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Dear Supervisors:

#### APPROVAL OF LIFE COACHING AND PEER MENTORING SERVICES AGREEMENTS (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4) (3 VOTES)

#### **SUBJECT**

Approval to execute new Life Coaching and Peer Mentor Services Agreements with individual independent contractors for Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- Authorize the Director of Health Services (Director), or his designee, to offer and execute form agreements with individual independent contractors for Life Coaching and Peer Mentoring Services on as needed basis, effective upon execution through December 31, 2014 for the provision of life coaching and peer mentoring services at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center (RLANRC) with an annual cost of \$131,000, for a total estimated contract cost of \$393,000 for the term.
- Delegate authority to the Director, or his designee, to execute amendments to the new services Agreements, as necessary, to extend the term of the Agreements for up to two additional oneyear periods through December 31, 2016, subject to review and approval by County Counsel with notification to your Board and the CEO.
- 3. Delegate authority to the Director, or his designee, to execute new Life Coaching and Peer Mentoring Agreements, effective January 1, 2015, or later, through December 31, 2016, to qualified life

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coaches and peer mentors on an as-needed basis if the Department exercises its option to extend for two one-year terms.

#### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the first recommendation will allow the Director to execute Life Coaching and Peer Mentor Service Agreements, substantially similar to Exhibit I, with individual independent contractors for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014.

Approval of the second recommendation will authorize the Director, or his designee, to extend the term of the Agreement for up to two additional one-year periods through December 31, 2016.

Approval of the third recommendation will allow the Director, or his designee, to increase the number of life coaches and peer mentors over the proposed term and extension periods. Over time it may be necessary to increase the number of life coaches and peer mentors to meet increased needs of the program. Additionally, the program is expected to be successful and expand over time. These recommendations will allow DHS the flexibility to meet program demands and service the needs of the RLANRC patient population.

RLANRC is proactively preparing for changes in healthcare. In October 2010, your Board approved the reinvestment of Rancho funds from operational savings to be used to develop a transformation of delivery of care (TOCD) model. Core principles of the TOCD model include being patient-centered, continuum of care, supported and expedient discharge, and use of care extenders to reduce cost. As part of this program RLANRC estimates that it will require 35 Peer Mentors,1 Peer Mentor Supervisor and 5 Life Coaches to serve 1,920 patients and their families.

In 2004, a structured life coaching program was developed to serve RLANRC patients. The RLANRC KnowBarriers Life Coaching program uses a cognitive behavioral approach to assist RLANRC patients in the adjustment to their disability. Life coaches have knowledge of RLANRC services, the importance of living a healthy life style following the onset of permanent disability, and specialized training in clinical supervision to provide life coaching to patients. Their ability to help patients pursue goals beyond therapy is elemental to keeping patients healthy and decreasing the number of repeat appointments in outpatient therapy that can be costly and increase demand for outpatient therapy services.

In 2008, RLANRC KnowBarriers developed specific training for former patients who had graduated from the Life Coaching program to become peer mentors to other patients. Peer mentors co-lead patient education groups, provide skill demonstration, and provide psychosocial support to families and patients. Trained peer mentors can safely supervise patients alongside nursing staff at a fraction of the cost of an additional nurse

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or a physical therapist. They also have the unique ability to share their own road to recovery with newer patients and their family members.

Life coaching and peer mentor programs have outcome data demonstrating a decreased level of depression, an increased quality of life, improvement in general self-efficacy, and attainment of individualized goals.

Funding for the life coaching and peer mentor services program has been obtained through grant funds in the past to cover operational expenses of the program. Grant organizations are very reluctant to fund salaries for service providers and have never covered payment for peer mentor services. Peer mentors have become an essential component of service delivery in the implementation of the TOCD model. Use of County staff positions would be cost-prohibitive and less effective than individual independent contractors. County staff do not have the life experience of living with a disability that lends great credibility to the life coaches and peer mentors.

#### Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Goal 4, Health and Mental Health, of the County's Strategic Plan.

#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated annual cost of the Life Coach and Peer Mentor Services Agreements is \$133,000. The total estimated cost for the three-year term is \$393,000. The costs related to these Agreements are included in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Final Budget and will be funded within existing resources in future fiscal years.

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Department has determined that life coaching and peer mentor services are exempt from the provisions of Proposition A. As stated in County Code section 2.121.250, the provision shall not apply to the contracting of personal services when the services are needed on part-time or intermittent basis. As such, these services are not subject to the Living Wage Program (Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.201).

Insurance requirements have been removed as many of the peer mentors do not currently drive or have auto insurance. They are not expected to drive to perform any of the essential job functions of a peer mentor. Additionally, due to their status as part-time independent contractors the Department determined that provisions regarding contractor employees are not applicable as well as the Jury Service Program requirement.

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The Agreement may be terminated for convenience by the County upon 10 days' prior written notice.

The Agreement includes all other Board of Supervisors' required provisions, including the most recent provisions.

County Counsel has approved Exhibit I as to form.

#### CONTRACTING PROCESS

The RLANRC Administration will utilize the attached form agreement, Exhibit I, once approved. Agreements for life coaching and peer mentor services will be offered on an as-needed basis to qualified individual candidates as determined by RLANRC. Once identified, the individual independent contractors will be required to provide all required information per the form agreement and sign the agreement with the County. RLANRC program administrators will be responsible for negotiating rates with each individual independent contractor based on qualifications and experience.

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

Approval of the recommendations will ensure that life coaching and peer mentor services continue uninterrupted at RLANRC.

Respectfully submitted.

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.

