

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**ITEM: 3.17  
(ID # 12602)**

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, July 07, 2020

**FROM:** RUHS-BEHAVIORAL HEALTH:

**SUBJECT:** RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: Approve the Behavioral Health Agreement with Telecare Corporation to Operate the Psychiatric Health Facility and Crisis Stabilization Unit Without Seeking Competitive Bids with the Option to Renew for One Additional Year, All Districts. [\$18,618,422 for Two Years; Up to \$1,861,842 in Additional Compensation; 40% Federal Funding, 60% State Funding]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Behavioral Health Agreement with Telecare Corporation to operate the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) and Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) without seeking competitive bids for the term July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$9,171,636 with the option to renew up to one additional year in the amount of \$9,446,786 for a total amount of \$18,618,422 for two years and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign on behalf of the County; and
2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent in accordance with Ordinance 459, based on the availability of fiscal funding and as approved by County Counsel to sign amendments that exercise the options of the agreement including modifications of the statement of work that stay within the intent of the Agreement and sign amendments to the compensation provisions that do not exceed the sum total of ten percent (10%) of the total annual cost of the contract.

**ACTION:**

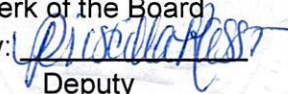
  
Matthew Chang, Director 6/10/2020

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: July 07, 2020  
xc: RUHS-BH, Purchasing

Kecia R. Harper  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$0	\$9,171,636	\$18,618,422	\$0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: 40% Federal, 60% State</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment: No</b>	
			<b>For Fiscal Year: 20/21 – 21/22</b>	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health (RUHS-BH) operates a continuum of care system that consists of County-operated and contracted service providers delivering a variety of mental health treatment services within each geographic region of Riverside County, which includes:

- The CSU provides urgent care service to consumers of all ages with the goal of avoiding the need for inpatient services by alleviating problems, which if not treated, present an imminent threat to the individual or other’s safety or substantially increase the risk of the individual becoming gravely disabled. Service activities include assessment, evaluation collateral contacts, medication support, crisis intervention and therapy.
- The PFH is a sixteen (16) bed adult psychiatric health facility with an intensive treatment program licensed by the California Department of Health Services as an acute inpatient program and designated as a 5150 facility providing involuntary psychiatric care.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

These services are a component of the Department’s system of care aimed at improving the health and safety of consumers and the community.

**Additional Fiscal Information**

There are sufficient appropriations in RUHS-BH FY20/21 budget and no additional County funds are required.


**Contract History and Price Reasonableness**

On June 3, 2014 (#3-59), the Board approved the initial contract with Telecare Corporation awarded via competitive bid Request for Proposal (RFP) #MHARC 142, not to exceed \$10,308,062 through June 30, 2015. The Board, through the Skilled Nursing Facilities Aggregate, approved subsequent renewals on June 30, 2015 (#3-37), May 3, 2016 (#3-16) and May 22, 2018 (#3.24).

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RUHS-BH in conjunction with Purchasing is in process of preparing a new RFP for these services. RUHS-BH intends to release the RFP during the 20/21 fiscal year. Due to the complexity of these services and the current COVID-19 emergency, it is anticipated that an award will not be made until early FY21/22. Continuity of mental health services for this most vulnerable population is crucial; therefore, RUHS-BH is requesting approval to continue contracting with Telecare Corporation until completion of the RFP process.

  
Teresa Summers, Director of Purchasing 6/25/2020

  
Alonzo Barrera 6/29/2020

  
Gregory L. Priamos, Director County Counsel 6/25/2020

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**I. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES**

CONTRACTOR agrees to provide services in the form as outlined and described in Exhibit A, Exhibit B, Exhibit C, Schedule I, Schedule K (if applicable) and any other exhibits, attachments or addendums attached to this Agreement.

**II. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE**

This Agreement shall be effective as of July 1, 2020, and continue in effect through June 30, 2021.

**III. REIMBURSEMENT AND USE OF FUNDS**

**A. Reimbursement**

1. In consideration of services provided by CONTRACTOR, COUNTY shall reimburse CONTRACTOR in the amount and manner outlined and described in Exhibit C and Schedule I or Schedule K, attached to this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall submit their National Provider Identification (NPI) and all other required documentation to the COUNTY before reimbursement can be issued to the CONTRACTOR.
2. In accordance with Section 1903(i) of the Social Security Act, COUNTY is prohibited from paying for an item or service:
  - a. Furnished under contract by any individual or entity during any period when the individual or entity is excluded from participation under title V, XVIII, or XX or under this title pursuant to Sections 1128, 1128A, 1156, or 1842(j)(2) of the Social Security Act.
  - b. Furnished at the medical direction or on the prescription of a physician, during the period when such physician is excluded from participation under title V, XVIII, or XX or under this title pursuant to Sections 1128, 1128A, 1156, or 1842(j)(2) of the Social Security Act and when the person furnishing such item or service knew, or had reason to know, of the exclusion (after a reasonable time period after reasonable notice has been furnished to the person).
  - c. Furnished by an individual or entity to whom the COUNTY has failed to suspend payments during any period when there is a pending investigation of a credible allegation of fraud against the individual or entity, unless the COUNTY determines there is good cause not to suspend such payments.
3. With respect to any amount expended for which funds may not be used under the Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act (ASFRA) of 1997.

**B. Restrictions On Salaries**

CONTRACTOR agrees that no part of any federal funds provided under this Agreement shall be used by the CONTRACTOR, or its Subcontractors to pay the salary of an individual at a rate in excess of Level 1 of the Executive Schedule. Salary schedules may be found at <http://www.opm.gov/oca>. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for making sure that their organization is in full compliance with all applicable Federal, State, County or local salary restrictions in conjunction with performing the services herein.

**C. Union Organizing**

1. CONTRACTOR will not assist, promote, or deter union organizing by employees performing work on a state service contract, including a public works contract.

2. CONTRACTOR will not, for any business conducted under this Agreement, use any state property to hold meetings with employees or supervisors, if the purpose of such meetings is to assist, promote or deter union organizing unless the state property is equally available to the general public for holding meetings.
  3. If the CONTRACTOR incurs costs, or makes expenditures to assist, promote, or deter union organizing, CONTRACTOR will maintain records sufficient to show that no reimbursement from state funds has been sought for these costs, and the CONTRACTOR shall provide those records to the Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health (RUHS-BH) and then to the Attorney General upon request.
- D. Lobbying And Restrictions And Disclosures Certification  
Applicable to federally funded contracts in excess of \$100,000 per 31 U.S.C. Section 1352 and 45 C.F.R. Part 93:
1. Certification and Disclosure Requirements
    - a. CONTRACTOR (or recipient) who requests or receives a contract, sub-contract, grant or sub-grant, which is subject to 31 U.S.C. Section 1352, and which exceeds \$100,000 at any tier, shall file a certification consisting of one page, entitled "Certification Regarding Lobbying" that the recipient has not made, and will not make, any payment prohibited by Subsection B of this provision. CONTRACTOR shall submit the signed Certification Regarding Lobbying, Attachment A attached hereto, to RUHS-BH with the Agreement.
    - b. CONTRACTOR shall file the Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, Attachment B, attached hereto, if any funds other than federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence any officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or any employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this federal grant.
    - c. CONTRACTOR shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.
    - d. CONTRACTOR shall file a disclosure form at the end of each calendar quarter in which there occurs any event that requires disclosure or that materially affect the accuracy of the information contained in any disclosure form previously filed by such person under Paragraph 1.a herein. An event that materially affects the accuracy of the information reported includes:
      - i. A cumulative increase \$25,000, or more in the amount paid or expected to be paid for influencing or attempting to influence a covered federal action;
      - ii. A change in the person(s) or individual(s) influencing or attempting to influence a covered federal action;
      - iii. A change in the officer(s), employee(s), or member(s) contacted for the purpose of influencing or attempting to influence a covered federal action;
      - iv. CONTRACTOR who requests or receives from a person referred to in Paragraph 1.a of this provision a contract, subcontract, grant or sub-grant exceeding \$100,000 at any tier under a contract or grant shall file a certification, and a disclosure form, if required, to the next tier above; and,
      - v. All disclosure forms (but no certifications) shall be forwarded from tier to tier until received by the entity referred to in Paragraph 1.a of this provision. The

CONTRACTOR shall forward all disclosure forms to RUHS-BH Program/Regional Administrator.

**E. Prohibition**

31 U.S.C. Section 1352 provides in part that no Federal appropriated funds may be expended to pay any person influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any of the following covered federal actions: the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, entering into any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement.

**F. National Provider Identifier (NPI)**

All HIPAA covered healthcare providers must obtain an NPI. Provider's site NPIs must be submitted to the RUSH-BH Management Reporting Unit prior to rendering services to clients. CONTRACTORS providing direct or indirect services for State reporting must also submit rendering (individual) provider NPIs and taxonomy code that corresponds with the work they are performing to RUSH-BH Management Reporting Unit for each staff member providing Medi-Cal billable services. CONTRACTOR reimbursement will not be processed unless NPIs are on file with RUHS-BH in advance of providing services to clients. It is the responsibility of each contract provider site and individual staff member that bills Medi-Cal to obtain an NPI from the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES). Each contract site, as well as every staff member that provides billable services, is responsible for notifying the National Plan & Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) within 30 days of any updates to personal information (worksite address, name changes, taxonomy code changes, etc.).

**IV. PROGRAM SUPERVISION, MONITORING AND REVIEW**

A. Pursuant to WIC Section 5608, Title 9 of the C.C.R. and the California Health and Safety Code, services hereunder shall be provided by CONTRACTOR under the general supervision of the COUNTY Director of Behavioral Health, hereinafter called DIRECTOR, or his authorized designee.

1. CONTRACTOR agrees to extend to DIRECTOR or his designee, the COUNTY Contract Monitoring Team, COUNTY Case Management Staff, and other authorized COUNTY, Federal and/or State representatives, the right to enter the program facilities during operating hours to monitor client well-being and the right to review and monitor CONTRACTOR's facilities, programs, policies, practices, books, records, or procedures during operating hours.
2. CONTRACTOR shall participate in the RUHS-BH program monitoring. This consists of contract monitoring by RUHS-BH, which may be annually at the discretion of RUHS-BH, as well as further discretionary reviews occurring on a more frequent basis. Said review may cover clinical, fiscal and/or administrative components.
3. CONTRACTOR further agrees to authorize the COUNTY, under this Agreement, to have access to all COUNTY consumers, to collaborate with treating staff, and to review necessary documents to ensure that the consumer has received all necessary assessments, all necessary treatment planning with measurable goals, and documented progress towards goals.

4. CONTRACTOR agrees to allow COUNTY to collaborate with CONTRACTOR personnel regarding COUNTY consumer aftercare services and continuity of care with the COUNTY.
- B. As it pertains to the COUNTY and Program Monitoring, if at any point during the duration of this Agreement, the COUNTY determines the CONTRACTOR is out of compliance with any provision in this Agreement, the COUNTY may request a plan of correction, after providing the CONTRACTOR with written notification detailing the basis for the finding of non-compliance.
1. Within thirty (30) days of receiving this separate notification, the CONTRACTOR shall provide a written plan of corrective action addressing the non-compliance.
  2. If the COUNTY accepts the CONTRACTOR'S proposed plan of correction, it shall temporarily suspend other punitive actions to give the CONTRACTOR the opportunity to come into full compliance in the area of deficiency.
  3. If the COUNTY determines the CONTRACTOR has failed to implement an appropriate corrective action, CONTRACTOR's funds may be withheld until compliance is fully achieved.
  4. CONTRACTOR shall cooperate with any such effort by COUNTY including follow-up investigation(s) and interview(s) of witnesses. Failure to cooperate or take corrective action may result in further punitive actions and/or termination of this Agreement.
- C. Notwithstanding the above requirement, as the funds associated with this contract are pass-through funds from other state or federal agencies, CONTRACTOR may be subject to programmatic review by agencies of the State of California or the Federal Government. Any disallowance based on a review by the State of California or the Federal Government are the responsibility of the CONTRACTOR.
- D. If this Agreement is terminated in accordance with Section XLI, TERMINATION PROVISIONS, COUNTY may conduct a final audit of the CONTRACTOR. Final reimbursement to CONTRACTOR by COUNTY shall not be made until audit results are known and all accounts are reconciled. Revenue collected by CONTRACTOR during this period for services provided under the terms of this Agreement will be regarded as revenue received and deducted as such from the final reimbursement claim.
- E. Any audit disallowance adjustments may be paid in full upon demand or withheld at the discretion of the DIRECTOR against amounts due under this Agreement or previous year's Agreement(s).
- F. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the COUNTY reserves the right, at any time and without a thirty (30) day written notice, to disallow or withhold CONTRACTOR funding if and when required for material non-compliance as it pertains to any provision of this Agreement.

