

**CONTRACT FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES  
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY HEALTH AGENCY**

**This Contract** entered into by and between the County of San Luis Obispo, a public entity in the State of California (hereafter “County”), and Aegis Treatment Centers, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company, qualified to transact business in the State of California, hereafter (“Contractor”).

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, County has a need, through Behavioral Health services, to provide a Narcotic Treatment Program (NTP) in San Luis Obispo County as more particularly described on Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, Contractor has specially trained, experienced staff to perform Narcotic Treatment Program (NTP) services and desires to enter into a Contract with the County to provide narcotic therapy services in San Luis Obispo County.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the covenants, conditions, agreements, and stipulations set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Scope of Services.** County hereby engages Contractor to perform, and Contractor hereby agrees to perform for County, the services set forth on Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, all pursuant to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.
2. **Compensation.** Contractor shall be compensated by County for performing said services set forth on Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
3. **Duration and Effective Date.** The effective date and duration of this Contract shall be as specified on Exhibit C, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
4. **General Conditions.** Contractor and County shall comply with all provisions of County’s General Conditions, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit D and incorporated herein by reference.
5. **Special Conditions.** Contractor and County shall comply with all provisions of County’s Special Conditions, as attached hereto as Exhibit E and incorporated herein by reference. In the event of conflicts between the provisions of the General Conditions and the Special Conditions, the provisions of the Special Conditions shall be controlling.
6. **Business Associate Agreement.** Contractor and County shall comply with all provisions of County’s Business Associate Agreement, as attached hereto as Exhibit F and incorporated herein by reference.
7. **Qualified Service Organization.** Contractor shall comply with the County’s Qualified Service Organization Agreement in accordance with Exhibit G, a copy of which is attached here to and incorporated herein by reference.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** County and Contractor have executed this Contract on the day and year hereinabove set forth.

CONTRACTOR  
Aegis Treatment Centers, LLC

  
- President



CONTRACTOR  
Aegis Treatment Centers, LLC

  
- In-House Counsel

Tax ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Held in Confidential File

Approved as to form and legal effect.

RITA L. NEAL  
COUNTY COUNSEL

By:   
Deputy County Counsel

Dated: 12/18/14

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO  
A public entity in the State of California

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk  
of the Board of Supervisors

**EXHIBIT A**  
**CONTRACT FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES**

**SCOPE OF SERVICES**

**1. Services**

- a. Contractor shall provide a Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) outpatient Narcotic Treatment Program (NTP) in San Luis Obispo County in accordance with the terms of this contract. A Narcotic Treatment Program as defined in Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 51341.1(d)(1), means an outpatient service using methadone and/or levoalphacetylmethadol (LAAM), directed at stabilization and rehabilitation of persons who are opiate addicted and have a substance abuse diagnoses. For the purposes of Section 51341.1(d)(1), "narcotic treatment program" does not include detoxification treatment.
- b. Contractor shall provide Covered Services for eligible DMC beneficiaries in need of such services. Covered Services means DMC services authorized by Title XIX of the Social Security Act and specified in Title 22, California Code of Regulations and may include:
  - i. Methadone medication treatment
  - ii. Drug screening and other testing as appropriate
  - iii. Individual and Group counseling services regarding methadone maintenance
- c. Measurable Outcomes: Contractor shall meet with the County every six months to review measureable outcomes and progress made by the Contractor in carrying out its contractual duties. Contractor shall make a good faith effort to achieve the following measurable outcomes:
  - i. Attrition: Contractor shall have a goal of achieving an attrition rate of no more than 20% among patients in the first 90 days of treatment, and to improve that attrition rate by one percentage point ( equivalent to a 5% improvement ) annually.
  - ii. Engagement in Contractor's "5 in 5" Program: Contractor shall have a goal of admitting all new patients through Contractor's "5 in 5" clinical program. By March 2015, 100% of newly admitted patients will be entered into the "5 in 5" clinical program, wherein patients are required to be engaged five times within the first five non-weekend days of treatment, except where it is determined to be unfeasible due to external factors beyond Contractor's control (e.g., medical conditions, incarceration, etc.). Contractor will note reasons for patients not engaging every day with a view to identifying root causes for improvement.
  - iii. Relapse Rate: Contractor shall have a goal of achieving no more than 15% illicit opiate relapse rates (excluding the first 90 days of patient treatment) and no more than 25% for all illicit drug relapse rates, and to improve both of these rates by one percentage point annually.

## **2. Federal and State Regulations**

- a. When a request for Covered Services is made by an eligible beneficiary, Contractor shall require services be initiated with reasonable promptness. Contractor shall have a documented system for monitoring and evaluating accessibility of care, including a system for addressing problems that develop regarding wait times and appointments.
- b. If DMC services are provided to Minor Consent beneficiaries, Contractor shall comply with California Family Code Section 6929.
- c. Contractor shall comply with all terms and conditions of this Contract and all pertinent state and federal regulations.

## **3. Service Sites**

- a. Contractor shall provide methadone medication, individual and/or group counseling sessions for clients at its clinic located at 6500 Morro Road in Atascadero, California.
- b. Contractor shall advise County Behavioral Health Administrator of any potential or planned changes to service locations within seven (7) calendar days of becoming aware of the planned changes.
- c. Contractor shall obtain and maintain DMC certification of the site(s) at which services are provided or may be provided as required by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).
- d. Contractor site(s) where DMC services are provided must be certified in accordance with Drug Medi-Cal regulations and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). And official fire clearance must be present at each site. If a site is not Drug Medi-Cal certified, or if the renewal is delinquent, the Contractor will not bill Medi-Cal, or forward payments to the Contractor, until site certification is obtained.
- e. Contractor determines the availability and hours of operations to provide services described in section 1. Services above, with the understanding services provided will be offered during hours in the best interest of clients.
- f. Contractor agrees to provide all necessary tools, equipment, materials, and supplies necessary for the performance of the services described in section 1. Services above. Contractor shall also be responsible for all costs and expenses incident to the performance of services for County, including but not limited to, all costs of equipment provided by Contractor, all fees, fines, bonds or taxes required of or imposed against Contractor and all other Contractor's costs of doing business. County shall not be responsible for any expenses incurred by Contractor in performing services for County.

## **4. Reporting**

- a. Contractor shall establish and maintain, at Contractor's cost, a computer system fully compliant with HIPAA transactions and Codeset standards as well as the DHCS CalOMS Data Collection standards, as necessary, for the submission of information required under the terms and conditions of this Contract, including, but not limited to the submission of Drug Medi-Cal claims and Cal OHMS treatment admission and discharge data, including client demographic data.

- b. The Contractor will be responsible for the accuracy of all data and information which Contractor provides to County or State, ensuring that all services are performed appropriately within the Federal, State, and County guidelines, regulations, code, statutes, and law, included but not limited to administration, utilization review, documentation, and staffing.
- c. Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for all data and information submitted by Contractor to County or State in support of claims for services that may be based on data and information submitted by Contractor. Contractor shall process all service data requests within the time frame prescribed by the County and/or State. County shall have no liability for Contractor's failure to comply with County and/or State time frames.