Director

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Enclosure

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

#### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES**



#### **AGREEMENT**

**BY AND BETWEEN** 

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES** 

**AND** 

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FOR

KNOWBARRIERS PROGRAM SERVICE

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- K MEDICAL HEALTH SCREENING

## AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

AND
FOR
KNOWBARRIERS PROGRAM SERVICE
This Agreement and Exhibits made and entered into this day of, 20 by and between the County of Los Angeles, hereinafter referred to as County and, hereinafter referred to as
Contractor.  RECITALS
WHEREAS, the County may contract with private individuals and/or businesses for services; and,
WHEREAS, the Contractor is an individual who is qualified by life experience as a disabled person and has obtained appropriate certification through the <i>KnowBarriers</i> Program at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center (Rancho); and, WHEREAS, Rancho seeks to expand the number of persons served by life coaches and peer mentors under the <i>KnowBarriers</i> program; and,
WHEREAS, this Agreement is therefore authorized under California Code, Government Code Section 31000 which authorizes the Board of Supervisors to contract for specialized services; 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

Exhibits A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, and M are attached to and form a part of this Agreement. 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 Agreement and the Exhibits, or between Exhibits, such conflict or inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence first to the Agreement and then to the Exhibits according to the following priority.

#### **Standard Exhibits:**

- 1.1 EXHIBIT A Statement of Work, Description of Duties and Hourly Rate.
- 1.2 EXHIBIT B Intentionally Omitted.
- 1.3 EXHIBIT C Intentionally Omitted.
- 1.4 EXHIBIT D Intentionally Omitted.
- 1.5 EXHIBIT E County's Administration
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- 1.10 EXHIBIT J Contractor's Obligations as a "Business Associate"

  Under the Health Insurance Portability and
  Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and Health
  Information Technology for Economic and Clinical
  Health Act (HITECH)

#### 1.11 EXHIBIT K – Medical Health Screening

This Agreement and the Exhibits hereto constitute the complete and exclusive statement of understanding between the parties, and supersedes all previous agreements, written and oral, and all communications between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. No change to this Agreement shall be valid unless prepared pursuant to sub-paragraph 8.1 - Amendments and signed by both parties.

#### 2.0 **DEFINITIONS**

- **2.1 Agreement:** Contract executed between County and Contractor. It sets forth the terms and conditions for the issuance and performance of the Statement of Work, Exhibit A.
- **2.2 Contract:** Agreement executed between County and Contractor.
- **2.3 Contractor:** The person that has entered into an Agreement with the County to perform or execute the work covered by the Statement of Work.
- **2.4 Contractor Project Manager:** Same as Contractor.
- **2.5 Day(s):** Calendar day(s) unless otherwise specified.
- **2.6 DHS:** Department of Health Services
- **2.7 Director:** Director of Health Services or his/her authorized designee.
- **2.8 Facility:** Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.
- 2.9 Facility Project Director: Person designated by County with authority for County on contractual or administrative matters relating to this Agreement that cannot be resolved by the Facility's Project Manager.
- **2.10 Facility Project Manager:** Person designated by Facility's Project Director to manage the operations under this Agreement.
- 2.11 Facility Project Monitor: Person with responsibility to oversee the day to day activities of this Agreement. Responsibility for inspections of any and all tasks, deliverables, goods, services and other work provided by the Contractor.
- **2.12 Fiscal Year:** The twelve (12) month period beginning July 1st and ending the following June 30th.

#### **3.0 WORK**

3.1 Pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement at Exhibit A, the Contractor shall fully perform, complete and deliver on time, all tasks, deliverables, services and other work as set forth herein.

3.2 If the Contractor provides any tasks, deliverables, goods, services, or other work, other than as specified in this Agreement, the same shall be deemed to be a gratuitous effort on the part of the Contractor, and the Contractor shall have no claim whatsoever against the County.

#### 4.0 TERM OF AGREEMENT

- 4.1 The term of this Agreement shall be 3 years commencing after execution by the Director, unless sooner terminated or extended, in whole or in part, as provided in this Agreement.
- 4.2 The County shall have the sole option to extend this Agreement term for up to two additional one-year periods for a maximum total Agreement term of 5 years. Each such option and extension shall be exercised at the sole discretion of the Board of Supervisors or Director or his/her designee as authorized by the Board of Supervisors.
- 4.3 The Contractor shall notify DHS when this Agreement is within six (6) months from the expiration of the term as provided for hereinabove. Upon occurrence of this event, the Contractor shall send written notification to the DHS at the address herein provided in Exhibit E - County's Administration.

#### 5.0 AGREEMENT SUM, BILLING AND PAYMENT

- 5.1 The Contractor shall be paid in accordance with Exhibit A.
- 5.2 The Contractor shall 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 entity other than the Contractor, whether through assignment, subcontract, delegation, merger, buyout, or any other mechanism, with or without

- consideration for any reason whatsoever, shall occur only with the County's express prior written approval.
- 5.3 The Contractor shall maintain a system of record keeping that will allow the Contractor to determine when it has incurred seventy-five percent (75%) of the total Agreement authorization under this Agreement. Upon occurrence of this event, the Contractor shall send written notification to DHS at the address herein provided in Exhibit E County's Administration.

## 5.4 No Payment for Services Provided Following Expiration/ Termination of Agreement

The Contractor shall 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 Agreement. Should the Contractor receive any such payment it shall immediately notify County and shall immediately repay all such funds to County. Payment by County for services rendered after expiration/termination of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of County's right to recover such payment from the Contractor. This provision shall survive the expiration or other termination of this Agreement.

