

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



ITEM: 3.35
(ID # 29008)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, November 18, 2025

FROM : PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES (DPSS): Ratify and Approve the First Amended and Restated Agreement (DPSS-0004067) with MarSell Consulting and MHS for Domestic Violence Services to increase the total contract aggregate amount by \$329,051 from \$2,274,000 to \$2,603,051 effective July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2027; All Districts. [Total Cost: \$329,051 and up to \$520,610 in additional compensation; Funding: 100% Realignment]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify and Approve the First Amended and Restated Professional Services Agreement DPSS-0004067 with MarSell Consulting and MHS for Domestic Violence Counseling Services to increase the total aggregate amount by \$329,051 from \$2,274,000 to \$2,603,051, effective July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2027, and authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the Agreement on behalf of the County, and;
2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue Purchase Orders for any goods and/or services rendered; and
3. Authorize the Purchasing Agent, in accordance with Ordinance No. 459, based on the availability of fiscal funding and as approved to form by County Counsel to (a) sign amendments that make modifications to the scope of services that stay within the intent of the Agreement; and (b) sign amendments to the compensation provisions that do not exceed the sum total of twenty percent (20%) of the total annual cost of the agreement

ACTION:Policy



Charity Douglas, DPSS Director

10/27/2025

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: November 18, 2025
xc: DPSS

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$207,509	\$121,542	\$ 329,051	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% Realignment			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 24/25 -26/27	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) 10601.2 requires Riverside County to develop and implement a System Improvement Plan (SIP) that focuses on improving outcomes for children in the Child Welfare System. The focus of Riverside County's SIP is reducing the incidence of child maltreatment and continued improvement of placement stability, reunification indicators and foster care re-entry outcomes. Through the domestic violence counseling services, DPSS can meet these outcomes, while also meeting the unique needs of the population that is served.

The number of clients seeking domestic violence services from DPSS has increased across Riverside County. This increase will continue to provide domestic violence support to families who are at risk and/or reported for maltreatment.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

To ensure domestic violence counseling services, virtual or in-person will continue to serve clients of Riverside County.

Additional Fiscal Information

The total annual payments to MarSell Consulting and MHS shall not exceed:

FISCAL YEAR PERIOD	ANNUAL PAYMENT	INCREASE	AMENDED PAYMENT
July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	\$454,800.00		\$454,800.00
July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024	\$454,800.00		\$454,800.00
July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025	\$454,800.00	\$85,967.00	\$540,767.00
July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026	\$454,800.00	\$121,542.00	\$576,342.00
July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027	\$454,800.00	\$121,542.00	\$576,342.00
Total:	\$2,274,000.00	\$329,051.00	\$2,603,051.00

Contract History and Price Reasonableness

On October 6, 2021, Riverside County Purchasing and Fleet Services on behalf of Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) released Request for Proposal (RFP) #DPARC-593 for Domestic Violence Counseling Services. More than 180 companies were notified of the bid opportunity via the Public Purchase bidding platform and the solicitation resulted in a multi-award to three (3) vendors: MarSell Consulting and MHS, McKinley Children's Center, Inc., dba

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"McKinley" and Cox Romain. The Board of Supervisors approved Professional Service Agreements with all three vendors on June 28, 2022, Agenda Item #3.37.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: DPSS-0004067 – First Amended and Restated MarSell Consulting and MHS– Domestic Violence Agreement


Melissa Curtis, Deputy Director of Purchasing and Fleet 11/4/2025

**County of Riverside Department of Public Social Services
Contracts Administration Unit
10281 Kidd Street
Riverside, CA 92503**

and

**MarSell Consulting and MHS, a California stock corporation
Domestic Violence Counseling Services
DPSS-0004067**

Ratification and First Amended and Restated Agreement



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This Ratification and Amended and Restated Agreement DPSS-0004067 to provide Domestic Violence Services (herein referred to as "Agreement") is made by and between MarSell Consulting and MHS, a California stock corporation (herein referred to as "CONTRACTOR"), and the County of Riverside, a political subdivision of the State of California, on behalf of its Department of Public Social Services (herein referred to as "COUNTY"). The parties agree as follows:

RECITALS

WHEREAS, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR previously entered into that certain Professional Services Agreement for Domestic Violence Services, approved by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors on June 28, 2022, Agenda Item 3.37 and effective July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2027; and,

WHEREAS, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR previously entered into that certain Amendment No. 1 to Agreement DPSS-0004067, executed on October 20, 2022, to modify the Lagging Indicators, Evaluation Data Reporting and Other Reports; and,

WHEREAS, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR previously entered into that certain Amendment No. 2 to Agreement DPSS-0004067, executed May 6, 2025, Item 3.36 effective February 1, 2025, to increase the aggregate budget for FY24/25 through FY26/27 by \$329,051 from \$2,274,000 to \$2,603,051; to amend the Schedule A "Payment Provisions" and Schedule B to include translation language and reflect current needs/practices; and,

WHEREAS, following execution of Amendment No. 2, the Parties identified a clerical error regarding the effective dates for both the budget increase and amended scope components; and,

WHEREAS, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR now desire to clarify the budget increase and amended scope components by ratifying and restating the agreement, all in accordance with terms and conditions of the original agreement; and,

WHEREAS, upon the effectiveness of this Agreement, the original agreement and Amendment No. 1 and 2 shall be superseded and replaced in its entirety by this Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, this Agreement shall be effective July 1, 2022.

The parties agree as follows:

1. **DEFINITIONS**
 - A. "Agreement" refers to the terms and conditions, schedules, and attachments included herein.
 - B. "Child and Family Team Meetings (CFTM)" refers to meetings scheduled in DPSS operational regions to meet goals and objectives that stabilize and maintain placements. CFTMs may involve community members and service providers along with family members and caregivers to reach a group consensus regarding safety and placement decisions for the child.
 - C. "Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)" Individual (Perpetrators) refers to aim to change behavior through the collaborative therapeutic relationship, exposure of distorted cognitions, problem solving and affect regulation techniques.
 - D. "Cognitive Behavioral-Trauma Focused Therapy" Individual (Victims) refers to a short-term treatment focused on psychoeducation of emotional and behavioral reactions to trauma. Focuses on affecting regulation, relaxation techniques, cognitive processing, trauma narration and exposure exercises.
 - E. "CONTRACTOR" refers to MarSell Consulting and MHS including its employees, agents, representatives, subcontractors, and suppliers.

- F. "CSD-CAFÉ" refers to Children and Family Evaluation team.
- G. "Domestic Violence" refers to abuse committed against an adult or minor who is a spouse, former spouse, cohabitant, former cohabitant, or person with whom the suspect has a child or is having or has had a dating or engagement relationship. For purposes of this subdivision, "cohabitant means two unrelated adult persons living together for a substantial period of time, resulting in some permanency of relationship". Factors that may determine whether persons are cohabitating include, but are not limited to:
1. Sexual relations between the parties while sharing the same living quarters;
 2. Sharing of income or expenses;
 3. Joint use or ownership of property;
 4. Whether the parties hold themselves out as husband and wife;
 5. The continuity of the relationship; and
 6. The length of the relationship.
- H. "Domestic Violence Offender Treatment Curriculum" refers to a Manual that uses a combination of evidence informed neuroscience and cognitive-behavioral therapy focused on "power and control" and "safety for all".
- I. "DPSS" or "COUNTY" refers to the County of Riverside and its Department of Public Social Services, which has administrative responsibility for this Agreement. DPSS and COUNTY are used interchangeably in this Agreement.
- J. "Family" or "Household Members" refers to the following persons:
1. Persons related by blood or marriage;
 2. Persons legally married to one another;
 3. Persons formerly married to one another regardless of whether they still reside in the same household;
 4. Persons who have a child in common regardless of whether such persons are married or have lived together at any time;
 5. Unrelated persons who are continually or at regular intervals living in the same household or who have in past continually or at regular intervals lived in the same household; or
 6. Unrelated persons who have had intimate or continuous social contact with one another and who have access to one another's household.
- K. "HIPAA" refers to the Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act.
- L. "Joint Operational Meeting" or "JOM" refers to meetings that are typically scheduled every three to six months so that DPSS and the service provider can discuss the partnership, services, successes, challenges, or other items of relevance to the program and service delivery.
- M. "Licensed Clinical Therapist" refers to a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Licensed Educational Psychologist, Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor, or Licensed Psychologist in accordance with the guidelines of the State of California Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) or Board of Psychology (BOP). Credentials must be current, active and in clear status with the BBS or BOP for the entire duration of this Agreement.
- N. "Non-residential program for victims/survivors of domestic violence" refers to any program operated by a not-for-profit organization for the purpose of providing non-residential services for victims/survivors of domestic violence including, but not limited to, telephone hotline assistance, information and referral services, advocacy, therapy, and community education/outreach activities.

- O. "Not-for-profit organization" refers to any organization which is incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation or religious corporation under the laws of this State or which provides care and/or services in the State and has been granted a federal tax exempt status.
- P. "Perpetrator/Batterer" refers to a person who has been accused of inflicting domestic violence.
- Q. "Registered intern" refers to a pre-licensed registered Associate Marriage and Family Therapist (AMFT), Associate Clinical Social Worker (ACSW), Associate Professional Clinical Counselor (APCC) or Psychologist Intern in accordance with the guidelines of the State of California Board of Behavioral Sciences/California Board of Psychology. Credentials of all facilitators must be current, active, and in clear status with the BBS/Board of Psychology for the entire duration of this Agreement.
- R. "Residential program for victims/survivors of domestic violence" refers to any residential program approved by the County and operated by a not-for-profit organization for the purpose of providing temporary shelter, emergency services, and care to victims/survivors of domestic violence.
- S. "Seeking Safety" refers to a present focused, coping skill therapy treatment focused on setting boundaries, establishing healthy relationships, community resources, creating meaning, self-care and self-nurturing.
- T. "STOP Domestic Violence" refers to Innovative Skills, Techniques, Options, and Plans for Better Relationships: widely used evidence informed manual to help perpetrators examine behaviors and beliefs and develop new tools to improve relationships.
- U. "Supervised Intern" refers to an Associate Marriage and Family Therapist (AMFT), Associate Professional Clinical Counselor (APCC), or an Associate Clinical Social Worker (ACSW) who is gaining experience under the supervision of a licensed mental health professional who meets the requirements to supervise such hours according to the Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) regulations. See www.bbs.ca.gov
- V. "Trauma Affect Regulation-Group (Victims)" refers to a trauma-focused psychotherapy that teaches skills for processing trauma by helping individual regulate emotions and gain control over stress reactions.
- W. "Trauma Recovery and Empowerment-Group (Victims)" refers to a group intervention model that focuses on empowerment, self-monitoring to crease safe physical and emotional boundaries and skill building including communication-style, decision making and regulating feelings.
- X. "Victim/Survivor" refers to a person who is subjected to domestic violence.

2. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

CONTRACTOR shall provide all services at the prices stated in Schedule A, Payment Provisions, and as outlined and specified in Schedule B, Scope of Services, and Attachment I HIPAA Business Associate Agreement, Attachment II PII Privacy and Security Standards, Attachment III Assurance of Compliance, and Attachment IV DPSS 2076A, DPSS 2076B & Instructions.

3. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

This Agreement shall be effective July 1, 2022 (herein referred to as "Effective Date") and continue through June 30, 2027, unless terminated earlier. CONTRACTOR shall commence performance upon the Effective Date and shall diligently and continuously perform thereafter.

4. COMPENSATION

COUNTY shall pay CONTRACTOR for services performed, products provided or expenses incurred in accordance with Schedule A, "Payment Provisions. COUNTY is not responsible for any fees or costs incurred above or beyond the contracted amount and shall have no obligation to purchase any specified amount of services or product. Unless otherwise specifically stated in Schedule A, COUNTY shall not be responsible for payment of any of CONTRACTOR's expenses related to this Agreement. At the expiration of the term of this Agreement, or upon termination prior to the expiration of the Agreement, any funds paid to CONTRACTOR, but not used for purposes of this Agreement shall revert to COUNTY within thirty (30) calendar days of the expiration or termination.

5. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS/NON-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

The obligation of COUNTY for payment under this Agreement beyond the current fiscal year is contingent upon and limited by the availability of COUNTY funding from which payment can be made. There shall be no legal liability for payment on the part of COUNTY beyond June 30 of each year unless funds are made available for such payment by the County Board of Supervisors. In the event such funds are not forthcoming for any reason, COUNTY shall immediately notify CONTRACTOR in writing and this Agreement shall be deemed terminated and be of no further force or effect. COUNTY shall make all payments to CONTRACTOR that were properly earned prior to the unavailability of funding.

6. TERMINATION

A. COUNTY may terminate this Agreement without cause upon giving thirty (30) calendar days written notice served on CONTRACTOR stating the extent and effective date of termination.

B. COUNTY may, upon five (5) calendar days written notice, terminate this Agreement for CONTRACTOR's default, if CONTRACTOR refuses or fails to comply with the terms of this Agreement, or fails to make progress that may endanger performance and does not immediately cure such failure. In the event of such termination, COUNTY may proceed with the work in any manner deemed proper by COUNTY.

C. After receipt of the notice of termination, CONTRACTOR shall:

(1) Stop all work under this Agreement on the date specified in the notice of termination; and

(2) Transfer to COUNTY and deliver in the manner directed by COUNTY any materials, reports or other products, which, if the Agreement had been completed or continued, would be required to be furnished to COUNTY.

D. After termination, COUNTY shall make payment only for CONTRACTOR's performance up to the date of termination in accordance with this Agreement.

E. CONTRACTOR's rights under this Agreement shall terminate (except for fees accrued prior to the date of termination) upon dishonestly or willful and material breach of this Agreement by CONTRACTOR; or in the event of CONTRACTOR's unwillingness or inability, for any reason whatsoever, to perform the terms of this Agreement. In such an event, CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to any further compensation under this Agreement.