**5. Auditing**

- a. Contractor shall maintain an audit file of all records, including, but not limited to, all time studies or service activity prepared by Contractor, documenting services as instructed by County for a period of 5 years from the end of the Fiscal Year in which such services were provided or until final resolution of any audits, whichever occurs later.
- b. County will periodically evaluate Contractor's program units of service for the purpose of assessing the reasonableness of the County's payment for services provided. Contractor will be provided reasonable notice if additional contractual and/or service delivery issues are to be reviewed. Contractor is expected to prepare the necessary reports and other analysis to adequately explain Contractor's use of funds as specified in Exhibit "B" of this Contract.

**EXHIBIT B**  
**CONTRACT FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES**  
**COMPENSATION**

**1. Reimbursement.**

- a. Prior to commencement of services, contractor shall provide a valid, current taxpayer ID number to the San Luis Obispo County Auditor/Controller at: 1055 Monterey Street Room D220, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408.
- b. County agrees to reimburse the Contractor for State approved units of service during the term of this Contract, resulting from services/activities, but not to exceed the Uniform Statewide Daily Reimbursement (USDR) rate per service rendered as described in Section 3 (a) or Contract Maximum as shown in Section 2 (a).
- c. Reimbursement for services performed by Contractor shall be limited to the lower of the Contractor's usual and customary charge to the general public for the same or similar services or the USDR rate.
- d. This Contract is subject to the County and State's annual appropriation processes. In the event that funds to reimburse the Contractor for services provided are not appropriated within the approved County budget in any fiscal year, this Contract shall be deemed terminated and shall be of no further force or effect as of the date the County's budget is approved. The County will provide Contractor notice of any such action. Following such notice, and if not related to a State non-appropriation of funds, Contractor shall have the County endorsement to seek a direct contract with the California DHCS for the services contemplated in this Agreement.

**2. Compensation.**

- a. In no event shall the maximum allowable payment to Contractor in any fiscal year under this Contract exceed the amount granted by the State of California to County pursuant to the Department of Health Care Services contract for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15 through FY 2016-17. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, Contractor understands that it will only receive payment if, when and to the extent, that the 835 billing file confirms all denied claims to the County pursuant to the contract.
- b. Payments to Contractor shall be made only upon County's receipt of a Claim for Payment form. County shall, within thirty (30) days following receipt of a correct monthly Claim for Payment form, pay the undisputed charges on the form. If there are any disputed charges on the invoice, County shall include the explanation of the nature of the dispute with the payment for the undisputed charges. The parties shall exchange any information needed to resolve the dispute within a reasonable time.

**3. Established Maximum Allowable Rates.**

County shall compensate Contractor the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) established Drug Medi-Cal rates, as outlined or any subsequent publication of updated rates from DHCS, for each service over the duration of this Contract. Such fees

shall be calculated per MHSUDS Information Notice NO.14-021, or any subsequent publication of updated rates from DHCS.

**4. Withholding Payment.**

- a. In addition to withholding payment due to disputed charges on an invoice, County shall have the right to withhold payment to Contractor under the following conditions:
  - i. Contractor has not documented or has not sufficiently documented Contractor's services according to client records standards of the industry and any special requirements needed by third party payors or federal or state funding agencies.
  - ii. Contractor has failed or refused to furnish information or cooperate with any inspection, review or audit of Contractor's program or County's use of Contractor's program. This includes interviews or reviews of records in any form of information storage.
  - iii. Contractor has failed to sufficiently itemize or document the itemized Claim for Payment form.
  - iv. Contractor's performance, in whole or in part, has not been sufficiently documented, County has the right to withhold payment to the Contractor, when, in the opinion of the County, and expressed in writing to the Contractor.

**5. Disallowances.**

- a. To the extent that there occur any County, State or Federal Medi-Cal audits in connection with Covered Services provided, each party shall (i) provide the other party with prompt written notice thereof; and (ii) provide the other party with the right to participate in any audits or any audit appeals. For disallowances resulting from County State or Federal Medi-Cal audits, the Contractor shall repay the County within thirty (30) days from the date of request, except as otherwise negotiated by the County.
- b. Contractor shall hold County harmless from and against lost to Contractor resulting from any State denials, and/or State Audit disallowances for such services provided under this Contract, unless such denials and/or disallowances are a direct result of errors on the part of the County.

**EXHIBIT C**  
**CONTRACT FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES**

**DURATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE**

**1. Effective Date.**

This Contract shall be effective as of the date this Contract is signed by the Board of Supervisors for the County of San Luis Obispo, and that signator shall be the last to sign.

**2. Service Date.**

- a. Services shall commence on or after July 1, 2014 and shall end upon the end of the duration date.
- b. The County Board of Supervisors specifically acknowledges that in anticipation of execution of this contract, services within the scope of this contract may have been provided in reliance on assurances that this contract would be executed by the parties on the effective date. The services may have been rendered from July 1, 2014 to the date the Board of Supervisors is executing this contract and which were intended in the best interest of the public health and welfare. The Board of Supervisors expressly authorizes the retroactive effective date under this contract to July 1, 2014. The Board of Supervisors also expressly authorizes payment for those services accepted by the County at the same rates and under the same terms and conditions as stated in this contract, even though this contract is being signed after July 1, 2014.

**3. Duration Date.**

This contract shall remain in effect from the effective date stated above until June 30, 2017, unless terminated sooner pursuant to Sections 6 or 7 of Exhibit D.

**EXHIBIT D**  
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**GENERAL CONDITIONS**

**1. Independent Contractor.**

Contractor shall be deemed to be an independent contractor of County. Nothing in this contract shall be construed as creating an employer-employee relationship, partnership or a joint venture relationship. Nothing in this contract authorizes or permits the County to exercise discretion or control over the professional manner in which Contractor provides services. Contractor's services shall be provided in a manner consistent with all applicable standards and regulations governing such services.

**2. No Eligibility for Fringe Benefits.**

Contractor understands and agrees that Contractor and its personnel are not, and will not be, eligible for membership in or any benefits from any County group plan for hospital, surgical, or medical insurance, or for membership in any County retirement program, or for paid vacation, paid sick leave, or other leave, with or without pay, or for any other benefit which accrues to a County employee.

**3. Warranty of Contractor for Provision of Services.**

Contractor shall obtain and shall keep in full force and effect during the term of this Contract all permits, registrations and licenses necessary to accomplish the work specified in the Contract. Contractor shall furnish qualified professional personnel as prescribed by Title 9 of the California Code of Regulations, the Business and Professions Code, and all other applicable laws for the type of services rendered under this Contract. Contractor warrants that it, and each of the personnel employed or otherwise retained by Contractor, will at all times, to the extent required by law, be properly certified and licensed throughout the entire duration of this Contract under the local, state and federal laws and regulations applicable to the provision of services herein.

**4. Warranty of Contractor re Compliance with all Laws.**

Contractor shall keep informed of, observe, comply with, and cause all of its agents and personnel to observe and comply with all laws, rules, regulations, and administrative requirements adopted by federal, state, and local governments which in any way affect the conduct of work under this Contract. If any conflict arises between provisions of the scope of work or specifications in this Contract and any law, then the Contractor shall immediately notify the County in writing.

**5. Power and Authority of Contractor.**

If the Contractor is a corporation, Contractor represents and warrants that it is and will remain, throughout the term of this Contract, either a duly organized, validly existing California corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of California or a duly

organized, validly existing foreign corporation in good standing in the state of incorporation and authorized to transact business in the State of California.