#### 5.5 Invoices and Payments

5.5.1 The Contractor shall invoice the County in arrears only for providing the tasks, deliverables, goods, services, and other work specified in Exhibit A - Statement of Work and elsewhere hereunder. The Contractor shall prepare invoices, which shall include the charges owed to the Contractor by the County under the terms of this Agreement. The Contractor shall 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 shall be due to the Contractor for that work.

- 5.5.2 The Contractor's invoices shall be priced in accordance with Exhibit A Statement of Work.
- 5.5.3 The Contractor's invoices shall contain the information set forth in Exhibit A - Statement of Work describing the tasks, deliverables, goods, services, work hours, and/or other work for which payment is claimed.
- 5.5.4 The Contractor shall submit the monthly invoices to the County by the 15<sup>th</sup> calendar day of the month following the month of service.
- 5.5.5 All invoices under this Agreement shall be submitted in two (2) copies to the following addresses:

Bobbi Jean Tanberg, BS, COTA/L, ATP

Rancho KnowBarriers, Director of Development, Life Coaching and Peer Mentoring Programs

Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center

7601 E. Imperial Hwy., Downey, CA 90241

And

Expenditure Management, SSA-2208

Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center

7601 E. Imperial Hwy., Downey, CA 90241

Phone: (562) 401-7418

Email: btanberg@dhs.lacounty.gov

#### 5.5.6 County Approval of Invoices

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

- 5.6 Intentionally Omitted.
- 5.7 Intentionally Omitted.

## 6.0 ADMINISTRATION OF AGREEMENT - COUNTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

The Director shall have the authority to administer this Agreement on behalf of the County. Director retains professional and administrative responsibility for the services rendered under this Agreement. A listing of all County Administration referenced in the following sub-paragraphs is designated in Exhibit E - County's Administration. The County shall notify the Contractor in writing of any change in the names or addresses shown.

#### 6.1 Facility's Project Director

Responsibilities of the Facility Project Director include:

- ensuring that the objectives of this Agreement are met; and
- providing direction to the Contractor in the areas relating to County policy, information requirements, and procedural requirements.

#### 6.2 Facility's Project Manager

The responsibilities of the Facility's Project Manager include:

- meeting with the Contractor's Project Manager on a regular basis; and
- inspecting any and all tasks, deliverables, goods, services, or other work provided by or on behalf of the Contractor.

The Facility's Project Manager is not authorized to make any changes in any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement and

is not authorized to further obligate County in any respect whatsoever.

#### 6.3 Facility's Project Monitor

The Facility's Project Monitor is responsible for overseeing the dayto-day administration of this Agreement. The Project Monitor reports to the Facility's Project Manager.

#### 7.0 ADMINISTRATION OF AGREEMENT - CONTRACTOR

#### 7.1 Contractor Administration

- 7.1.1 The Contractor is designated in Exhibit F Contractor's Administration. The Contractor shall notify the County in writing of any change in the name or address of the Contractor.
- 7.1.2 The Contractor shall be responsible for the Contractor's day-to-day activities as related to this Agreement and shall coordinate with Facility's Project Manager and Facility's Project Monitor on a regular basis.

#### 7.2 Contractor's Authorized Official(s)

- 7.2.1 Contractor's Authorized Official(s) are designated in Exhibit F. Contractor shall promptly notify County in writing of any change in the name(s) or address(es) of Contractor's Authorized Official(s).
- 7.2.2 Contractor represents and warrants that all requirements of Contractor have been fulfilled to provide actual authority to such officials to execute documents under this Agreement on behalf of Contractor.

#### 7.3 Intentionally Omitted.

#### 7.4 Contractor Identification

Any Contractor performing services pursuant to this Agreement, are required to have a County Identification (ID) badge on their person and visible at all times.

- 7.4.1 Contractor is responsible to ensure that he/she has obtained a County ID badge before they are assigned to work. Contractor may be asked to leave a County facility by a County representative if they do not have the proper County ID badge on their person.
- 7.4.2 Contractor shall retrieve and return an ID badge to the County on the next business day after the Contractor has terminated services under this Agreement.
- 7.4.3 If County requests the removal of Contractor, Contractor shall retrieve and return their ID badge to the County on the next business day after removed from working on the County's Agreement.

#### 7.5 Background and Security Investigations

7.5.1 Contractor performing work under this Agreement shall undergo and pass, to the satisfaction of County, a background investigation as a condition of beginning and continuing to work under this Agreement. County shall use its discretion in determining the method of background clearance to be used, which may include but is not limited to fingerprinting.

#### 7.6 Confidentiality

- 7.6.1 Contractor shall maintain the confidentiality of all records and information, including, but not limited to, billings, County records and patient records, 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 shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its Special Districts, elected and appointed

officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, costs and expenses, administrative penalties and fines assessed 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, subcontractors, to comply with this sub-paragraph 7.6, as determined by County in its sole judgment. Any legal defense Contractor's indemnification pursuant to obligations under this sub-paragraph 7.6 shall conducted by County. County shall be entitled to retain its own counsel, including, without limitation, County Counsel. Contractor shall 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 shall inform all of his/her agents of the confidentiality and indemnification provisions of this Agreement.
- 7.6.4 Contractor shall sign and adhere to the provisions of the "Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement", Exhibit G1.

#### 7.7 Medical Health Screening

Contractor shall ensure that he/she, before entering a DHS Facility under this Agreement, have undergone and successfully passed a current physical health examination, consistent with current DHS policy and Exhibit K, Medical Health Screening.

#### 7.8 Performance under the Influence

Contractor shall not perform services under this Agreement while under the influence of any alcoholic beverage, medication, narcotic, or other substance which might impair their physical or mental performance.