F. The rights and remedies of COUNTY provided in this section shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights or remedies provided by law or this Agreement.

7. REQUEST FOR WAIVER AND WAIVER OF BREACH

Waiver of any provision of this Agreement must be in writing and signed by authorized representatives of the parties. No waiver or breach of any provision of the terms and conditions herein shall be deemed, for any purpose, to be a waiver or a breach of any other provision hereof, or of a continuing or subsequent waiver or breach. Failure of COUNTY to require exact, full compliance with any terms

of this Agreement shall not be construed as making any changes to the terms of this Agreement and does not prevent COUNTY from enforcing the terms of this Agreement.

8. TRANSITION PERIOD

CONTRACTOR recognizes that the services under this Agreement are vital to COUNTY and must be continued without interruption and that, upon expiration, COUNTY or another contractor may continue the services outlined herein. CONTRACTOR agrees to exercise its best efforts and cooperation to effect an orderly and efficient transition of clients or services to a successor.

9. OWNERSHIP, PUBLICATION, REPRODUCTION, AND USE OF MATERIAL

CONTRACTOR agrees that all materials, reports or products, in any form including electronic, created by CONTRACTOR for which CONTRACTOR has been compensation by COUNTY pursuant to this Agreement shall be the sole property of COUNTY. The material, reports or produces may be used by the COUNTY for any purpose that COUNTY deems appropriate, including but not limited to, duplication and/or distribution within COUNTY or to third parties. CONTRACTOR agrees not to release or circulate, in whole or in part, such materials, reports, or products without prior written authorization of COUNTY.

10. CONDUCT OF CONTRACTOR/ CONFLICT OF INTEREST

A. CONTRACTOR covenants that it presently has no interest, including but not limited to, other projects or contracts, and shall not acquire any such interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with CONTRACTOR's performance under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR further covenants that no person or subcontractor having any such interest shall be employed or retained by CONTRACTOR under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR agrees to inform the COUNTY of all CONTRACTOR's interest, if any, which are or may be perceived as incompatible with COUNTY's interests.

B. CONTRACTOR shall not, under any circumstances which could be perceived as influencing the recipient in the conduct or their duties, accept any gratuity or special favor from individuals or firms with whom CONTRACTOR is doing business or proposing to do business, in fulfilling this Agreement.

11. RECORDS, INSPECTIONS, AND AUDITS

A. All performance, including services, workmanship, materials, facilities or equipment utilized in the performance of this Agreement, shall be subject to inspection and test by COUNTY or any other regulatory agencies at all times. This may include, but is not limited to, monitoring or inspecting CONTRACTOR performance through any combination of on-site visits, inspections, evaluations, and CONTRACTOR self-monitoring. CONTRACTOR shall cooperate with any inspector or COUNTY representative reviewing compliance with this Agreement and permit access to all necessary locations, equipment, materials, or other requested items.

B. CONTRACTOR shall maintain auditable books, records, documents, and other evidence relating to costs and expenses to this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall maintain these records for at least three (3) years after final payment has been made or until pending county, state, and federal audits are completed, whichever is later.

C. Any authorized county, state or the federal representative shall have access to all books, documents, papers, electronic data and other records they determine are necessary to perform an audit, evaluation, inspection, review, assessment, or examination. These representatives are authorized to obtain excerpts, transcripts and copies as they deem necessary and shall have the same right to monitor or inspect the work or services as COUNTY.

D. If CONTRACTOR disagrees with an audit, CONTRACTOR may employ a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) to prepare and file with COUNTY its own certified financial and compliance

audit. CONTRACTOR shall not be reimbursed by COUNTY for such an audit regardless of the audit outcome.

- E. CONTRACTOR shall establish sufficient procedures to self-monitor the quality of services/products under this Agreement and shall permit COUNTY or other inspector to assess and evaluate CONTRACTOR's performance at any time, upon reasonable notice to CONTRACTOR.

12. CONFIDENTIALITY

- A. As required by applicable law, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR shall maintain the privacy and confidentiality of all information and records, regardless of format, received pursuant to this Agreement ("confidential information"). Confidential information includes, but is not limited to, unpublished or sensitive technological or scientific information; medical, personnel, or security records; material requirements or pricing/purchasing actions; COUNTY information or data which is not subject to public disclosure; COUNTY operational procedures; and knowledge of contractors, subcontractors or suppliers in advance of official announcement. CONTRACTOR shall ensure no person will publish, disclose, use or cause to be disclosed such confidential information pertaining to any applicant or recipient of services. CONTRACTOR shall keep all confidential information received from COUNTY in the strictest confidence. CONTRACTOR shall comply with Welfare and Institutions Code Section 10850.
- B. CONTRACTOR shall take special precautions, including but not limited to, sufficient training of CONTRACTOR's staff before they begin work, to protect such confidential information from loss or unauthorized use, access, disclosure, modification or destruction.
- C. CONTRACTOR shall ensure case record or personal information is kept confidential when it identifies an individual by name, address, or other specific information. CONTRACTOR shall not use such information for any purpose other than carrying out CONTRACTOR's obligations under this Agreement.
- D. CONTRACTOR shall promptly transmit to COUNTY all third-party requests for disclosure of confidential information. CONTRACTOR shall not disclose such information to anyone other than COUNTY except when disclosure is specifically permitted by this Agreement or as authorized in writing in advance by COUNTY.

13. HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

CONTRACTOR is subject to and shall operate in compliance with all relevant requirements contained in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), Public Law 104-191, enacted August 21, 1996, and the related laws and regulations promulgated subsequent thereto. The parties agree to the terms and conditions the HIPAA Business Associated attached as **Attachment I**.

14. PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION

- A. Personally Identifiable Information (PII) refers to personally identifiable information that can be used alone or in conjunction with any other reasonably available information, to identify a specific individual. PII includes, but is not limited to, an individual's name, social security number, driver's license number, identification number, biometric records, date of birth, place of birth, or mother's maiden name. The PII may be electronic, paper, verbal, or recorded. PII may be collected performing administrative functions on behalf of programs, such as determining eligibility for, or enrollment in, and collecting PII for such purposes, to the extent such activities are authorized by law.
- B. CONTRACTOR may use or disclose PII only to perform functions, activities or services directly related to the administration of programs in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code sections 10850 and 14100.2, or 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) section 431.300 et.seq,

and 45 CFR 205.50 et.seq, or as required by law. Disclosures which are required by law, such as a court order, or which are made with the explicit written authorization of the client, are allowable. Any other use or disclosure of requires the express approval in writing of COUNTY. CONTRACTOR shall not duplicate, disseminate or disclose PII except as allowed in this Agreement.

- C. CONTRACTOR agrees to the PII Privacy and Security Standards attached as **Attachment II**. When applicable, CONTRACTOR shall incorporate the relevant provisions of **Attachment II** into each subcontract or sub-award to subcontractors.

15. **HOLD HARMLESS/INDEMNIFICATION**

CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify and hold harmless COUNTY, its departments, agencies and districts, including their officers, employees and agents (collectively "County Indemnitees"), from any liability, damage, claim or action based upon or related to any services or work of CONTRACTOR (including its officers, employees, agents, subcontractors or suppliers) arising out of or in any way relating to this Agreement, including but not limited to property damage, bodily injury or death. CONTRACTOR shall, at its sole expense and cost including but not limited to, attorney fees, cost of investigation, defense, and settlements or awards, defend County Indemnitees in any such claim or action. CONTRACTOR shall, at their sole cost, have the right to use counsel of their choice, subject to the approval of COUNTY which shall not be unreasonably withheld; and shall have the right to adjust, settle, or compromise any such claim or action so long as that does not compromise CONTRACTOR's indemnification obligation. CONTRACTOR's obligation hereunder shall be satisfied when CONTRACTOR has provided COUNTY the appropriate form of dismissal relieving COUNTY from any liability for the action or claim made. The insurance requirements stated in this Agreement shall in no way limit or circumscribe CONTRACTOR's obligations to indemnify and hold COUNTY harmless.

16. **INSURANCE**

A. Without limiting or diminishing CONTRACTOR'S obligation to indemnify or hold COUNTY harmless, CONTRACTOR shall procure and maintain or cause to be maintained, at its sole cost and expense, the following insurance coverage's during the term of this Agreement. As respects to the insurance section only, 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.

B. Any insurance carrier providing insurance coverage hereunder shall be admitted to the State of California and have an AM BEST rating of not less than A: VIII (A:8) unless such requirements are waived, in writing, by the County's 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.

C. CONTRACTOR's insurance carrier(s) must declare its insurance self-insured retentions. If such self-insured retentions exceed \$500,000 per occurrence such retentions shall have the prior written consent of the County's Risk Manager before the commencement of operations under this Agreement. Upon notification of self-insured retention unacceptable to 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 to this Agreement with COUNTY, or 2) procure a bond which guarantees payment of losses and related investigations, claims administration, and defense costs and expenses.

D. CONTRACTOR shall cause CONTRACTOR's insurance carrier(s) to furnish COUNTY with either 1) a properly executed original certificate(s) of insurance and certified original copies of endorsements effecting coverage as required herein, or 2) if requested to do so orally or in writing

by the County's 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 thirty (30) calendar days written notice shall be given to COUNTY prior to any material modification, cancellation, expiration or reduction in coverage of such insurance. In the event of a material modification, cancellation, expiration, or reduction in coverage, this Agreement shall terminate forthwith, unless COUNTY 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 coverages set forth herein and the insurance required herein is in full force and effect. CONTRACTOR shall not commence operations until 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.

- E. It is understood and agreed to by the parties hereto that CONTRACTOR's insurance shall be construed as primary insurance, and COUNTY's insurance and/or deductibles and/or self-insured retentions or self-insured programs shall not be construed as contributory.
- F. If, during the term of this Agreement or any extension thereof, there is a material change in the scope of services, or there is a material change in the equipment to be used in the performance of the scope of work which will add additional exposures (such as the use of aircraft, watercraft, cranes, etc.), or the term of this Agreement, including any extensions thereof, exceeds five (5) years, COUNTY reserves the right to adjust the types of insurance required under this Agreement and the monetary limits of liability for the insurance coverages currently required herein if, in the County's Risk Manager's reasonable judgment, the amount or type of insurance carried by CONTRACTOR has become inadequate.
- G. CONTRACTOR shall pass down the insurance obligations contained herein to all tiers of subcontractors working under this Agreement.
- H. The insurance requirements contained in this Agreement may be met with a program(s) of self-insurance acceptable to COUNTY.
- I. 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.

17. **WORKER'S COMPENSATION**

If the CONTRACTOR has employees as defined by the State of California, the CONTRACTOR shall maintain statutory 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. The policy shall be endorsed to waive subrogation in favor of The County of Riverside.

18. **VEHICLE LIABILITY**

If vehicles or mobile equipment are used in the performance of the obligations under this Agreement, then CONTRACTOR shall maintain liability insurance for all owned, non-owned or hired vehicles so used 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 as Additional Insureds.

19. **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 COUNTY as Additional Insured. Policy's limit of liability shall not be less than \$2,000,000 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 include abuse and molestation insurance as an endorsement to the commercial general liability policy in a form and with coverage that are satisfactory to the County covering damages arising out of actual, threatened or allege physical abuse, mental injury, sexual molestation, negligent: hiring, employment, supervision, investigation, reporting or failure to report to proper authorities, a person(s) who committed any act of abuse, molestation, harassment, mistreatment or maltreatment of sexual nature and retention of any person for whom the contractor is responsible including but not limited to contractor and contractor's employees and volunteers. Policy endorsement's definition of an insured shall include the contractor, and the contractor's employees and volunteers. Coverage shall be written on an occurrence basis in an amount of not less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence. 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. These limits shall be exclusive to this required coverage. Incidents related to or arising out of physical abuse, mental injury, or sexual molestation, whether committed by one or more individuals, and irrespective of the number of incidents or injuries or the time period or area over which the incidents or injuries occur, shall be treated as a separate occurrence for each victim. Coverage shall include the cost of defense and the cost of defense shall be provided outside the coverage limit

20. PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY

If, at any time during the duration of this Agreement and any renewal or extension thereof, the CONTRACTOR, its employees, agents or subcontractors provide professional counseling for issues of medical diagnosis, medical treatment, mental health, dispute resolution or any other services for which it is the usual and customary practice to maintain Professional Liability Insurance, CONTRACTOR shall procure and maintain Professional Liability Insurance (Errors & Omissions), providing coverage for 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 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); 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 items 1), 2) or 3) will continue for a period of five (5) years beyond the termination of this Agreement.

21. CYBER LIABILITY

CONTRACTOR shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance against claims for injuries to person or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by CONTRACTOR, its agents, representatives, or employees. CONTRACTOR shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance claims arising out of their services and including, but not limited to loss, damage, theft or other misuse of data, infringement of intellectual property, invasion of privacy and breach of data.

CONTRACTOR shall procure and maintain cyber liability Insurance, with limits not less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence or claim, \$2,000,000 aggregate. Coverage shall be sufficiently broad to respond to the duties and obligations as is undertaken by CONTRACTOR in this Agreement and shall include, but not be limited to, claims involving infringement of intellectual property, including but not

limited to infringement of copyright, trademark, trade dress, invasion of privacy violations, information theft, damage to or destruction of electronic information, release of private information, alteration of electronic information, extortion and network security. The policy shall provide coverage for breach response costs as well as regulatory fines and penalties as well as credit monitoring expenses with limits sufficient to respond to these obligations.

If CONTRACTOR maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown above, COUNTY requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or higher limits maintained by CONTRACTOR. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to COUNTY.

