for purposes of Section 17.2 and Section 6.6 shall mean that media on which the Protected Health Information is stored or recorded has been destroyed and/or electronic media have been cleared, purged, or destroyed in accordance with the use of a technology or methodology specified by the Secretary in guidance for rendering Protected Health Information unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals.
- 17.3 Notwithstanding Section 17.1, in the event that return or destruction of Protected Health Information is not feasible or Business Associate determines that any such Protected Health Information is necessary for Business Associate to continue its proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities, Business Associate may retain that Protected Health Information for which destruction or return is infeasible or that Protected Health Information which is necessary for Business Associate to continue its proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities and shall return or destroy all other Protected Health Information.
- 17.3.1 Business Associate shall extend the protections of this Business Associate Agreement to such Protected Health Information, including continuing to use appropriate safeguards and continuing to comply with Subpart C of 45 C.F.R Part 164 with respect to Electronic Protected Health

Information, to prevent the Use or Disclosure of such information other than as provided for in Sections 2.5 and 2.6 for so long as such Protected Health Information is retained, and Business Associate shall not Use or Disclose such Protected Health Information other than for the purposes for which such Protected Health Information was retained.

17.3.2 Business Associate shall return or, if agreed to by Covered entity, destroy the Protected Health Information retained by Business Associate when it is no longer needed by Business Associate for Business Associate's proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities.

17.4 Business Associate shall ensure that all Protected Health Information created, maintained, or received by Subcontractors is returned or, if agreed to by Covered entity, destroyed as provided for in Section 17.2.

## **18. AUDIT, INSPECTION, AND EXAMINATION**

18.1 Covered Entity reserves the right to conduct a reasonable inspection of the facilities, systems, information systems, books, records, agreements, and policies and procedures relating to the Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information for the purpose determining whether Business Associate is in compliance with the terms of this Business Associate Agreement and any non-compliance may be a basis for termination of this Business Associate Agreement and the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate, as provided for in the underlying agreement.

18.2 Covered Entity and Business Associate shall mutually agree in advance upon the scope, timing, and location of any such inspection.

18.3 At Business Associate's request, and to the extent permitted by law, Covered Entity shall execute a nondisclosure agreement, upon terms and conditions mutually agreed to by the parties.

18.4 That Covered Entity inspects, fails to inspect, or has the right to inspect as provided for in Section 18.1 does not relieve Business Associate of its responsibility to comply with this Business Associate Agreement and/or the HIPAA Rules or impose on Covered Entity any responsibility for Business Associate's compliance with any applicable HIPAA Rules.

- 18.5 Covered Entity's failure to detect, its detection but failure to notify Business Associate, or its detection but failure to require remediation by Business Associate of an unsatisfactory practice by Business Associate, shall not constitute acceptance of such practice or a waiver of Covered Entity's enforcement rights under this Business Associate Agreement or the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate.
- 18.6 Section 18.1 is not intended by the parties to limit in any way the scope of Business Associate's obligations related to Inspection and/or Audit and/or similar review in the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order, or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate.

**19. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

- 19.1 Disclaimer. Covered Entity makes no warranty or representation that compliance by Business Associate with the terms and conditions of this Business Associate Agreement will be adequate or satisfactory to meet the business needs or legal obligations of Business Associate.
- 19.2 HIPAA Requirements. The Parties agree that the provisions under HIPAA Rules that are required by law to be incorporated into this Amendment are hereby incorporated into this Agreement.
- 19.3 No Third Party Beneficiaries. Nothing in this Business Associate Agreement shall confer upon any person other than the parties and their respective successors or assigns, any rights, remedies, obligations, or liabilities whatsoever.
- 19.4 Construction. In the event that a provision of this Business Associate Agreement is contrary to a provision of the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order, or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate, the provision of this Business Associate Agreement shall control. Otherwise, this Business Associate Agreement shall be construed under, and in accordance with, the terms of the applicable underlying Agreement, Contract, Master Agreement, Work Order, Purchase Order or other services arrangement, with or without payment, that gives rise to Contractor's status as a Business Associate.

- 19.5 Regulatory References. A reference in this Business Associate Agreement to a section in the HIPAA Rules means the section as in effect or as amended.
- 19.6 Interpretation. Any ambiguity in this Business Associate Agreement shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that permits the parties to comply with the HIPAA Rules.
- 19.7 Amendment. The parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this Business Associate Agreement from time to time as is necessary for Covered Entity or Business Associate to comply with the requirements of the HIPAA Rules and any other privacy laws governing Protected Health Information.