7.9 Mandatory Personnel Monitoring Report – Intentionally Omitted.

#### 8.0 STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

#### 8.1 AMENDMENTS

- 8.1.1 For any change which affects the scope of work, term, hourly rate, payments, or any term or condition included under this Agreement, an Amendment shall be prepared by the County and then executed by the Contractor and by the Director.
- 8.1.2 The County's Board of Supervisors or Chief Executive Officer or designee may require the addition and/or change of certain terms and conditions in the Agreement during the term of this Agreement. The County reserves the right to add and/or change such provisions as required by the County's Board of Supervisors or Chief Executive Officer. To implement such changes, an Amendment to the Agreement shall be prepared by the County and then executed by the Contractor and by the Director.
- 8.1.3 The Director may at his/her sole discretion, authorize extensions of time as defined in paragraph 4.0 Term of Agreement. The Contractor agrees that such extensions of time shall not change any other term or condition of this Agreement during the period of such extensions. To implement an extension of time, an Amendment to the Agreement shall be prepared by the County and then executed by the Contractor and by the Director.

8.1.4 The Director may require, at his/her sole discretion, the addition and/or change of certain terms and conditions in the Agreement to conform to changes in federal or state law or regulation or County policy, during the term of this Agreement. The County reserves the unilateral right to add and/or change such provisions as required by law, regulation or County policy, without the need for Contractor's written consent, to preserve this Agreement's conformity and compliance to federal and state law or regulation or County policy as deemed necessary by the County's Board of Supervisors, County Counsel or the Chief Executive Officer.

#### 8.2 ASSIGNMENT AND DELEGATION

8.2.1 The Contractor shall not assign its rights or delegate its duties under this Agreement, or both, whether in whole or in part, and any attempted assignment or delegation shall be null and void.

#### 8.3 AUTHORIZATION WARRANTY

The Contractor represents and warrants that the person executing this Agreement 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 Agreement 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 of Supervisors 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 Agreement correspondingly for that fiscal year and any subsequent fiscal year during the term of this Agreement (including

any extensions), and the services to be provided by the Contractor under this Agreement shall also be reduced correspondingly. The County's notice to the Contractor regarding said reduction in payment obligation shall be provided within thirty (30) calendar days of the Board's approval of such actions. Except as set forth in the preceding sentence, the Contractor shall continue to provide all of the services set forth in this Agreement.

## 8.5 CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION – LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS (45 C.F.R. PART 76)

Contractor hereby acknowledges that the County is prohibited from contracting with and making sub-awards to parties that are suspended, debarred, ineligible, or excluded or whose principals are suspended, debarred, ineligible, or excluded from securing federally funded contracts. By executing this Agreement, Contractor certifies that he/she is currently suspended, debarred, ineligible, or excluded from securing federally funded contracts. Contractor shall immediately notify County in writing, during the term of this Agreement, should he/she be suspended, debarred, ineligible, or excluded from securing federally funded contracts. Failure of Contractor to comply with this provision shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement upon which the County may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement.

#### 8.6 **COMPLAINTS** – Intentionally Omitted.

## 8.7 COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS

8.7.1 In the performance of this Agreement, Contractor shall comply with all current and applicable Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies and procedures, including, but not limited to standards of The Joint Commission, its National

Patient Safety Goals, California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 5 regulations and all other applicable industry best practices standards. All provisions required thereby to be included in this Agreement are incorporated herein by reference.

8.7.2 Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, administrative penalties and fines assessed, 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, 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 sub-paragraph 8.7 shall be conducted by County. County shall be entitled to retain its own counsel, including, without limitation, County Counsel, and reimbursement from Contractor for all such costs and expenses incurred by County in doing so. Contractor shall 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.

#### 8.7.3 Facilities Rules and Regulations

During the time that Contractor is at a Facility, Contractor shall be subject to the rules and regulations of that Facility. Facility's Administrator shall furnish a copy of rules and regulations to Contractor pertaining to the Facility prior to

the execution of this Agreement and, during the term of this Agreement, shall furnish Contractor with any changes thereto as from time to time may be adopted. It is the responsibility of Contractor to acquaint him/herself with such rules and regulations. Contractor agrees to immediately and permanently withdraw upon receipt of written notice from the Director that: (1) Contractor has violated such rules or regulations, or (2) Contractor's actions while on County premises, indicate that such action may adversely affect the delivery of health care services to County patients. The Director must submit with such notice a written statement of the facts supporting any such alleged violation or action.

## 8.8 COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LAWSANTI-DISCRIMINATION AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION LAWS

8.8.1 The Contractor hereby assures that he/she will comply, where applicable, with Subchapter VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 USC Sections 2000 (e) (1) through 2000 (e) (17); the Fair Employment & Housing Act, Government Code Section 12920-12922; and Affirmative Action in County Agreements, Chapter 4.32 of the Los Angeles County Code to the end that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental disability, medical condition, marital status, or political affiliation, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under this Agreement or under any project, program, or activity supported by this Agreement.

#### 8.8.2 Anti-discrimination in Services:

Contractor shall not discriminate in the provision of services hereunder because of race, color, religious creed, national origin, ethnic group identification, ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, medical condition, marital status, political affiliation, or physical or mental disability in accordance with requirements of Federal and State laws. For the purpose of this sub-paragraph, discrimination in the provision of services may include, but is not limited to, the following: Denying any person any service or benefit or the availability of a facility; providing any service or benefit to a person which is not equivalent or is provided in a non-equivalent manner or at a non-equivalent time, from that provided to others; subjecting any person to segregation or separate treatment in any manner related to the receipt of any service; restricting any person in any way in the enjoyment of any advantage or privilege enjoyed by others receiving any service or benefit; and treating any person differently from others in determining admission, enrollment quota, eligibility, membership, or any other requirements or conditions which persons must meet in order to be provided Contractor shall take affirmative any service or benefit. action to ensure that intended beneficiaries of this Agreement are provided services without regard to race, color. religious creed, national origin, ethnic group identification, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, age, medical condition, marital status, political affiliation, physical or mental disability.