22. EXCESS/UMBRELLA LIABILITY INSURANCE

If any Excess or Umbrella Liability policies are used to meet the limits of liability required by this agreement, then said policies shall be "following form" of the underlying policy coverage, terms, conditions, and provisions and shall meet all of the insurance requirements stated in this document, including, but not limited to, the additional insured, contractual liability & "insured contract" definition for indemnity, occurrence, no limitation of prior work coverage, and primary & non-contributory insurance requirements stated therein. No insurance policies maintained by the Additional Insureds, whether primary or excess, and which also apply to a loss covered hereunder, shall be called upon to contribute to a loss until the Contractor's primary and excess liability policies are exhausted.

23. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

It is agreed that CONTRACTOR is an independent contractor and that no relationship of employer-employee exists between the parties. CONTRACTOR and its employees shall not be entitled to any benefits payable to employees of COUNTY, including but not limited to, workers' compensation, retirement, or health benefits. CONTRACTOR and its employees shall have no claim against COUNTY hereunder or otherwise for vacation pay, sick leave, retirement benefits, social security, worker's compensation, health or disability benefits, unemployment insurance benefits, or employee benefits of any kind. COUNTY shall not be required to make any deductions for CONTRACTOR employees from the compensation payable to CONTRACTOR under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR agrees to hold COUNTY harmless from any and all claims that may be made against COUNTY based upon any contention by any person or other party that an employer-employee relationship exists by reason of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify and defend, at its sole expense and cost, including but not limited, to attorney fees, cost of investigation, defense and settlements, or awards, COUNTY, its officers, agents, and employees in any legal action based upon such alleged existence of an employer-employee relationship by reason of this Agreement.

24. USE BY POLITICAL ENTITIES

CONTRACTOR agrees to extend the same pricing, terms, and conditions as stated in this Agreement to each and every political entity, special district, and related non-profit entity in Riverside County, and to every political entity located in the State of California. It is understood that other entities shall make purchases in their own name, make direct payment, and be liable directly to CONTRACTOR; and COUNTY shall in no way be responsible to CONTRACTOR for other entities' purchases.

25. LICENSES AND PERMITS

If applicable, CONTRACTOR shall be licensed and have all permits as required by Federal, State, County, or other regulatory authorities at the time the proposal is submitted to COUNTY and throughout the term of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR warrants that it has all necessary permits, approvals, certificates, waivers, and exceptions necessary for performance of this Agreement.

26. NO DEBARMENT OR SUSPENSION

CONTRACTOR certifies that it is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by a federal department or agency; has not within a three-year period preceding this Agreement been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for the commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state or local) transaction; violation of federal or state anti-trust status; commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property; is not presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated herein; and has not within a three-year period preceding this Agreement had one or more public transactions (federal, state or local) terminated for cause or default.

27. COMPLIANCE WITH RULES, REGULATIONS, AND DIRECTIVES

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all rules, regulations, requirements and directives of the California Department of Public Social Services, other applicable State or Federal agencies, funding sources and other governing regulatory authorities which impose duties and regulations upon COUNTY related to this Agreement. These shall be equally applicable to and binding upon CONTRACTOR to the same extent as they are upon COUNTY.

28. PERSONNEL

A. Upon request by COUNTY, CONTRACTOR agrees to make available to COUNTY a current list of personnel that are providing services under this Agreement who have contact with children or adult Clients. The list shall include:

(1) All staff who work full or part-time positions by title, including volunteer positions;

(2) A brief description of the functions of each position and hours each position worked;

(3) The professional degree, if applicable and experience required for each position.

B. COUNTY has the sole discretion to approve or not approve any person on the CONTRACTOR's list that has been convicted of any crimes involving sex, drugs or violence, or who is known to have a substantiated report of child abuse, as defined in Penal Code Section 11165.12, who occupies positions with supervisory or disciplinary power over minors, or who occupies supervisory or teaching positions over adult Clients. COUNTY shall notify CONTRACTOR in writing of any person not approved, but to protect Client confidentiality, may not be able to disclose the reason(s) for non-approval. Upon notification, CONTRACTOR shall immediately remove that person from providing services under this Agreement.

C. Background Checks

CONTRACTOR shall conduct criminal background records checks on all individuals providing services under this Agreement. Prior to these individuals providing services to Clients, CONTRACTOR shall have received a criminal records clearance from the State of California Department of Justice (DOJ). A signed certification of such clearance shall be retained in each individual's personnel file. The use of criminal records for the purposes of employment decisions must comply with the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs Directive 2013-02 "Complying with Nondiscrimination Provisions: Criminal Record Restrictions and Discrimination Based on Race and National Origin" and California Government Code § 12952.

29. MANDATED REPORTING

California law requires certain persons to report known or suspected domestic violence, child abuse or neglect, and dependent adult/elder abuse or fraud. These individuals are known under the law as "mandated reporters." If CONTRACTOR is a "mandated reporter" in the state of California, CONTRACTOR understands and acknowledges his/her responsibility to report known or suspected domestic violence, child abuse or neglect, and dependent adult/elder abuse or fraud in compliance with the applicable requirements under Penal Code Sections 11160-11163.6; 11164 -11174.3 or Welfare & Institutions Code Sections 15600 et seq, respectively.

Also, as a "mandated reporter", CONTRACTOR shall establish a procedure to ensure that all employees, volunteers, consultants, subcontractors or agents performing services under this Agreement receive training in the identification and reporting of domestic violence, child abuse or neglect, and/or dependent adult/elder abuse or fraud. The training must comply with the applicable Penal Code & Welfare Institutions Code sections.

30. EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

- A. CONTRACTOR shall comply with all federal and state statutes and regulations in the hiring of its employees.
- B. CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate in its recruiting, hiring, promoting, demoting, or terminating practices on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, age, or sex in the performance of this Agreement; if applicable, with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) and the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P. L. 88-352).
- C. In the provision of benefits, CONTRACTOR shall certify and comply with Public Contract Code 10295.3 and not discriminate between employees with spouses and employees with domestic partners, or discriminate between the domestic partners and spouses of those employees. For the purpose of this section "domestic partner" means one of two persons who have filed a declaration of domestic partnership with the Secretary of State pursuant to Division 2.5 (commencing with Section 297) of the Family Code.
- D. By signing this Agreement or accepting funds under this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall comply with Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, entitled " Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Department of Labor regulations (41 CFR Chapter 60).
- E. Employment Development Department reporting requirements: CONTRACTOR shall provide required data and certification to COUNTY in order to comply with child support enforcement requirements. The documentation shall be provided within ten (10) days of notification of award of this Agreement when required by the Employment Development Department. Failure to submit the documentation or failure to comply with all federal and state reporting requirement for child support enforcement shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.
- F. During the term of this Agreement and for a one (1) year term thereafter, CONTRACTOR shall not solicit or encourage any employee, vendor, or independent contractor of COUNTY to leave or terminate their relationship with COUNTY for any reason.

31. LOBBYING

- A. CONTRACTOR shall ensure no federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of CONTRACTOR, to any person for 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 the awarding of any federal contract,

continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant loan or cooperative agreement.

- B. If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for 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 such federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, CONTRACTOR shall complete and submit Standard Form LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- C. CONTRACTOR shall require the language of this certification be included in the award document for sub-awards at all tiers, including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contract under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements, and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

32. ADVERSE GOVERNMENT ACTION

In the event any action of any department, branch or bureau of the federal, state, or local government has a material adverse effect on either party in the performance of their obligations hereunder, then that party shall notify the other of the nature of this action, including in the notice a copy of the adverse action. The parties shall meet within thirty (30) calendar days and shall, in good faith, attempt to negotiate a modification to this Agreement that minimizes the adverse effect. Notwithstanding the provisions herein, if the parties fail to reach a negotiated modification concerning the adverse action, then the affected party may terminate this Agreement by giving at least one hundred eighty (180) calendar days' notice or may terminate sooner if agreed to by both parties.

33. SUBCONTRACTS

- A. CONTRACTOR shall not enter into any subcontract with any subcontractor who:
 - (1) Is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment or suspension, or declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by a federal department or agency;
 - (2) Has within a three-year period preceding this Agreement been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for the commission of fraud, a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state or local) transaction, violation of federal or state anti-trust status, commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - (3) Is presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in the paragraph above; and
 - (4) Has within a three-year period preceding this Agreement had one or more public transactions (federal, state or local) terminated for cause or default.
- B. CONTRACTOR shall be fully responsible for the acts or omissions of its subcontractors and the subcontractors' employees.
- C. CONTRACTOR shall insert clauses in all subcontracts to bind its subcontractors to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- D. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall create a contractual relationship between any subcontractor or supplier of CONTRACTOR and COUNTY.

34. SUPPLANTATION

CONTRACTOR shall not supplant any federal, state or county funds intended for the purpose of this Agreement with any funds made available under any other agreement. CONTRACTOR shall not claim reimbursement from COUNTY for any sums which have been paid by another source of revenue. CONTRACTOR agrees it will not use funds received pursuant to this Agreement, either directly or indirectly, as a contribution or compensation for purposes of obtaining state funds under any state program or COUNTY funds under any county programs without prior approval of COUNTY.

35. ASSIGNMENT

CONTRACTOR shall not assign or transfer any interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of COUNTY. Any attempt to assign or transfer any interest without written consent of COUNTY shall be deemed void and of no force or effect.

36. FORCE MAJEURE

If either party is unable to comply with any provision of this Agreement due to causes beyond its reasonable control and which could not have been reasonably anticipated, such as acts of God, acts of war, civil disorders, or other similar acts, such party shall not be held liable for such failure to comply.

37. GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Any legal action related to the interpretation or performance of this Agreement shall be filed only in the Superior Court for the State of California or the U.S. District Court located in Riverside, California.

38. DISPUTES

A. The parties shall attempt to resolve any disputes amicably at the working level. If that is not successful, the dispute shall be referred to the senior management of the parties. Any dispute relating to this Agreement which is not resolved by the parties shall be decided by COUNTY's Compliance Contract Officer who shall furnish the decision in writing. The decision of COUNTY's Compliance Contract Officer shall be final and conclusive unless determined by a court to have been fraudulent, capricious, arbitrary, or so grossly erroneous as necessarily to imply bad faith. CONTRACTOR shall proceed diligently with the performance of this Agreement pending resolution of a dispute.

B. 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.

39. ADMINISTRATIVE/CONTRACT LIAISON

Each party shall designate a liaison that will be the primary point of contact regarding this Agreement.

40. CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE

A. Assurance of Compliance

CONTRACTOR shall complete the "Vendor Assurance of Compliance with Riverside County Department of Public Social Services Non-Discrimination in State and Federally Assisted Programs," attached as **Attachment III**. CONTRACTOR will sign and date **Attachment III** and return it to COUNTY along with the executed agreement. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that the administration of public assistance and social service programs are non-discriminatory. To the effect that no person shall because of ethnic group identification, age, sex, color, disability, medical condition, national origin, race, ancestry, marital status, religion, religious creed or political belief be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subject to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal or state financial assistance.

B. Client Complaints

CONTRACTOR shall further establish and maintain written referral procedures under which any person, applying for or receiving services hereunder, may seek resolution from Riverside County DPSS Civil Rights Coordinator of a complaint with respect to any alleged discrimination in the provision of services by CONTRACTOR's personnel. CONTRACTOR must distribute to social service clients that apply for and receive services, "Your Rights Under California Welfare Programs" brochure (Publication 13). For a copy of this brochure, visit the following website at:

https://www.sccgov.org/ssa/info_notices/pub13_english.pdf

Civil Rights Complaints should be referred to:

Civil Rights Coordinator
Assurance and Review Services
Riverside County Department of Public Social Services
10281 Kidd Street
Riverside, CA 92503
assuranceandreview@rivco.org

C. Services, Benefits and Facilities

CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate in the provision of services, the allocation of benefits, or in the accommodation in facilities on the basis of color, race, religion, national origin, sex, age, sexual preference, physical or mental handicap in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. Section 2000d and all other pertinent rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, and as otherwise provided by State law and regulations, as all may now exist or be hereafter amended or changed. For the purpose of this Section, discrimination means denying a participant or potential participant any service, benefit, or accommodation that would be provided to another and includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- (1) Denying a participant any service or benefit or availability of a facility.
- (2) Providing any service or benefit to a participant which is different, or is provided in a different manner, or at a different time or place from that provided to other participants on the basis of race, color, creed or national origin.
- (3) Restricting a participant in any way in the enjoyment of any advantage or privilege enjoyed by others receiving any service or benefit. Treating a participant differently from others in satisfying any admission requirement or condition, or eligibility requirement or condition, which individuals must meet in order to be provided any service or benefit.

D. Cultural Competency

CONTRACTOR shall cause to be available bilingual professional staff or qualified interpreter to ensure adequate communication between clients and staff. Any individual with limited English language capability or other communicative barriers shall have equal access to services. For the purpose of this Section, a qualified interpreter is defined as someone who is fluent in English and in the necessary second language, can accurately speak, read and readily interpret the necessary second language and/or accurately sign and read sign language. A qualified interpreter must be able to translate in linguistically appropriate terminology necessary to convey information such as symptoms or instructions to the client in both languages.

41. NOTICES

All notices, claims, correspondence, or statements authorized or required by this Agreement shall be deemed effective three (3) business days after they are made in writing and deposited in the United States mail addressed as follows:

COUNTY:

Department of Public Social Services
 Contracts Administration Unit
 P.O. Box 7789
 Riverside, CA 92513

Invoices and other financial documents:

Department of Public Social Services
 Fiscal/Management Reporting Unit
 4060 County Circle Drive
 Riverside, CA 92503
 Email: Clientservicescontracts@rivco.org

CONTRACTOR:

MarSell Consulting and MHS
 Tricia Pegues, Executive Vice President
 3281 E. Guasti Road, Suite 450
 Ontario, CA 91761

CONTRACTOR "Remit To" address:

3281 E. Guasti Road, Suite 450
 Ontario, CA 91761

42. SIGNED IN COUNTERPARTS

This agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when executed shall constitute a duplicate original, but all counterparts together shall constitute a single agreement.

43. ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

Each party of this Agreement agrees to the use of electronic signatures, such as digital signatures that meet the requirements of the California Uniform Electronic Transactions Act ("CUETA") Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1633.1 to 1633.17), for executing this Agreement. The parties further agree that the electronic signature(s) included herein are intended to authenticate this writing and to have the same force and effect as manual signatures. Electronic signature means an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with an electronic record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the electronic record pursuant to the CUETA as amended from time to time. Digital signature means an electronic identifier, created by computer, intended by the party using it to have the same force and effect as the use of a manual signature, and shall be reasonably relied upon by the parties. For purposes of this section, a digital signature is a type of "electronic signature" as defined in subdivision (i) of Section 1633.2 of the Civil Code.

44. MODIFICATION OF TERMS

This Agreement may be modified only by a written amendment signed by authorized representatives of both parties. Requests to modify fiscal provisions shall be submitted no later than April 1.

45. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. All prior or contemporaneous agreements of any kind or nature relating to the same subject matter shall be of no force or effect.

(Signature page follows)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Agreement as of the date and year written above.

Authorized Signature for MarSell Consulting and MHS, a California stock corporation <i>Martinez I. Sellers</i>	Authorized Signature for County <i>V. Manuel Perez</i>
Printed Name of Person Signing: Martinez I. Sellers	Printed Name of Person Signing: V. Manuel Perez
Title: CEO	Title: Chair of the Board
Date Signed: 10/27/2025	Date Signed: 11/18/2025

Approved as to Form
Minh C. Tran
County Counsel

Katherine Wilkins
By: _____
Katherine Wilkins
Deputy County Counsel

Date: 10/28/2025

ATTEST: Kimberly Rector
Clerk of the Board

BY: *Whitney Mayo, Deputy*
DEPUTY



A.1 MAXIMUM AMOUNTS –ANNUAL AND AGGREGATE TOTALS

The total annual payments to CONTRACTOR shall not exceed:

FISCAL YEAR PERIOD	ANNUAL PAYMENT	INCREASE	AMENDED PAYMENT
July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	\$454,800.00		\$454,800.00
July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024	\$454,800.00		\$454,800.00
July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025	\$454,800.00	\$85,967.00	\$540,767.00
July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026	\$454,800.00	\$121,542.00	\$576,342.00
July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027	\$454,800.00	\$121,542.00	\$576,342.00
Total:	\$2,274,000.00	\$329,051.00	\$2,603,051.00

Translation services for non-speaking Spanish clients reimbursable when the aggregate costs for a month exceeds \$1,000 providing the maximum annual aggregate amount is not exceeded. Provide supporting documentation to include but not limited to: Copy of invoice or receipt, proof of payment, copy of check or credit card receipt.”

A.2 UNIT OF SERVICE

July 1, 2022, through September 30, 2024

All Zones	Individual Therapy (Victims/ survivors)	\$90.00		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Client name (and/or 19-digit CSD Client ID number); • Beginning and ending time of session; • Date(s) of service; • Facilitator name; • Initial CWS referral form (2468) • Written documentation of the County approval for clients receiving more than 16 sessions per service (if applicable).
All Zones	Group Therapy (Victims/ survivors)	# of Clients in Group	Prorated Group Amount	
		6+	\$150.00	
		5	\$125.00	
		4	\$100.00	
		3	\$75.00	
		2	\$50.00	
All Zones	Group Therapy (Perpetrators)	# of Clients in Group	Prorated Group Amount	
		6+	\$150.00	
		5	\$125.00	
		4	\$100.00	
		3	\$75.00	
		2	\$50.00	
All Zones	Individual Therapy (Perpetrators)	\$90.00		

Funds may be shifted between line items providing the maximum annual amount is not exceeded.

October 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027

Zone	Unit of Service	Billing Cost Per Unit of Service		Supporting Documentation
All Zones	Individual Therapy (Victims/ survivors)	\$103.50		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Client name (and/or 19-digit CSD Client ID number); • Beginning and ending time of session; • Date(s) of service; • Facilitator name; • Initial CWS referral form (2468) • Written documentation of the County approval for clients receiving more than 16 sessions per service (if applicable).
All Zones	Group Therapy (Victims/ survivors)	# of Clients in Group	Prorated Group Amount	
		6+	\$172.50	
		5	\$143.75	
		4	\$115.00	
		3	\$86.25	
		2	\$57.50	
		1	\$28.75	
All Zones	Individual Therapy (Perpetrators)	\$103.50		
All Zones	Group Therapy (Perpetrators)	# of Clients in Group	Prorated Group Amount	
		6+	\$172.50	
		5	\$143.75	
		4	\$115.00	
		3	\$86.250	
		2	\$57.50	
		1	\$28.75	

A.3 METHOD, TIME, AND CONDITIONS OF PAYMENT

- a. CONTRACTOR will be paid the actual amount of each approved monthly invoice. COUNTY may delay payment if the required supporting documentation is not provided or other requirements are not met.
- b. All payment claims shall be submitted on a monthly basis no later than 30 days after the end of each month in which the services were provided. Each payment claiming period shall consist of a calendar month. All complete claims submitted in a timely manner shall be processed within forty-five (45) calendar days.
- c. As applicable for payment requests, CONTRACTOR shall submit completed DPSS Forms 2076A, 2076B (Attachment IV).
- d. CONTRACTOR invoice estimates for May and June are due the first Friday in June. Actual CONTRACTOR invoices for May and June are due no later than July 30.
- e. CONTRACTOR shall bill/invoice all other available funding sources, including Medi-Cal, for all claimable expenses prior to submitting invoice to DPSS.

A.4 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

During the term of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall maintain sufficient financial resources necessary to fully perform its obligations. CONTRACTOR confirms there has been no material financial change in CONTRACTOR (including any parent company) since its last financial statement that has resulted in a negative impact to its financial condition.

A.5 DISALLOWANCE

If CONTRACTOR receives payment under this Agreement which is later disallowed by COUNTY for nonconformance with the Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall promptly refund the disallowed amount to COUNTY, or, at its option, COUNTY may offset the amount disallowed from any payment due to CONTRACTOR.

SCHEDULE B
SCOPE OF SERVICES

B.1 OBJECTIVES

- A. Delivery of competent and effective individual and group therapy services to adult victims/survivors and perpetrators/batterers of domestic violence in Riverside County. Services are delivered to adult victims/survivors and/or perpetrators/batterers of domestic violence who are being served by DPSS for abusing and/or neglecting their child(ren).
- B. Prevent the unnecessary separation of children from their families, improve the quality of care and services to children and their families, and ensure permanency for children.
- C. Provision of services that strengthen parental relationships (when safe and appropriate to do so), improve parenting skills, and increase relationship skills within the family to prevent child abuse and neglect, while promoting timely family reunification when children must be separated from their parents.
- D. Provision of services which are culturally and linguistically appropriate to the population served.

B.2 LEADING INDICATORS

- A. All services must be evidenced-based or evidence informed.
- B. Upon the initial assessment, clinicians will administer the Knowledge of Domestic Violence, Domestic Violence Coping Self-Efficacy Measure, Domestic Violence Survivor Assessment, Assessments for Survivors. Clinicians will also administer the University of Rhode Island Change Assessment Scale, and Abusive Behavior Inventory for Batterers. Upon completion of the program, clinicians will administer the aforementioned tools as a post-test during the termination session along with the client satisfaction survey.
- C. All services must be outcome-based and the following outcomes must be measured and addressed for DPSS CSD program evaluation purposes:
 - 1. Perpetrators:
 - a. After completion of the Domestic Violence (DV) batterer intervention program, participating clients will demonstrate a 10% increase in readiness to change their abusive behavior as measured by a difference in scores using an assessment provided or approved by DPSS, administered to clients prior to participation in the program (Pre) and subsequent to participation in the program (Post).
 - b. After completion of the DV batterer intervention program, participating clients will demonstrate a 10% reduction in abusive behaviors as measured by a difference in scores using an assessment provided or approved by DPSS, administered to clients prior to participation in the program (Pre) and subsequent to participation in the program (Post).
 - 2. Victims/Survivors:
 - a. After completion of the DV survivor intervention program, participating clients will demonstrate a 10% increase in their knowledge about the topic of domestic violence as measured by a difference in scores using a knowledge test provided or approved by DPSS, administered to clients prior to participation in the program (Pre) and subsequent to participation in the program (Post).
 - b. After completion of the DV survivor intervention program, participating clients will demonstrate a 10% increase in domestic violence coping self-efficacy as measured by a

difference in scores using an assessment provided or approved by DPSS, administrated to clients prior to participation in the program (Pre) and subsequent to participation in the program (Post).

- c. After completion of the DV victim intervention program, participating clients will demonstrate a 10% increase in perceived safety, culture, health, and self-strength as measured by a difference in scores using an assessment provided or approved by DPSS, administrated to clients prior to participation in the program (Pre) and subsequent to participation in the program (Post).

3. Lagging Indicators:

The Department of Public Social Services Data Analysis Team (DPSS-DAT) will review and analyze the results of the Contractor's participating Clients referred by CSD to the System Improvement Plan (SIP) goals:

- a. S2 – Recurrence of Maltreatment
- b. P1 – Permanency in 12 months
- c. P4 – Re-entry

However, the SIP goals may change in the future. Any further changes to the SIP goals will not need an amendment.

The Contractor is to submit client information on a monthly basis as indicated in Section B.10, Other Reports, to support the reporting of the lagging indicators.

B.3 DPSS RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Assign staff to be liaisons between DPSS and the Contractor.
- B. DPSS may monitor the performance of the Contractor in meeting the terms, conditions, and services in this Agreement. DPSS, at its sole discretion, may monitor the performance of the Contractor through any combination of the following methods: periodic on-site visits, annual inspections, evaluations and Contractor self-monitoring.

B.4 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

B.1 General Scope of Service

1. Assign staff to be liaisons between the Contractor and DPSS.
2. Provide individual therapy and group therapy in Regions 1, 2 and 3. Regions are defined in the Geographical Regions List, attached hereto as Attachment V and incorporated herein by this reference.
3. All individual and group therapy sessions must be facilitated by a Licensed Clinical Therapist or Supervised Intern, as defined in "Section I – Definitions" of this Agreement.
4. Provide services in English and Spanish. Contractor is responsible to provide translation services for languages other than English and Spanish. Translation services for non-Spanish speaking clients, the Contractor will be reimbursed in months in which the aggregate cost of such services exceeds \$1,000.00. Services must be available during the day and evenings; evening is defined as after 6:00 PM. Services can be provided virtually, as needed, and as approved by CSD.
5. Domestic violence victim groups must always be separated from perpetrator groups. Perpetrators and victims/survivors must never attend the same groups. Additional safeguards must be identified and put into place to decrease the likelihood that perpetrators and victims/survivors will come into contact with each other or be put at risk for further domestic violence.
6. Accurate assignment of individuals to appropriate group will be ensured by designating specific administrative steps and roles of responsibility for each.
7. The type of services offered for each individual client will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Contractor.
 - a. For victims, the services for the individual shall include, but are not limited to:
 - 1) Safety Planning: Safety from the abuser/Lethality assessment
 - 2) Referrals to community resources and opportunities as appropriate
 - 3) Strategies to increase social support and community connections
 - 4) Individualized service planning
 - 5) Self-protection strategies
 - 6) Education regarding the process of moving from a victim to a "survivor"
 - 7) Providing information to increase knowledge about a variety of topics important to the client's long-term well-being, the impact of the family violence on the survivor and the child(ren); the risk for recurrence of violence
 - 8) Skills building: Coping, emotion regulation, problem solving, parenting, and parent-child relationships

- b. For perpetrators, the services for the individual shall include, but are not limited to:
 - 1) Referrals to community resources as appropriate
 - 2) Individualized service planning
 - 3) Strategies to identify negative thoughts and redirect behavior
 - 4) Education regarding the various forms of abuse; beliefs of dominance; the impact of the family violence on the survivor and child(ren)
 - 5) Assistance in developing alternative behavioral strategies (non-abusive response to negative thoughts) and accepting responsibility
 - 6) Skills building: Coping, emotion regulation, problem solving, and parenting and parent-child relationships.
8. The Contractor must assess and document the needs of the client and develop an individualized service plan for each client. The service plan should identify strengths, presenting problems, interventions, support system, family origin, education/employment, physical health, mental health, multi-provider involvement, interviewer's impressions, conclusions, recommendations, and referrals, if applicable. The plan shall include measurable goals, objectives, and the methods of achieving the objective.
9. The Contractor shall maintain a neat and organized case file for each client served that ensures client confidentiality and HIPAA compliance. Case files must be available for DPSS to review upon request, and must contain:
 - a. Client's name (or unique identifier) and date of birth
 - b. Basic demographic data
 - c. A copy of the referral form from the County of Riverside
 - d. Intake/Referral Form
 - e. An assessment of each client's service needs
 - f. A copy of the individualized service/plan, including written narratives of contacts, progress reports and observations, safety plan, a record of other services to which the client was referred, and a closing assessment and summary of the services that have been provided to the client
 - g. Client contact log
 - h. Client Written Agreement
 - i. Sign-in sheets for all group services provided, including date, starting and ending time, facilitator name, and topics reviewed.
10. The Contractor is required to enter into a written agreement with each client with respect to the responsibilities each client must satisfy in order to complete their prospective program. Written agreements must be maintained in the client's individual case file.
11. Participate in Joint Operational Meetings (JOMs) as requested.
12. Participate in Child and Family Team Meeting (CFT) sessions when requested to do so by the referring social worker. When this occurs, the contractor liaison shall present a progress update to include the number of group, and individual sessions a client has attended, along with a progress narrative update for the meeting. A note of such attendance must be entered in the client's case file.
13. Contractor must return phone calls to Social Service Practitioners (SSP) and DPSS staff within one (1) business day.