## V. COMPLIANCE PLAN

RUHS-BH has established an Office of Compliance for purposes of ensuring adherence to all standards, rules and regulations related to the provision of services and expenditure of funds in Federal and State health care programs. CONTRACTOR shall establish its own Compliance Plan/Program and provide documentation to RUHS-BH to evaluate whether the Program is



consistent with the elements of a Compliance Program as recommended by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General. CONTRACTOR's Compliance Program must include the following elements:

A. Designation of a compliance officer who reports directly to the Chief Executive Officer and the Contactor's Board of Directors and compliance committee comprised of senior management who are charged with overseeing the CONTRACTOR's compliance program and compliance with the requirements of this account. The committee shall be accountable to the CONTRACTOR's Board of Directors.

B. Policies and Procedures

Written policies and procedures that articulate the CONTRACTOR's commitment to comply with all applicable Federal and State standards. CONTRACTOR shall adhere to applicable RUHS-BH Policies and Procedures relating to the Compliance Program and/or its own compliance related policies and procedures.

1. CONTRACTOR shall establish and implement procedures and a system with dedicated staff for routine internal monitoring and auditing of compliance risks, prompt response to compliance issues as they arise, investigation of potential compliance problems as identified in the course of self-evaluation and audits, correction of such problems promptly and thoroughly (or coordination of suspected criminal acts with law enforcement agencies) to reduce the potential for recurrence, and ongoing compliance with the requirements under the Contract.
2. CONTRACTOR shall implement and maintain written policies for all RUHS-BH funded employees, and of any contractor or agent, that provide detailed information about the False Claims Act and other Federal and state laws, including information about rights of employees to be protected as whistleblowers.
3. CONTRACTOR shall maintain documentation, verification or acknowledgement that the CONTRACTOR's employees, subcontractors, interns, volunteers, and members of Board of Directors are aware of these Policies and Procedures and the Compliance Program.
4. CONTRACTOR shall have a Compliance Plan demonstrating the seven (7) elements of a Compliance Plan. CONTRACTOR has the option to develop its own or adopt RUHS-BH's Compliance Plan. Should CONTRACTOR develop its own Plan, CONTRACTOR shall submit the Plan prior to implementation for review and approval to:

RUHS-BH Compliance Officer  
P.O. Box 7549  
Riverside, CA 92513

C. Code of Conduct

1. CONTRACTOR shall develop its own Code of Conduct and shall submit the Code prior to implementation to the following RUHS-BH Program for review and approval:

RUHS-BH Compliance Officer  
P.O. Box 7549  
Riverside, CA 92513

2. CONTRACTOR shall distribute to all CONTRACTOR's employees, subcontractors, interns, volunteers, and members of Board of Directors a copy of the Code of Conduct. CONTRACTOR shall document annually that such persons have received, read, understand and will abide by said Code.
- D. Excluded/Ineligible Persons  
CONTRACTOR shall comply with Licensing, Certification and Accreditation Article in this Contract related to excluded and ineligible status in Federal and State health care programs.
- E. Internal Monitoring and Auditing  
CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for conducting internal monitoring and auditing of its agency. Internal monitoring and auditing include, but are not limited to billing and coding practices, licensure/credential/registration/waiver verification and adherence to COUNTY, State and Federal regulations.
1. CONTRACTOR shall take reasonable precaution to ensure that the coding of health care claims and billing for same are prepared and submitted in an accurate and timely manner and are consistent with Federal, State and County laws and regulations as well as RUHS-BH's policies and/or agreements with third party payers. This includes compliance with Federal and State health care program regulations and procedures or instructions otherwise communicated by regulatory agencies including the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or its agents.
  2. CONTRACTOR shall not submit false, fraudulent, inaccurate or fictitious claims for payment or reimbursement of any kind.
  3. CONTRACTOR shall bill only for those eligible services actually rendered which are also fully documented. When such services are coded, CONTRACTOR shall use only correct billing codes that accurately describe the services provided.
  4. CONTRACTOR shall act promptly to investigate and correct any problems or errors in coding of claims and billing, if and when, any such problems or errors are identified by the COUNTY, CONTRACTOR, outside auditors, etc.
  5. CONTRACTOR shall ensure all employees/service providers maintain current licensure/credential/registration/waiver status as required by the respective licensing Board, applicable governing State agency(ies) and Title 9 of the California Code of Regulations.
- F. Response to Detected Offenses  
CONTRACTOR shall respond to and correct detected health care program offenses relating to this Contract promptly. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for developing corrective action initiatives for offenses to mitigate the potential for recurrence.
- G. Compliance Training  
CONTRACTOR is responsible for ensuring its Compliance Officer, and the agency's senior management, employees and contractors attend trainings regarding Federal and State standards and requirements. The Compliance Officer must attend effective training and education related to compliance, including but not limited to, seven elements of a compliance program and fraud, waste and abuse. CONTRACTOR is responsible for conducting and

tracking Compliance Training for its agency staff. CONTRACTOR is encouraged to attend RUHS-BH Compliance trainings, as offered and available.

H. Enforcement of Standards

CONTRACTOR shall enforce compliance standards uniformly and through well publicized disciplinary guidelines. If CONTRACTOR does not have its own standards, the COUNTY requires the CONTRACTOR utilize RUHS-BH policies and procedures as guidelines when enforcing compliance standards.

I. Communication

CONTRACTOR shall establish and maintain effective lines of communication between its Compliance Officer and CONTRACTOR's employees and subcontractors. CONTRACTOR's employees may use CONTRACTOR's approved Compliance Hotline or RUHS-BH's Compliance Hotline (800-413-9990) to report fraud, waste, abuse or unethical practices. CONTRACTOR shall ensure its Compliance Officer establishes and maintains effective lines of communication with RUHS-BH's Compliance Officer and program.

J. In accordance with the Termination provisions of this Agreement, the COUNTY may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice if CONTRACTOR fails to perform any of the terms of the Compliance provisions. At the COUNTY's sole discretion, CONTRACTOR may be allowed up to thirty (30) days for corrective action.

**VI. STATUS OF CONTRACTOR**

- A. This Agreement is by and between the COUNTY and CONTRACTOR and is not intended, and shall not be construed, to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture, or association, as between COUNTY and CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR is, and shall at all times be deemed to be, an independent contractor and shall be wholly responsible for the manner in which it performs the services required. CONTRACTOR assumes the exclusive responsibility for the acts of its employees or agents in the performance of the services to be provided. CONTRACTOR shall bear the sole responsibility and liability for furnishing workers' compensation benefits to any of its employees, agents and/or subcontractors to the extent required by applicable law for any injuries arising from or connected with services performed on behalf of COUNTY pursuant to this Agreement.
- B. CONTRACTOR certifies that it will comply with all applicable state and federal labor laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, those issued by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) of the U.S. Department of Labor and California Division of Occupational Safety and Health.
- C. CONTRACTOR is responsible for payment and deduction of all employment-related taxes on CONTRACTOR'S behalf and for CONTRACTOR'S employees, including, but not limited, to all federal and state income taxes and withholdings. COUNTY shall not be required to make any deductions from compensation payable to CONTRACTOR for these purposes.
- D. CONTRACTOR shall indemnify COUNTY against any and all claims that may be made against COUNTY based upon any contention by a third party that an employer-employee relationship exists by reason of this Agreement.

- E. CONTRACTOR shall indemnify COUNTY for any and all federal or state withholding or retirement payments which COUNTY may be required to make pursuant to federal or state law.
- F. CONTRACTOR shall maintain on file at all times, and as deemed applicable and appropriate for CONTRACTOR, the following, but not limited to, organization status related documentation:
1. Articles of Incorporation;
  2. Any and all Amendment of Articles;
  3. List of Agency's Board of Directors and Advisory Board;
  4. A resolution indicating who is empowered to sign all contract documents pertaining to the agency;
  5. By-laws and minutes of Board meetings; and
  6. All applicable Federal, State and County licenses and certificates.
- G. CONTRACTOR shall comply with the disclosure to COUNTY of ownership, control, and relationship information as required in 42 C.F.R. Sections 455.101 and 455.104 and 455.105 and 455.434 including but not limited to:
1. Any person with a 5% or more direct or indirect ownership interest in the provider must submit fingerprints when applicable." [42 C.F.R. Sections 455.434(b)(1) and (2)].
  2. Contractor will submit the disclosures below regarding the entities' ownership and control. Updated disclosures are required to be submitted with the provider application, before entering into or renewing the contract, within 35 days after any change in the provider's ownership, annually and upon request. Disclosures must include:
    - a. The name and address of any person (individual or corporation) with an ownership or control interest in the network provider.
    - b. The address for corporate entities shall include, as applicable, a primary business address, every business location, and a P.O. Box address
    - c. Date of birth and SSN (in the case of an individual)
    - d. Other tax identification number (in the case of a corporation with an ownership or control interest in the managed care entity or in any subcontractor in which the managed care entity has a 5% or more interest)
    - e. Whether the person (individual or corporation) with an ownership or control interest in the Contractor's network provider is related to another person with ownership or control interest in the same or any other network provider of the Contractor as a spouse, parent, child, or sibling; or whether the person (individual or corporation) with an ownership or control interest in any subcontractor in which the managed care entity has a 5% or more interest is related to another person with ownership or control interest in the managed care entity as a spouse, parent, child, or sibling
    - f. The name of any other disclosing entity in which the Contractor or subcontracting network provider has an ownership or control interest

- g. The name, address, date of birth and SSN of any managing employee of the managed care entity." [42 C.F.R. Part 455.104].

#### **VII. ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE IN STATUS**

- A. An administrative change in status is defined as, but is not limited to, a name change not amounting to a change of ownership, a change in the name of the individual authorized to sign contract documents, moving a facility's service location, when directly related to the services provided hereunder, within the same region, closing a facility with services being offered in another already existing contracted facility, when directly related to the services provided hereunder. If, during the term of the Agreement, there is a change in CONTRACTOR'S administrative status, a detailed description of the change must be submitted to COUNTY in writing on CONTRACTOR'S letterhead as described below. The letter must be signed by the CONTRACTOR's Chairman of the Board or President or Chief Executive Officer, or its designee, and/or a copy of CONTRACTOR's Board minutes authorizing the change be included.
1. Site addresses, business locations, business ownership, must be provided to COUNTY at least sixty (60) days prior to the effective date of the change.
  2. Signatory authority, management, remittance addresses, tax identification numbers, etc. must be to COUNTY within two weeks of the date of change.
- B. CONTRACTOR is responsible for providing to the COUNTY, annually, at the beginning of each fiscal year and upon execution of the CONTRACTOR'S Agreement, emergency and/or after hour contact information for the CONTRACTOR'S organization. CONTRACTOR'S emergency and/or after hour contact information shall include, but is not limited to, first and last name of emergency and/or after hour contact, telephone number, cellular phone number, and applicable address(s). CONTRACTOR shall provide this information to the COUNTY at the same time the CONTRACTOR provides the COUNTY with annual insurance renewals and/or changes to insurance coverage.
- C. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for updating this information, immediately and in writing, when changes in CONTRACTOR'S emergency and/or after hour contact information occurs during the fiscal year or prior to the end of the fiscal year. Written CONTRACTOR'S updates of this information shall be provided to the COUNTY in accordance with Section XLV, NOTICES, of this Agreement.
- D. Other changes to the Agreement may result in a more formal Agreement amendment. Involuntary changes of status due to disasters should be reported to the COUNTY as soon as possible.

#### **VIII. DELEGATION AND ASSIGNMENT**

- A. CONTRACTOR may not delegate the obligations hereunder, either in whole or in part, without prior written consent of COUNTY; provided, however, obligations undertaken by CONTRACTOR pursuant to this Agreement may be carried out by means of subcontracts, provided such subcontracts are approved in writing by the DIRECTOR (or his designee), prior to CONTRACTOR'S finalization of the subcontract, meet the requirements of this Agreement as they relate to the service or activity under subcontract, and include any provisions that the DIRECTOR may require, nor shall any subcontract result in, or imply, the creation of a relationship between the COUNTY and any subcontractor.