## 8.9 COMPLIANCE WITH THE COUNTY'S JURY SERVICE PROGRAM – INTENTIONALLY OMITTED.

#### 8.10 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 8.10.1 No County employee whose position with the County enables such employee to influence the award or administration of this Agreement or any competing contract, and no spouse or economic dependent of such employee, shall be employed in any capacity by the Contractor or have any other direct or indirect financial interest in this Agreement. No officer or employee of the Contractor who may financially benefit from the performance of work hereunder shall 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.
- 8.10.2 The Contractor shall comply with all conflict of interest laws, ordinances, and regulations now in effect or hereafter to be enacted during the term of this Agreement. 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 shall immediately make full written disclosure of such facts to the County. Full written disclosure shall 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 sub-paragraph shall be a material breach of this Agreement.
- 8.11 CONSIDERATION OF HIRING COUNTY EMPLOYEES

  TARGETED FOR LAYOFF/OR RE-EMPLOYMENT LIST –
  INTENTIONALLY OMITTED.
- 8.12 CONSIDERATION OF HIRING GAIN/GROW PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS INTENTIONALLY OMITTED.
- 8.13 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY AND DEBARMENT

#### 8.13.1 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.

#### 8.13.2 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.

#### 8.13.3 Non-responsible Contractor

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

#### 8.13.4 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.
- 2. The Contractor Hearing Board will conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed debarment is presented. The Contractor and/or the Contractor's representative shall be given an opportunity to submit evidence at that hearing. After the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall prepare a tentative proposed decision, which shall contain recommendation regarding whether the Contractor should be debarred, and, if so, the appropriate length of time of the debarment. The Contractor and the Department shall be provided an opportunity to object to the tentative proposed decision prior to its presentation to the Board of Supervisors.
- 3. After consideration of any objections, or if no objections are submitted, a record of the hearing, the proposed decision, and any other recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board shall be presented to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall have the right to modify, deny, or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.

- 4. If a Contractor has been debarred for a period longer than five (5) years, that Contractor may after the debarment has been in effect for at least five (5) 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.
- 5. 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 (5) years; (2) the debarment has been in effect for at least five (5) years; and (3) the request is in writing, states one or more of the grounds for reduction of the debarment period or termination of the debarment, and includes supporting documentation. Upon receiving an appropriate request, the Contractor Hearing Board will provide notice of the hearing on the request. At the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed reduction of debarment period or termination of debarment is presented. This hearing shall be conducted and the request for review decided by the Contractor Hearing Board pursuant to the same procedures as for a debarment hearing.

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

#### 8.13.5 Subcontractors of Contractor

These terms shall also apply to subcontractors of County Contractors.

## 8.14 CONTRACTOR'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO THE SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW

The Contractor acknowledges that the County places a high priority on the implementation of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law. The Contractor understands that it is the County's policy to encourage all County Contractors to voluntarily post the County's "Safely Surrendered Baby Law" poster in a prominent position at the Contractor's place of business, if applicable. The County's Department of Children and Family Services will supply the Contractor with the poster to be used if needed. Information on how to receive the poster can be found on the Internet at www.babysafela.org.

## 8.15 CONTRACTOR'S EXCLUSION FROM PARTICIPATING IN A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM

8.15.1 Contractor hereby warrants that he/she is restricted or excluded from providing services under any health care program funded by the Federal government, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, and that Contractor will notify Director within ten (10) calendar days in writing of: (1) any

event that would require Contractor's mandatory exclusion from participation in a Federally funded health care program; and (2) any exclusionary action taken by any agency of the Federal government against Contractor barring him/her from participating in a Federally funded health care program, whether such bar is direct or indirect, or whether such bar is in whole or in part.

- 8.15.2 Contractor shall indemnify and hold County harmless against any and all loss or damage County may suffer arising from any Federal exclusion of Contractor or its staff members from such participation in a Federally funded health care program.
- 8.15.3 Failure by Contractor to meet the requirements of this subparagraph shall constitute a material breach of contract upon which County may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement.

## 8.16 CONTRACTOR'S WARRANTY OF ADHERENCE TO COUNTY'S CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

- 8.16.1 The Contractor acknowledges that the County has established a goal of ensuring that all individuals who benefit financially from the County through contract are in compliance with their court-ordered child, family and spousal support obligations in order to mitigate the economic burden otherwise imposed upon the County and its taxpayers.
- 8.16.2 As required by the County's Child Support Compliance Program (County Code Chapter 2.200) and without limiting the Contractor's duty under this Agreement to comply with all applicable provisions of law, the Contractor warrants that it is now in compliance and shall during the term of this Agreement maintain in compliance with employment and

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

## 8.17 CONTRACTOR'S WARRANTY OF COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM

- 8.17.1 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.
- 8.17.2 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 Code Chapter 2.206.

#### 8.18 COUNTY'S QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN

The County or its agent will evaluate the Contractor's performance under this Agreement on not less than an annual basis. Such evaluation will include assessing the Contractor's compliance with all Agreement terms and conditions and performance standards identified in the Statement of Work. Contractor deficiencies which the County determines are severe or continuing and that may place performance of the Agreement in jeopardy if not corrected will be reported to the Board of Supervisors.