14. Contractor must provide written progress reports (when requested by assigned SSP) within three (3) business days of the request.

B.5 REFERRAL AND INTAKE/EXIT PROCESS

1. Services will be provided to both clients referred by Riverside County DPSS and walk-ins approved by DPSS. Services provided to walk-in clients must be approved via email by the DPSS designated liaison prior to services being rendered.
2. Contractor must contact or attempt to contact the client within two (2) business days of the referral to schedule an in-person enrollment/intake. The Contractor must document all contact attempts in writing and notify the referring DPSS staff after two (2) failed contact attempts.
3. Contractor must complete an intake/Referral Form (Exhibit E) within fifteen (15) business days of the initial client contact for all clients.
4. All clients must begin group and or/individual therapy within fifteen (15) business days of client's intake.
5. Contractor must have each client complete a Satisfaction Survey/Exit Form (Attachment) at the end of their services to measure changes in parental attitudes, behaviors, skills, and other relevant indicators.

B.6 INDIVIDUAL THERAPY SCOPE OF WORK (VICTIMS/SURVIVORS AND PERPETRATORS)

1. Individual therapy sessions (Victims/Survivors) must utilize the Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy: Focuses on affecting regulation, relaxation techniques, cognitive processing, trauma narration and exposure exercises. Sessions facilitated by a Licensed Clinical Therapist or Registered Intern, as defined in "Section I – Definitions" of this Agreement. Alternative therapy models may be used with written approval by DPSS.
2. Individual therapy sessions (Perpetrators) must utilize Cognitive Behavioral Therapy: Therapy aimed to change behavior through the collaborative therapeutic relationship, exposure of distorted cognitions, problem solving and affect regulation techniques. Sessions facilitated by a Licensed Clinical Therapist or Registered Intern, as defined in "Section I – Definitions" of this Agreement. Alternative therapy models may be used with written approval by DPSS. Alternative therapy models may be used with written approval by DPSS.
3. Each session of individual therapy must be a minimum of fifty (50) minutes of face-to-face contact between the Licensed Clinical Therapist or Registered Intern and the client.
4. Individual therapy sessions are limited to a maximum of six (6) sessions per client. The Contractor must obtain prior approval by DPSS for any client needing more than six (6) therapy sessions. All approvals must be documented in writing and maintained in the client's case file.

B.7 GROUP THERAPY SCOPE OF WORK (VICTIMS/SURVIVORS AND PERPETRATORS)

1. Group therapy sessions (Victims/Survivors) must utilize Seeking Safety: A present focused, coping skill therapy treatment focused on setting boundaries, establishing healthy relationships, community resources, creating meaning, self-care and self-nurturing. Alternative therapy models may be used with written approval by DPSS.
2. Group therapy sessions (Perpetrators) must utilize STOP Domestic Violence: Innovative Skills, Techniques, Options, and Plans for Better Relationships: Widely used evidence informed manual to help perpetrators examine behaviors and beliefs and develop new tools to improve relationships. Alternative therapy models may be used with written approval by DPSS.
3. Group therapy sessions (Perpetrators) must utilize the Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Interventions program model. All group therapy sessions must be facilitated by a Licensed Clinical Therapist or Registered Intern, as defined in "Section I – Definitions" of this Agreement. Alternative therapy models may be used with written approval by DPSS.
4. Each session of group therapy must be a minimum of ninety (90) minutes of face-to-face contact between the Licensed Clinical Therapist or Registered Intern and a group of clients. Group sessions may be provided virtually, as needed, and as approved by CSD.
5. Group therapy sessions are limited to a maximum of sixteen (16) sessions per client.
6. Groups must have a minimum of six (6) clients and a maximum of twelve (12) clients to one (1) Licensed Clinical Therapist or Registered Intern. Groups exceeding twelve (12) clients shall have a group facilitator (Licensed Clinical Therapist or Registered Intern) and a co-facilitator (Licensed Clinical Therapist or Registered Intern). The cost for a group with fewer than six (6) clients will be prorated per client as per Schedule A, Section A.2, Unit of Service Cost Rate. Groups should not be scheduled for fewer than four participants without CSD approval.
7. Groups may include both male and female participants contingent on CONTRACTOR'S assessment that a mixed gender group is appropriate for participant, and all participants consenting to participate in a mixed gender group.

B.8 EVALUATION/REPORTING

"Evaluation Tools" – DPSS-CAFÉ will provide the following evaluation tools listed below for perpetrators and abusers/victims. In some instances, DPSS-CAFÉ may provide guidance and ask the Contractor to develop evaluation reports or tool(s) and/or scoring instructions when tools are not accessible to CSD-CAFÉ :

1. Program Outcome Tool(s) for Perpetrators
 - a. Program Outcome A: University of Rhode Island Change Assessment Scale (URICA) (McConaughy, E.A. Prochaska, J.O. Velicer, W.F. 1983)
 - b. Program Outcome B: Abusive Behavior Inventory-Partner Form Shepard, M.F. Campbell J.A., 1992)
2. Program Outcome Tool(s) for Victims/Survivors
 - a. Program Outcome A: Knowledge of Domestic Violence (DPSS-CSD Program Evaluation Unit)
 - b. Program Outcome B: Domestic Violence Coping Self-Efficacy Measure (Benight, C.C. Harding-Taylor, A.S. Midboe, A.M., Durham, R.L., 2004)
 - c. Program Outcome C: Domestic Violence Survivor Assessment (DVSA) (Dienemann, J., Campbell, J., Curry, M., Landenburger, K., 2002)

3. Other Tool(s)
 - a. Provider Form
 - b. DPSS-CSD Client Intake Measure
 - c. DPSS-CSD Client Exit Measure

Additional evaluation tools proposed by the Contractor must be approved by CSD-CAFÉ. The Contractor must provide documentation of justification, and literature citations and/or references (NREPP, CEBC4CW, ect.) that demonstrate evidence-based or evidence-informed effectiveness of the proposed additional evaluation tools. The Contractor must provide CSD-CAFÉ physical copies of all proposed program evaluation tools. (Examples: survey or scale, survey instructions, data collection procedures, scoring instructions, scoring CD-ROM, etc.) 20 days following the approval of the agreement.

In an effort to avoid discrepancies between current and previous agreed upon evaluation tool(s), the Contractor, with the guidance from CSD-CAFÉ, will be responsible for evaluating program participants and/or program effectiveness using the evaluation tool(s) in place at the time the participant entered the program. The previous evaluation tool(s) should be discontinued once all previous participants complete the program.

B.9 EVALUATION DATA REPORTING

The Contractor is responsible for properly administering and assisting the client(s) to complete the evaluation tool(s) via a method designated by DPSS CAFÉ (e.g., SurveyMonkey, SharePoint). DPSS CAFÉ will provide any necessary training on how to use SurveyMonkey and SharePoint when applicable. If Contractor chooses to use SharePoint, all data must be entered by the Contractor into Microsoft Excel and uploaded onto SharePoint by the 15th of the following month after services. All data points on the evaluation tools must be completed, including Provider Form, DPSS-CSD Client Intake Forms, URICA, Abusive Behavior Inventory-Partner Form, Knowledge of Domestic Violence, Domestic Violence Coping Self-Efficacy, Domestic Violence Survivor Assessment, and Client DPSS-CSD Exit Forms.

The format and method in which evaluation tool(s) data will be submitted to DPSS CAFÉ will be agreed upon before the agreement has been signed. The Contractor is responsible for submitting any missing data within 7 business days of the request by DPSS CAFÉ. The Contractor must have at minimum intermediate familiarity with Microsoft Excel applications/software

- All program and assessment materials, such as completed evaluation tools and data, are the sole property of DPSS. Materials that are damaged or lost must be replaced by the Contractor.

B.10 OTHER REPORTS

Upon Contract execution, the Contractor is responsible for providing the Children's Services Division Program Development Region (CSD-PDR) with the monthly summary report by the 1th of each month following services. The format and method in which the monthly summary report information will be submitted to CSD-PDR will be agreed upon before the approval of the Agreement. The report shall include, but is not limited to:

1. Client level information
 - a. Client type (CSD or Walk-in)
 - b. CWS/CMS client ID
 - c. Provider ID
 - d. Program Type (Perpetrators or Victims/Survivors)
 - e. Program Status (New, Active, or Closed)
 - f. Client demographics including:
 - 1) Name
 - 2) Birthdate
 - 3) Gender
 - 4) Ethnicity
 - 5) Disability
 - 6) Referral Date
 - 7) Date of program intake/registration
 - 8) Date of program discharge/termination
 - 9) Reason of program discharge/termination
 - 10) Pre-Test
 - 11) Intake/Provider Form Only
 - 12) Post Test
 - 13) Exit/Provider Form Only

2. Program level information
 - a. Total number of referrals received
 - b. Total number of new clients
 - c. Total number of terminated clients
 - d. Total number of clients served
 - e. Total number of services provided

The Monthly Summary Report shall be submitted in electronic format to PDRreports.rivco.org.

B.11 Quarterly Reports

CONTRACTOR shall submit Quarterly Reports to CSD PDR (pdrreport@rivco.org) prior to the scheduled JOM for the quarter in which services were delivered. Quarterly reports shall be distributed and discussed at quarterly JOMs. Report data shall be separated by victims and perpetrator and include unduplicated counts of the following, but not limited to:

1. Number of new referrals received for the quarter
2. Total number of new clients for the quarter
3. Total number of active clients for the quarter
4. Number of groups for the quarter
5. Number of clients to complete program for the quarter
6. Number of clients to drop out of program during the quarter
7. Total number of active clients on the final day of the quarter
8. Successes/Challenges for the quarter

HIPAA Business Associate Agreement
Addendum to Contract
Between the County of Riverside and MarSell Consulting and MHS

This HIPAA Business Associate Agreement (the “Addendum”) supplements, and is made part of DPSS-0004067 (“Underlying Agreement”) between the County of Riverside (“County”) and MarSell Consulting and MHS, a California stock corporation (“Contractor”) and shall be effective as of the date the Underlying Agreement is approved by both Parties (the “Effective Date”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, County and Contractor entered into the Underlying Agreement pursuant to which the Contractor provides services to County, and in conjunction with the provision of such services certain protected health information (“PHI”) and/or certain electronic protected health information (“ePHI”) may be created by or made available to Contractor for the purposes of carrying out its obligations under the Underlying Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPAA”), Public Law 104-191 enacted August 21, 1996, and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (“HITECH”) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5 enacted February 17, 2009, and the laws and regulations promulgated subsequent thereto, as may be amended from time to time, are applicable to the protection of any use or disclosure of PHI and/or ePHI pursuant to the Underlying Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, County is a covered entity, as defined in the Privacy Rule; and,

WHEREAS, to the extent County discloses PHI and/or ePHI to Contractor or Contractor creates, receives, maintains, transmits, or has access to PHI and/or ePHI of County, Contractor is a business associate, as defined in the Privacy Rule; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to 42 USC §17931 and §17934, certain provisions of the Security Rule and Privacy Rule apply to a business associate of a covered entity in the same manner that they apply to the covered entity, the additional security and privacy requirements of HITECH are applicable to business associates and must be incorporated into the business associate agreement, and a business associate is liable for civil and criminal penalties for failure to comply with these security and/or privacy provisions; and,

WHEREAS, the parties mutually agree that any use or disclosure of PHI and/or ePHI must be in compliance with the Privacy Rule, Security Rule, HIPAA, HITECH and any other applicable law; and,

WHEREAS, the parties intend to enter into this Addendum to address the requirements and obligations set forth in the Privacy Rule, Security Rule, HITECH and HIPAA as they apply to Contractor as a business associate of County, including the establishment of permitted and required uses and disclosures of PHI and/or ePHI created or received by Contractor during the course of performing functions, services and activities on behalf of County, and appropriate limitations and conditions on such uses and disclosures;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Definitions.** Terms used, but not otherwise defined, in this Addendum shall have the same meaning as those terms in HITECH, HIPAA, Security Rule and/or Privacy Rule, as may be amended from time to time.
 - A. "Breach" when used in connection with PHI means the acquisition, access, use or disclosure of PHI in a manner not permitted under subpart E of the Privacy Rule which compromises the security or privacy of the PHI, and shall have the meaning given such term in 45 CFR §164.402.
 - (1) Except as provided below in Paragraph (2) of this definition, acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of PHI in a manner not permitted by subpart E of the Privacy Rule is presumed to be a breach unless Contractor demonstrates that there is a low probability that the PHI has been compromised based on a risk assessment of at least the following four factors:
 - (a) The nature and extent of the PHI involved, including the types of identifiers and the likelihood of re-identification;
 - (b) The unauthorized person who used the PHI or to whom the disclosure was made;
 - € Whether the PHI was actually acquired or viewed; and
 - (d) The extent to which the risk to the PHI has been mitigated.
 - (2) Breach excludes:
 - (a) Any unintentional acquisition, access or use of PHI by a workforce member or person acting under the authority of a covered entity or business associate, if such acquisition, access or use was made in good faith and within the scope of authority and does not result in further use or disclosure in a manner not permitted under subpart E of the Privacy Rule.
 - (b) Any inadvertent disclosure by a person who is authorized to access PHI at a covered entity or business associate to another person authorized to access PHI at the same covered entity, business associate, or organized health care arrangement in which County participates, and the information received as a result of such disclosure is not further used or disclosed in a manner not permitted by subpart E of the Privacy Rule.
 - € A disclosure of PHI where a covered entity or business associate has a good faith belief that an unauthorized person to whom the disclosure was made would not reasonably have been able to retain such information.
 - B. "Business associate" has the meaning given such term in 45 CFR §164.501, including but not limited to a subcontractor that creates, receives, maintains, transmits or accesses PHI on behalf of the business associate.
 - C. "Data aggregation" has the meaning given such term in 45 CFR §164.501.