**6. Termination for Cause.**

If the County determines that there has been a material breach of this Contract by Independent Contractor that poses a threat to health and safety, the County may immediately terminate the Contract. In addition, if any of the following occur, County shall have the right to terminate this Contract effective immediately upon giving written notice to the Independent Contractor:

- a. Contractor fails to perform his duties to the satisfaction of the County; or
- b. Contractor fails to fulfill in a timely and professional manner his obligations under this Contract; or
- c. Contractor fails to exercise good behavior either during or outside of working hours that is of such a nature as to bring discredit upon the County; or
- d. Any requisite licenses or certifications held by Contractor are terminated, suspended, reduced, or restricted; or
- e. Contractor has not, to the satisfaction of the County, documented or has not sufficiently documented services provided by Contractor, which includes without limitation, failure to meet industry standards or failure to satisfy any special requirements needed by third party payors or federal or state funding agencies; or
- f. Contractor has failed or refused to furnish information or cooperate with any inspection, review or audit of Contractor's program or County's use of Contractor's program. This includes interviews or reviews of records in any form of information storage; or
- g. Contractor fails to comply with any provision of the Mental Health Compliance Plan, Cultural Competency Plan, and Code of Ethics.

All obligations to provide services shall automatically terminate on the effective date of termination.

For all other material breaches of this Contract, County must give Contractor written notice setting forth the nature of the breach. If Contractor fails to remedy said breach within ten (10) days from the date of the written notice, County may terminate the Contract. Contractor shall thereafter have no further rights, powers, or privileges against County under or arising out of this Contract.

In the event a breach does not result in termination, but does result in costs being incurred by County, said costs shall be charged to and paid by Independent Contractor, which costs may include, but are not limited to, costs incurred by County in investigating and communicating with Contractor regarding said breach, including staff time.

**7. Termination for Convenience.**

Either party may terminate this Contract at any time by giving the other party at least 30 calendar days' written notice of termination for convenience ("Notice of Termination for Convenience"). Termination for convenience shall be effective at 11:59 p.m., Pacific Standard Time, on the intended date for termination (the "Termination Date"). The terminating party shall deliver to the other party a notice specifying the date upon which

such termination will become effective, which shall be at least 30 calendar days after the date of the notice.

Termination for convenience shall have no effect upon the rights and obligations of the parties arising out of any services, which were provided prior to the effective date of such termination. Contractor shall be paid for all work satisfactorily completed prior to the effective date of termination. After receiving a Notice of Termination for Convenience, Contractor shall, unless directed by County, place no further subcontracts for services or materials, terminate all subcontracts to the extent they relate to the work terminated, and settle all outstanding liabilities arising from the termination of subcontracts.

**8. Power to Terminate.**

Termination of this Contract may be effectuated by the Health Agency Director without the need for action, approval, or ratification by the Board of Supervisors.

**9. Non-Assignment of Contract.**

Inasmuch as this Contract is intended to secure the specialized services of the Contractor, Contractor shall not delegate, assign, or otherwise transfer in whole or in part its rights or obligations under this contract without the prior written consent of County. Any such assignment, transfer, or delegation without the County's prior written consent shall be null and void.

**10. Entire Agreement and Modifications.**

This Contract supersedes all previous contracts between the parties hereto on the same subject matter and constitutes the entire understanding of the parties hereto on the subject matter of this Contract. Contractor shall be entitled to no other benefits than those specified herein. No changes, amendments or alterations shall be effective unless in writing and signed by both parties. Contractor specifically acknowledges that in entering into and executing this contract, Contractor relies solely upon the provisions contained in this Contract and no others.

**11. Governing Law and Venue.**

This Contract shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of California, without regard to its conflict of laws provisions. All of the parties' rights and obligations created hereunder shall be performed in the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California and such County shall be the venue for any action or proceeding that may be brought, or arise out of, this contract.

**12. Waiver.**

No delay or failure on the part of any party hereto in exercising any right, power or privilege under this Contract shall impair any such right power or privilege or be construed as a waiver of any default or any acquiescence therein. No single or partial exercise of any such right, power or privilege shall preclude the further exercise of such right power or privilege or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege. No waiver shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the party against whom enforcement of such waiver is sought and then only to the extent expressly specified therein.

**13. Severability.**

The Contractor agrees that if any provision of this Contract is found to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, such term or provision shall be deemed stricken and the remainder of the Contract shall remain in full force and effect. Upon determination that any term or provision is invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the parties shall negotiate in good faith to modify this contract so as to affect the original intent of the parties as closely as possible.

**14. Nondiscrimination.**

Contractor agrees that it will abide by all Federal and State labor and employment laws and regulations pertaining to unlawful discrimination prohibiting discrimination against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sexual orientation, disability or national origin, and those conditions contained in Presidential Executive Order number 11246.

**15. Notices.**

All notices given or made pursuant hereto shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered personally, mailed by registered or certified mail (postage paid, return receipt requested) or sent by a nationally recognized overnight courier (providing proof of delivery) to the parties at the following addresses or sent by electronic transmission to the following facsimile numbers (or at such other address or facsimile number for a party as shall be specified by like notice):

Anne Robin  
Behavioral Health Services Administrator  
2180 Johnson Avenue  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401-4535

And to Contractor at:

Aegis Treatment Centers, LLC.

7246 Remmet Avenue  
Canoga Park, CA 91303

Any such notice shall be deemed to have been received if: (a) in the case of personal delivery or facsimile transmission with confirmation retained, on the date of such delivery or transmission; (b) in the case of nationally recognized overnight courier, on the next business day after the date sent; (3) in the case of mailing, on the third business day following posting.

**16. Inspection Rights.**

The Contractor shall allow the County to inspect or otherwise evaluate the quality, appropriateness, and timeliness of services performed under this Contract and to inspect evaluate and audit any and all books, records, and facilities maintained by Contractor and subcontractors, pertaining to such service at any time during normal business hours. Books and records include, without limitation, all physical records originated or prepared pursuant to the performance under this Contract including work papers, reports, financial records and books of account. Upon request, at any time during the period of this Contract, and for

a period of five years thereafter, the Contractor shall furnish any such record, or copy thereof, to County.

**17. Headings.**

The headings contained in this Contract are for reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Contract.

**18. Signatory Authority.**

Contractor warrants that it has full power and authority to enter into and perform this Contract, and the person signing this Contract warrants that he/she has been properly authorized and empowered to enter into this Contract.

**19. Indemnification.**

Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its Board of Supervisors, officers and employees from any and all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, judgments, attorney fees, experts' fees and expenses, liabilities or other losses that may be asserted by any person or entity, including Contractor, and that arise out of or are in any way connected with this Contract, whether in tort, contract, or otherwise. The obligation to indemnify shall be effective and shall extend to all such claims and losses, in their entirety. However, this indemnity will not extend to any claims or losses arising out of the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the County, its officers and employees.

**20. Insurance.**

Contractor, at its sole cost, shall purchase and maintain the insurance policies set forth below on all of its operations under this Contract. All of the insurance companies providing insurance for Contractor shall have, and provide evidence of, an A.M. Best & Co. rating of A:VII or above, unless exception is granted by Risk Manager. Further, all policies shall be maintained for the full term of this Contract and related warranty period if applicable.

Scope and Limits of Required Insurance Policies.

a. Commercial General Liability.