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**BUSINESS ASSOCIATE**

By

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Authorized Signatory Name

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Authorized Signatory Title

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Authorized Signatory Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS CERTIFICATION

Spring Evolution Inc., DBA Wolf Connection

Company Name

29063 Aliso Canyon Rd., Palmdale, CA 93350

Address

Internal Revenue Service Employer Identification Number

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

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

**Check the Certification below that is applicable to your company.**

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

**OR**

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## ATTESTATION REGARDING INFORMATION SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

Contractor must comply with Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Policy No. 5.200 "Contractor Protection of Electronic County Information" security and privacy requirements.

Spring Evolution Inc., DBA Wolf Connection (hereafter "Contractor") acknowledges and certifies that safeguards are in place to protect electronically stored and/or transmitted personal information (PI); protected health information (PHI) and medical information (MI).

Contractor acknowledges it is the Contractor's responsibility to access the following link: <https://dmh.lacounty.gov/for-providers/administrative-tools/administrative-forms/contract-attachments/> **annually and upon notification by DMH of updated Information Security Attachments to complete, or update, the forms listed below that are applicable to their contract:**

- Attachment 1 – Information Security and Privacy Requirements for Contracts
- Attachment 2 – DMH Contractor's Compliance with Information Security Requirements
- Attachment 3 – Confidentiality Oath for Non-DMH Workforce Members
- Attachment 4 – Electronic Data Transmission Trading Partner Attachment (TPA)

Further, Contractor agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of the attachments listed above, which are by this reference made a part of the Contract. It is Contractor's responsibility to access the link above, complete the attachments as specified and only return the documents where submission is indicated, via email to the Contract Administrator listed in Exhibit D (County's Administration).

Name of authorized official (Official Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name

Signature of authorized official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRIBUTION AND AGENT DECLARATION FORM**

This form must be completed separately by all bidders/proposers, including all prime contractors and subcontractors, and by all applicants for licenses, permits, and other entitlements for use issued by the County of Los Angeles ("County").

Pursuant to the Levine Act (Government Code section 84308), a member of the Board of Supervisors, other elected County officials (the Sheriff, Assessor, and the District Attorney), and other County employees and/or officers ("County Officers") are disqualified and not able to participate in a proceeding involving contracts, franchises, licenses, permits and other entitlements for use if the County Officer received more than \$250 in contributions in the past 12 months from the bidder, proposer or applicant, any paid agent of the bidder, proposer, or applicant, or any financially interested participant who actively supports or opposes a particular decision in the proceeding.

**State law requires you to disclose information about contributions made by you, your company, and lobbyists and agents paid to represent you. Failure to complete the form in its entirety may result in significant delays in the processing of your application and potential disqualification from the procurement or application process.**

**You must fully answer the applicable questions below. You ("Declarant"), or your company, if applicable, including all entities identified below (collectively, "Declarant Company") must also answer the questions below. The term "employee(s)" shall be defined as employees, officers, partners, owners, or directors of Declarant Company.**

**An affirmative response to any questions will not automatically cause the disqualification of your bid/proposal, or the denial of your application for a license, permit or other entitlement. However, failure to answer questions completely, in good faith, or providing materially false answers may subject a bidder/proposer to disqualification from the procurement.**

*This material is intended for use by bidders/proposers, including all prime contractors and subcontractors, and by all applicants for licenses, permits, and other entitlements for use issued by the County of Los Angeles and does not constitute legal advice. If you have questions about the Levine Act and how it applies to you, you should call your lawyer or contact the Fair Political Practices Commission for further guidance.*

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Complete each section below. State "none" if applicable.

A. COMPANY OR APPLICANT INFORMATION

1) Declarant Company or Applicant Name:

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a) If applicable, identify all subcontractors that have been or will be named in your bid or proposal: \_\_\_\_\_

b) If applicable, variations and acronyms of Declarant Company's name used within the past 12 months: \_\_\_\_\_

c) Identify all entities or individuals who have the authority to make decisions for you or Declarant Company about making contributions to a County Officer, regardless of whether you or Declarant Company have actually made a contribution:

\_\_\_\_\_

**[IF A COMPANY, ANSWER QUESTIONS 2 - 3]**

2) Identify only the Parent(s), Subsidiaries and Related Business Entities that Declarant Company has controlled or directed, or been controlled or directed by. "Controlled or directed" means shared ownership, 50% or greater ownership, or shared management and control between the entities.

a) Parent(s):

\_\_\_\_\_

b) Subsidiaries:

\_\_\_\_\_

c) Related Business Entities:

\_\_\_\_\_

3) If Declarant Company is a closed corporation (non-public, with under 35 shareholders), identify the majority shareholder.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4) Identify all entities (proprietorships, firms, partnerships, joint ventures, syndicates, business trusts, companies, corporations, limited liability companies, associations, committees, and any other organization or group of persons acting in concert) whose contributions you or Declarant Company have the authority to direct or control.