- B. No subcontract shall terminate or alter the responsibilities of CONTRACTOR to COUNTY pursuant to this Agreement.
- C. CONTRACTOR may not assign the rights hereunder, either in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of COUNTY. Any attempted assignment or delegation in derogation of this paragraph shall be void.
- D. Any change in the corporate or business structure of CONTRACTOR, such as a change in ownership or majority ownership change resulting in a change to the Federal Tax ID, shall be deemed an assignment for purposes of this paragraph.

#### **IX. ALTERATION**

No alteration or variation of the terms of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the parties hereto and no oral understanding or agreement not incorporated herein, shall be binding on any of the parties hereto.

#### **X. LICENSES**

- A. CONTRACTOR warrants that it has all necessary licenses, permits, approvals, certifications, waivers, and/or exemptions necessary to provide services hereunder, and as required the laws and regulations of the United States, State of California, the County of Riverside and local governments, and all other appropriate governmental agencies.
- B. All Substance Abuse Prevention Treatment (SAPT) providers will be licensed and/or certified as Drug Medi-Cal and Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) providers by the State.
- C. CONTRACTOR agrees to maintain these licenses, permits, approvals, certifications, waivers, and exemptions, etc. throughout the term of this Agreement.
- D. CONTRACTOR shall notify DIRECTOR, or its designee, immediately and in writing of its inability to maintain, irrespective of the pendency of an appeal of such licenses, permits, approvals, certifications, waivers or exemptions.

#### **XI. INDEMNIFICATION**

CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless the County of Riverside, its Agencies, Districts, Special Districts and Departments, their respective directors, officers, Board of Supervisors, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and representatives (individually and collectively hereinafter referred to as Indemnitees) from any liability whatsoever, based or asserted upon any services of CONTRACTOR, its officers, employees, subcontractors, agents or representatives arising out of or in any way relating to this Agreement, including but not limited to property damage, bodily injury, or death or any other element of any kind or nature whatsoever arising from the performance of CONTRACTOR, its officers, employees, subcontractors, agents or representatives Indemnitors from this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall defend, at its sole expense, all costs and fees including, but not limited, to attorney fees, cost of investigation, defense and settlements or awards, the Indemnitees in any claim or action based upon such alleged acts or omissions.

With respect to any action or claim subject to indemnification herein by CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR shall, at their sole cost, have the right to use counsel of their own choice and shall have the right to adjust, settle, or compromise any such action or claim without the prior consent of COUNTY; provided, however, that any such adjustment, settlement or compromise in

no manner whatsoever limits or circumscribes CONTRACTOR'S indemnification to Indemnitees as set forth herein.

CONTRACTOR'S obligation hereunder shall be satisfied when CONTRACTOR has provided to COUNTY the appropriate form of dismissal relieving COUNTY from any liability for the action or claim involved.

The specified insurance limits required in this Agreement shall in no way limit or circumscribe CONTRACTOR'S obligations to indemnify and hold harmless the Indemnitees herein from third party claims.

In the event there is conflict between this clause and California Civil Code Section 2782, this clause shall be interpreted to comply with Civil Code 2782. Such interpretation shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR from indemnifying the Indemnitees to the fullest extent allowed by law.

## **XII. INSURANCE**

Without limiting or diminishing the CONTRACTOR'S obligation to indemnify or hold the COUNTY harmless, CONTRACTOR shall procure and maintain the following insurance coverage during the term of this Agreement. With respect to the insurance section only, the COUNTY herein refers to the County of Riverside, its Agencies, Districts, Special Districts, and Departments, their respective directors, officers, Board of Supervisors, employees, elected or appointed officials, agents, or representatives as Additional Insureds.

### **A. Workers' Compensation**

If CONTRACTOR has employees as defined by the State of California, CONTRACTOR shall maintain Workers' Compensation Insurance (Coverage A) as prescribed by the laws of the State of California. Policy shall include Employers' Liability (Coverage B) including Occupational Disease with limits not less than \$1,000,000 per person per accident. Policy shall be endorsed to waive subrogation in favor of the COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

### **B. Commercial General Liability**

Commercial General Liability insurance coverage, including but not limited to, premises liability, unmodified contractual liability, products and completed operations liability, personal and advertising injury, and cross liability coverage, covering claims which may arise from or out of CONTRACTOR'S performance of its obligations hereunder. Policy shall name the COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE as an Additional Insured. Policy's limit of liability shall not be less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence combined single limit. If such insurance contains a general aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to this Agreement or be no less than two (2) times the occurrence limit.

### **C. Fidelity Bond**

CONTRACTOR agrees to a Fidelity Bond or Crime Insurance policy equal to the maximum Agreement amount. Such coverage shall protect against all loss of money, securities, or other valuable property entrusted by COUNTY to CONTRACTOR and applies to all of CONTRACTOR'S directors, officers, agents and employees who regularly handle or have responsibility for such money, securities or property. The COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE and its Agents shall be named as a Loss Payee as its interests may appear. This insurance shall include third party fidelity coverage, include coverage for loss due to theft, mysterious disappearance, and computer fraud/theft, and shall not contain a requirement for an arrest and/or conviction.

### **D. Vehicle Liability**

CONTRACTOR shall maintain liability insurance for all vehicles or other mobile equipment used in the performance of the obligations under this Agreement in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence combined single limit. If such insurance contains a general aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to this Agreement or be no less than two (2) times the occurrence limit. Policy shall name the COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE as Additional Insured.

E. Professional Liability

CONTRACTOR shall maintain Professional Liability Insurance providing coverage for CONTRACTOR'S performance of work included within this Agreement, with a limit of liability of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 annual aggregate. If CONTRACTOR'S Professional Liability Insurance is written on a 'claims made' basis rather than on an 'occurrence' basis, such insurance shall continue through the term of this Agreement. Upon termination of this Agreement or the expiration or cancellation of the claims made insurance policy CONTRACTOR shall purchase at his sole expense either 1) an Extended Reporting Endorsement (also known as Tail Coverage); or, 2) Prior Dates Coverage from a new insurer with a retroactive date back to the date of, or prior to, the inception of this Agreement; or, 3) demonstrate through Certificates of Insurance that CONTRACTOR has maintained continuous coverage with the same or original insurer. Coverage provided under this section shall continue for a period of five (5) years beyond the termination of this Agreement.

F. General Insurance Provisions - All Lines

1. Any insurance carrier providing insurance coverage hereunder shall be admitted to the State of California and have an A M BEST rating of not less than A: VIII (A:8) unless such requirements are waived, in writing, by the COUNTY Risk Manager. If the COUNTY's Risk Manager waives a requirement for a particular insurer such waiver is only valid for that specific insurer and only for one policy term.
2. The CONTRACTOR must declare its insurance self-insured retention for each coverage required herein. If any such self-insured retention exceed \$500,000 per occurrence each such retention shall have the prior written consent of the COUNTY Risk Manager before the commencement of operations under this Agreement. Upon notification of self-insured retention unacceptable to the COUNTY, and at the election of the COUNTY's Risk Manager, CONTRACTOR'S carriers shall either; 1) reduce or eliminate such self-insured retention as respects this Agreement with the COUNTY, or 2) procure a bond which guarantees payment of losses and related investigations, claims administration, and defense costs and expenses.
3. CONTRACTOR shall cause CONTRACTOR'S insurance carrier(s) to furnish the County of Riverside with either 1) a properly executed original Certificate(s) of Insurance and certified original copies of Endorsements effecting coverage as required herein, and 2) if requested to do so orally or in writing by the COUNTY Risk Manager, provide original Certified copies of policies including all Endorsements and all attachments thereto, showing such insurance is in full force and effect. Further, said Certificate(s) and policies of insurance shall contain the covenant of the insurance carrier(s) that a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice shall be given to the County of Riverside prior to any material modification, cancellation, expiration or reduction in coverage of such insurance. If CONTRACTOR insurance carrier(s) policies does not meet the minimum notice requirement found herein, CONTRACTOR shall cause CONTRACTOR'S insurance carrier(s) to furnish a 30 day Notice of Cancellation Endorsement.



4. In the event of a material modification, cancellation, expiration, or reduction in coverage, this Agreement shall terminate forthwith, unless the County of Riverside receives, prior to such effective date, another properly executed original Certificate of Insurance and original copies of endorsements or certified original policies, including all endorsements and attachments thereto evidencing coverage's set forth herein and the insurance required herein is in full force and effect. CONTRACTOR shall not commence operations until the COUNTY has been furnished original Certificate (s) of Insurance and certified original copies of endorsements and if requested, certified original policies of insurance including all endorsements and any and all other attachments as required in this Section. An individual authorized by the insurance carrier to do so on its behalf shall sign the original endorsements for each policy and the Certificate of Insurance. Certificates of insurance and certified original copies of Endorsements effecting coverage as required herein shall be delivered to Riverside University Health System - Behavioral Health, P.O. Box 7549, Riverside, CA 92513-7549, Contracts Division.
5. It is understood and agreed to by the parties hereto that the CONTRACTOR'S insurance shall be construed as primary insurance, and the COUNTY'S insurance and/or deductibles and/or self-insured retention's or self-insured programs shall not be construed as contributory.
6. CONTRACTOR shall pass down the insurance obligations contained herein to all tiers of subcontractors working under this Agreement.
7. The insurance requirements contained in this Agreement may be met with a program(s) of self-insurance acceptable to the COUNTY.
8. CONTRACTOR agrees to notify COUNTY of any claim by a third party or any incident or event that may give rise to a claim arising from the performance of this Agreement.
9. Failure by CONTRACTOR to procure and maintain the required insurance shall constitute a material breach of the Agreement upon which COUNTY may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement.

**XIII. LIMITATION OF COUNTY LIABILITY**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the liability of COUNTY shall not exceed the amount of funds appropriated in the support of this Agreement by the California Legislature.

**XIV. WARRANTY AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES**

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 any commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by CONTRACTOR for the purpose of securing business.

For CONTRACTOR'S breach or violation of this warranty, COUNTY may, at its sole discretion, deduct from the Agreement price of consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

## XV. NON-DISCRIMINATION

### A. Employment

1. Affirmative Action shall be taken to ensure applicants and employees are treated without regard to their race, religion, color, creed, gender, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, age, marital status, physical, sensory, cognitive or mental disabilities (Age Discrimination Act in Employment [29 C.F.R. Part 1625], Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act [29 C.F.R. Part 1630]). Such affirmative action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, promotion, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rate of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. There shall be posted in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices from DIRECTOR, or his designee, and/or the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission setting forth the provisions of this Section.
2. All solicitations or advertisements for recruitment of employment placed by or on behalf of CONTRACTOR shall state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, color, creed, gender, national origin, age, sexual preference, marital status or physical, sensory, cognitive or mental disabilities.
3. Each labor union or representative of workers with which CONTRACTOR has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding must post a notice advising the labor union or worker's representative of the commitments under this Nondiscrimination Section and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
4. In the event of noncompliance with this section or as otherwise provided by State and Federal law, this Agreement may be terminated or suspended in whole or in part and CONTRACTOR may be declared ineligible for future contracts involving Federal, State, or COUNTY funds.

### B. Services, Benefits, and Facilities

1. CONTRACTOR certifies that CONTRACTOR and any or all of its Subcontractors shall not unlawfully discriminate in the provision of services because of race, religion, color, creed, gender, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, age, familial status, or physical, sensory, cognitive, or mental disability as provided by state and federal law, including, but not limited to, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. Section 2000(d) et seq.); Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. Section 3601 et seq.) Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. Section 6101 et seq.); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 794); Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. Section 1681 et seq.); Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Section 12101 et seq.); 45 C.F.R. Part 84; provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act and regulations promulgated hereunder (Government Code Section 12900 et seq. and 2 C.C.R. Section 7285 et seq.); Government Code Section 11135 et seq.; 9 C.C.R. Section 10800 et seq., 42 CFR Section 438.206(b)(1) and (c)(3), and 42 C.F.R. § 438.6(d)(3) and 42 C.F.R. § 438.3(d)(4).
2. For the purpose of this Agreement, discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, creed, gender, national origin, age, marital status, sexual preference, or physical, sensory, cognitive, or mental disability includes, but is not limited to, the following: denying an

otherwise eligible individual any service or providing benefit which is different, or is provided in a different manner or at a different time, from that provided to others under this Agreement; subjecting any otherwise eligible individual to segregation or separate treatment in any matter related to the receipt of any services; restricting an otherwise eligible individual in any way in the enjoyment of any advantages or privilege enjoyed by others receiving any services or benefit; and/or treating any individual differently from others in determining whether such individual satisfied any admission, enrollment, eligibility, membership, or other requirement or condition which individuals must meet in order to be provided any service or benefit.