- D. “Designated record set” as defined in 45 CFR §164.501 means a group of records maintained by or for a covered entity that may include: the medical records and billing records about individuals maintained by or for a covered health care provider; the enrollment, payment, claims adjudication, and case or medical management record systems maintained by or for a health plan; or, used, in whole or in part, by or for the covered entity to make decisions about individuals.
- E. “Electronic protected health information” (“ePHI”) as defined in 45 CFR §160.103 means protected health information transmitted by or maintained in electronic media.
- F. “Electronic health record” means an electronic record of health-related information on an individual that is created, gathered, managed, and consulted by authorized health care clinicians and staff, and shall have the meaning given such term in 42 USC §17921(5).
- G. “Health care operations” has the meaning given such term in 45 CFR §164.501.
- H. “Individual” as defined in 45 CFR §160.103 means the person who is the subject of protected health information.
- I. “Person” as defined in 45 CFR §160.103 means a natural person, trust or estate, partnership, corporation, professional association or corporation, or other entity, public or private.
- J. “Privacy Rule” means the HIPAA regulations codified at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A 17 and E.
- K. “Protected health information” (“PHI”) has the meaning given such term in 45 CFR §160.103, which includes ePHI.
- L. “Required by law” has the meaning given such term in 45 CFR §164.103.
- M. “Secretary” means the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 22 (“HHS”).
- N. “Security incident” as defined in 45 CFR §164.304 means the attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of information or interference with system operations in an information system.
- O. “Security Rule” means the HIPAA Regulations codified at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164, Subparts 27 A and C.
- P. “Subcontractor” as defined in 45 CFR §160.103 means a person to whom a business associate delegates a function, activity, or service, other than in the capacity of a member of the workforce of such business associate.
- Q. “Unsecured protected health information” and “unsecured PHI” as defined in 45 CFR §164.402 means PHI not rendered unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized persons through use of a technology or methodology specified by the Secretary in the guidance issued 34 under 42 USC §17932(h)(2).

2. Scope of Use and Disclosure by Contractor of County's PHI and/or ePHI.

- A. Except as otherwise provided in this Addendum, Contractor may use, disclose, or access PHI and/or ePHI as necessary to perform any and all obligations of Contractor under the Underlying Agreement or to perform functions, activities or services for, or on behalf of, County as specified in this Addendum, if such use or disclosure does not violate HIPAA, HITECH, the Privacy Rule and/or Security Rule.
- B. Unless otherwise limited herein, in addition to any other uses and/or disclosures permitted or authorized by this Addendum or required by law, in accordance with 45 CFR §164.504(e)(2), Contractor may:
- (1) Use PHI and/or ePHI if necessary for Contractor's proper management and administration and to carry out its legal responsibilities; and,
 - (2) Disclose PHI and/or ePHI for the purpose of Contractor's proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities, only if:
 - (a) The disclosure is required by law; or,
 - (b) Contractor obtains reasonable assurances, in writing, from the person to whom Contractor will Hold such PHI disclose such PHI and/or ePHI that the person will:
 - (i) and/or ePHI in confidence and use or further disclose it only for the purpose for which Contractor disclosed it to the person, or as required by law; and,
 - (ii) Notify Contractor of any instances of which it becomes aware in which the confidentiality of the information has been breached; and,
 - (3) Use PHI to provide data aggregation services relating to the health care operations of County pursuant to the Underlying Agreement or as requested by County; and,
 - (4) De-identify all PHI and/or ePHI of County received by Contractor under this Addendum provided that the de-identification conforms to the requirements of the Privacy Rule and/or 24 Security Rule and does not preclude timely payment and/or claims processing and receipt.
- C. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in any instance where applicable state and/or federal laws and/or regulations are more stringent in their requirements than the provisions of HIPAA, including, but not limited to, prohibiting disclosure of mental health and/or substance abuse records, the applicable state and/or federal laws and/or regulations shall control the disclosure of records.

3. Prohibited Uses and Disclosures.

- A. Contractor may neither use, disclose, nor access PHI and/or ePHI in a manner not authorized by the Underlying Agreement or this Addendum without patient authorization or de-identification of the PHI and/or ePHI and as authorized in writing from County.
- B. Contractor may neither use, disclose, nor access PHI and/or ePHI it receives from County or from another business associate of County, except as permitted or required by this Addendum, or as required by law.

- C. Contractor agrees not to make any disclosure of PHI and/or ePHI that County would be prohibited from making.
- D. Contractor shall not use or disclose PHI for any purpose prohibited by the Privacy Rule, Security Rule, HIPAA and/or HITECH, including, but not limited to 42 USC §17935 and §17936. Contractor agrees:
 - (1) Not to use or disclose PHI for fundraising, unless pursuant to the Underlying Agreement and only if permitted by and in compliance with the requirements of 45 CFR §164.514(f) or 45 CFR §164.508;
 - (2) Not to use or disclose PHI for marketing, as defined in 45 CFR §164.501, unless pursuant to the Underlying Agreement and only if permitted by and in compliance with the requirements of 45 CFR §164.508(a)(3);
 - (3) Not to disclose PHI, except as otherwise required by law, to a health plan for purposes of carrying out payment or health care operations, if the individual has requested this restriction pursuant to 42 USC §17935(a) and 45 CFR §164.522, and has paid out of pocket in full for the health care item or service to which the PHI solely relates; and,
 - (4) Not to receive, directly or indirectly, remuneration in exchange for PHI, or engage in any act that would constitute a sale of PHI, as defined in 45 CFR §164.502(a)(5)(ii), unless permitted by the Underlying Agreement and in compliance with the requirements of a valid authorization under 45 CFR §164.508(a)(4). This prohibition shall not apply to payment by County to Contractor for services provided pursuant to the Underlying Agreement.

4. Obligations of County.

- A. County agrees to make its best efforts to notify Contractor promptly in writing of any restrictions on the use or disclosure of PHI and/or ePHI agreed to by County that may affect Contractor's ability to perform its obligations under the Underlying Agreement, or this Addendum.
- B. County agrees to make its best efforts to promptly notify Contractor in writing of any changes in, or revocation of, permission by any individual to use or disclose PHI and/or ePHI, if such changes or revocation may affect Contractor's ability to perform its obligations under the Underlying Agreement, or this Addendum.
- C. County agrees to make its best efforts to promptly notify Contractor in writing of any known limitation(s) in its notice of privacy practices to the extent that such limitation may affect Contractor's use or disclosure of PHI and/or ePHI.
- D. County agrees not to request Contractor to use or disclose PHI and/or ePHI in any manner that would not be permissible under HITECH, HIPAA, the Privacy Rule, and/or Security Rule.
- E. County agrees to obtain any authorizations necessary for the use or disclosure of PHI and/or ePHI, so that Contractor can perform its obligations under this Addendum and/or Underlying Agreement.

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5. Obligations of Contractor. In connection with the use or disclosure of PHI and/or ePHI, Contractor agrees to:

- A. Use or disclose PHI only if such use or disclosure complies with each applicable requirement of 45 CFR §164.504. Contractor shall also comply with the additional privacy requirements that are applicable to covered entities in HITECH, as may be amended from time to time.

- B. Not use or further disclose PHI and/or ePHI other than as permitted or required by this Addendum or as required by law. Contractor shall promptly notify County if Contractor is required by law to disclose PHI and/or ePHI.
- C. Use appropriate safeguards and comply, where applicable, with the Security Rule with respect to ePHI, to prevent use or disclosure of PHI and/or ePHI other than as provided for by this Addendum.
- D. Mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Contractor of a use or disclosure of PHI and/or ePHI by Contractor in violation of this Addendum.
- E. Report to County any use or disclosure of PHI and/or ePHI not provided for by this Addendum or otherwise in violation of HITECH, HIPAA, the Privacy Rule, and/or Security Rule of which Contractor becomes aware, including breaches of unsecured PHI as required by 45 CFR §164.410.
- F. In accordance with 45 CFR §164.502(e)(1)(ii), require that any subcontractors that create, receive, maintain, transmit or access PHI on behalf of the Contractor agree through contract to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to Contractor with respect to such PHI and/or ePHI, including the restrictions and conditions pursuant to this Addendum.
- G. Make available to County or the Secretary, in the time and manner designated by County or Secretary, Contractor's internal practices, books and records relating to the use, disclosure and privacy protection of PHI received from County, or created or received by Contractor on behalf of County, for purposes of determining, investigating or auditing Contractor's and/or County's compliance with the Privacy Rule.
- H. Request, use or disclose only the minimum amount of PHI necessary to accomplish the intended purpose of the request, use or disclosure in accordance with 42 USC §17935(b) and 45 CFR §164.502(b)(1).
- I. Comply with requirements of satisfactory assurances under 45 CFR §164.512 relating to notice or qualified protective order in response to a third party's subpoena, discovery request, or other lawful process for the disclosure of PHI, which Contractor shall promptly notify County upon Contractor's receipt of such request from a third party.
- J. Not require an individual to provide patient authorization for use or disclosure of PHI as a condition for treatment, payment, enrollment in any health plan (including the health plan administered by County), or eligibility of benefits, unless otherwise excepted under 45 CFR §164.508(b)(4) and authorized in writing by County.
- K. Use appropriate administrative, technical and physical safeguards to prevent inappropriate use, disclosure, or access of PHI and/or ePHI.

- L. Obtain and maintain knowledge of applicable laws and regulations related to HIPAA and HITECH, as may be amended from time to time.
 - M. Comply with the requirements of the Privacy Rule that apply to the County to the extent Contractor is to carry out County's obligations under the Privacy Rule.
 - N. Take reasonable steps to cure or end any pattern of activity or practice of its subcontractor of which Contractor becomes aware that constitute a material breach or violation of the subcontractor's obligations under the business associate contract with Contractor, and if such steps are unsuccessful, Contractor agrees to terminate its contract with the subcontractor if feasible.
- 6. Access to PHI, Amendment and Disclosure Accounting.** Contractor agrees to:
- A. **Access to PHI, including ePHI.** Provide access to PHI, including ePHI if maintained electronically, in a designated record set to County or an individual as directed by County, within five (5) days of request from County, to satisfy the requirements of 45 CFR §164.524.
 - B. **Amendment of PHI.** Make PHI available for amendment and incorporate amendments to PHI in a designated record set County directs or agrees to at the request of an individual, within fifteen (15) days of receiving a written request from County, in accordance with 45 CFR §164.526.
 - C. **Accounting of disclosures of PHI and electronic health record.** Assist County to fulfill its obligations to provide accounting of disclosures of PHI under 45 CFR §164.528 and, where applicable, electronic health records under 42 USC §17935€ if Contractor uses or maintains electronic health records. Contractor shall:
 - (1) Document such disclosures of PHI and/or electronic health records, and information related to such disclosures, as would be required for County to respond to a request by an individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI and/or electronic health record in accordance with 45 CFR §164.528.
 - (2) Within fifteen (15) days of receiving a written request from County, provide to County or any individual as directed by County information collected in accordance with this section to permit County to respond to a request by an individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI and/or electronic health record.
 - (3) Make available for County information required by this Section 6.C for six (6) years preceding the individual's request for accounting of disclosures of PHI, and for three (3) years preceding the individual's request for accounting of disclosures of electronic health record.
- 7. Security of ePHI.** In the event County discloses ePHI to Contractor or Contractor needs to create, receive, maintain, transmit or have access to County ePHI, in accordance with 42 USC §17931 and 45 CFR §164.314(a)(2)(i), and §164.306, Contractor shall:
- A. Comply with the applicable requirements of the Security Rule, and implement administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of ePHI that Contractor creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of County in accordance with 45 CFR §164.308, §164.310, and §164.312;

- B. Comply with each of the requirements of 45 CFR §164.316 relating to the implementation of policies, procedures and documentation requirements with respect to ePHI;
 - C. Protect against any reasonably anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of ePHI;
 - D. Protect against any reasonably anticipated uses or disclosures of ePHI that are not permitted or required under the Privacy Rule;
 - E. Ensure compliance with the Security Rule by Contractor's workforce;
 - F. In accordance with 45 CFR §164.308(b)(2), require that any subcontractors that create, receive, maintain, transmit, or access ePHI on behalf of Contractor agree through contract to the same restrictions and requirements contained in this Addendum and comply with the applicable requirements of the Security Rule;
 - G. Report to County any security incident of which Contractor becomes aware, including breaches of unsecured PHI as required by 45 CFR §164.410; and,
 - H. Comply with any additional security requirements that are applicable to covered entities in Title 42 (Public Health and Welfare) of the United States Code, as may be amended from time to time, including but not limited to HITECH.
8. **Breach of Unsecured PHI.** In the case of breach of unsecured PHI, Contractor shall comply with the applicable provisions of 42 USC §17932 and 45 CFR Part 164, Subpart D, including but not limited to 45 CFR §164.410.
- A. **Discovery and notification.** Following the discovery of a breach of unsecured PHI, Contractor shall notify County in writing of such breach without unreasonable delay and in no case later than 60 calendar days after discovery of a breach, except as provided in 45 CFR §164.412.
 - (1) **Breaches treated as discovered.** A breach is treated as discovered by Contractor as of the first day on which such breach is known to Contractor or, by exercising reasonable diligence, would have been known to Contractor, which includes any person, other than the person committing the breach, who is an employee, officer, or other agent of Contractor (determined in accordance with the federal common law of agency).
 - (2) **Content of notification.** The written notification to County relating to breach of unsecured PHI shall include, to the extent possible, the following information if known (or can be reasonably obtained) by Contractor:
 - (a) The identification of each individual whose unsecured PHI has been, or is reasonably believed by Contractor to have been accessed, acquired, used or disclosed during the breach;
 - (b) A brief description of what happened, including the date of the breach and the date of the discovery of the breach, if known;
 - € A description of the types of unsecured PHI involved in the breach, such as whether full name, social security number, date of birth, home address, account number, diagnosis, disability code, or other types of information were involved;