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**CONTRIBUTION AND AGENT DECLARATION FORM**

- 5) Identify any individuals such as employees, agents, attorneys, law firms, lobbyists, and lobbying firms who are or who will act on behalf of you or Declarant Company and who will receive compensation to communicate with a County Officer regarding the award or approval of **this** contract or project, license, permit, or other entitlement for use.

*(Do **not** list individuals and/or firms who, as part of their profession, either (1) submit to the County drawings or submissions of an architectural, engineering, or similar nature, **or** (2) provide purely technical data or analysis, **and** who will not have any other type of communication with a County agency, employee, or officer.)*

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- 6) If you or Declarant Company are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, identify the compensated officers of your organization and the compensated members of your board.

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**B. CONTRIBUTIONS**

- 1) Have you or the Declarant Company solicited or directed your employee(s) or agent(s) to make contributions, whether through fundraising events, communications, or any other means, to a County Officer in the past 12 months? If so, provide details of each occurrence, including the date.

<b>Date</b> (contribution solicited, or directed)	<b>Recipient Name</b> (elected official)	<b>Amount</b>

\*Please attach an additional page, if necessary.

- 2) Disclose all contributions made by you or any of the entities and individuals identified in Section A to a County officer in the past 12 months.

<b>Date</b> (contribution made)	<b>Name</b> (of the contributor)	<b>Recipient Name</b> (elected official)	<b>Amount</b>

\*Please attach an additional page, if necessary.

**CONTRIBUTION AND AGENT DECLARATION FORM**

C. DECLARATION

By signing this Contribution and Agent Declaration form, you (Declarant), or you and the Declarant Company, if applicable, attest that you have read the entirety of the Contribution Declaration and the statements made herein are true and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief. (Only complete the one section that applies.)

There are \_\_\_\_\_ additional pages attached to this Contribution Declaration Form.

**COMPANY BIDDERS OR APPLICANTS**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Authorized Representative), on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (Declarant Company), at which I am employed as \_\_\_\_\_ (Title), attest that after having made or caused to be made a reasonably diligent investigation regarding the Declarant Company, the foregoing responses, and the explanation on the attached page(s), if any, are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Further, I understand that failure to answer the questions in good faith or providing materially false answers may subject Declarant Company to consequences, including disqualification of its bid/proposal or delays in the processing of the requested contract, license, permit, or other entitlement.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING FUTURE AGENTS AND FUTURE CONTRIBUTIONS:**

By signing this Contribution and Agent Declaration form, you also agree that, if Declarant Company hires an agent, such as, but not limited to, an attorney or lobbyist during the course of these proceedings and will compensate them for communicating with the County about this contract, project, permit, license, or other entitlement for use, you agree to inform the County of the identity of the agent or lobbyist and the date of their hire. You also agree to disclose to the County any future contributions made to members of the County Board of Supervisors, another elected County officer (the Sheriff, Assessor, and the District Attorney), or any other County officer or employee by the Declarant Company, or, if applicable, any of the Declarant Company's proposed subcontractors, agents, lobbyists, and employees who have communicated or will communicate with the County about this contract, license, permit, or other entitlement after the date of signing this disclosure form, and within 12 months following the approval, renewal, or extension of the requested contract, license, permit, or entitlement for use.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**CONTRIBUTION AND AGENT DECLARATION FORM**

**INDIVIDUAL BIDDERS OR APPLICANTS**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare that the foregoing responses and the explanation on the attached sheet(s), if any, are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Further, I understand that failure to answer the questions in good faith or providing materially false answers may subject me to consequences, including disqualification of my bid/proposal or delays in the processing of the requested license, permit, or other entitlement.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING FUTURE AGENTS AND FUTURE CONTRIBUTIONS:**

If I hire an agent or lobbyist during the course of these proceedings and will compensate them for communicating with the County about this contract, project, permit, license, or other entitlement for use, I agree to inform the County of the identity of the agent or lobbyist and the date of their hire. I also agree to disclose to the County any future contributions made to members of the County Board of Supervisors, another elected County official (the Sheriff, Assessor, and the District Attorney), or any other County officer or employee by me, or an agent such as, but not limited to, a lobbyist or attorney representing me, that are made after the date of signing this disclosure form, and within 12 months following the approval, renewal, or extension of the requested contract, license, permit, or entitlement for use.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date





**DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**  
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**LISA H. WONG, Psy.D.**  
 Director

**Curley L. Bonds, M.D.**  
 Chief Medical Officer

**Connie D. Draxler, M.P.A.**  
 Acting Chief Deputy Director

January 24, 2024

TO: Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, Chair  
 Supervisor Hilda L. Solis  
 Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell  
 Supervisor Janice Hahn  
 Supervisor Kathryn Barger

FROM: Lisa H. Wong, Psy.D  
 Director

*Connie D. Draxler*

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO EXECUTE A NEW SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH SPRING EVOLUTION, INC., DBA WOLF CONNECTION, TO IMPLEMENT WOLF THERAPY – POWER OF THE PACK PROGRAM**

In accordance with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors' (Board) Policy No. 5.100 (Sole Source Contracts and Amendments), the Department of Mental Health (DMH) is notifying your Board of our Department's intent to enter into a new sole source Contract with the Spring Evolution, Inc., dba Wolf Connection (Wolf Connection), to implement Wolf Therapy – Power of the Pack program serving children and youth, ages 11 to 18, residing in the Antelope Valley.