3. CONTRACTOR shall further establish and maintain written procedures under which any person, applying for or receiving services hereunder, may seek resolution from CONTRACTOR of a complaint with respect to any alleged discrimination in the provision of services by CONTRACTOR'S personnel. Such procedures shall also include a provision whereby any such person, who is dissatisfied with CONTRACTOR'S resolution of the matter, shall be referred by CONTRACTOR to the DIRECTOR, or his authorized designee, for the purpose of presenting his or her complaint of alleged discrimination. Such procedures shall also indicate that if such person is not satisfied with COUNTY'S resolution or decision with respect to the complaint of alleged discrimination, he or she may appeal the matter to the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). CONTRACTOR will maintain a written log of complaints for a period of ten (10) years.
4. Where services hereunder are provided in a facility under CONTRACTOR'S control, CONTRACTOR will maintain a safe facility in accordance with Title 9 C.C.R. Section 1810.435(b)(2).
5. CONTRACTOR will store and dispense medications in compliance with all applicable State and Federal laws and regulations and COUNTY'S "Medication Guidelines," available from the COUNTY Quality Improvement – Outpatient Division.
6. Where services hereunder are provided in a facility under CONTRACTOR'S control, a completed ADA/504 Self-Evaluation (Access to Services) Plan, including a Checklist for Accessibility must be submitted as a part of the application process requirement for contracting. Existing facilities must provide a current written ADA/504 (Access to Services) Plan to the COUNTY at each renewal, including a current Disability Admission and Referral Policy developed in conjunction with the appropriate RUHS-BH Program Administration.
7. CONTRACTORS that relocate must find space that is accessible. CONTRACTORS that renovate their existing space must meet accessibility standards in order to maintain funding, certification or licensure.
8. CONTRACTORS that are not currently accessible to people with disabilities must have a written and posted referral policy and plan developed in conjunction with the appropriate RUHS-BH Program Administration and consumers must be provided with a copy of this policy.
9. CONTRACTOR shall not be required to provide, reimburse for, or provide coverage of a counseling or referral service if the CONTRACTOR objects to the service on moral or religious grounds.

10. If CONTRACTOR elects not to provide, reimburse for, or provide coverage of a counseling or referral service because of an objection on moral or religious grounds, it must furnish information about the services it does not cover as follows:
  - a. To RUHS-BH Program Administrator
  - b. When contract is executed;
  - c. Whenever CONTRACTOR adopts the policy during the term of the Contract;
  - d. Consistent with the provisions of 42 Code of Federal Regulations part 438.10:
  - e. To potential beneficiaries before and during enrollment; and
  - f. To beneficiaries at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of the policy for any particular service.
11. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that services provided are available and accessible to beneficiaries in a timely manner including those with limited English proficiency or physical or mental disabilities. CONTRACTOR shall provide physical access, reasonable accommodations, and accessible equipment for Medi-Cal beneficiaries with physical or mental disabilities [(42 C.F.R. Sections 438.206(b)(1) and (c)(3)].
12. CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate against beneficiaries on the basis of health status or need for health care services, pursuant to 42 C.F.R. Section 438.6(d)(3). CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate against Medi-Cal eligible individuals who require an assessment or meet medical necessity criteria for specialty mental health services on the basis of race, color, gender, gender identity, religion, marital status, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or mental or physical handicap or disability and will not use any policy or practice that has the effect of discriminating on the basis of race, color, gender, gender identity, religion, marital status, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or mental or physical handicap or disability [42 C.F.R. Section 438.3(d)(4)].

#### **XVI. PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. Section 794) and all requirements as imposed by the applicable Federal Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) regulations (45 C.F.R. Part 84), and all guidelines and interpretations issued pursuant thereto. No qualified person with a disability shall, on the basis of their disability be excluded from participation, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program, service activity or employment opportunity provided by programs licensed or certified under this Agreement or by DHCS.

Further, CONTRACTOR agrees to ensure that deliverables developed and produced, pursuant to this Agreement shall comply with the accessibility requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1973 as amended [(29 U.S.C. Section 794 (d)], and regulations implementing that act as set forth in Title 36 C.F.R. Part 1194. In 1998, Congress amended the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to require Federal agencies to make their electronic and information technology (EIT) accessible to people with disabilities. California Government Code Section 11135 codifies section 508 of the Act requiring accessibility of electronic and information technology.

#### **XVII. REPORTS**

- A. CONTRACTOR shall participate in the COUNTY'S Management Information System (MIS) as required by the Director, or his authorized designee. CONTRACTOR shall report to the program, applicable client and staff related data regarding the CONTRACTOR'S program by the fifth (5th) working day of the following month.

- B. Any provider that receives any public funding AOD treatment services and all Narcotic Treatment Program (NTP) providers must report California Outcome Measurement Service (CalOMS) data for all their clients receiving treatment, whether those individual client services are funded by public funds or not.
- C. CONTRACTOR shall provide the COUNTY with applicable reporting documentation as specified and/or required by the COUNTY, DHCS and Federal guidelines. COUNTY may provide additional instructions on reporting requirements.
- D. CONTRACTOR shall comply with the treatment and prevention data quality standards established by the State. Failure to meet these standards on an ongoing basis may result in withholding funds.
- E. If CONTRACTOR provides SAPT services, CONTRACTOR shall submit DATAR (Drug and Alcohol Treatment Access Reports) to the State, due by the 10th day following the end of each month. All providers must log onto the State DHCS website at <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/default.aspx> and follow the prompts to submit the DATAR Form. In addition, COUNTY will monitor CONTRACTORS DATAR submission on a monthly basis through the DATAR website. Failure to comply with the DATAR requirements may result in the withholding of CONTRACTOR payments until CONTRACTOR is found to be in compliance with this requirement by the Director and/or its designee.
- F. CONTRACTOR shall comply with the State reporting requirements pursuant to 9 C.C.R. Section 10561. Upon the occurrence of any of the events listed hereafter, the CONTRACTOR shall make a telephonic report to the State department licensing staff (hereinafter "State") within one (1) working day. CONTRACTOR shall submit an Adverse Incident Report form Attachment C to the COUNTY within twenty-four (24) hours of the incident and a written report to the State within seven (7) days of the event. If a report to local authorities exists which meets the requirements cited, a copy of such a report will suffice for the written report required by the COUNTY.
1. Events reported shall include:
    - a. Death of any resident from any cause;
    - b. Any facility related injury of any resident that requires medical treatment;
    - c. All cases of communicable disease reportable under 17 C.C.R. Section 2502 shall be reported to the local health officer in addition to the State;
    - d. Poisonings;
    - e. Catastrophes such as flooding, tornado, earthquake or any other natural disaster; and,
    - f. Fires or explosions that occur in or on the premises.
  2. Information provided shall include the following:
    - a. Residents' name, age, sex, and date of admission;
    - b. Date, time and nature of the event;
    - c. Attending physician's name, findings and treatment, if any; and,
    - d. The items below shall be reported to the COUNTY within ten (10) working days following the occurrence.

- i. The organizational changes specified in 9 C.C.R. Section 10531(a) of this subchapter;
  - ii. Any change in the licensee's or applicant's mailing address; and,
  - iii. Any change of the administrator of the facility. Such notification shall include the new administrator's name, address and qualifications.
  
- G. COUNTY reserves the right to perform a further investigation of any and all adverse incidents as outlined in paragraph 6 above at their discretion. Based on the outcome of the adverse incident investigation, COUNTY may suspend CONTRACTOR referrals or terminate CONTRACTOR'S Agreement until COUNTY receives corrective action.
  
- H. If CONTRACTOR provides SAPT services, as a condition of receiving reimbursement from the COUNTY must be engaged in following the five key principles of Evidenced Based Predictors of Change according to the Network for the Improvement of Addiction Treatment (NIATX) as follows:
  - 1. Understand and Involve the Customer
  - 2. Focus on Key Problems
  - 3. Select the right change leader
  - 4. Seek ideas from outside the field and organize
  - 5. Do Rapid Cycle testing
  
- I. The above-mentioned five (5) key principles of change will be used to improve one (1) or more of the following four (4) NIATX project aims:
  - 1. Reduce Waiting times
  - 2. Reduce No-Shows
  - 3. Increase Admissions
  - 4. Increase continuation rates

For NIATX appropriate projects view the NIATX website at: [www.NIATX.net](http://www.NIATX.net).
  
- J. One annual report will be reviewed by the RUHS-BH Substance Use Services Program Administrator or designee each fiscal year during the annual CMT visit for the implementation of one 90-day duration of change, for one of four NIATX project aims. This report is to include the following:
  - 1. Identification of the project aim
  - 2. The base line measure number
  - 3. The change objective: change and percentage
  - 4. The 90 day measure (30 and 60-day measurements, if available): number and change percentage.

- K. CONTRACTOR must adhere to all applicable Federal, State and County reporting requirements as mandated. The COUNTY shall provide necessary instructions and direction to CONTRACTOR regarding COUNTY policies and procedures for meeting requirements.
- L. CONTRACTOR shall report client and staff data about the CONTRACTOR's program and services as required by the DIRECTOR, or its authorized designee, or by the State, regarding the CONTRACTOR's activities as they affect the duties, roles, responsibilities, and purposes contained in this Agreement, and as may be specifically referenced in Exhibit A. COUNTY shall provide CONTRACTOR with at least thirty (30) days prior written notice of any additional, required reports in this matter. COUNTY shall provide instructions on the reporting requirements as required herein.

**XVIII. HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA)**

CONTRACTOR is subject to all relevant requirements contained in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), Public Law 104-191, enacted August 21, 1996, Title 42 C.F.R. Part 2, and the laws and regulations promulgated subsequent thereto. The CONTRACTOR hereto agrees to cooperate in accordance with the terms and intent of this Agreement for implementation of relevant law(s) and/or regulation(s) promulgated under this law.

**XIX. CONFIDENTIALITY**

CONTRACTOR shall maintain the confidentiality of all its records, including but not limited to COUNTY records, patient/client records/charts, billing records, research and client identifying reports, and the COUNTY'S management information system in accordance with WIC Sections 14100.2 and 5328 et seq., 42 C.F.R. Section 431.300 et seq., 42 U.S.C. Section 1320d et seq., the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Parts 142, 160, 162 and 164, and all other applicable COUNTY, State and Federal laws, regulations, ordinances and directives relating to confidentiality and security of client records and information.

- A. Pursuant to its contract with the State Department of Health Care Services, RUHS-BH requires CONTRACTOR adhere to the following data security requirements:

- 1. Personnel Controls

- Employee Training. All CONTRACTORS and its employees who assist in the performance of functions or activities on behalf of RUHS-BH, or access or disclose RUHS-BH Protected Health Information (PHI) or Personal Information (PI) must complete information privacy and security training, at least annually, at CONTRACTOR's expense. Each workforce member who receives information privacy and security training must sign a certification, indicating the member's name and the date on which the training was completed. These certifications must be retained for a period of ten (10) years from the final date of the contract period or from the date of completion of any audit, whichever is later.

- 2. Employee Discipline

- Appropriate sanctions must be applied against workforce members who fail to comply with privacy policies and procedures or any provisions of these requirements, including termination of employment where appropriate.

- 3. Confidentiality Statement

- All persons that will be working with RUHS-BH PHI or PI must sign a confidentiality statement that includes, at a minimum, General Use, Security and Privacy Safeguards,

Unacceptable Use, and Enforcement Policies. The Statement must be signed by the workforce member prior to accessing RUHS-BH PHI or PI. The statement must be renewed annually. The CONTRACTOR shall retain each person's written confidentiality statement for RUHS-BH inspection for a period of ten (10) years from the final date of the contract period or from the date of completion of any audit, whichever is later.

4. Background Check

Before a member of the workforce may access RUHS-BH PHI or PI, a background screening of that worker must be conducted. The screening should be commensurate with the risk and magnitude of harm the employee could cause, with more thorough screening being done for those employees who are authorized to bypass significant technical and operational security controls. The CONTRACTOR shall retain each workforce member's background check documentation for a period of ten (10) years from the final date of the contract period or from the date of completion of any audit, whichever is later.

5. Technical Security Controls

a. Workstation/Laptop Encryption

All workstations and laptops that store RUHS-BH PHI or PI either directly or temporarily must be encrypted using a FIPS 140-2 certified algorithm which is 128bit or higher, such as Advanced Encryption Standard (AES). The encryption solution must be full disk unless approved in writing by RUHS-BH's Office of Information Technology.

b. Server Security

Servers containing unencrypted RUHS-BH PHI or PI must have sufficient administrative, physical, and technical controls in place to protect that data, based upon a risk assessment/system security review.

c. Minimum Necessary.

Only the minimum necessary amount of RUHS-BH PHI or PI required to perform necessary business functions may be copied, downloaded, or exported.

d. Removable Media Devices

All electronic files that contain RUHS-BH PHI or PI data must be encrypted when stored on any removable media or portable device (i.e. USB thumb drives, floppies, CD/DVD, Blackberry, backup tapes, etc.). Encryption must be a FIPS 140-2 certified algorithm which is 128 bit or higher, such as AES.

e. Antivirus Software

All workstations, laptops and other systems that process and/or store RUHS-BH PHI or PI must install and actively use comprehensive anti-virus software solution with automatic updates scheduled at least daily.

f. Patch Management

All workstations, laptops and other systems that process and/or store RUHS-BH PHI or PI must have critical security patches applied with system reboot if necessary. There must be a documented patch management process which determines installation timeframe based on risk assessment and vendor recommendations. At a maximum, all applicable patches must be installed within thirty (30) days of vendor release. Applications and systems that cannot be patched within this time frame due to significant operational reasons must have compensatory controls implemented to minimize risk until the patches can be installed. Application and systems that cannot be patched must have compensatory controls implemented to minimize risk, where possible.

g. User IDs and Password Controls

All users must be issued a unique user name for accessing RUHS-BH PHI or PI. Username must be promptly disabled, deleted, or the password changed upon the



transfer or termination of an employee with knowledge of the password. Passwords are not to be shared. Passwords must be at least eight characters and must be a non-dictionary word. Passwords must not be stored in readable format on the computer. Passwords must be changed at least every ninety (90) days, preferably every sixty (60) days. Passwords must be changed if revealed or compromised. Passwords must be composed of characters from at least three of the following four groups from the standard keyboard:

- i. Upper case letters (A-Z)
- ii. Lower case letters (a-z)
- iii. Arabic numerals (0-9)
- iv. Non-alphanumeric characters (punctuation symbols)

h. Data Destruction

When no longer needed, all RUHS-BH PHI or PI must be wiped using the Gutmann or U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) 5220.22-M (7 Pass) standard, or by degaussing. Media may also be physically destroyed in accordance with NIST Special Publication 800-88. Other methods require prior written permission of RUHS-BH's Office of Information Technology.

i. System Timeout

The system providing access to RUHS-BH PHI or PI must provide an automatic timeout, requiring re-authentication of the user session after no more than twenty (20) minutes of inactivity.

j. Warning Banners

All systems providing access to RUHS-BH PHI or PI must display a warning banner stating that data is confidential, systems are logged, and system use is for business purposes only by authorized users. User must be directed to log off the system if they do not agree with these requirements.

k. System Logging

The system must maintain an automated audit trail which can identify the user or system process which initiates a request for RUHS-BH PHI or PI, or which alters RUHS-BH PHI or PI. The audit trail must be date and time stamped, must log both successful and failed accesses, must be read only, and must be restricted to authorized users. If RUHS-BH PHI or PI is stored in a database, database logging functionality must be enabled. Audit trail data must be archived for at least ten (10) years from the final date of the contract period or from the date of completion of any audit, whichever is later.

l. Access Controls

The system providing access to RUHS-BH PHI or PI must use role based access controls for all user authentications, enforcing the principle of least privilege.

m. Transmission Encryption

All data transmissions of RUHS-BH PHI or PI outside the secure internal network must be encrypted using a FIPS 140-2 certified algorithm which is 128bit or higher, such as AES. Encryption can be end to end at the network level, or the data files containing RUHS-BH PHI can be encrypted. This requirement pertains to any type of RUHS-BH PHI or PI in motion such as website access, file transfer, and E-Mail.

n. Intrusion Detection

All systems involved in accessing, holding, transporting, and protecting RUHS-BH PHI or PI that are accessible via the Internet must be protected by a comprehensive intrusion detection and prevention solution.

6. Audit Controls  
System Security Review. CONTRACTOR must ensure audit control mechanisms that record and examine system activity are in place. All systems processing and/or storing RUHS-BH PHI or PI must have at least an annual system risk assessment/security review which provides assurance that administrative, physical, and technical controls are functioning effectively and providing adequate levels of protection. Reviews should include vulnerability scanning tools.
7. Log Review  
All systems processing and/or storing RUHS-BH PHI or PI must have a routine procedure in place to review system logs for unauthorized access.
8. Change Control  
All systems processing and/or storing RUHS-BH PHI or PI must have a documented change control procedure that ensures separation of duties and protects the confidentiality, integrity and availability of data.
9. Business Continuity/Disaster Recovery Controls
  - a. Emergency Mode Operation Plan  
CONTRACTOR must establish a documented plan to enable continuation of critical business processes and protection of the security of RUHS-BH PHI or PI held in an electronic format in the event of an emergency. Emergency means any circumstance or situation that causes normal computer operations to become unavailable for use in performing the work required under this Agreement for more than 24 hours.
  - b. Data Backup Plan  
CONTRACTOR must have established documented procedures to backup RUHS-BH PHI to maintain retrievable exact copies of RUHS-BH PHI or PI. The plan must include a regular schedule for making backups, storing backups offsite, an inventory of backup media, and an estimate of the amount of time needed to restore RUHS-BH PHI or PI should it be lost. At a minimum, the schedule must be a weekly full backup and monthly offsite storage of RUHS-BH data.
10. Paper Document Controls
  - a. Supervision of Data  
RUHS-BH PHI or PI in paper form shall not be left unattended at any time, unless it is locked in a file cabinet, file room, desk or office. Unattended means that information is not being observed by an employee authorized to access the information. RUHS-BH PHI or PI in paper form shall not be left unattended at any time in vehicles or planes and shall not be checked in baggage on commercial airplanes.
  - b. Escorting Visitors  
Visitors to areas where RUHS-BH PHI or PI is contained shall be escorted and RUHS-BH PHI or PI shall be kept out of sight while visitors are in the area.
  - c. Confidential Destruction  
RUHS-BH PHI or PI must be disposed of through confidential means, such as cross cut shredding and pulverizing.
  - d. Removal of Data  
Only the minimum necessary RUHS-BH PHI or PI may be removed from the premises of CONTRACTOR except with express written permission of RUHS-BH. RUHS-BH PHI or PI shall not be considered "removed from the premises" if it is only being transported from one of CONTRACTOR's locations to another of CONTRACTOR's locations.

- e. Faxing  
Faxes containing RUHS-BH PHI or PI shall not be left unattended and fax machines shall be in secure areas. Faxes shall contain a confidentiality statement notifying persons receiving faxes in error to destroy them. Fax numbers shall be verified with the intended recipient before sending the fax.
- f. Mailing  
Mailings containing RUHS-BH PHI or PI shall be sealed and secured from damage or inappropriate viewing of such PHI or PI to the extent possible. Mailings which include 500 or more individually identifiable records of RUHS-BH PHI or PI in a single package shall be sent using a tracked mailing method which includes verification of delivery and receipt, unless the prior written permission of RUHS-BH to use another method is obtained.

- B. During the term of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall notify COUNTY, immediately upon discovery of any breach of Protected Health Information (PHI) and/or data where the information and/or data is reasonably believed to have been acquired by an unauthorized person. Immediate notification shall be made to the COUNTY Behavioral Health Compliance Officer within two (2) business days of discovery at (800) 413-9990. The CONTRACTOR shall take prompt corrective action to cure any deficiencies and any action pertaining to such unauthorized disclosures as required by applicable Federal, State and or County laws and regulations. The CONTRACTOR shall investigate such breach and provide a written report of the investigation to the COUNTY Behavioral Health Compliance Officer, postmarked within thirty (30) working days of the discovery of the breach to the address as follows:

Attention: Behavioral Health Compliance Officer  
Riverside University Health System - Behavioral Health  
P.O. Box 7549  
Riverside, CA 92513

- C. If the security breach requires notification under Civil Code Section 1798.82, CONTRACTOR agrees to assist the COUNTY in any way, in any action pertaining to such unauthorized disclosure required by applicable, Federal, State and/or County laws and regulations.
- D. For the purposes of the above paragraphs, identifying information is considered to be any information that reasonably identifies an individual in their past, present, or future physical or mental condition. This includes, but is not limited to, any combination of the person's first and last name, address, Social Security Number, date of birth, identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particulars assigned to the individual, such as fingerprint or photograph.

**XX.RECORDS/INFORMATION AND RECORD RETENTION**

All records shall be available for inspection by the designated auditors of COUNTY, State Department of Justice, State DHCS, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S Office of the Inspector General at reasonable times during normal business hours. CONTRACTOR shall retain, all records and documents originated or prepared pursuant to CONTRACTOR's or subcontractor's performance under this Agreement, including beneficiary grievance and appeal records, and the data, information and documentation specified in 42 C.F.R. Parts 438.604, 438.606, 438.608, and 438.610 for a period of no less than ten (10) years from the term end date of this Contract or until such time as the matter under audit or investigation has been resolved. Records include, but are not limited to all physical and electronic records originated or prepared pursuant to the performance under this Agreement including, but not limited to, working papers, reports, financial records or books of account, medical records,

prescription files, subcontracts, any and other documentation pertaining to medical and non-medical services for clients. Upon request, at any time during the period of this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR will furnish any such record or copy thereof, to the COUNTY.

Unless otherwise stated, CONTRACTOR shall include instructions on record retention and include in any subcontract with providers the mandate to keep and maintain records for each service rendered, to whom it was rendered, and the date of service, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 14214.1, 42 C.F.R. Section 433.32, and 22 C.C.R. Section 51341.1.

A. Medical/Client Records

CONTRACTOR shall adhere to the licensing authority, the State Department of Social Services, DHCS and Medi-Cal documentation standards, as applicable. CONTRACTOR shall maintain adequate medical records on each individual patient which includes at a minimum, a client care plan, diagnostic procedures, evaluation studies, problems to be addressed, medications provided, and records of service provided by the various personnel in sufficient detail to make possible an evaluation of services, including records of patient interviews and progress notes. If CONTRACTOR provides SAPT services, all client records shall contain a completed copy of the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) tool and a copy of the Addiction Severity Index (ASI) tool.

B. Financial Records

CONTRACTOR shall maintain complete financial records that clearly reflect the cost of each type of service for which payment is claimed. Fiscal records must comply with Title II, Subtitle A, Part 200 of the C.F.R. regarding the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. Any apportionment of costs shall be made in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and shall evidence proper audit trails reflecting the true cost of the services rendered. Allowable costs shall be those costs defined in Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Manual (CMS 15-1) and the DHCS Drug Fiscal System Manual, if applicable, and any changes thereto. Statistical data shall be kept and reports made as required by the DIRECTOR, or his designee, and the State of California. All such records shall be available for inspection by the designated auditors of COUNTY or State at reasonable times during normal business hours.

C. Financial Record Retention

Appropriate financial records shall be maintained and retained by CONTRACTOR for a minimum of ten (10) years or, in the event of an audit exception and appeal, until the audit finding is resolved, whichever is later.

D. Patient/Client Record Retention

Patient/Client records shall be maintained and retained by CONTRACTOR for a minimum of ten (10) years following discharge of the client. Records of minors shall be kept for ten (10) years after such minor has reached the age of eighteen (18) years. Thereafter, the client file is retained for ten (10) years after the client has been discharged from services.

E. Shared Records/Information

CONTRACTOR and COUNTY shall maintain a reciprocal shared record and information policy, which allows for sharing of client records and information between CONTRACTOR and COUNTY. Except as permitted by law, either COUNTY or CONTRACTOR shall not release these client records or information to a third party without a valid authorization.

F. Records Ownership

COUNTY is the owner of all patient care/client records. In the event that the Agreement is terminated, the CONTRACTOR is required to prepare and box the client medical records so that the COUNTY can archive them. Records are to be in hard copy format, placed in individual file folders and labeled in the following format: last name, first name, middle initial, date of birth, medical records number and last date of service. CONTRACTOR shall coordinate the transfer for records to the COUNTY with the Program/Regional Administrator. The COUNTY is responsible for taking possession of the records and storing them according to regulatory requirements. The COUNTY is required to provide the CONTRACTOR with a copy of any medical record that is requested by the CONTRACTOR, as required by regulations, at no cost to the CONTRACTOR, and in a timely manner.

G. Records Inspection

All records shall be available for inspection by all applicable and designated Federal, State, and County auditors during normal business hours. Records shall include, but are not limited to, all physical and electronic records originated or prepared pursuant to the performance under this Agreement; including, but not limited to, working papers, reports, financial records or books of account, medical records, prescription files, subcontracts, any and other documentation pertaining to medical and non-medical services for clients. Upon request, at any time during the period of this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR will furnish any such records or copies thereof, to the applicable Federal, State and County auditors. CONTRACTOR shall be subject to the examination and audit of the Office of the Inspector General for a period of no less than ten (10) years pertaining to individuals over the age of eighteen (18) years of age related documentation; and no more than ten (10) years pertaining to minor related documentation after final payment under Agreement.

**XXI. STAFFING**

CONTRACTOR shall operate continuously throughout the term of this Agreement in conformance to the staffing expectations as required by state licensing requirements and as may be additionally described in Exhibit A. CONTRACTOR is responsible for ensuring that their personnel are qualified, holding appropriate license(s)/certificate(s) for the services provided in accordance with the WIC Section 5751.2, the requirements set forth in Title 9 of the C.C.R., Health and Safety Code Section 11215 et seq., the Business and Professions Code, DHCS policy letters, and any amendments thereto.

- A. CONTRACTOR shall maintain specific job descriptions/duty statements for each position describing the assigned duties, reporting relationship, and shall provide sufficient detail to serve as the basis for an annual performance evaluation.
- B. During the term of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall maintain and shall provide upon request to authorized representatives of COUNTY, the following:
  - 1. A list of persons by name, title, and professional degree, including, but not limited to, licensing, experience, credentials, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Training, First Aid training, languages spoken, Race/Ethnicity with an option to select "Prefer Not to Say" and/or certification and experience of persons providing services hereunder, and any other information deemed necessary by the DIRECTOR or designee. All certifications should comply with applicable California Health and Safety Code of Regulations.
  - 2. Previously established and/or updated Personnel policies and procedures;

3. Updated personnel file for each staff member (including subcontractors, as approved by COUNTY and volunteers) that includes at minimum the following:
  - a. Resume or employment application, proof of current licensure, all applicable employment related certifications, registration;
  - b. List of all applicable trainings during time of employment to present;
  - c. Annual Job performance evaluation; and
  - d. Personnel action document for each change in status of the employee.
- C. Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. Section 455.434, CONTRACTOR shall conduct criminal background records checks, including fingerprinting on all employees, subcontractors, and volunteers. The CONTRACTOR shall have received a criminal records clearance from the State of California Department of Justice (DOJ) for each employee, subcontractor and volunteer before providing services to RUHS-BH consumers. A signed certification of such clearance shall be retained in each individual's personnel file.
- D. During the term of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR with fifteen (15) or more employees will designate a Disability Access Coordinator. The Access Coordinator is responsible for the development and implementation of the program's ADA/ 504 Self-Evaluation Plan and Annual Updates.
- E. CONTRACTOR shall institute and maintain an in service training program of treatment review and case conferences and/or prevention strategies as appropriate, in which professional and other appropriate personnel shall participate.
- F. The CONTRACTOR recognizes the importance of child and family support obligations and shall fully comply with all applicable State and Federal laws relating to child and family support enforcement, including, but not limited to, disclosure of information and compliance with earnings assignment orders, as provided in Family Code Section 5200 et seq.
- G. CONTRACTOR shall follow all Federal, State and County policies, laws and regulations regarding staffing and/or employee compensation. CONTRACTOR shall not pay or compensate any of its staff, personnel or employees by means of cash. All payments or compensation made to CONTRACTOR staff, personnel and/or employees in association with the fulfillment of this Agreement shall be made by means of staff, personnel and/or employee Certified Payroll only.
- H. CONTRACTOR is responsible for notifying the COUNTY of all changes to indirect and direct personnel service providers that will have an impact on its Electronic Management of Records (ELMR) system. These changes include, but are not limited to, adding new personnel, modifying existing personnel, or terminating personnel. CONTRACTOR is responsible for completing the Computer Account Request Form (CARF) provided by the designated COUNTY Program Analyst, when such changes occur and will have an impact on ELMR data entry or system access. CONTRACTOR shall submit the completed CARF form to Management Reporting Unit via email at MRU\_Support@rcmhd.org
- I. CONTRACTOR staff requiring access to ELMR must submit a Virtual Private Network (VPN) Account Request and Agreement Forms, Attachment D to RUHS-BH Program Support via email at BHProgramSupport@ruhealth.org. Once the VPN account has been established, The COUNTY's designated Program Analyst or designee will communicate with ELMR Support personnel who will contact the CONTRACTOR to provide ELMR access training.

- J. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for confirming the identity and determining the exclusion status of its officers, board members, employees, associates, and agents through routine checks of Federal and State databases. This includes the Social Security Administration's Death Master File, the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES), the List of Excluded Individuals/Entities (LEIE), the System for Award Management (SAM) and the Medical List of Suspended or Ineligible Providers. These databases shall be consulted upon appointment of board members or hiring of employees, associates and agents and no less frequently than monthly thereafter. Pursuant to Exhibit C, Section I.4.c, as part of the monthly invoice submission, CONTRACTOR is required to submit a signed Program Integrity Form (Exhibit C, Exhibit C.A) to COUNTY certifying that they have conducted the required database checks. CONTRACTOR shall notify, in writing within thirty (30) calendar days, if and when any CONTRACTOR'S personnel are found listed on this site and what action has been taken to remedy the matter. CONTRACTOR shall establish their own procedures to ensure adherence to these requirements.

## **XXII. CREDENTIALING**

- A. CONTRACTOR must attest at the time of contract initiation and at minimum every three (3) years thereafter to the following:
1. Any limitations or inability that affect the CONTRACTOR's ability to perform any of the position's essential functions, with or without accommodation;
  2. A history of loss of license or felony conviction;
  3. A history of loss or limitation of privileges or disciplinary activity;
  4. A lack of present illegal drug use; and
  5. The application's accuracy and completeness
- B. For all of CONTRACTOR'S licensed, waived, registered and/or certified employees, CONTRACTOR must verify and document the following items through a primary source, as applicable. The listed requirements are not applicable to all provider types. When applicable to the provider type, the information must be verified by the CONTRACTOR unless the CONTRACTOR can demonstrate the required information has been previously verified by the applicable licensing, certification and/or registration board.
1. The appropriate license and/or board certification or registration, as required for the particular provider type;
  2. Evidence of graduation or completion of any required education, as required for the particular provider type;
  3. Proof of completion of any relevant medical residency and/or specialty training, as required for the particular provider type; and
  4. Satisfaction of any applicable continuing education requirements, as required for the particular provider type.

- C. In addition, CONTRACTOR must verify and document the following information from each clinical staff, as applicable, at the time of contract initiation and every three (3) years thereafter. CONTRACTOR need not verify this information through a primary source:
1. Work history;
  2. Hospital and clinic privileges in good standing;
  3. History of any suspension or curtailment of hospital and clinic privileges;
  4. Current Drug Enforcement Administration identification number;
  5. National Provider Identifier number;
  6. Current malpractice insurance in an adequate amount, as required for the particular provider type;
  7. History of liability claims against the provider;
  8. Provider information, if any, entered in the National Practitioner Data Bank, when applicable. See <https://www.npdb.hrsa.gov/>;
  9. History of sanctions from participating in Medicare and/or Medicaid/Medi-Cal: providers terminated from either Medicare or Medi-Cal, or on the Suspended and Ineligible Provider List, may not participate in the Plan's provider network. This list is available at: <http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/SandILanding.asp>; and
  10. History of sanctions or limitations on the provider's license issued by any state's agencies or licensing boards.

**XXIII. PHYSICIAN INCENTIVE PLAN**

CONTRACTOR is prohibited from offering Physician Incentive Plans, as defined in Title 42 C.F.R. Sections 422.208 and 422.210, unless approved by RUHS-BH in advance that the Plan(s) complies with the regulations.

**XXIV. PROGRAM INTEGRITY REQUIREMENTS**

- A. As a condition for receiving payment under a Medi-Cal managed care program, CONTRACTOR shall comply with the provisions of Title 42 C.F.R. Sections 438.604, 438.606, 438.608 and 438.610. CONTRACTOR must have administrative and management processes or procedures, including a mandatory compliance plan, that are designed to detect and prevent fraud, waste or abuse. Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. Section 438.608 (a)(8), COUNTY shall suspend payments to CONTRACTOR for which there is a credible allegation of fraud.
- B. If CONTRACTOR identifies an issue or receives notification of a complaint concerning an incident of possible fraud, waste, or abuse, CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify RUHS-BH Compliance Officer; conduct an internal investigation to determine the validity of the issue/complaint; and develop and implement corrective action if needed.
- C. If CONTRACTOR's internal investigation concludes that fraud or abuse has occurred or is suspected, the issue if egregious, or beyond the scope of the CONTRACTOR's ability to



pursue, the CONTRACTOR shall immediately report to the RUHS Compliance Officer for investigation, review and/or disposition.

- D. CONTRACTOR shall immediately report to RUHS-BH any overpayments identified or recovered, specifying the overpayments due to potential fraud.
- E. CONTRACTOR shall immediately report any information about changes in a beneficiary's circumstances that may affect the beneficiary's eligibility, including changes in the beneficiary's residence or the death of the beneficiary.
- F. CONTRACTOR shall immediately report any information about a change in contractor's or contractor's staff circumstances that may affect eligibility to participate in the managed care program.
- G. CONTRACTOR shall implement and maintain processes or procedures designed to detect and prevent fraud, waste or abuse that includes provisions to verify, by sampling or other methods, whether services that have been represented to have been delivered by CONTRACTOR were actually furnished to beneficiaries, demonstrate the results to RUHS-BH and apply such verification procedures on a regular basis.
- H. CONTRACTOR understands RUHS-BH, CMS, or the HHS Inspector General may inspect, evaluate, and audit the subcontractor at any time if there is a reasonable possibility of fraud or similar risk.

#### **XXV. PROHIBITED AFFILIATIONS**

- A. CONTRACTOR shall not knowingly have any prohibited type of relationship with the following:
  - 1. An individual or entity that is debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from participating in procurement activities under the Federal Acquisition Regulation or from participating in non-procurement activities under regulations issued under Executive Order No. 12549 or under guidelines implementing Executive Order No. 12549 [42 C.F.R. Section 438.610(a)(1)].
  - 2. An individual or entity who is an affiliate, as defined in the Federal Acquisition Regulation at 48 CFR Section 2.101, of a person described in this section [42 C.F.R. Section 438.610(a)(2)].
- B. CONTRACTOR shall not have a prohibited type of relationship by employing or contracting with providers or other individuals and entities excluded from participation in Federal health care programs (as defined in section 1128B(f) of the Social Security Act) under either Section 1128, 1128A, 1156, or 1842(j)(2) of the Social Security Act [42 C.F.R. Section 438.214(d)(1), 438.610(b); 42 U.S.C. § 1320c-5].
- C. CONTRACTOR shall not have any types of relationships prohibited by this section with an excluded, debarred, or suspended individual, provider, or entity as follows:
  - 1. A director, officer, agent, managing employee, or partner of the CONTRACTOR [42 U.S.C. Section 1320a-7(b)(8)(A)(ii); 42 C.F.R. Section 438.610(c)(1)].
  - 2. A subcontractor of the CONTRACTOR, as governed by 42 C.F.R. Section 438.230. [42 C.F.R. Section 438.610(c)(2)].

3. A person with beneficial ownership of 5 percent (5%) or more of the CONTRACTOR's equity [(42 C.F.R. Section 438.610(c)(3)].
  4. An individual convicted of crimes described in section 1128(b)(8)(B) of the Act [42 C.F.R. Section 438.808(b)(2)].
  5. A network provider or person with an employment, consulting, or other arrangement with the CONTRACTOR for the provision of items and services that are significant and material to the CONTRACTOR's obligations under this Contract [42 C.F.R. Section 438.610(c)(4)].
- D. CONTRACTOR shall not employ or contract with, directly or indirectly, such individuals or entities for the furnishing of health care, utilization review, medical social work, administrative services, management, or provision of medical services, or the establishment of policies or provision of operational support for such services [42 C.F.R. Section 438.808(b)(3)].

**XXVI. PROVIDER ADEQUACY**

- A. CONTRACTOR shall submit to RUHS-BH documentation verifying it has the capacity to serve the expected enrollment in its service area in accordance with the network adequacy standards developed by DHCS. Documentation shall be submitted at each of the following stages:
1. At the time it enters into this Contract with the COUNTY;
  2. On or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month for each contracted site; and
  3. Annually submit rendering provider forms for each staff providing direct services; and
  4. At any time there has been a significant change, as defined by RUHS-BH, in the CONTRACTOR's operations that would affect the adequacy capacity of services, including the following:
    - a. A decrease of twenty-five percent (25%) or more in services or providers available to beneficiaries;
    - b. Changes in benefits;
    - c. Changes in geographic service area; and
    - d. Details regarding the change and CONTRACTOR's plans to ensure beneficiaries continue to have access to adequate services and providers.

Failure to comply with the required Network Adequacy reporting requirements may result in payment hold.

**XXVII. LANGUAGE LINE UTILIZATION**

- A. CONTRACTOR must submit language line utilization detailing monthly use of interpretation services for beneficiaries' face-to-face encounters, telephonic service encounter and 24/7 access line service encounters.
- B. Language line utilization data submission should include the reporting period, the total number of encounters requiring language line services, the language utilized during the encounter requiring language line services, and a reason as to why the services were not provided by a bilingual provider/staff or via face-to-face interpretation for each one of the encounters requiring language line services.

- C. Language line utilization must be submitted to RUHS-BH using the template provided by the RUHS-BH and following the instructions contained on the reporting tool. Completed template must be submitted via email to [ELMRSupport@ruhealth.org](mailto:ELMRSupport@ruhealth.org)

## **XXVIII. TIMELY ACCESS TO SERVICES**

In accordance with 42 C.F.R. Section 438.206(c)(1), the CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements set forth in Title 9 C.C.R. Section 1810.405, and RUHS-BH Policy #267.

### **A. SAPT Services:**

SAPT CONTRACTOR's shall comply with the Timely Access provision identified in Exhibit A. Scope of Work.

### **B. Mental Health Services:**

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the following Timely Access provisions for Mental Health Services:

1. CONTRACTOR will have hours of operation during which services are provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries that are no less than the hours of operation during which the provider offers services to non-Medi-Cal beneficiaries.
2. Routing First Appointments
  - a. Clients who call or walk in to CONTRACTOR's program requesting outpatient mental health services will be offered an appointment in the least restrictive community-based setting with ten (10) business days.
  - b. Clients requesting or being referred for an appointment with a psychiatrist will be offered an appointment with fifteen (15) business days. These requests/referrals will be recorded in the client's chart with the date the request /referral was made.
3. Emergent Appointments  
Clients in need of immediate intervention to prevent significant behavioral health deterioration will be offered a walk-in or scheduled appointment the same day, or will be referred to the closest crisis stabilization unit near to where the client is physically located at that time.
4. Urgent Appointments
  - a. Clients determined to be in need of an urgent appointment where significant behavioral health deterioration is anticipated will be offered an appointment with 48 hours when prior authorization is not required.
  - b. Clients in urgent need of an appointment when prior authorization is required will be offered an appointment within 96 hours.
5. Follow-up Services
  - a. Non-physician, non-urgent appointments will be scheduled within ten (10) days of the request for appointment. This time may be extended if the referring or treating behavioral health professional, or the triage or screening behavioral health professional, as applicable and acting within their scope of practices, determines that a longer waiting time will not have a detrimental impact on the health of the client.
  - b. Periodic office visits to monitor and treat mental health conditions may be scheduled in advance, consistent with professional recognized standards of practice as

determined by the treating licensed mental health provider acting within the scope of their practice.

6. Rescheduled Appointments

In the event that an appointment must be rescheduled, it shall be done in a manner that is appropriate for the client's behavioral health care needs and ensures continuity of care consistent with good professional practices.

7. Appointment Scheduling

Clients will be offered appointments within the timeframes outlined in the paragraphs above. In circumstances where the client declines an appointment within the specified timeframe, this information will be logged, maintained and reported in a manner consistent with county guidelines.

**XXIX. CHARITABLE CHOICE**

A. As Behavioral Health and/or Substance Use service providers and funding recipients, under the State Charitable Choice requirements, CONTRACTOR must adhere to the following:

1. Ensure that CONTRACTOR provides notice to all its clients of their right to alternative services if, when, and where applicable;
2. Ensure that CONTRACTOR refers clients to alternative services if, when and where applicable; and
3. Fund and/or provide alternative service if, when and where applicable. Alternative services are services determined by the State to be accessible, comparable, and provided within a reasonable period of time from another Behavioral Health and/or Substance Use provider (or alternative provider if, when and where applicable) to which the client has no objection.

B. As this Agreement relates to Nondiscrimination and Institutional Safeguards for Religious Providers, the CONTRACTOR shall establish such processes and procedures as necessary to comply with the provisions of Title 42, U.S.C., Section 300x-65 and Title 42, C.F.R. Part 54, (Reference Document 1B) Charitable Choice Regulations. CONTRACTOR shall immediately advise COUNTY of any consumer who has religious objections to CONTRACTOR's program.

**XXX. TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PROTECTION ACT OF 2000**

A. In accordance with the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), CONTRACTOR certifies that at the time the contract is executed, CONTRACTOR will remain in compliance with Section 106(g) of the TVPA as amended (22 U.S.C. Section 7104). The TVPA strictly prohibits any contractor or contractor employee and/or agent from:

1. Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that this contract is in effect;
2. Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time the contract is in effect; or
3. Using forced labor in performance of the contract.

B. Any violation of the TVPA may result in a unilateral termination of this contract without penalty in accordance with 2 CFR Part 175.

**XXXI. IRAN CONTRACT ACT OF 2010**

In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 2204(a), the Contractor certifies that at the time the Contract is signed, the Contractor signing the Contract is not identified on a list created pursuant to subdivision (b) of Public Contract Code Section 2203 (<http://www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Resources/PDLegislation.aspx>) as a person [as defined in Public Contract Code Section 2202(e)] engaging in investment activities in Iran described in subdivision (a) of Public Contract Code Section 2202.5, or as a person described in subdivision (b) of Public Contract Code Section 2202.5, as applicable. Contractors are cautioned that making a false certification may subject the Contractor to civil penalties, termination of existing contract, and ineligibility to bid on a contract for a period of three (3) years in accordance with Public Contract Code Section 2205.

**XXXII. CULTURAL COMPETENCY**

- A. The CONTRACTOR shall participate in the State's efforts to promote the delivery of services in a culturally competent manner to all beneficiaries, including those with limited English proficiency and diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds, disabilities, and regardless of gender, sexual orientation or gender identity. (42 C.F.R. Section 438.206(c)(2). The CONTRACTOR shall participate in the State's efforts to promote the delivery of services in a culturally competent manner to all beneficiaries, including those with limited English proficiency and diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds, disabilities, and regardless of gender, sexual orientation or gender identity. (42 C.F.R. Section 438.206(c)(2).
- B. CONTRACTOR shall adopt the federal Office of Minority Health Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) national standard.
- C. CONTRACTOR shall provide a Cultural Competency Plan annually at COUNTY's request. The plan shall include documented evidence of the following:
  - 1. CONTRACTOR'S cultural competency training schedule and requirements for staff rendering services;
  - 2. CONTRACTOR's policies and procedures for offering alternatives and options to accommodate individual cultural and linguistic needs; and
  - 3. CONTRACTOR's program brochures demonstrating implementation and adherence to a Cultural Competency Plan.
- D. CONTRACTOR shall offer alternatives and options that accommodate individual preference, or cultural and linguistic preferences, demonstrated by the provision of culture-specific programs, provided by the CONTRACTOR and/or referral to community-based, culturally appropriate, non-traditional mental health provider.

**XXXIII. INFORMING MATERIALS**

- A. CONTRACTOR shall provide all COUNTY clients being served by CONTRACTOR with a Notice of Privacy Practices information brochure or pamphlet during the time of the client's first visit. The CONTRACTOR is subsequently responsible for issuing the Notice of Privacy Practices (NPP) information brochure or pamphlet to all clients every three (3) years at a minimum and/or every time the Notice of Privacy Practices information is updated and/or changed. Also, the CONTRACTOR is responsible for having the client or consumer sign, acknowledging receipt of the NPP information, and CONTRACTOR must keep client or

consumer signed acknowledgement on file every three (3) years upon receipt from client or consumer.

- B. All written materials for potential beneficiaries and beneficiaries with disabilities must utilize easily understood language and a format which is typically at 5th or 6th grade reading level, in a font size no smaller than 12 point, be available in alternative formats and through the provision of auxiliary aids and services, in an appropriate manner that takes into consideration the special needs of potential beneficiaries or beneficiaries with disabilities or limited English proficiency and include a large print tagline and information on how to request auxiliary aids and services, including the provision of the materials in alternative formats [42 C.F.R. Section 438.10(d)(6)(ii)]. The aforementioned written materials may only be provided electronically by the CONTRACTOR if all of the following conditions are met:
1. The format is readily accessible;
  2. The information is placed in a location on the CONTRACTOR's website that is prominent and readily accessible;
  3. The information is provided in an electronic form which can be electronically retained and printed;
  4. The information is consistent with the content and language requirements of this agreement; and
  5. The beneficiary is informed that the information is available in paper form without charge upon request and CONTRACTOR provides it upon request within five (5) business days [42 C.F.R. Section 438.10(c)(6)].
- C. CONTRACTOR shall ensure its written materials are available in alternative formats, including large print, upon request of the potential beneficiary or beneficiary with disabilities at no cost. Large print means printed in a font size no smaller than 18 point [42 C.F.R. Section 438.10(d)(3)].
- D. CONTRACTOR shall provide the required information in this section to each beneficiary when first receiving Specialty Mental Health Services and upon request [1915(b) Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services Waiver Section (2)(d)(d), p. 26, attachments 3 and 4; Title 9 C.C.R. Section 1810.360(e)].
- E. CONTRACTOR shall make the RUHS-BH Provider Directory and Beneficiary Handbook available to clients in electronic form and paper format upon request. Both documents are available at <http://www.rcdmh.org/>. Provider shall provide paper copies within five (5) business days without charge to the beneficiary.

#### **XXXIV. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- A. CONTRACTOR shall comply with the conflict of interest safeguards described in 42 C.F.R. Section 438.58 and the prohibitions described in section 1902(a)(4)(C) of the Act [42 C.F.R. Section 438.3(f)(2)].
- B. CONTRACTOR shall employ no COUNTY employee whose position in COUNTY enables him to influence the award of this Agreement or any competing Agreement, and no spouse or economic dependent of such employee in any capacity herein, or in any other direct or indirect financial interest in this Agreement.

#### **XXXV. GRIEVANCE AND FAIR HEARING**

- A. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that staff is knowledgeable of and compliant with State law and RUHS-B policy/procedure regarding the issuance of Notice of Adverse Benefit Determinations (NOABDs). CONTRACTOR shall fax a copy of all NOABDs to RUHS-BH Outpatient Quality Improvement at (951) 955-7203.
- B. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that staff is knowledgeable of and compliant with State law and RUHS-B policy/procedure regarding the issuance of Notice of Adverse Benefit Determinations (NOABDs).
- C. CONTRACTOR shall place the Grievance Procedure and Appeal Procedure pamphlets and forms in readily accessible and visibly posted in prominent locations in beneficiary and staff areas, including beneficiary waiting areas. Self-addressed envelopes for mailing grievances and/or appeals to Outpatient QI will be located next to the descriptions of the Grievance Procedure and the Appeal Procedure. The grievance, appeals, and self-addressed envelopes must be available to the beneficiary and/or beneficiary representative without the beneficiary and/or beneficiary representative having to make a verbal or written request to anyone.
- D. State and Federal law guarantees beneficiaries a right to a Fair Hearing if services are being denied, terminated, or reduced. CONTRACTOR shall comply with the process established by Federal and State laws and regulations.

#### **XXXVI. PATIENTS' RIGHTS**

Patients' rights shall be observed by CONTRACTOR as provided in the Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5325.1, as well as Titles 9 and 22 of the C.C.R., as applicable. COUNTY Patients' Rights Advocates will be given access to clients, clients' records, and facility personnel to monitor the CONTRACTOR'S compliance with said statutes and regulations.

#### **XXXVII. WAIVER OF PERFORMANCE**

No waiver by COUNTY at any time of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed or construed as a waiver at any time thereafter of the same or any other provisions contained herein or of the strict and timely performance of such provisions.

#### **XXXVIII. FEDERAL AND STATE STATUTES**

- A. The subcontractor agrees to comply with all applicable Medicaid laws, regulations, and contract provisions, including the terms of the 1915(b) Waiver and any Special Terms and Conditions.
- B. CONTRACTOR shall adhere to the requirements of 42 C.F.R. Section 438 et seq., Title XXII of the Social Security Act and comply with all other applicable Federal and State statutes and regulations, including but not limited to laws and regulations listed in Exhibit B. Additionally, CONTRACTOR shall be required to establish, written policies and procedures consistent with the following requirements; (ii) monitor for compliance with the written procedures; and (iii) be held accountable for audit exceptions taken by DHCS or COUNTY for any failure to comply with these requirements:
  - 1. Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code, commencing with Section 11760;
  - 2. Title 9 C.C.R. Division 4, commencing with Section 9000;

3. Government Code Section 16367.8;
4. Title 5, Division 2, Part 1, Chapter 1, Article 7 of the California Government Code regarding Federally Mandated Audits of Block Grant Funds Allocated to Local Agencies;
5. Title 42 U.S.C. Sections 300x-21 through 300x-31, 300x-34, 300x-53, 300x-57, and 330x-65 and 66;
6. The Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 (Title 31, U.S.C. Sections 7501-7507) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 revised June 27, 2003 and June 26, 2007.
7. Title 45 C.F.R. Sections 96.30 through 96.33 and Sections 96.120 through 96.137;
8. Title 42, C.F.R. Sections 8.1 through 8.6;
9. Title 21, C.F.R. Sections 1301.01 through 1301.93, Department of Justice, Controlled Substances;
10. State Administrative Manual (SAM), Chapter 7200 (General Outline of Procedures).
11. Title 42 C.F.R. Part 438.
12. Title 22 C.C.R. 51000 et seq. and
13. Exhibit A, Attachment 1, Article III.PP – Requirements for Services (DHCS-COUNTY Agreement).

**XXXIX. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION**

- A. If State funds are utilized to fund this Agreement as specified in Schedule I or Schedule K, the following Drug-Free Workplace requirements shall apply. By signing this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR hereby certifies under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the CONTRACTOR will comply with the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 (Government Code Section 8350 et seq.) and will provide a drug-free workplace doing all of the following:
1. Publish a statement notifying employees that unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of controlled substances is prohibited and specifying actions to be taken against employees for violations, as required by Government Code Section 8355 (a).
  2. Establish a Drug-Free Awareness Program as required by Government Code Section 8355 (a) to inform employees about all of the following:
    - a. The dangers of substance use in the workplace
    - b. The CONTRACTOR's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
    - c. Any available counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
    - d. Penalties that may be imposed upon employees for substance use violations.



3. Provide as required by Government Code Section 8355 (a) that every employee who works on the proposed Agreement:
  - a. Will receive a copy of the CONTRACTOR'S drug-free policy statement, and
  - b. Will agree to abide by the terms of the CONTRACTOR'S statement as a condition of employment on the Agreement.
4. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in suspension of payments under the Agreement or termination of the Agreement or both and the CONTRACTOR may be ineligible for award of future State contracts if the COUNTY determines that any of the following has occurred:
  - a. The CONTRACTOR has made a false certification or,
  - b. Violates the certification by failing to carry out the requirements as noted above.

#### **XL. USE OF FUNDS**

##### **A. Outreach Activities**

Any program receiving Federal funds must agree to do outreach activities for the purpose of encouraging individuals in need of treatment for alcohol and substance abuse to undergo such treatment.

##### **B. No Unlawful Use or Unlawful Use Message Regarding Drugs**

By signing this agreement CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the requirements that information produced through these funds, shall contain a clearly written statement that there shall be no unlawful use of drugs or alcohol associated with the program. Additionally, no aspect of a drug or alcohol- related program shall include any message on the responsible use, if the use is unlawful, of drugs or alcohol (Health and Safety Code Section 11999-11999.3).

##### **C. Limitation on Use of Funds for Promotion of Legalization of Controlled Substances**

None of the funds made available through this Agreement may be used for any activity that promotes the legalization of any drug or other substance included in Schedule I of Section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. Section 812).

##### **D. Restriction on Distribution of Sterile Needles**

No Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant funds made available through this AGREEMENT shall be used to carry out any program that includes the distribution of sterile needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of any illegal drug unless DHCS chooses to implement a demonstration syringe services program for injecting drug users.

##### **E. Limitation on Use of Funds for Religious Activity**

No state or federal funds shall be used by CONTRACTOR or its subcontractors for sectarian worship, instruction, or proselytization. No state funds shall be used by CONTRACTOR or its subcontractors to provide direct, immediate, or substantial support to any religious activity.

#### **XLI. HATCH ACT**

CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (Title 5 U.S.C. Sections 1501-1508), which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with federal funds.

#### **XLII. TERMINATION PROVISIONS**

- A. Either party may terminate this Agreement without cause, upon thirty (30) days written notice served upon the other party.
- B. Termination does not release CONTRACTOR from the responsibility of securing Protected Health Information (PHI) data.
- C. The COUNTY may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice served upon the CONTRACTOR if sufficient funds are not available for continuation of services.
- D. The COUNTY reserves the right to terminate the Agreement without warning at the discretion of the Director or designee, when CONTRACTOR has been accused and/or found to be in violation of any County, State, or Federal laws and regulations.
- E. The COUNTY may terminate this Agreement immediately due to a change in status, delegation, assignment or alteration of the Agreement not consented to by COUNTY.
- F. The COUNTY may terminate this Agreement immediately if, in the opinion of the Director of Behavioral Health, CONTRACTOR fails to provide for the health and safety of patients served under this Agreement. In the event of such termination, the COUNTY may proceed with the work in any manner deemed proper to the COUNTY.
- G. If CONTRACTOR fails to comply with the conditions of this Agreement, COUNTY may take one or more of the following actions as appropriate:
  1. Temporarily withhold payments pending correction of the deficiency;
  2. Disallow (that is deny funds) for all or part of the cost or activity not in compliance; or,
  3. Wholly or partially suspend or terminate the Agreement, and if necessary, request repayment to COUNTY if any disallowance is rendered after audit findings.
- H. After receipt of the Notice of Termination, pursuant to Paragraphs 1 - 7 above, or the CONTRACTOR is notified that the Agreement will not be extended beyond the termination date as specified in Section II, PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE, CONTRACTOR shall:
  1. Stop all services under this Agreement on the date, and to the extent specified, in the Notice of Termination;
  2. Continue to provide the same level of care as previously required under the terms of this Agreement until the date of termination;
  3. If clients are to be transferred to another facility for services, furnish to COUNTY, upon request, all client information and documents deemed necessary by COUNTY to affect an orderly transfer;

4. If appropriate, assist COUNTY in effecting the transfer of clients in a manner consistent with the best interest of the clients' welfare;
  5. Cancel outstanding commitments covering the procurement of materials, supplies, equipment and miscellaneous items. In addition, CONTRACTOR shall exercise all reasonable diligence to accomplish the cancellation of outstanding commitments required by this Agreement, which relate to personal services. With respect to these canceled commitments, the CONTRACTOR agrees to provide a written plan to Director (or his designee within thirty (30) days for settlement of all outstanding liabilities and all claims arising out of such cancellation of commitments. Such plan shall be subject to the approval or ratification of the COUNTY, which approval or ratification shall be final for all purposes of this clause;
  6. Transfer to COUNTY and deliver in the manner, at the times, and to the extent, if any, as directed by COUNTY, any equipment which, if the Agreement had been completed, would have been required to be furnished to COUNTY;
  7. Take such action as may be necessary, or as COUNTY may direct, for the protection and preservation of the equipment related to this Agreement which is in the possession of CONTRACTOR and in which COUNTY has or may acquire an interest; and,
  8. COUNTY shall continue to pay CONTRACTOR at the same rate as previously allowed until the date of termination, as determined by the Notice of Termination.
- I. The CONTRACTOR shall submit a termination claim to COUNTY promptly after receipt of a Notice of Termination, or on expiration of this Agreement as specified in Section II, PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE, but in no event, later than thirty-two (32) days from the effective date thereof, unless an extension, in writing, is granted by the COUNTY.
  - J. In instances where the CONTRACTOR'S Agreement is terminated and/or allowed to expire by the COUNTY and not renewed for a subsequent fiscal year, COUNTY reserves the right to enter into settlement talks with the CONTRACTOR in order to resolve any remaining and/or outstanding contractual issues, including but not limited to, financials, services, billing, cost report, etc. In such instances of settlement and/or litigation, CONTRACTOR will be solely responsible for associated costs for their organizations' legal process pertaining to these matters including, but not limited to, legal fees, documentation copies, and legal representatives. CONTRACTOR further understands that if settlement agreements are entered into in association with this Agreement, the COUNTY reserves the right to collect interest on any outstanding amount that is owed by the CONTRACTOR back to the COUNTY at a rate of no less than 5% of the balance.
  - K. CONTRACTOR shall deliver or make available to RUHS-BH all financial records that may have been accumulated by CONTRACTOR or subcontractor under this Contract, whether completed, partially completed or in progress within seven (7) calendar days of said termination/end date.
  - L. The rights and remedies of COUNTY provided in this section shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

**XLIII. DISPUTE**

In the event of a dispute between a designee of the DIRECTOR and the CONTRACTOR over the execution of the terms of this Agreement, the quality of patient services being rendered, and/or the withholding of CONTRACTOR'S payments due to instances such as material non-compliance or audit disallowances or both, the CONTRACTOR may file a written protest with the appropriate Program/Regional Administrator of the COUNTY. CONTRACTOR shall continue with the responsibilities under this Agreement during any dispute. The Program/Regional Administrator shall respond to the CONTRACTOR in writing within ten (10) working days. If the CONTRACTOR is dissatisfied with the Program/Regional Administrator's response, the CONTRACTOR may file successive written protests up through the RUHS-BH's administrative levels of Assistant Director, and (finally) DIRECTOR. Each administrative level shall have twenty (20) working days to respond in writing to the CONTRACTOR.

Any dispute relating to this Agreement, which is not resolved by the parties, shall be decided by the COUNTY's Purchasing Department's Compliance Contract Officer who shall furnish the decision in writing. The decision of the COUNTY's Compliance Contract Officer shall be final and conclusive unless determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to have been fraudulent, capricious, arbitrary, or so grossly erroneous to imply bad faith. The CONTRACTOR shall proceed diligently with the performance of this Agreement pending the resolution of a dispute.

Prior to the filing of any legal action related to this Agreement, the parties shall be obligated to attend a mediation session in Riverside County before a neutral third party mediator. A second mediation session shall be required if the first session is not successful. The parties shall share the cost of the mediations.

**XLIV. SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this Agreement or application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, or is in contravention of any Federal, State, or County statute, ordinance, or regulation, the remaining provisions of this Agreement or the application thereof shall not be invalidated thereby and shall remain in full force and effect, and to that extent the provisions of this Agreement are declared severable.

**XLV. VENUE**

This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted according to the laws of the State of California. Any action at law or in equity brought by either of the parties hereto for the purpose of enforcing a right or rights provided by this Agreement shall be tried in a court of competent jurisdiction in the County of Riverside and the parties hereby waive all provisions of law providing for a change of venue in such proceedings in any other COUNTY.