1. Policy shall include coverage at least as broad as set forth in Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability Coverage (CG 00 01) with policy limits of not less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) combined single limit per occurrence. Policy shall be endorsed with the following specific language or contain equivalent language in the policy:
  - i. The County of San Luis Obispo, its officers and employees, is named as an additional insured for all liability arising out of the operations by or on behalf of the named insured in the performance of this Contract.
  - ii. The insurance provided herein shall be considered primary coverage to the County of San Luis Obispo with respect to any insurance or self-insured retention maintained by the County. Further, the County's insurance shall be considered excess insurance only and shall not be called upon to contribute to this insurance.

- iii. The policy shall not be cancelled or materially changed without first giving thirty days prior written notice to the County of San Luis Obispo, Behavioral Health Department.
- b. Business Automobile Policy.
  1. Policy shall include coverage at least as broad as set forth in the liability section of Insurance Services Office Business Auto Coverage (CA 00 01) with policy limits of no less than \$1 million dollars combined single limit for each occurrence. Said insurance shall include coverage for owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles. Policy shall be endorsed with the following specific language or contain equivalent language in the policy:
    - i. The County of San Luis Obispo, its officers and employees, is named as an additional insured for all liability arising out of the operations by or on behalf of the named insured in the performance of this Contract.
    - ii. The policy shall not be cancelled or materially changed without first giving thirty days prior written notice to the County of San Luis Obispo, Department of Behavioral Health.
- c. Workers' Compensation / Employer's Liability Insurance.
  1. Workers' compensation policy shall provide statutory limits as required by State of California. Policy shall be endorsed with the following specific language or contain equivalent language in the policy:
- d. Contractor and its insurer shall waive all rights of subrogation against the County, its officers and employees for workers' compensation losses arising out of this contract.
  - i. The policy shall not be cancelled or materially changed without first giving thirty days prior written notice to the County of San Luis Obispo, Behavioral Health Department.
  - ii. Employer's liability policy shall provide one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per accident for bodily injury or disease.
- e. Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions).
  1. Professional Liability policy shall be appropriate to the Contractor's profession with limits of no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence or claim, \$2,000,000 aggregate.
    - i. The policy shall not be cancelled or materially changed without first giving thirty days prior written notice to the County of San Luis Obispo, Behavioral Health Department.
    - ii. Claims Made Policies: If any of the required policies provided coverage on a claims-made basis:
      - 1) The Retroactive Date must be shown and must be before the date of the contract or the beginning of contract work;
      - 2) Insurance must be maintained and evidence must be provided *for at least five (5) years after completion of the contract work*;

- 3) If coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and *not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a Retroactive Date* prior to the contract effective date, the Contractor must purchase “extending reporting” coverage for a minimum of *five (5) years* after completion of contract work.
- f. Deductibles and Self-Insurance Retentions.
    1. All deductibles and/or self-insured retentions which apply to the insurance policies required herein will be declared in writing and approved by the County prior to commencement of this contract.
  - g. Documentation.
    1. Prior to commencement of work and annually thereafter for the term of this contract, Contractor will provide to the County of San Luis Obispo, Behavioral Health Department properly executed certificates of insurance clearly evidencing the coverage, limits, and endorsements specified in this contract. Further, at the County’s request, the Contractor shall provide copies of endorsements and certified copies of the insurance policies within thirty days of request.
  - h. Absence of Insurance Coverage.
    1. County may direct Contractor to immediately cease all activities with respect to this contract if it determines that Contractor fails to carry, in full force and effect, all insurance policies with coverage levels at or above the limits specified in this contract. Any delays or expense caused due to stopping of work and change of insurance shall be considered Contractor’s delay and expense.

**21. Nonappropriation of Funds.**

During the term of this Contract, if the State or any federal government terminates or reduces it’s funding to County for services that are to be provided under this Contract, then County may elect to terminate this Contract by giving written notice of termination to Contractor effectively immediately or on such other date as County specifies in the notice. In the event that the term of this Contract extends into fiscal year subsequent to that in which it was approved by the County, continuation of the Contract is contingent on the appropriation of funds by the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors or, if applicable, provision of State or Federal funding source. If County notifies Contractor in writing that the funds for this Contract have not been appropriated or provided, this Contract will terminate. In such an event, the County shall have no further liability to pay any funds to the Contractor or to furnish any other consideration under this Contract, and the Contractor shall not be obligated to perform any provisions of this Contract or to provide services intended to be funded pursuant to this Contract. If partial funds are appropriated or provided, the County shall have the option to either terminate this Contract with no liability to the County or offer a Contract amendment to the Contractor to reflect the reduced amount.

**22. Force Majeure.**

Neither the County nor the Contractor shall be deemed in default in the performance of the terms of this contract if either party is prevented from performing the terms of this Contract by causes beyond its control, including without limitation: acts of God; rulings or

decisions by municipal, Federal, States or other governmental bodies; any laws or regulations of such municipal, Federal, States or other governmental bodies; or any catastrophe resulting from flood, fire, explosion, or other causes beyond the control of the defaulting party. Any party delayed by force majeure shall as soon as reasonably possible give the other party written notice of the delay. The party delayed shall use reasonable diligence to correct the cause of the delay, if correctable, and if the condition that caused the delay is corrected, the party delayed shall immediately give the other parties written notice thereof and shall resume performance under this Contract.

### **23. Fiscal Controls.**

Contractor shall adhere to the accounting requirements, financial reporting, and internal control standards as described in the Auditor-Controller Contract Accounting and Administration Handbook, (Handbook) which contains the minimum required procedures and controls that must be employed by Contractor's accounting and financial reporting system, and which is incorporated herein by reference. The handbook may be modified from time to time and contractor shall comply with modifications from and after the date modified. Contractor shall require subcontractors to adhere to the Handbook for any services funded through this contract, unless otherwise agreed upon in writing by County.

- a. The Handbook is available at <http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/AC/>, under Policies and Procedures or at the Auditor-Controller's Office, 1055 Monterey Street Room D220, County Government Center, San Luis Obispo CA, 93408,
- b. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) circulars are available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars>.

### **24. State Audit.**

Pursuant to California Government Code section 8546.7, every county contract involving the expenditure of funds in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) is subject to examination and audit of the State Auditor for a period of three years after final payment under the contract.

### **25. Nondisclosure.**

All reports, information, documents, or any other materials prepared by Contractor under this Contract are the property of the County unless otherwise provided herein. Such reports, information, documents and other materials shall not be disclosed by Contractor without County's prior written consent. Any requests for information shall be forwarded to County along with all copies of the information requested. County shall make sole decision whether and how to release information according to law.

### **26. Conflict of Interest.**

Contractor acknowledges that Contractor is aware of and understands the provisions of Sections 1090 et seq. and 87100 et seq. of the Government Code, which relate to conflict of interest of public officers and employees. Contractor certifies that Contractor is unaware of any financial or economic interest of any public officer or employee of the County relating to this Contract. Contractor agrees to comply with applicable requirements of Government Code Section 87100 et seq. during the term of this Contract.

**27. Immigration Reform and Control Act.**

Contractor acknowledges that Contractor, and all subcontractors hired by Contractor to perform services under this Contract are aware of and understand the Immigration Reform and Control Act (“IRCA”) of 1986, Public Law 99-603. Contractor certifies that Contractor is and shall remain in compliance with ICRA and shall ensure that any subcontractors hired by Contractor to perform services under this Contract are in compliance with IRCA.