The report will include improvement/corrective action measures taken by the County and the Contractor. If improvement does not occur consistent with the corrective action measures, the County may terminate this Agreement or impose other penalties as specified in this Agreement.

#### 8.19 DAMAGE TO COUNTY FACILITIES, BUILDINGS OR GROUNDS

- 8.19.1 The Contractor shall 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 agents of the Contractor. Such repairs shall be made immediately after the Contractor has become aware of such damage, but in no event later than thirty (30) days after the occurrence.
- 8.19.2 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 shall be repaid by the Contractor by cash payment upon demand.
- 8.19.3 County reserves the unilateral right to make any repairs which Director determines, in his/her sole discretion, to be a public safety issue requiring immediate repair. County will bill Contractor for the cost of said repair or deduct said cost from any outstanding amounts owed by County to Contractor.

## 8.20 EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION – INTENTIONALLY OMITTED.

#### 8.21 FACSIMILE REPRESENTATIONS

The County and the Contractor hereby agree to regard facsimile representations of original signatures of authorized officers of each party, when appearing in appropriate places on the Amendments prepared pursuant to sub-paragraph 8.1, and received via communications facilities, as legally sufficient evidence that such original signatures have been affixed to Amendments to this

Agreement, such that the parties need not follow up facsimile transmissions of such documents with subsequent (non-facsimile) transmission of "original" versions of such documents.

#### 8.22 FAIR LABOR STANDARDS

The Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act and shall 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.

#### 8.23 FEDERAL ACCESS TO RECORDS

If, and to the extent that, Section 1861(v)(1)(I) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1395x(v)(1)(I) is applicable, Contractor agrees that for a period of five (5) years following the furnishing of services under this Agreement, Contractor shall maintain and make available, upon written request, to the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services or the Controller General of the United States, or to any of their authorize representatives, the Agreements, books, documents and records of Contractor which are necessary to verify the nature and extent of the costs of services provided hereunder. Furthermore, if Contractor carries out any of the services provided hereunder through any subcontract with a value or cost of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) or more over a twelve (12) month period with a related organization (as that term is defined under Federal law), Contractor agrees that each such subcontract shall provide for such access to the subcontract, books, documents and records of the subcontractor.

#### 8.24 FORCE MAJEURE

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

#### 8.25 GOVERNING LAW, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE

This Agreement shall 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 Agreement and further agrees and consents that venue of any action brought hereunder shall be exclusively in the County of Los Angeles.

# 8.26 HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996 (HIPAA) AND THE HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR ECONOMIC AND CLINICAL HEALTH ACT (HITECH)

The County is subject to the Administrative Simplification requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH). Under this Agreement, the Contractor provides services to the County and the Contractor receives, has access to, and/or creates Protected Health Information

as defined in Exhibit J in order to provide those services. The County and the Contractor therefore agree to the terms of Exhibit J, Contractor's Obligations as a "Business Associate" Under Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH) (Business Associate Agreement).

# 8.27 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS

- 8.27.1 This Agreement is by and between the County and the Contractor and is not intended, and shall not be construed, to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture, or association, as between the County and the Contractor. The employees and agents of one party shall not be, or be construed to be, the employees or agents of the other party for any purpose whatsoever.
- 8.27.2 The County shall have no liability or responsibility for the payment of any salaries, wages, unemployment benefits, disability benefits, Federal, State, or local taxes, or other compensation, benefits, or taxes for any personnel provided by or on behalf of the Contractor.
- 8.27.3 The Contractor understands and agrees that all persons performing work pursuant to this Agreement are, for purposes of Workers' Compensation liability, solely employees of the Contractor and not employees of the County.
- 8.27.4 The Contractor shall adhere to the provisions stated in subparagraph 7.6 - Confidentiality.

### 8.28 INDEMNIFICATION

The Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County, its Special Districts, elected and appointed officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all liability,

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

# 8.29 GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR ALL INSURANCE COVERAGE – INTENTIONALLY OMITTED.

# 8.30 INSURANCE COVERAGE – INTENTIONALLY OMITTED.

# 8.31 LICENSES, PERMITS, REGISTRATIONS, ACCREDITATIONS, AND CERTIFICATES

Contractor shall obtain and maintain in effect during the term of this Agreement, all valid licenses, permits, registrations, accreditations, and certificates required by the KnowBarriers Program which are applicable to his/her performance of this Agreement. All such licenses, permits, registrations, accreditations, and certifications relating to services hereunder shall be made available to County upon request.

# 8.32 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES – INTENTIONALLY OMITTED.

### 8.33 MOST FAVORED PUBLIC ENTITY – INTENTIONALLY OMITTED.

# 8.34 NON EXCLUSIVITY

Nothing herein is intended nor shall be construed as creating any exclusive arrangement with the Contractor. This Agreement shall not restrict the Department of Health Services from acquiring similar, equal or like goods and/or services from other entities or sources.

# 8.35 NOTICE OF DELAYS

Except as otherwise provided under this Agreement, when either party has knowledge that any actual or potential situation is delaying or threatens to delay the timely performance of this Agreement, that party shall, within one (1) business day, give notice thereof, including all relevant information with respect thereto, to the other party.

#### 8.36 NOTICE OF DISPUTES

The Contractor shall bring to the attention of the Facility's Project Manager and/or Facility's Project Director any dispute between the County and the Contractor regarding the performance of services as stated in this Agreement. If the Facility's Project Manager or Facility's Project Director is not able to resolve the dispute, the Director or his/her designee shall resolve it.