- (d) Any steps individuals should take to protect themselves from potential harm resulting from the breach;
 - € A brief description of what Contractor is doing to investigate the breach, to mitigate harm to individuals, and to protect against any further breaches; and,
 - (f) Contact procedures for individuals to ask questions or learn additional information, which shall include a toll-free telephone number, an e-mail address, web site, or postal address.
- B. Cooperation.** With respect to any breach of unsecured PHI reported by Contractor, Contractor shall cooperate with County and shall provide County with any information requested by County to enable County to fulfill in a timely manner its own reporting and notification obligations, including but not limited to providing notice to individuals, prominent media outlets and the Secretary in accordance with 42 USC §17932 and 45 CFR §164.404, §164.406 and §164.408.
- C. Breach log.** To the extent breach of unsecured PHI involves less than 500 individuals, Contractor shall maintain a log or other documentation of such breaches and provide such log or other documentation on an annual basis to County not later than fifteen (15) days after the end of each calendar year for submission to the Secretary.
- D. Delay of notification authorized by law enforcement.** If Contractor delays notification of breach of unsecured PHI pursuant to a law enforcement official's statement that required notification, notice or posting would impede a criminal investigation or cause damage to national security, Contractor shall maintain documentation sufficient to demonstrate its compliance with the requirements of 45 CFR §164.412.
- E. Payment of costs.** With respect to any breach of unsecured PHI caused solely by the Contractor's failure to comply with one or more of its obligations under this Addendum and/or the provisions of HITECH, HIPAA, the Privacy Rule or the Security Rule, Contractor agrees to pay any and all costs associated with providing all legally required notifications to individuals, media outlets, and the Secretary. This provision shall not be construed to limit or diminish Contractor's obligations to indemnify, defend and hold harmless County under Section 9 of this Addendum.
- F. Documentation.** Pursuant to 45 CFR §164.414(b), in the event Contractor's use or disclosure of PHI and/or ePHI violates the Privacy Rule, Contractor shall maintain documentation sufficient to demonstrate that all notifications were made by Contractor as required by 45 CFR Part 164, Subpart D, or that such use or disclosure did not constitute a breach, including Contractor's completed risk assessment and investigation documentation.
- G. Additional State Reporting Requirements.** The parties agree that this Section 8.G applies only if and/or when County, in its capacity as a licensed clinic, health facility, home health agency, or hospice, is required to report unlawful or unauthorized access, use, or disclosure of medical information under the more stringent requirements of California Health & Safety Code §1280.15. For purposes of this Section 8.G, "unauthorized" has the meaning given such term in California Health & Safety Code §1280.15(j)(2).
- (1) Contractor agrees to assist County to fulfill its reporting obligations to affected patients and to the California Department of Public Health ("CDPH") in a timely manner under the California Health & Safety Code §1280.15.
 - (2) Contractor agrees to report to County any unlawful or unauthorized access, use, or disclosure of patient's medical information without unreasonable delay and no later than two (2) business days after Contractor detects such incident. Contractor further agrees such report shall be made in writing, and shall include substantially the same types of information listed above in Section 8.A.2 (Content of

Notification) as applicable to the unlawful or unauthorized access, use, or disclosure as defined above in this section, understanding and acknowledging that the term “breach” as used in Section 8.A.2 does not apply to California Health & Safety Code §1280.15.

9. Hold Harmless/Indemnification.

- A. Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless County, all Agencies, Districts, Special Districts and Departments of County, their respective directors, officers, Board of Supervisors, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and representatives 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 Addendum, including but not limited to property damage, bodily injury, death, or any other element of any kind or nature whatsoever arising from the performance of Contractor, its officers, agents, employees, subcontractors, agents or representatives from this Addendum. 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, of County, all Agencies, Districts, Special Districts and Departments of County, their respective directors, officers, Board of Supervisors, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents or representatives in any claim or action based upon such alleged acts or omissions.
- B. 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 choice, subject to the approval of County, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, 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 County as set forth herein. Contractor’s obligation to defend, indemnify and hold harmless County shall be subject to County having given Contractor written notice within a reasonable period of time of the claim or of the commencement of the related action, as the case may be, and information and reasonable assistance, at Contractor’s expense, for the defense or settlement thereof. 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.
- C. The specified insurance limits required in the Underlying Agreement of this Addendum shall in no way limit or circumscribe Contractor’s obligations to indemnify and hold harmless County herein from third party claims arising from issues of this Addendum.
- D. In the event there is conflict between this clause and California Civil Code §2782, this clause shall be interpreted to comply with Civil Code §2782. Such interpretation shall not relieve the Contractor from indemnifying County to the fullest extent allowed by law.
- E. In the event there is a conflict between this indemnification clause and an indemnification clause contained in the Underlying Agreement of this Addendum, this indemnification shall only apply to the subject issues included within this Addendum.

10. Term. This Addendum shall commence upon the Effective Date and shall terminate when all PHI and/or ePHI provided by County to Contractor, or created or received by Contractor on behalf of County, is destroyed or returned to County, or, if it is infeasible to return or destroy PHI and/ePHI, protections are extended to such information, in accordance with section 11.B of this Addendum.

11. Termination.

A. **Termination for Breach of Contract.** A breach of any provision of this Addendum by either party shall constitute a material breach of the Underlying Agreement and will provide grounds for terminating this Addendum and the Underlying Agreement with or without an opportunity to cure the breach, notwithstanding any provision in the Underlying Agreement to the contrary. Either party, upon written notice to the other party describing the breach, may take any of the following actions:

- (1) Terminate the Underlying Agreement and this Addendum, effective immediately, if the other party breaches a material provision of this Addendum.
- (2) Provide the other party with an opportunity to cure the alleged material breach and in the event the other party fails to cure the breach to the satisfaction of the non-breaching party in a timely manner, the non-breaching party has the right to immediately terminate the Underlying Agreement and this Addendum.
- (3) If termination of the Underlying Agreement is not feasible, the breaching party, upon the request of the non-breaching party, shall implement, at its own expense, a plan to cure the breach and report regularly on its compliance with such plan to the non-breaching party.

B. **Effect of Termination.**

- (1) Upon termination of this Addendum, for any reason, Contractor shall return or, if agreed to in writing by County, destroy all PHI and/or ePHI received from County, or created or received by the Contractor on behalf of County, and, in the event of destruction, Contractor shall certify such destruction, in writing, to County. This provision shall apply to all PHI and/or ePHI which are in the possession of subcontractors or agents of Contractor. Contractor shall retain no copies of PHI and/or ePHI, except as provided below in paragraph (2) of this section.
- (2) In the event that Contractor determines that returning or destroying the PHI and/or ePHI is not feasible, Contractor shall provide written notification to County of the conditions that make such return or destruction not feasible. Upon determination by Contractor that return or destruction of PHI and/or ePHI is not feasible, Contractor shall extend the protections of this Addendum to such PHI and/or ePHI and limit further uses and disclosures of such PHI and/or ePHI to those purposes which make the return or destruction not feasible, for so long as Contractor maintains such PHI and/or ePHI.

12. General Provisions.

A. **Retention Period.** Whenever Contractor is required to document or maintain documentation pursuant to the terms of this Addendum, Contractor shall retain such documentation for 6 years from the date of its creation or as otherwise prescribed by law, whichever is later.

- B. **Amendment.** The parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this Addendum from time to time as is necessary for County to comply with HITECH, the Privacy Rule, Security Rule, and HIPAA generally.
- C. **Survival.** The obligations of Contractor under Sections 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11.B and 12.A of this Addendum shall survive the termination or expiration of this Addendum.
- D. **Regulatory and Statutory References.** A reference in this Addendum to a section in HITECH, HIPAA, the Privacy Rule and/or Security Rule means the section(s) as in effect or as amended.
- E. **Conflicts.** The provisions of this Addendum shall prevail over any provisions in the Underlying Agreement that conflict or appear inconsistent with any provision in this Addendum.
- F. **Interpretation of Addendum.**
 - (1) This Addendum shall be construed to be part of the Underlying Agreement as one document. The purpose is to supplement the Underlying Agreement to include the requirements of the Privacy Rule, Security Rule, HIPAA and HITECH.
 - (2) Any ambiguity between this Addendum and the Underlying Agreement shall be resolved to permit County to comply with the Privacy Rule, Security Rule, HIPAA and HITECH generally.
- G. **Notices to County.** All notifications required to be given by Contractor to County pursuant to the terms of this Addendum shall be made in writing and delivered to the County both by fax and to both of the addresses listed below by either registered or certified mail return receipt requested or guaranteed overnight mail with tracing capability, or at such other address as County may hereafter designate. All notices to County provided by Contractor pursuant to this Section shall be deemed given or made when received by County.

County HIPAA Privacy Officer: HIPAA Privacy Manager

County HIPAA Privacy Officer Address: P.O. Box 1569
Riverside, CA 92502

County HIPAA Privacy Officer Fax Number: (951) 955-HIPAA or (951) 955-4472

————— **TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY PERSONNEL ONLY** —————

County Departmental Officer: _____

County Departmental Officer Title: _____

County Department Address: _____

County Department Fax Number: _____

ATTACHMENT
PII Privacy and Security Standards

I. PHYSICAL SECURITY

The Contractor shall ensure PII is used and stored in an area that is physically safe from access by unauthorized persons at all times. The Contractor agrees to safeguard PII from loss, theft, or inadvertent disclosure and, therefore, agrees to:

- A. Secure all areas of the Contractor facilities where staff assist in the administration of their program and use, disclose, or store PII.
- B. These areas shall be restricted to only allow access to authorized individuals by using one or more of the following:
 - 1. Properly coded key cards
 - 2. Authorized door keys
 - 3. Official identification
- C. Issue identification badges to Contractor staff.
- D. Require Contractor staff to wear these badges where PII is used, disclosed, or stored.
- E. Ensure each physical location, where PII is used, disclosed, or stored, has procedures and controls that ensure an individual who is terminated from access to the facility is promptly escorted from the facility by an authorized employee and access is revoked.
- F. Ensure there are security guards or a monitored alarm system at all times at the Contractor facilities and leased facilities where five hundred (500) or more individually identifiable records of PII is used, disclosed, or stored. Video surveillance systems are recommended.
- G. Ensure data centers with servers, data storage devices, and/or critical network infrastructure involved in the use, storage, and/or processing of PII have perimeter security and physical access controls that limit access to only authorized staff. Visitors to the data center area must be escorted at all times by authorized staff.
- H. Store paper records with PII in locked spaces, such as locked file cabinets, locked file rooms, locked desks, or locked offices in facilities which are multi-use meaning that there are County and non-County functions in one building in work areas that are not securely segregated from each other. It is recommended that all PII be locked up when unattended at any time, not just within multi-use facilities.
- I. Use all reasonable measures to prevent non-authorized personnel and visitors from having access to, control of, or viewing PII.

II. TECHNICAL SECURITY CONTROLS

- A. Workstation/Laptop Encryption. All workstations and laptops, which use, store and/or process PII, must be encrypted using a FIPS 140-2 certified algorithm 128 bit or higher, such as Advanced Encryption Standard (AES). The encryption solution must be full disk. It is encouraged, when available and when feasible, that the encryption be 256 bit.
- B. Server Security. Servers containing unencrypted PII must have sufficient administrative, physical, and technical controls in place to protect that data, based upon a risk assessment/system security review. It is recommended to follow the guidelines documented in the latest revision of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication (SP) 800-53, Security and Privacy Controls for Federal Information Systems and Organizations.

- C. Minimum Necessary. Only the minimum necessary amount of PII required to perform required business functions may be accessed, copied, downloaded, or exported.
- D. Mobile Device and Removable Media. All electronic files, which contain PII data, must be encrypted when stored on any mobile device or removable media (i.e. USB drives, CD/DVD, smartphones, tablets, backup tapes etc.). Encryption must be a FIPS 140-2 certified algorithm 128 bit or higher, such as AES. It is encouraged, when available and when feasible, that the encryption be 256 bit.
- E. Antivirus Software. All workstations, laptops and other systems, which process and/or store PII, must install and actively use an antivirus software solution. Antivirus software should have automatic updates for definitions scheduled at least daily.
- F. Patch Management.
1. All workstations, laptops and other systems, which process and/or store PII, must have critical security patches applied, with system reboot if necessary.
 2. There must be a documented patch management process that determines installation timeframe based on risk assessment and vendor recommendations.
 3. At a maximum, all applicable patches deemed as critical must be installed within thirty (30) days of vendor release. It is recommended that critical patches which are high risk be installed within seven (7) days.
 4. Applications and systems that cannot be patched within this time frame, due to significant operational reasons, must have compensatory controls implemented to minimize risk.
- G. User IDs and Password Controls.
1. All users must be issued a unique user name for accessing PII.
 2. Username must be promptly disabled, deleted, or the password changed upon the transfer or termination of an employee within twenty- four (24) hours. Note: Twenty-four (24) hours is defined as one (1) working day.
 3. Passwords are not to be shared.
 4. Passwords must be at least eight (8) characters.
 5. Passwords must be a non-dictionary word.
 6. Passwords must not be stored in readable format on the computer or server.
 7. Passwords must be changed every ninety (90) days or less. It is recommended that passwords be required to be changed every sixty (60) days or less.
 8. Passwords must be changed if revealed or compromised.
 9. Passwords must be composed of characters from at least three (3) of the following four (4) groups from the standard keyboard:
 - a. Upper case letters (A-Z)
 - b. Lower case letters (a-z)
 - c. Arabic numerals (0-9)
 - d. Special characters (!,@,#, etc.)
- H. Data Destruction. When no longer needed, all PII must be cleared, purged, or destroyed consistent with NIST SP 800-88, Guidelines for Media Sanitization, such that the PII cannot be retrieved.
- I. System Timeout. The systems providing access to PII must provide an automatic timeout, requiring re-authentication of the user session after no more than twenty (20) minutes of inactivity.
- J. Warning Banners. The systems providing access to PII must display a warning banner stating, at a minimum:
1. Data is confidential;
 2. Systems are logged;

3. System use is for business purposes only, by authorized users; and
4. Users shall log off the system immediately if they do not agree with these requirements.