**28. Third Party Beneficiaries.**

It is expressly understood that the enforcement of the terms and conditions and all rights of action related to enforcement, shall be strictly reserved to County and Contractor. Nothing contained in this contract shall give or allow and claim or right of action whatsoever by any other third person.

**29. Tax Information Reporting.**

Upon request, Contractor shall submit its tax identification number or social security number, whichever is applicable, in the form of a signed W-9 form, to facilitate appropriate fiscal management and reporting.

**30. Delegation of Authority.**

The component of services covered in this Contract and the related compensation rates are anticipated types and rates for services. Accordingly, the Board of Supervisors delegates to the Behavioral Health Administrator the authority to amend this Contract to exchange, delete, or add to the types of services and/or to increase compensation to Contractor up to the change order limits specified in the County’s Contracting for Services Policy.

Any amendment made pursuant to a delegation of authority will only be effective if, prior to the commencement of services or extension of said Contract, the amendment is memorialized in writing, is approved by County Counsel, and is signed by the Behavioral Health Administrator and does not exceed the change order limits. This delegation of authority is expressly limited as stated herein.

**EXHIBIT E**  
**CONTRACT FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES**

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

**1. Compliance with Health Care Laws.**

Contractor agrees to abide by all applicable local, State and Federal laws, rules, regulations, guidelines, and directives for the provision of services hereunder, including without limitation, the applicable provisions of the Civil Code, Welfare and Institutions Code, the Health and Safety Code, the Family Code, the California Code of Regulations, the Code of Federal Regulations, and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. This obligation includes, without limitation, meeting delivery of service requirements, guaranteeing all client's rights provisions are satisfied, and maintaining the confidentiality of patient records.

**2. No Discrimination In Level Of Services.**

As a condition for reimbursement, Contractor shall provide to and ensure that clients served under this Contract receive at minimum the level of services as required by California and Federal Law.

**3. Nondiscrimination.**

Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended pertaining to the prohibition of discrimination against qualified handicapped persons in all federally assisted programs or activities, as detailed in regulations signed by the Secretary of Health and Human services, effective June 2, 1977, and found in the Federal Register, Volume 42, No.86 dated May 4, 1977.

Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code section 12900 et seq.) and the applicable regulation promulgated thereunder (Title 2 Section 7285 et seq.) The Contractor shall give written notice of its obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other agreement.

Contractor shall not engage in any unlawful discriminatory practices in the admission of beneficiaries, assignments of accommodations, access to programs or activities, treatment, evaluation, employment of personnel, or in any other respect on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, marital status, national origin, age, sexual preference or mental or physical handicap.

**4. Quality Assurance.**

Contractor agrees to conduct a program of quality assurance and program review that meets all requirements of the State Department of Health Care Services. Contractor agrees to cooperate fully with program monitoring or other programs that may be established by County to promote high standards of mental health care to clients at economical costs.

**5. Compliance Plan.**

Contractor and its employees, contractors and agents shall read, acknowledge receipt, and comply with all provisions of the latest edition of the County Mental Health Compliance Plan and Code of Ethics (“Compliance Plan”). The Compliance Plan includes policies and procedures that are designed to prevent and detect fraud, waste and abuse in federal health care programs, as required by Section 6032 of the Deficit Reduction Act (“DRA”). Failure to comply with any Compliance Plan provision, including without limitation, DRA compliance provisions is a material breach of this Contract and grounds for termination for cause. The ethics plan ensures that the conduct of employees reflects the principles of the Mental Health Department to treat consumers, the general public, and other employees with integrity, honesty, courtesy, fairness and to adhere to the requirements set by various federal and statute regulatory agencies. Contractor agrees that all staff employed by Contractor will follow these ethical standards, including compliance with state and federal regulations for safeguarding client information.

Contractor will certify, on an annual basis, that it and all of its employees, contractors and agents have read and received a copy of the Compliance Plan and agree to abide by its provisions, and will orientate staff to enforce established standards to ensure organizational and individual compliance. In addition, at the time Contractor hires a new employee, contractor or agent, Contractor will certify that the individual has read and received a copy of the Compliance Plan and agrees to abide by its provisions.

**6. Compliance with County Cultural Competence Plan.**

Contractor will meet cultural, ethnic and linguistic backgrounds of the clients served, in accordance with the County Cultural Competence Plan, including access to services in the appropriate language and/or reflecting the appropriate culture or ethnic group. Contractor will certify, on an annual basis, that it and all of its employees, contractors and agents have read and received a copy of the County Cultural Competence Plan and agree to abide by its provisions. Contractor will use professional skills, behaviors, and attitudes in its system that ensures that the system, or those being seen in the system, will work effectively in a cross cultural environment.

**7. Training Program.**

Contractor will participate in training programs as provided in Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, Health Information Portability and Accountability Act, and other appropriate regulations, and as required by County.

**8. Record keeping and reporting of services.**

Contractor shall:

- a. Keep complete and accurate records for each client treated pursuant to this Contract, which shall include, but not be limited to, diagnostic and evaluation studies, treatment plans, medication log, progress notes, program compliance, outcome measurement and records of services provided in sufficient detail to permit an evaluation of services without prior notice. Such records shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and County record maintenance requirements.

- b. Submit informational reports as required by County on forms provided by or acceptable to County with respect to Contractor's program, major incidents, and fiscal activities of the program.
- c. Collect and provide County with all data and information County deems necessary for County to satisfy State reporting requirements, which shall include, without limitation, Medi-Cal Cost reports in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code 5651(a)(4), 5664(a) and (b), 5705(b)(3), 5718(c) and guidelines established by DHCS. Said information shall be due no later than 90 days after close of fiscal year of each year, unless a written extension is approved by the County. Contractor shall provide such information in accordance with the requirements of the Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal Cost Reporting System Manual, applicable state manuals and/or training materials, and other written guidelines that may be provided by County to Contractor.

## **9. State Audits.**

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 1810.380, Contractor shall be subject to State oversight, including site visits and monitoring of data reports and claims processing; and reviews of program and fiscal operations to verify that medically necessary services are provided in compliance with said code and the contract between the State and County. If the Contractor is determined to be out of compliance with State or Federal laws and regulations, the State may require actions of the County to rectify any out of compliance issue, which may include financial implications. Contractor agrees to be held responsible for their portion of any action the State may impose on the County.

## **10. Equipment.**

Contractor shall furnish all personnel, supplies, equipment, telephone, furniture, utilities, and quarters necessary for the performance of services pursuant to this Contract with the exception of:

- a. All required Behavioral Health forms;
- b. County may at its option and at County's sole discretion, elect to provide certain equipment which shall remain County property and be returned to the County upon earlier demand by or in no event later than the termination of the Contract. Contractor may at its option use County provided equipment for non-County clients as long as the equipment in any given instance is not for the sole use of non-County clients.

## **11. Other Employment.**

Contractor shall retain the right to provide services at another facility or to operate a separate private practice; subject, however, to the conditions that:

- a. No such private practice shall be conducted or solicited on County premises.
- b. Such other employment shall not conflict with the duties, nor the time periods within which to perform those duties, described in this Contract.
- c. The insurance coverage provided by the County or by the Contractor for the benefit of the County herein is in no way applicable to or diminished by any other employment or services not expressly set forth in this Contract.

**12. Screening for Inspector Generals' Excluded Provider List and Medi-Cal List of Excluded Providers.**

At the time of securing a new employee or service provider, Contractor shall conduct or cause to be conducted a screening and provide documentation to County certifying that its new employee or service provider is not listed on the Excluded Provider List of the Office of the Inspector General or the Medi-Cal List of Excluded Providers. On an annual basis, Contractor shall conduct or cause to be conducted a screening of all employees, contractors or agents and shall sign a certification documenting that neither Contractor nor any of its employees, contractors or agents are listed on the Excluded Provider List of the Office of the Inspector General or the Medi-Cal List of Excluded Providers. Documentation shall be forwarded to the Mental Health Contracts Coordinator for inclusion in the contract file.

**13. State Department of Health Care Services Contract.**

Contractor agrees that this Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws, regulations and contractual obligations of County under its agreement with the State Department of Health Care Services to provide specialty mental health services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries of San Luis Obispo County. (Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services, Welfare and Institutions Code section 5775).

**14. Placement Authority.**

All clients must meet all admission criteria as specified within California Code of Regulations Title 9 prior to placement in Contractor's facility.

**15. Inspection of Records by Local, State or Federal Agency.**

The Contractor shall allow the County, State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Comptroller General of the United States (Government Accountability Office, GAO), and other authorized federal and state agencies, or their duly authorized representatives, to inspect or otherwise evaluate the quality, appropriateness, and timeliness of services performed under this Contract and to inspect, evaluate and audit any and all books, records, and facilities maintained by Contractor, pertaining to such service at any time during normal business hours. Books and records include, without limitation, all physical records originated or prepared pursuant to the performance under this Contract including work papers, reports, financial records, books of account, beneficiary records, prescription files, and any other documentation pertaining to covered services and other related services for beneficiaries. Upon request, at any time during the period of this Contract, and for a period of five years thereafter, the Contractor shall furnish any such record, or copy thereof, to County, State DHCS, HHS, or GAO as requested.

**16. Confidentiality.**

Contractor shall abide by all applicable local, State and federal laws, rules, regulations, guidelines, and directives regarding the confidentiality and security of patient information, including without limitation, Sections 14100.2 and 5328 et seq. of the Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 14100 and 5328 et seq., Section 431.300 et seq. of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and its implementing regulations, including but not limited to Title 45 CFR Parts 142, 160, 162 and 164, and the provisions of Exhibit F, and the Business Associate

Agreement attached to this Contract and incorporated by this reference. Any conflict between the terms and conditions of this Contract and the Business Associate Agreement are to be read so that the more legally stringent terms and obligations of the Contractor shall control and be given effect. Contractor shall not disclose, except as otherwise specifically permitted by the Contract or authorized by the client/patient or the law, any such identifying information without prior written authorization in accordance with State and Federal laws.

**17. License Information.**

Contractor agrees that all facilities and staff including, but not limited to, all professional and paraprofessional staff used to provide services will maintain throughout the term of this Contract, such qualifications, licenses and/or permits as are required by state or local law. Contractor shall provide County a list of all licensed persons who may be providing services under this Contract. The list shall include the name, title, professional degree, license number, and NPI number.

**18. Gifts.**

Gifts may not be charged to this Contract, whether to Contractor staff or anyone else. However, incentive items for youth clients used in a clinical behavioral modification program are allowed with clinical documentation and compliance with established County procedures.

**19. Reports of Death, Injury, Damage or Abuse.**

If the County discovers any practice, procedure, or policy of the Contractor which deviates from the requirements of this Contract, violates federal or state law, threatens the success of the program conducted pursuant to this Contract, jeopardizes the fiscal integrity of such program, or compromises the health or safety of recipients of service, County may require corrective action, withhold payment in whole or in part, or terminate this Contract immediately. If County notifies Contractor that corrective action is required, Contractor shall promptly initiate and correct any and all discrepancies, violations or deficiencies to the satisfaction of the County within thirty (30) days, unless County notifies Contractor that it is necessary to make corrections at an earlier date in order to protect the health and safety of recipients of service.

Contractor agrees to notify the County immediately should Contractor be investigated, charged, or convicted of a health care related offense. During the pendency of any such proceedings, Contractor shall keep the County fully informed about the status of such proceedings and to consult with the County prior to taking any action which will directly impact the County. This Contract may be terminated immediately by County upon the actual exclusion, debarment, loss of licensure, or conviction of Contractor of a health care offense. Contractor will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County for any loss or damage resulting from the conviction, debarment, or exclusion of Contractor or subcontractors.

If Contractor is an in-patient facility, Contractor shall submit its patient admissions and length of stay requests for utilization review through existing hospital systems or professional standards review organizations.

REPORTS OF DEATH, INJURY, DAMAGE, OR ABUSE

- a. Reports of Death, Injury, or Damage. If serious personal injury, or substantial property damage occur in connection with the performance of this Contract and involving County's clients, Contractor shall immediately notify the County's Behavioral Health Administrator by telephone within five days of becoming aware of such incident. In addition, Contractor shall promptly submit to County a written report with all relevant information available to Contractor at the time of the report, which may include: (1) the name and address of the injured /deceased person; (2) the time and location of the incident; (3) the names and addresses of Contractor's employees or agents who were involved with the incident; (4) the names of County employees, if any, involved with the incident; and (5) a detailed description of the incident. In the event of a patient death, Contractor will notify the County and State DHCS as per the requirements CCR Title 9 Section 10195.
- b. Child Abuse Reporting. Contractor shall ensure that all known or suspected instances of child abuse or neglect are promptly reported to proper authorities as required by the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act, Penal Code § 11164, et seq. Contractor shall require that all of its employees, consultants, and agents performing services under this Contract who are mandated reporters under the Act sign statements indicating that they know of and will comply with the Act's reporting requirements.
- c. Elder Abuse Reporting. Contractor shall ensure that all known or suspected instances of abuse or neglect of elderly people 65 years of age or older and dependent adults age 18 or older are promptly reported to proper authorities as required by the Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Protection Act (Welfare and Institutions Code § 15600 Code, et seq.). Such reporting will be done in an anonymous form, without revealing Contractor's company name or that the fact that the patient is in treatment for alcohol or drug abuse. Contractor shall require that all of its employees, consultants, and agents performing services under this Contract who are mandated reporters under the Act sign statements indicating that they know of and will comply with the Act's reporting requirements.

## **20. Disclosure of Unusual Incidents.**

Contractor shall notify the County's Behavioral Health Administrator, by telephone, of the violation of any provision of this Contract within 24 hours of obtaining reasonable cause to believe such a violation occurred. Notice of such violation shall be confirmed by deliver to the County's Behavioral Health Administrator, within 72 hours of obtaining a reasonable cause to believe that such violation occurred, of a written notice which shall describe the violation in detail. Contractor shall comply with state law and the County's policies and requirements concerning the reporting of unusually occurrences and incidents.

## **21. Annual Drug Medi-Cal Fiscal Year End Expenditure Report**

a. For each Fiscal Year this Contract is in effect, Contractor shall provide the County with a copy of a complete Annual Drug Medi-Cal Fiscal Detail Year End Report(s). The Annual Drug Medi-Cal Fiscal Detail Year End Report(s) will be prepared by the Contractor in accordance with the requirements set forth in the State's Fiscal Reporting System requirements. Such report shall be due within 60 days following the end of such fiscal year.

b. Failure to submit a complete Annual Drug Medi-Cal Fiscal Detail Year End Report(s) may result in County withholding any further payments to Contractor under this

Contract at the sole discretion of County until the complete Annual Drug Medi-Cal Fiscal Detail Year End Report(s) is submitted.

**EXHIBIT F**  
**CONTRACT FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES**  
**BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT**

**1. General Provisions and Recitals.**

- a. All terms used, but not otherwise defined below herein, have the same meaning as in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPAA”), the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (“HITECH”), and their implementing regulations at 45 CFR Parts 160 through 165 (“HIPAA regulations”) (collectively along with state law privacy rules as “HIPAA Laws”) as they may exist now or be hereafter amended.
- b. A business associate relationship under the HIPAA laws between Contractor and County arises to the extent that Contractor performs, or delegates to subcontractors to perform, functions or activities on behalf of County under the Agreement.
- c. County wishes to disclose to Contractor certain information pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, some of which may constitute Protected Health Information (“PHI”), as defined by the HIPAA laws, to be used or disclosed in the course of providing services and activities pursuant to, and as set forth, in the Agreement.
- d. The parties intend to protect the privacy and provide for the security of PHI that may be created, received, maintained, transmitted, used, or disclosed pursuant to the Agreement in compliance with the applicable standards, implementation specifications, and requirements of the HIPAA laws.
- e. The HIPAA Privacy and Security rules apply to Contractor in the same manner as they apply to County. Contractor agrees therefore to be in compliance at all times with the terms of this Business Associate Agreement and the applicable standards, implementation specifications, and requirements of the Privacy and the Security rules with respect to PHI and electronic PHI created, received, maintained, transmitted, used, or disclosed pursuant to the Agreement.

**2. Definitions.**

- a. “Administrative Safeguards” are administrative actions, and policies and procedures, to manage the selection, development, implementation, and maintenance of security measures to protect electronic PHI and to manage the conduct of Contractor’s workforce in relation to the protection of that information.
- b. “Breach” means the acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of PHI in a manner not permitted under the HIPAA laws which compromise the security or privacy of the PHI.
  - i. Breach excludes:
    - a. Any unintentional acquisition, access, or use of PHI by a workforce member or person acting under the authority of Contractor or County, if such acquisition, access, or use was made in good faith and within the scope of authority and does

not result in further use or disclosure in a manner not permitted under the Privacy Rule.

- b. Any County PHI that has been inadvertently disclosed shall not be further used or disclosed except in compliance with law.
  - c. A disclosure of PHI where Contractor or County has a good faith belief that an unauthorized person to whom the disclosure was made would not reasonably have been able to retain such information.
- ii. Except as provided in paragraph (a) of this definition, an acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of PHI in a manner not permitted under the HIPAA Privacy Rule is presumed to be a breach unless Contractor demonstrates that there is a low probability that the PHI has been compromised based on a risk assessment of at least the following factors:
- a. The nature and extent of the PHI involved, including the types of identifiers and the likelihood of re-identification;
  - b. The unauthorized person who used the PHI or to whom the disclosure was made;
  - c. Whether the PHI was actually acquired or viewed; and
  - d. The extent to which the risk to the PHI has been mitigated.
- c. "Individual" shall have the meaning given to such term under the HIPAA Privacy Rule in 45 CFR § 160.103 and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 CFR § 164.502(g).
- d. "Physical Safeguards" are physical measures, policies, and procedures to protect Contractor's electronic information systems and related buildings and equipment, from natural and environmental hazards, and unauthorized intrusion required by the HIPAA laws.
- e. "County PHI" means either: (1) PHI disclosed by County to Contractor; or (2) PHI created, received, maintained, or transmitted by Contractor pursuant to executing its obligations under the Contract.

### **3. Obligations and Activities of Contractor as a Business Associate.**

- a. Contractor agrees not to use or further disclose County PHI other than as permitted or required by this Business Associate Agreement or as required by law.
- b. Contractor agrees to use appropriate safeguards and other legally-required safeguards to prevent use or disclosure of County PHI other than as provided for by this Business Associate Agreement.
- c. Contractor agrees to comply with the HIPAA Security Rule at Subpart C of 45 CFR Part 164 with respect to electronic County PHI.
- d. Contractor agrees to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Contractor of a Use or Disclosure of County PHI by Contractor in violation of the requirements of this Business Associate Agreement or HIPAA laws.

- e. Contractor agrees to report to County immediately any Use or Disclosure of PHI not provided for by this Business Associate Agreement of which Contractor becomes aware. Contractor must report Breaches of Unsecured PHI in accordance with the HIPAA laws.
- f. Contractor agrees to ensure that any Subcontractors that create, receive, maintain, or transmit PHI on behalf of Contractor agree to the same restrictions and conditions that apply through this Business Associate Agreement to Contractor with respect to such information.
- g. Contractor agrees to provide access, within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of a written request by County, to PHI in a Designated Record Set, to County or, as directed by County, to an Individual in order to meet the requirements under 45 CFR § 164.524 or any other provision of the HIPAA laws.
- h. Contractor agrees to make any amendment(s) to PHI in a Designated Record Set that County directs or agrees to pursuant to 45 CFR § 164.526 at the request of County or an Individual, within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of said request by County. Contractor agrees to notify County in writing no later than ten (10) calendar days after said amendment is completed.
- i. Contractor agrees to make internal practices, books, and records, including policies and procedures, relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from, or created or received by Contractor on behalf of, County available to County and the Secretary in a time and manner as determined by County or as designated by the Secretary for purposes of the Secretary determining County's compliance with the HIPAA Privacy Rule.
- j. Contractor agrees to document any Disclosures of County PHI or Contractor creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of County, and to make information related to such Disclosures available as would be required for County to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of Disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 CFR § 164.528.
- k. Contractor agrees to provide County or an Individual, as directed by County, in a time and manner to be determined by County, any information collected in accordance with the Agreement, in order to permit County to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of Disclosures of PHI in accordance with the HIPAA laws.
- l. Contractor agrees that to the extent Contractor carries out County's obligation under the HIPAA Privacy and/or Security rules Contractor will comply with the requirements of 45 CFR Part 164 that apply to County in the performance of such obligation.
- m. Contractor shall work with County upon notification by Contractor to County of a Breach to properly determine if any Breach exclusions exist.

#### **4. Security Rule.**

- a. Contractor shall comply with the requirements of 45 CFR § 164.306 and establish and maintain appropriate Administrative, Physical and Technical Safeguards in accordance with 45 CFR § 164.308, § 164.310, § 164.312, and § 164.316 with respect to electronic County PHI or Contractor creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of County. Contractor shall follow generally accepted system security principles and the requirements of the HIPAA Security Rule pertaining to the security of electronic PHI.

- b. Contractor shall ensure that any Subcontractors that create, receive, maintain, or transmit electronic PHI on behalf of Contractor agree through a contract with Contractor to the same restrictions and requirements contained this Business Associate Agreement.
- c. Contractor shall report to County immediately any Security Incident of which it becomes aware. Contractor shall report Breaches of Unsecured PHI in accordance with Paragraph E below and as required by 45 CFR § 164.410.

**5. Breach Discovery and Notification.**

- a. Following the discovery of a Breach of Unsecured PHI , Contractor shall notify County of such Breach, however both parties agree to a delay in the notification if so advised by a law enforcement official pursuant to 45 CFR § 164.412.
  - i. A Breach shall be treated as discovered by Contractor as of the first day on which such Breach is known to Contractor or, by exercising reasonable diligence, would have been known to Contractor.
  - ii. Contractor shall be deemed to have knowledge of a Breach, if the Breach is known, or by exercising reasonable diligence would have known, to any person who is an employee, officer, or other agent of Contractor, as determined by federal or state common law of agency.
  - iii. Contractor’s notification may be oral, but shall be followed by written notification within 24 hours of the oral notification.
- b. Notices shall be sent to the following address:

Behavioral Health Administrator  
2180 Johnson Avenue  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401-4535
- c. Contractor’s notification shall include, to the extent possible:
  - i. The identification of each Individual whose Unsecured PHI has been, or is reasonably believed by Contractor to have been, accessed, acquired, used, or disclosed during the Breach;
  - ii. Any other information that County is required to include in the notification to Individual under 45 CFR §164.404 (c) at the time Contractor is required to notify County or promptly thereafter as this information becomes available, even after the regulatory sixty (60) day period set forth in 45 CFR § 164.410 (b) has elapsed, including:
    - 1. A brief description of what happened, including the date of the Breach and the date of the discovery of the Breach, if known;
    - 2. A description of the types of Unsecured PHI 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);
    - 3. Any steps Individuals should take to protect themselves from potential harm resulting from the Breach;

4. A brief description of what Contractor is doing to investigate the Breach, to mitigate harm to Individuals, and to protect against any future Breaches; and
  5. Contact procedures for Individuals to ask questions or learn additional information, which shall include a toll-free telephone number, an e-mail address, web site, or postal address.
- d. County may require Contractor to provide notice to the Individual as required in 45 CFR § 164.404, if it is reasonable to do so under the circumstances, at the sole discretion of the County.
  - e. In the event that Contractor is responsible for a Breach of Unsecured PHI in violation of the HIPAA Privacy Rule, Contractor shall have the burden of demonstrating that Contractor made all notifications to County consistent with this Paragraph E and as required by the Breach notification regulations, or, in the alternative, that the acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of PHI did not constitute a Breach.
  - f. Contractor shall maintain documentation of all required notifications of a Breach or its risk assessment under 45 CFR § 164.402 to demonstrate that a Breach did not occur.
  - g. Contractor shall provide County all specific and pertinent information about the Breach, including the information listed above, if not yet provided, to permit County to meet its notification obligations under Subpart D of 45 CFR Part 164 as soon as practicable, but in no event later than ten (10) calendar days after Contractor's initial report of the Breach to County.
  - h. Contractor shall continue to provide all additional pertinent information about the Breach to County as it may become available, in reporting increments of five (5) business days after the last report to County. Contractor shall also respond in good faith to any reasonable requests for further information, or follow-up information after report to County, when such request is made by County.
  - i. Contractor shall bear all expense or other costs associated with the Breach and shall reimburse County for all expenses County incurs in addressing the Breach and consequences thereof, including costs of investigation, notification, remediation, documentation or other costs associated with addressing the Breach.
  - j. Contractor shall train and use reasonable measures to ensure compliance with the requirements of this Exhibit by employees who assist in the performance of functions or activities on behalf of County under this Contract and use or disclose protected information; and discipline employees who intentionally violate any provisions.

#### **6. Permitted Use and Disclosure by Contractor.**

- a. Contractor may use or further disclose County PHI as necessary to perform functions, activities, or services for, or on behalf of, County as specified in the Agreement, provided that such use or Disclosure would not violate the HIPAA Privacy Rule if done by County except for the specific Uses and Disclosures set forth below.
  - i. Contractor may use County PHI, if necessary, for the proper management and administration of Contractor.

- ii. Contractor may disclose PHI County discloses to Contractor for the proper management and administration of Contractor or to carry out the legal responsibilities of Contractor, if:
  - 1. The Disclosure is required by law; or
  - 2. Contractor obtains reasonable assurances from the person to whom the PHI is disclosed 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 person and the person immediately notifies Contractor of any instance of which it is aware in which the confidentiality of the information has been breached.
- iii. Contractor may use or further disclose County PHI to provide Data Aggregation services relating to the Health Care Operations of Contractor.
- b. Contractor may use County PHI, if necessary, to carry out legal responsibilities of Contractor.
- c. Contractor may use and disclose County PHI consistent with the minimum necessary policies and procedures of County.
- d. Contractor may use or disclose County PHI as required by law.

**7. Obligations of County.**

- a. County shall notify Contractor of any limitation(s) in County's notice of privacy practices in accordance with 45 CFR § 164.520, to the extent that such limitation may affect Contractor's Use or Disclosure of PHI.
- b. County shall notify Contractor of any changes in, or revocation of, the permission by an Individual to use or disclose his or her PHI, to the extent that such changes may affect Contractor's Use or Disclosure of PHI.
- c. County shall notify Contractor of any restriction to the Use or Disclosure of PHI that County has agreed to in accordance with 45 CFR § 164.522, to the extent that such restriction may affect Contractor's Use or Disclosure of PHI.
- d. County shall not request Contractor to use or disclose PHI in any manner that would not be permissible under the HIPAA Privacy Rule if done by County.

**8. Business Associate Termination.**

- a. Upon County's knowledge of a material breach or violation by Contractor of the requirements of this Business Associate Agreement, County shall:
  - i. Provide an opportunity for Contractor to cure the material breach or end the violation within thirty (30) business days; or
  - ii. Immediately terminate the Agreement, if Contractor is unwilling or unable to cure the material breach or end the violation within (30) calendar days, provided termination of the Agreement is feasible.
- b. Upon termination of the Agreement, Contractor shall either destroy or return to County all PHI Contractor received from County or Contractor created, maintained, or received on behalf of County in conformity with the HIPAA Privacy Rule.

- i. This provision shall apply to all PHI that is in the possession of Subcontractors or agents of Contractor.
  - ii. Contractor shall retain no copies of the PHI.
  - iii. In the event that Contractor determines that returning or destroying the PHI is not feasible, Contractor shall provide to County notification of the conditions that make return or destruction infeasible. Upon determination by County that return or destruction of PHI is infeasible, Contractor shall extend the protections of this Business Associate Agreement to such PHI and limit further Uses and Disclosures of such PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for as long as Contractor maintains such PHI.
- c. The obligations of this Business Associate Agreement shall survive the termination of the Contract.

## **EXHIBIT G**

### **CONTRACT FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES**

#### **QUALIFIED SERVICE ORGANIZATION AGREEMENT**

- 1.** Contractor agrees that it is a Qualified Service Organization to the County within the meaning of 42 Code of Federal Regulations sections 2.11 and 2.12.
- 2.** Contractor acknowledges that in receiving, storing, processing or otherwise dealing with any patient records from County or through performing its obligations per this contract the programs, Contractor is fully bound by 42 Code of Federal Regulations Part 2 and analogous state laws.
- 3.** Contractor further agrees that if necessary, it will resist in judicial proceedings any efforts to obtain access to patient records except as permitted by 42 Code of Regulations Part 2.