DMH will request that your Board approve a new sole source Contract with Wolf Connection, effective July 1, 2024, for two fiscal years. The total contract amount (TCA) is \$2,436,000; Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 is \$1,200,000 and FY 2025-26 is \$1,236,000, fully funded by Mental Health Services Act – Prevention and Early Intervention revenue.

The new sole source Contract with Wolf Connection will provide a multi-tiered, immersive digital education and empowerment program that creates space for participants to practice awareness of themselves and their environment as they connect with the wolves. The program offers participants access to non-traditional healing modalities, as well as meaningful connections with peers, adult mentors, and wolf teachers.

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## **JUSTIFICATION**

There is a great demand for innovative, preventive, and emotional wellbeing programs. Recent surveys and workgroup meetings with youth conducted by DMH and the Los Angeles County Youth Commission indicate that youth want innovative, non-traditional mental health services. Such programs would additionally support the needs of children and youth currently on the wait lists to receive individual therapy.

For the past 12 years, Wolf Connection's multisession Empowerment Programs have transformed the lives of young people in the Antelope Valley who collectively experience a disproportionate rate of poverty, foster care, teen pregnancy, gang activity, and incarceration. Wolf Connection's Wolf Heart Ranch is a unique educational sanctuary, wilderness retreat, and therapeutic center that serves as a safe haven and home to rescued and rehabilitated wolves and wolfdogs. Through their direct relationships with wolves, the non-traditional programs encourage all participants to believe in their worthiness and capacity for personal growth and the power of the pack (community). DMH estimates that this program will serve approximately 1,000 participants virtually, and 100 participants in-person at the ranch.

## **NOTIFICATION TIMELINE**

Pursuant to Board Policy No. 5.100 (Sole Source Contracts and Amendments), DMH is required to notify your Board at least four weeks prior to commencing contract negotiations for a new sole source contract. If requested by a Board Office or the Chief Executive Office, DMH will place this item on the Health and Mental Health Services Cluster Agenda.

Unless otherwise instructed by your Board Office within four weeks of this notice, DMH will present your Board a letter for approval to enter into a new sole source contract with Wolf Connection to serve children and youth residing in the Antelope Valley.

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact me at [LWong@dmh.lacounty.gov](mailto:LWong@dmh.lacounty.gov) or (213) 947-6670, or your staff may contact Stella Krikorian, Division Manager, Contracts Development and Administration Division, at [SKrikorian@dmh.lacounty.gov](mailto:SKrikorian@dmh.lacounty.gov) or (213) 943-9146.

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

**SOLE SOURCE CHECKLIST**

Department Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- New Sole Source Contract
- Sole Source Amendment to Existing Contract
- Date Existing Contract First Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Check (✓)	<b>JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS AND AMENDMENTS</b> Identify applicable justification and provide documentation for each checked item.
	➤ Only one bona fide source (monopoly) for the service exists; performance and price competition are not available. A monopoly is an <i>“Exclusive control of the supply of any service in a given market. If more than one source in a given market exists, a monopoly does not exist.”</i>
	➤ Compliance with applicable statutory and/or regulatory provisions.
	➤ Compliance with State and/or federal programmatic requirements.
	➤ Services provided by other public or County-related entities.
	➤ Services are needed to address an emergent or related time-sensitive need.
	➤ The service provider(s) is required under the provisions of a grant or regulatory requirement.
	➤ Services are needed during the time period required to complete a solicitation for replacement services; provided services are needed for no more than 12 months from the expiration of an existing contract which has no available option periods.
	➤ Maintenance and support services are needed for an existing solution/system during the time to complete a solicitation for a new replacement solution/system; provided the services are needed for no more than 24 months from the expiration of an existing maintenance and support contract which has no available option periods.
	➤ Maintenance service agreements exist on equipment which must be serviced by the original equipment manufacturer or an authorized service representative.
	➤ It is more cost-effective to obtain services by exercising an option under an existing contract.
	➤ It is in the best economic interest of the County (e.g., significant costs and time to replace an existing system or infrastructure, administrative cost and time savings and excessive learning curve for a new service provider, etc.). In such cases, departments must demonstrate due diligence in qualifying the cost-savings or cost-avoidance associated with the best economic interest of the County.

  
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 Chief Executive Office

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 Date