- 8.37 NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES REGARDING THE FEDERAL EARNED INCOME CREDIT INTENTIONALLY OMITTED.
- 8.38 NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES REGARDING THE SAFELY
  SURRENDERED BABY LAW INTENTIONALLY OMITTED.

# 8.39 NOTICES

- 8.39.1 All notices or demands required or permitted to be given or made under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be hand delivered with signed receipt or mailed by first-class registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties as identified in Exhibits E County's Administration and F Contractor's Administration. Addresses may be changed by either party giving ten (10) days' prior written notice thereof to the other party.
- 8.39.2 **Electronic Notice:** In addition, and in lieu of written notification, the Director, or his/her designee, shall have the authority to issue any notice to Contractor electronically via e-mail at the designated email address as identified in Exhibit F Contractor's Administration. This includes all notices or demands required or permitted by the County under this Agreement.

# 8.40 PROHIBITION AGAINST INDUCEMENT OR PERSUASION – INTENTIONALLY OMITTED.

# 8.41 PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

8.41.1 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 sub-paragraph 8.43 - Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement of this Agreement; as well as any documents that may have been submitted in response to a solicitation process for this Agreement, become the exclusive property of the County. All such documents become a matter of public record and shall be regarded as public records. Exceptions will be those elements in the California Government Code Section 6250 et seg. (Public Records Act) and which are marked "trade secret", "confidential", or "proprietary". The County shall 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.

8.41.2 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.

### 8.42 PUBLICITY

8.42.1 The Contractor shall not disclose any details in connection with this Agreement 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 shall not inhibit the Contractor from publishing its role under this Agreement within the following conditions:

- The Contractor shall develop all publicity material in a professional manner; and
- During the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall not, and shall 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 Director or his/her designee. The County shall not unreasonably withhold written consent.
- 8.42.2 The Contractor may, without the prior written consent of County, indicate in its proposals and sales materials that it has been awarded this Agreement with the County of Los Angeles, provided that the requirements of this subparagraph 8.42 shall apply.

# 8.43 RECORD RETENTION AND INSPECTION/AUDIT SETTLEMENT

- 8.43.1 The Contractor shall maintain, and provide upon request by County, accurate and complete financial records of its activities and operations relating to this Agreement in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Contractor shall also maintain accurate and complete employment and other records relating to its performance of this Agreement.
- 8.43.2 The Contractor agrees that the County, or its authorized representatives, shall have access to and the right to examine, audit, excerpt, copy, or transcribe any pertinent transaction, activity, or record relating to this Agreement. 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, shall be kept and maintained by the Contractor

and shall be made available to the County during the term of this Agreement and for a period of five (5) years thereafter unless the County's written permission is given to dispose of any such material prior to such time. All such material shall be maintained by the Contractor at a location in Los Angeles County, provided that if any such material is located outside Los Angeles County, then, at the County's option, the Contractor shall 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.

- 8.43.3 In the event that an audit of the Contractor is conducted specifically regarding this Agreement by any Federal or State auditor, or by any auditor or accountant employed by the Contractor or otherwise, including audits conducted by the Medicare and Medi-Cal programs, or both, then the Contractor shall file a copy of each such audit report, including Statement of Auditing Standards No. 70 Type 2 Reports, with the County's Auditor-Controller within thirty (30) days of the Contractor's receipt thereof, unless otherwise provided by applicable Federal or State law or under this Agreement. Subject to applicable law, the County shall make a reasonable effort to maintain the confidentiality of such audit report(s).
- 8.43.4 Failure on the part of the Contractor to comply with any of the provisions of this sub-paragraph 8.43 shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement upon which the County may terminate or suspend this Agreement.
- 8.43.5 If, at any time during the term of this Agreement or within five (5) years after the expiration or termination of this Agreement, representatives of the County conduct an audit

of the Contractor regarding the work performed under this Agreement, 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 shall 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 Agreement 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 shall be paid to the Contractor by the County by cash payment, provided that in no event shall the County's maximum obligation for this Agreement exceed the funds appropriated by the County for the purpose of this Agreement.

# 8.44 RECYCLED BOND PAPER

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

# 8.45 RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING

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

### 8.46 SUBCONTRACTING

8.46.1 The requirements of this Agreement may not be subcontracted by the Contractor .

# 8.47 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 sub-paragraph 8.16 - Contractor's Warranty of Adherence to County's Child Support Compliance Program, shall constitute default under this Agreement. Without limiting the rights and remedies available to the County under any other provision of this Agreement, failure of the Contractor to cure such default within ninety (90) calendar days of written notice shall be grounds upon which the County may terminate this Agreement pursuant to sub-paragraph 8.50 - Termination for Default and pursue debarment of the Contractor, pursuant to County Code Chapter 2.202.

# 8.48 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 sub-paragraph 8.17 - Contractor's Warranty of Compliance with County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program shall constitute default under this Agreement. Without limiting the rights and remedies available to County under any other provision of this Agreement, failure of Contractor to cure such default within 10 days of notice shall be grounds upon which County may terminate this Agreement and/or pursue debarment of Contractor, pursuant to County Code Chapter 2.206.

# 8.49 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

8.49.1 This Agreement 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 shall 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 shall be no less than ten (10) days after the notice is sent.

- 8.49.2 After receipt of a notice of termination and except as otherwise directed by the County, the Contractor shall:
  - Stop work under this Agreement on the date and to the extent specified in such notice, and
  - Complete performance of such part of the work as shall not have been terminated by such notice.
- 8.49.3 All material including books, records, documents, or other evidence bearing on the costs and expenses of the Contractor under this Agreement shall be maintained by the Contractor in accordance with sub-paragraph 8.43, Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement.