K. System Logging.

1. The systems which provide access to PII must maintain an automated audit trail that can identify the user or system process which initiates a request for PII, or alters PII.
2. The audit trail shall:
 - a. Be date and time stamped;
 - b. Log both successful and failed accesses;
 - c. Be read-access only; and
 - d. Be restricted to authorized users.
3. If PII is stored in a database, database logging functionality shall be enabled.
4. Audit trail data shall be archived for at least three (3) years from the occurrence.

L. Access Controls. The system providing access to PII shall use role-based access controls for all user authentications, enforcing the principle of least privilege.

M. Transmission Encryption.

1. All data transmissions of PII outside of a secure internal network must be encrypted using a Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 140-2 certified algorithm that is 128 bit or higher, such as Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) or Transport Layer Security (TLS). It is encouraged, when available and when feasible, that 256 bit encryption be used.
2. Encryption can be end to end at the network level, or the data files containing PII can be encrypted.
3. This requirement pertains to any type of PII in motion such as website access, file transfer, and email.

N. Intrusion Prevention. All systems involved in accessing, storing, transporting, and protecting PII, which are accessible through the Internet, must be protected by an intrusion detection and prevention solution.

III. AUDIT CONTROLS

A. System Security Review.

1. The Contractor must ensure audit control mechanisms are in place.
2. All systems processing and/or storing PII must have at least an annual system risk assessment/security review that ensures administrative, physical, and technical controls are functioning effectively and provide an adequate level of protection.
3. Reviews should include vulnerability scanning tools.

B. Log Reviews. All systems processing and/or storing PII must have a process or automated procedure in place to review system logs for unauthorized access.

C. Change Control. All systems processing and/or storing PII must have a documented change control process that ensures separation of duties and protects the confidentiality, integrity and availability of data.

IV. BUSINESS CONTINUITY / DISASTER RECOVERY CONTROLS

A. Emergency Mode Operation Plan. The Contractor must establish a documented plan to enable continuation of critical business processes and protection of the security of PII kept 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 twenty-four (24) hours.

- B. Data Centers. Data centers with servers, data storage devices, and critical network infrastructure involved in the use, storage and/or processing of PII, must include environmental protection such as cooling, power, and fire prevention, detection, and suppression.
- C. Data Backup and Recovery Plan.
 - 1. The Contractor shall have established documented procedures to backup PII to maintain retrievable exact copies of PII.
 - 2. The documented backup procedures shall contain a schedule which includes incremental and full backups.
 - 3. The procedures shall include storing backups offsite.
 - 4. The procedures shall ensure an inventory of backup media.
 - 5. The Contractor shall have established documented procedures to recover PII data.
 - 6. The documented recovery procedures shall include an estimate of the amount of time needed to restore the PII data.

V. PAPER DOCUMENT CONTROLS

- A. Supervision of Data. The PII 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 may be observed by an individual not authorized to access the information.
- B. Data in Vehicles. The Contractor shall have policies that include, based on applicable risk factors, a description of the circumstances under which staff can transport PII, as well as the physical security requirements during transport. A Contractor that chooses to permit its staff to leave records unattended in vehicles must include provisions in its policies to ensure the PII is stored in a non-visible area such as a trunk, that the vehicle is locked, and under no circumstances permit PII be left unattended in a vehicle overnight or for other extended periods of time.
- C. Public Modes of Transportation. The PII in paper form shall not be left unattended at any time in airplanes, buses, trains, etc., including baggage areas. This should be included in training due to the nature of the risk.
- D. Escorting Visitors. Visitors to areas where PII is contained shall be escorted, and PII shall be kept out of sight while visitors are in the area.
- E. Confidential Destruction. PII must be disposed of through confidential means, such as cross cut shredding or pulverizing.
- F. Removal of Data. The PII must not be removed from the premises except for identified routine business purposes or with express written permission of the County.
- G. Faxing.
 - 1. Faxes containing PII shall not be left unattended and fax machines shall be in secure areas.
 - 2. Faxes shall contain a confidentiality statement notifying persons receiving faxes in error to destroy them and notify the sender.
 - 3. Fax numbers shall be verified with the intended recipient before sending the fax.
- H. Mailing.
 - 1. Mailings containing PII shall be sealed and secured from damage or inappropriate viewing of PII to the extent possible.
 - 2. Mailings that include five hundred (500) or more individually identifiable records containing PII in a single package shall be sent using a tracked mailing method that includes verification of delivery and receipt, unless the Contractor obtains prior written permission from the County to use another method.

VI. NOTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION OF BREACHES AND SECURITY INCIDENTS

During the term of this Agreement, the Contractor agrees to implement reasonable systems for the discovery and prompt reporting of any Breach or Security Incident, and to take the following steps:

The Contractor shall immediately notify the County when it discovers that there may have been a breach in security which has or may have resulted in compromise to confidential data. For purposes of this section, immediately is defined as within two hours of discovery. The County contact for such notification is as follows:

Breaches should be referred to:

DPSS Privacy Officer
Assurance and Review Services
Riverside County Department of Public Social Services
10281 Kidd Street
Riverside, CA 92503
privacyincident@rivco.org

ATTACHMENT III

Assurance of Compliance

**ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH
THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES
NONDISCRIMINATION IN STATE AND FEDERALLY ASSISTED PROGRAMS**

MarSell Consulting and MHS
NAME OF ORGANIZATION

HEREBY AGREES THAT it will comply with Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 as amended; the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended and in particular section 272.6; Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; California Civil Code Section 51 et seq., as amended; California Government Code section 11135-11139.5, as amended; California Government Code section 12940 (h) (1), (i), and (j); California Government Code section 4450; Title 22, California Code of Regulations section 98000 – 98413; Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 3105A; the Dymally-Alatorre Bilingual Services Act (California Government Code Section 7290-7299.8); Section 1808 of the Removal of Barriers to Interethnic Adoption Act of 1996; and other applicable federal and state laws, as well as their implementing regulations [including 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 80, 84, and 91, 7 CFR Part 15, and 28 CFR Part 42], by ensuring that employment practices and the administration of public assistance and social services programs are nondiscriminatory, to the effect that no person shall because of ethnic group identification, age, sex, color, disability, medical condition, national origin, race, ancestry, marital status, religion, religious creed or political belief be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subject to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal or state financial assistance; and HEREBY GIVE ASSURANCE THAT it will immediately take any measures necessary to effectuate this agreement.

THIS ASSURANCE is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all federal and state assistance; and THE VENDOR/RECIPIENT HEREBY GIVES ASSURANCE THAT administrative methods/ procedures which have the effect of subjecting individuals to discrimination or defeating the objectives of the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) Chapter 21, will be prohibited.

BY ACCEPTING THIS ASSURANCE, the vendor/recipient agrees to compile data, maintain records and submit reports as required, to permit effective enforcement of the aforementioned laws, rules and regulations and permit authorized CDSS and/or federal government personnel, during normal working hours, to review such records, books and accounts as needed to ascertain compliance. If there are any violations of this assurance, CDSS shall have the right to invoke fiscal sanctions or other legal remedies in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code section 10605, or Government Code section 11135-11139.5, or any other laws, or the issue may be referred to the appropriate federal agency for further compliance action and enforcement of this assurance.

THIS ASSURANCE is binding on the vendor/recipient directly or through contract, license, or other provider services, as long as it receives federal or state assistance.

10/27/2025

Date

Martinez I. Sellers

Director's Signature

Address of Vendor/Recipient
(08/13/01)

CR50-Vendor Assurance of Compliance

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

CONTRACTOR PAYMENT REQUEST

To: Riverside COUNTY
Department of Public Social Services
Attn: Management Reporting Unit
4060 COUNTY Circle Drive
Riverside, CA 92503

From: _____
Remit to Name

Address

City, State and Zip Code

Contract Number

Total amount requested _____ for the period of _____ 20 _____

Select Payment Type(s) Below:

Advance Payment (if allowed by Contract/MOU) \$ _____ Actual Payment \$ _____
(Same amount as 2076B if needed)

Unit of Service Payment \$ _____
_____ (# of Units) x _____ (Unit Price) = (\$) _____
_____ (# of Units) x _____ (Unit Price) = (\$) _____
_____ (# of Units) x _____ (Unit Price) = (\$) _____
_____ (# of Units) x _____ (Unit Price) = (\$) _____
_____ (# of Units) x _____ (Unit Price) = (\$) _____

Any questions regarding this request should be directed to and authorized by:

Name Phone Number

FOR DPSS USE ONLY (DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE)

If amount authorized is different from the amount requested, please explain:

MRU Authorization Date

Amount Authorized

Invoice Number

PO Number

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES FORMS

Mailing Instructions: When completed, these forms will summarize all of your claims for payment. Your Claims Packet will include DPSS 2076A, 2076B (if required). Invoices, payroll verification, and copies of canceled checks attached, receipts, bank statements, sign-in sheets, daily logs, mileage logs, and other back-up documentation needed to comply with Contract/MOU.

Mail Claims Packet to address shown on upper left corner of DPSS 2076A.
[see method, time, and schedule/condition of payments].
(Please type or print information on all DPSS Forms.)

DPSS 2076A
CONTRACTOR PAYMENT REQUEST

“Remit to Name”
The legal name of your agency.

“Address” “City, State, and Zip Code”
The remit to address used when this contract was established for your agency. All address changes must be submitted for processing prior to use.

“Contract Number”
Can be found on the first page of your contract.

“Amount Requested”
Fill in the total amount and billing period you are requesting payment for.

“Payment Type”
Check the box and enter the dollar amount for the type(s) of payment(s) you are requesting payment for.

“Any questions regarding...”
Fill in the name and phone number of the person to be contacted should any questions arise regarding your request for payment.

EVERYTHING BELOW THE THICK SOLID LINE IS FOR DPSS USE ONLY AND SHOULD BE LEFT BLANK.

ATTACHMENT V

GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS

REGION 1 Western County		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City	Zip Code
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Colton	92324
<input type="checkbox"/>	Corona	92879
<input type="checkbox"/>	Corona	92880
<input type="checkbox"/>	Corona	92881
<input type="checkbox"/>	Corona	92882
<input type="checkbox"/>	Elsinore	92530
<input type="checkbox"/>	Elsinore	92531
<input type="checkbox"/>	Elsinore	92532
<input type="checkbox"/>	Homeland*	92548
<input type="checkbox"/>	March AFB	92518
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mira Loma	91752
<input type="checkbox"/>	Moreno Valley	92551
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Norco	92860
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nuevo/Lakeview	92567
<input type="checkbox"/>	Perris*	92570
<input type="checkbox"/>	Perris	92571
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Riverside	92501
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Riverside	92509
<input type="checkbox"/>	Romoland	92585
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sun City	92586
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sun City/ Canyon Lake/Quail Valley	92587
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wildomar	92595

REGION 2 Mid & Southwest County		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City	Zip Code
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aguanga	92536
<input type="checkbox"/>	Anza*	92539
<input type="checkbox"/>	Banning*	92220
<input type="checkbox"/>	Beaumont/ Cherry Valley	92223
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cabazon*	92230
<input type="checkbox"/>	Calimesa	92320
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hemet*	92543
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hemet	92545
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hemet/Valle Vista*	92544
<input type="checkbox"/>	Idyllwild	92549
<input type="checkbox"/>	Menifee/Sun City	92584
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mountain Center	92561
<input type="checkbox"/>	Murrieta	92562
<input type="checkbox"/>	Murrieta	92563
<input type="checkbox"/>	San Jacinto	92581
<input type="checkbox"/>	San Jacinto	92582
<input type="checkbox"/>	San Jacinto/ Gilman Springs*	92583
<input type="checkbox"/>	Temecula	92590
<input type="checkbox"/>	Temecula	92591
<input type="checkbox"/>	Temecula	92592
<input type="checkbox"/>	Temecula	92593
<input type="checkbox"/>	Winchester	92596

REGION 3 Desert & Eastern County		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City	Zip Code
<input type="checkbox"/>	Blythe*	92225
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cathedral City	92234
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cathedral City	92235
<input type="checkbox"/>	Coachella	92236
<input type="checkbox"/>	Desert Center/ Eagle Mountain	92239
<input type="checkbox"/>	Desert Hot Springs*	92240
<input type="checkbox"/>	Indian Wells	92210
<input type="checkbox"/>	Indio	92201
<input type="checkbox"/>	Indio	92202
<input type="checkbox"/>	Indio	92203
<input type="checkbox"/>	Indio Hills/DHS/ Sky Valley	92241
<input type="checkbox"/>	La Quinta	92253
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mecca/ North Shore	92254
<input type="checkbox"/>	Midland	92255
<input type="checkbox"/>	Palm Desert	92211
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Palm Springs	92258
<input type="checkbox"/>	Palm Springs	92262
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Palm Springs	92264
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rancho Mirage	92270
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ripley	92272
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thermal/Oasis/ Salton Sea	92274
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thousand Palms	92276
<input type="checkbox"/>	Whitewater	92282

* Zip codes indicated with an asterisk have been identified as having the highest incidence of child abuse allegations