# 8.50 TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

- 8.50.1 The County may, by written notice to the Contractor, terminate the whole or any part of this Agreement, if, in the judgment of the Director or his/her designee.
  - Contractor has materially breached this Agreement; or
  - Contractor fails to timely provide and/or satisfactorily perform any task, deliverable, service, or other work required either under this Agreement; or
  - Contractor fails to demonstrate a high probability of timely fulfillment of performance requirements under this Agreement, or of any obligations of this Agreement and in either case, fails to demonstrate convincing progress toward a cure within five (5) working days (or such

longer period as the County may authorize in writing) after receipt of written notice from the County specifying such failure.

- 8.50.2 In the event that the County terminates this Agreement in whole or in part as provided in sub-paragraph 8.50.1, 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 shall 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 shall continue the performance of this Agreement to the extent not terminated under the provisions of this sub-paragraph.
- 8.50.3 Except with respect to defaults of any subcontractor, the Contractor shall not be liable for any such excess costs of the type identified in sub-paragraph 8.50.2 if its failure to perform this Agreement 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. freiaht 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. 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 shall 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 subparagraph, the term "subcontractor(s)" means subcontractor(s) at any tier.

- If, after the County has given notice of termination under the 8.50.4 provisions of this sub-paragraph 8.50, it is determined by the County that the Contractor was not in default under the provisions of this sub-paragraph 8.50, or that the default excusable was under the provisions of subparagraph 8.50.3, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to sub-paragraph 8.49 - Termination for Convenience.
- 8.50.5 The rights and remedies of the County provided in this subparagraph 8.50 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

### 8.51 TERMINATION FOR IMPROPER CONSIDERATION

8.51.1 The County may, by written notice to the Contractor, immediately terminate the right of the Contractor to proceed under this Agreement 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 this Agreement or securing favorable treatment with respect to the award, amendment, or extension of this Agreement or the making of any determinations with respect to the Contractor's performance pursuant to this Agreement. In the event of such termination, the County shall be entitled to pursue the

- same remedies against the Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by the Contractor.
- 8.51.2 The Contractor shall immediately report any attempt by a County officer or employee to solicit such improper consideration. The report shall be made either to the County manager charged with the supervision of the employee or to the County Fraud Hotline at (800) 544-6861 or <a href="https://www.lacountyfraud.org">www.lacountyfraud.org</a>.
- 8.51.3 Among other items, such improper consideration may take the form of cash, discounts, service, the provision of travel or entertainment, or tangible gifts.

# 8.52 TERMINATION FOR INSOLVENCY

- 8.52.1 The County may terminate this Agreement forthwith in the event of the occurrence of any of the following:
  - Insolvency of the Contractor. The Contractor shall be deemed to be insolvent if it has ceased to pay its debts for at least sixty (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.
- 8.52.2 The rights and remedies of the County provided in this subparagraph 8.52 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to

any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

# 8.53 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, shall 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 shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement, upon which the County may in its sole discretion, immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement.

# 8.54 TERMINATION FOR NON-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

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

### 8.55 UNLAWFUL SOLICITATION

Contractor shall comply with all of the provisions of Article 9 of Chapter 4 of Division 3 (commencing with section 6150) of Business and Professions Code of the State of California (i.e. State Bar Act provisions regarding unlawful solicitation as a runner or capper for attorneys) and shall take positive and affirmative steps in its performance hereunder to ensure that there is no violation of said

provisions by himself/herself or his/her agents. Contractor agrees that if a patient requests assistance in obtaining the services of any attorney, it will refer the patient to the attorney referral service of all those bar associations within Los Angeles County that have such a service.

### 8.56 VALIDITY

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

# 8.57 WAIVER

No waiver by the County of any breach of any provision of this Agreement shall 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 Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver thereof. The rights and remedies set forth in this subparagraph 8.57 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

# 8.58 WARRANTY AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

- 8.58.1 The Contractor warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Agreement upon any agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the Contractor for the purpose of securing business.
- 8.58.2 For breach of this warranty, the County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement and, at its sole discretion, deduct from the Agreement price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

# 9.0 UNIQUE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

# 9.1 NO INTENT TO CREATE A THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY CONTRACT

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the parties do not in any way intend that any person shall acquire any rights as a third party beneficiary of this Agreement.

# 9.2 REPORTING OF CHILD/ELDER AND DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE

- 9.2.1 Contractor staff working on this Agreement shall comply with California Penal Code (hereinafter "PC") Section 11164 et seq. and shall report all known and suspected instances of child abuse to an appropriate child protective agency, as mandated by these code sections. Child abuse reports shall be made by telephone to the Department of Children and Family Services hotline at (800) 540-4000 within three (3) business days and shall submit all required information, in accordance with the PC Sections 11166 and 11167.
- 9.2.2 Contractor staff working on this Agreement shall comply with California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC), Section 15600 et seq. and shall report all known or suspected instances of physical abuse of elders and dependent adults either to an appropriate County adult protective services agency or to a local law enforcement agency, as mandated by these code sections. The Contractor staff working on this Agreement shall make the report on such abuse, and shall submit all required information, in accordance with the WIC Sections 15630, 15633 and 15633.5.

9.2.3 Contractor staff's failure to report as required is considered a breach of this Agreement subject to immediate termination and is also a misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in jail, a fine of up to \$5,000 or both.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Agreement to be executed by its Director of Health Services, and Contractor has caused this Agreement to be executed in its behalf by its duly authorized officer, the day, month and year first above written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
By
CONTRACTOR
Ву
Signature
Printed Name
Title

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL