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**1. Service Overview**

The California Department of Health Care Services (hereafter referred to as DHCS or Department) administers the Mental Health Services Act, Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act, Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH), Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG), Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention Block Grant (SABG), and Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP) programs and oversees county provision of community mental health services pursuant to the Bronzan-McCorquodale Act. Contractor (hereafter referred to as County in this Exhibit) must meet certain conditions and requirements to receive funding for these programs and community mental health services.

This Agreement, which is County's performance contract, as required by Welfare and Institutions Code (Welf. & Inst. Code) sections 5650, subd. (a), 5651, 5897, and California Code of Regulations (Cal. Code Regs.), Title 9, section 3310, sets forth conditions and requirements that County must meet in order to receive this funding. This Agreement does not cover federal financial participation or State general funds as they relate to Medi-Cal services provided through the Mental Health Plan Contracts. County agrees to comply with all of the conditions and requirements described herein.

DHCS shall monitor this Agreement to ensure compliance with applicable federal and State law and applicable regulations. (Gov. Code, §§ 11180-11182; Welf. & Inst. Code, §§ 5614, 5717, subd. (b), 5651, subd. (b)(10) & 14124.2, subd. (a).)

**2. Service Location**

The services shall be performed at appropriate sites as described in this contract.

**3. Service Hours**

The services shall be provided during times required by this contract.

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**4. Project Representatives**

A. The project representatives during the term of this Agreement will be:

<b>Department of Health Care Service</b>	<b>County of Nevada</b>
Contract Manager: Ivan Bhardwaj Telephone: (916) 345-7483 Fax: (916) 440-7621 Email: Ivan.Bhardwaj@dhcs.ca.gov	Phebe Bell, MSW, Mental Health Director  Telephone: (530) 470-2784 Fax: (530) 271-0257 Email: phebe.bell@co.nevada.ca.us

B. Direct all inquiries to:

<b>Department of Health Care Services</b>	<b>County of Nevada</b>
Behavioral Health – Community Services Division/Federal Grants Section  Attention: DeAnn Harrison 1501 Capitol Avenue, MS 2624 P.O. Box Number 997413 Sacramento, CA, 95899-7413  Phone: (916) 345-8700 Email: DeAnn.Harrison@dhcs.ca.gov	Attention: Jamie Maxwell 500 Crown Point Circle, Suite 120 Nevada City, CA, 95959  Phone: (530) 470-2542 Fax: (530) 271-0257 Email: <u>Jamie.Maxwell@co.nevada.ca.us</u>

C. Either party may make changes to the information above by giving written notice to the other party. Said changes shall not require an amendment to this Agreement.

**5. General Requirements for Agreement**

Welfare and Institutions Code section 5651, subdivision (b), provides specific assurances, which are listed below, that must be included in this Agreement. County shall:

- A. Comply with the expenditure requirements of Welfare and Institutions Code section 17608.05,
- B. Provide services to persons receiving involuntary treatment as required by Part 1 (commencing with section 5000) and Part 1.5 (commencing with section 5585) of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code,

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- C. Comply with all of the requirements necessary for Medi-Cal reimbursement for mental health treatment services and case management programs provided to Medi-Cal eligible individuals, including, but not limited to, the provisions set forth in Chapter 3 (commencing with section 5700) of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and submit cost reports and other data to DHCS in the form and manner determined by the DHCS,
- D. Ensure that the Local Mental Health Advisory Board has reviewed and approved procedures ensuring citizen and professional involvement at all stages of the planning process pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 5604.2,
- E. Comply with all provisions and requirements in law pertaining to patient rights,
- F. Comply with all requirements in federal law and regulation, and all agreements, certifications, assurances, and policy letters, pertaining to federally funded mental/behavioral health programs, including, but not limited to, the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness grant, Community Mental Health Services Block Grant, and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant programs.
- G. Provide all data and information set forth in sections 5610 and 5664 of the Welfare and Institutions Code,
- H. If County elects to provide the services described in Chapter 2.5 (commencing with section 5670) of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, comply with guidelines established for program initiatives outlined in this chapter, and
- I. Comply with all applicable laws and regulations for all services delivered, including all laws, regulations, and guidelines of the Mental Health Services Act.

**6. Services Authority**

**A. The Mental Health Services Act Program**

1) Program Description

Proposition 63, which created the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), was approved by the voters of California on November 2, 2004. The Mental Health Services (MHS) Fund, which provides funds to counties for the implementation of its MHSA programs, was established pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 5890. The MHSA was designed to expand California's public mental health programs and services through

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funding received by a one percent tax on personal incomes in excess of \$1 million. Counties use this funding for projects and programs for prevention and early intervention, community services and supports, workforce development and training, innovation, plus capital facilities and technological needs through mental health projects and programs. The State Controller distributes MHS Funds to the counties to plan for and provide mental health programs and other related activities outlined in a county's three-year program and expenditure plan or annual update. MHS Funds are distributed by the State Controller's Office to the counties on a monthly basis.

DHCS shall monitor County's use of MHS Funds to ensure that the County meets the MHSA and MHS Fund requirements. (Gov. Code §§ 11180-11182; Welf. & Inst. Code, §§ 5651, subd. (b)(10), 5897, subd. (d), & 14124.2, subd. (a).)

2) Issue Resolution Process

County shall have an Issue Resolution Process (Process) to handle client disputes related to the provision of their mental health services. The Process shall be completed in an expedient and appropriate manner. County shall develop a log to record issues submitted as part of the Process. The log shall contain the date the issue was received; a brief synopsis of the issue; the final issue resolution outcome; and the date the final issue resolution was reached.

3) Revenue and Expenditure Report

County shall submit its Revenue and Expenditure Report (RER) electronically to the Department and the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission by January 31 following the close of the fiscal year in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code sections 5705 and 5899, regulations, and DHCS-issued guidelines. The RER shall be certified by the County's Behavioral Health Director (also referred to as "mental health director"), using the DHCS-issued certification form (DHCS Form 1820). Data submitted shall be full and complete. If the RER does not meet the requirements, in accordance with the procedure in section 9 of this Agreement, DHCS may withhold payments from the MHS Fund until the County submits a complete RER. (Welf. & Inst. Code, §§ 5655; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, § 3510, subd. (a).)

4) Distribution and Use of Local Mental Health Services Funds:

- a. Welfare and Institutions Code section 5891, subdivision (c), provides that commencing July 1, 2012, on or before the 15th day of each

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month, pursuant to a methodology provided by DHCS, the State Controller shall distribute to County's Local Mental Health Services Fund (MHS Fund) (established by County pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 5892, subdivision (f)) all unexpended and unreserved funds on deposit as of the last day of the prior month in the Mental Health Services Fund for the provision of specified programs and other related activities.

- b. The expenditure for Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) may be increased by County if DHCS determines that the increase will decrease the need and cost for additional services to severely mentally ill persons in County by an amount at least commensurate with the proposed increase. (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 5892, subd. (a)(4).)

Local MHS Fund money distributed to counties by the State Controller's Office includes funding for annual planning costs pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 5848. The total of these costs shall not exceed five percent of the total annual revenues received for the Local MHS Fund. The planning costs shall include money for County's mental health programs to pay for the costs of having consumers, family members, and other stakeholders participate in the planning process, and for the planning and implementation required for private provider contracts to be expanded to provide additional services. (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 5892, subd. (c).)

- c. County shall use Local MHS Fund monies to pay for those portions of the mental health programs/services for children and adults for which there is no other source of funds available. (Welf. & Inst. Code, §§ 5813.5, subd. (b), 5878.3 subd. (a); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, § 3610, subd. (d).)
- d. County shall only use Local MHS Funds to expand mental health services. These funds shall not be used to supplant existing State or County funds utilized to provide mental health services. These funds shall only be used to pay for the programs authorized in Welfare and Institutions Code sections 5890 and 5892. These funds may not be used to pay for any other program and may not be loaned to County's general fund or any other County fund for any purpose. (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 5891, subd. (a).)
- e. All expenditures for County mental health programs shall be consistent with a currently approved three-year program and expenditure plan or

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annual update pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 5847. (Welf. & Inst. Code, §§ 5891, subd. (d), 5892, subd. (g).)

- 5) Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan and Annual Updates:
- a. County shall prepare and submit a three-year program and expenditure plan, and annual updates, adopted by County's Board of Supervisors, to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) and DHCS within 30 calendar days after adoption. (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 5847, subd. (a).) The three-year program and expenditure plan and annual updates shall include all of the following:
    - i. A program for PEI in accordance with Part 3.6 of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (commencing with section 5840). (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 5847, subd. (b)(1).)
    - ii. A program for services to children in accordance with Part 4 of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (commencing with section 5850), to include a wraparound program pursuant to Chapter 4 of Part 6 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (commencing with section 18250), or provide substantial evidence that it is not feasible to establish a wraparound program in the County. (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 5847, subd. (b)(2).)
    - iii. A program for services to adults and seniors in accordance with Part 3 of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (commencing with section 5800). (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 5847, subd. (b)(3).)
    - iv. A program for innovation in accordance with Part 3.2 of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (commencing with section 5830). (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 5847, subd. (b)(4).) Counties shall expend funds for their innovation programs upon approval by the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission. (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 5830, subd. (e).)
    - v. A program for technological needs and capital facilities needed to provide services pursuant to Part 3 of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (commencing with section 5800), Part 3.6 of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (commencing with section 5840), and Part 4 of Division 5 of the

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Welfare and Institutions Code (commencing with section 5850). All plans for proposed facilities with restrictive settings shall demonstrate that the needs of the people to be served cannot be met in a less restrictive or more integrated setting. (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 5847, subd. (b)(5).)

- vi. Identification of shortages in personnel to provide services pursuant to the above programs and the additional assistance needed from the education and training programs established pursuant to Part 3.1 of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (commencing with section 5820). (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 5847, subd. (b)(6); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, § 3830, subd. (b).)
  - vii. Establishment and maintenance of a prudent reserve to ensure the County program will continue to be able to serve children, adults, and seniors that it is currently serving pursuant to Part 3 of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (commencing with section 5800), Part 3.6 of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (commencing with section 5840), and Part 4 of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (commencing with section 5850), during years in which revenues for the Local MHS Fund are below recent averages adjusted by changes in the State population and the California Consumer Price Index. (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 5847, subd. (b)(7).)
  - viii. Certification by County's Behavioral Health Director, which ensures that County has complied with all pertinent regulations, laws, and statutes of the MHSA, including stakeholder participation and non-supplantation requirements. (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 5847, subd. (b)(8).)
  - ix. Certification by County's Behavioral Health Director and County's Auditor-Controller that the County has complied with any fiscal accountability requirements as directed by DHCS, and that all expenditures are consistent with the requirements of the MHSA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 9, sections 3500 and 3505. (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 5847, subd. (b)(9).)
- b. County shall include services in the programs described in section 6, subparagraphs A, 5.a.i. through 5.a.v., inclusive, to address the needs of transition age youth between the ages of 16 and 25 years old,

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including the needs of transition age foster youth. (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 5847, subd. (c).)

- c. County shall prepare expenditure plans for the programs described in section 6, subparagraphs A, 5.a.i. through 5.a.v., inclusive, and annual expenditure updates. Each expenditure plan and annual update shall indicate the number of children, adults, and seniors to be served, and the cost per person. The expenditure update shall also include utilization of unspent funds allocated in the previous year and the proposed expenditure for the same purpose. (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 5847, subd. (e).)
- d. County's three-year program and expenditure plan and annual updates shall include reports on the achievement of performance outcomes for services provided pursuant to the Adult and Older Adult Mental Health System of Care Act, Prevention and Early Intervention, and the Children's Mental Health Services Act, which are funded by the Local MHS Fund and established jointly by DHCS and the MHSOAC, in collaboration with the County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California. (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 5848, subd. (c).) County contracts with providers shall include the performance goals from the County's three-year program and expenditure plan and annual updates that apply to each provider's programs and services.
- e. County's three-year program and expenditure plan and annual update shall consider ways to provide services to adults and older adults that are similar to those established pursuant to the Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction Grant Program. Funds shall not be used to pay for persons incarcerated in State prison or parolees from State prisons. (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 5813.5, subd. (f).)

6) Planning Requirements and Stakeholder Involvement:

- a. County shall develop its three-year program and expenditure plan and annual update with local stakeholders, including adults and seniors with severe mental illness, families of children, adults, and seniors with severe mental illness, providers of services, law enforcement agencies, education, social services agencies, veterans, representatives from veterans organizations, providers of alcohol and drug services, health care organizations, and other important interests. Counties shall demonstrate a partnership with constituents and stakeholders throughout the process that includes meaningful stakeholder involvement on mental health policy, program planning, and implementation, monitoring, quality improvement, evaluation, and budget allocations. County shall prepare and circulate a draft plan and



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update for review and comment for at least 30 calendar days to representatives of stakeholder interests and any interested party who has requested a copy of the draft plans. (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 5848, subd. (a); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, §§ 3300, 3310, 3315 & 3320.)

- b. County's mental health board, established pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 5604, shall conduct a public hearing on the County's draft three-year program and expenditure plan and annual updates at the close of the 30 calendar day comment period. Each adopted three-year program and expenditure plan or annual update shall summarize and analyze substantive recommendations and describe substantive changes to the three-year program and expenditure plan and annual updates. The County's mental health board shall review the adopted three-year program and expenditure plan and annual updates and recommend revisions to the County's mental health department. (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 5848, subd. (b); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, § 3315.)
- c. The County shall provide for a Community Planning Process as the basis for developing the Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plans and updates. The County shall designate positions and or units responsible for the overall Community Program Planning Process; coordination and management of the Community Program Planning Process; ensuring stakeholders have the opportunity to participate; ensuring that stakeholders reflect the diversity of the demographics of the County; and providing outreach to clients and their family members. The Community Program Planning process shall, at a minimum, include involvement of clients and their family members in all aspects of the Process; participation of stakeholders; and training, as needed, to County staff and stakeholders, clients, and family members regarding the stakeholder process. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, § 3300.)

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- d. The County shall adopt the following standards in planning, implementing, and evaluating the programs and/or services provided with MHSA funds:
  - i. Community Collaboration, as defined in California Code of Regulations, Title 9, section 3200.060
  - ii. Cultural Competence, as defined in section 3200.100;
  - iii. Client Driven, as defined in section 3200.050;
  - iv. Family Driven, as defined in section 3200.120;
  - v. Wellness, Recovery and Resilience focused; and
  - vi. Integrated Service Experiences for clients and their families, as defined in section 3200.190.

The planning, implementation and evaluation process includes, but is not limited to, the Community Program Planning Process; development of the Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plans and updates; and the manner in which the County delivers services and evaluates service delivery. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, § 3320.)

7) County Requirements for Handling MHSA Funds

- a. County shall place all funds received from the State MHS Fund into a Local MHS Fund. The Local MHS Fund balance shall be invested consistent with other County funds and the interest earned on the investments shall be transferred into the Local MHS Fund. (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 5892, subd. (f).)
- b. When accounting for all receipts and expenditures of MHSA funds, County must adhere to uniform accounting standards and procedures that conform to the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), as prescribed by the State Controller in California Code of Regulations, Title 2, division 2, chapter 2, subchapter 1, Accounting Procedures for Counties, sections 901-949, and a manual, which is currently entitled "Accounting Standards and Procedures for Counties" and available at [http://www.sco.ca.gov/pubs\\_guides.html](http://www.sco.ca.gov/pubs_guides.html), (Gov. Code, § 30200),

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except County shall report as spent the full cost of an asset purchased with Capital Facilities and Technological Needs funds.

- 8) Department Compliance Investigations:
- a. DHCS may investigate County's performance of the Mental Health Services Act related provisions of this Agreement and compliance with the provisions of the Mental Health Services Act, and relevant regulations. In conducting such an investigation, DHCS may inspect and copy books, records, papers, accounts, documents and any writing, as defined by Evidence Code section 250, that is pertinent or material to the investigation of the County. For purposes of this Paragraph, "provider" means any person or entity that provides services, goods, supplies or merchandise, which are directly or indirectly funded pursuant to MHSA. (Gov. Code, §§ 11180, 11181, & 11182; Welf. & Inst. Code, §§ 5651, subd. (b)(9), 5897, subd. (d), & 14124.2.)
- 9) County Breach, Plan of Correction and Withholding of State Mental Health Funds:
- a. If DHCS determines that County is out-of-compliance with the Mental Health Services Act related provisions of this Agreement, DHCS may request that County submit a plan of correction, including a specific timeline to correct the deficiencies, to DHCS. (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 5897, subd. (e).)
  - b. In accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code section 5655, if DHCS considers County to be substantially out-of-compliance with any provision of the Mental Health Services Act or relevant regulations, including all reporting requirements, other than timely submission of a complete Revenue and Expenditure Report, the director shall order County to appear at a hearing before the Director or the Director's designee to show cause why the Department should not take administrative action. County shall be given at least twenty (20) days' notice before the hearing.
  - c. If the Director determines that there is or has been a failure, in a substantial manner, on the part of County to comply with any provision of the Welfare and Institutions Code or its implementing regulations, and that administrative sanctions are necessary, the Department may

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invoke any, or any combination of, the following sanctions per Welfare and Institutions Code section 5655:

- i. Withhold part or all State mental health funds from County.
- ii. Require County to enter into negotiations with DHCS to agree on a plan for County to address County's non-compliance.
- iii. Bring an action in mandamus or any other action in court as may be appropriate to compel compliance. Any action filed in accordance with the section shall be entitled to a preference in setting a date for hearing.

**B. Bronzan-McCorquodale Act**

1) Description

The Bronzan-McCorquodale Act realigned responsibility for administration of community mental health services, for the indigent population, to counties (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 5600) and provided a dedicated funding source. The County's primary goal in using the funds is to provide an array of treatment options to seriously emotionally disturbed children and adults who have a serious mental disorder, in every geographic area, to the extent resources are available to the County. (Welf. & Inst. Code, §§ 5600.3, 5600.35, 5600.4) The mission of California's mental health system shall be to enable persons experiencing severe and disabling mental illnesses and children with serious emotional disturbances to access services and programs that assist them, in a manner tailored to each individual, to better control their illness, to achieve their personal goals, and to develop skills and supports leading to their living the most constructive and satisfying lives possible in the least restrictive available settings. (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 5600.1)

2) County Obligations

County shall comply with all requirements in the Bronzan McCorquodale Act (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 5600 et. Seq.) and specifically, county shall comply with the following:

- a. County shall fund children's services pursuant to the requirements of Welfare and Institutions Code sections 5704.5 and 5704.6.
- b. County shall comply with reporting requirements developed by the Department. (Welf. & Inst. Code, §§ 5610, 5664, 5614, subd. (b)(4))
- c. To the extent resources are available, County shall maintain the program principles and array of treatment options required under

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Welfare and Institutions Code sections 5600.2 to 5600.9, inclusive.  
(Welf. & Inst. Code, § 5614, subd. (b)(5))

- d. County shall report data to the state required by the performance outcome systems for adults and children. (Welf. & Inst. Code, §§ 5610, 5664, 5614, subd. (b)(6))

**C. Lanterman-Petris-Short Act**

1) Description

The Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act was enacted to end indefinite involuntary commitment of persons with mental health disorders and to provide prompt evaluation and treatment, to establish consistent personal rights standards, and to provide services in the least restrictive setting for individuals served under the Act. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 5001.) Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 5400, DHCS administers the LPS Act and may adopt standards as necessary.

2) Reporting and Data Submission Requirements

- a. The County shall maintain data on the number of persons admitted for 72-hour evaluation and treatment, 14-day and 30-day periods of intensive treatment, and 180-day post-certification intensive treatment, the number of persons transferred to mental health facilities pursuant to Section 4011.6 of the Penal Code, the number of persons for whom temporary conservatorships are established, and the number of persons for whom conservatorships are established in the County. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 5402, subds. (a)-(b).) Upon request from DHCS, the County shall provide the aforementioned data or other information, records, and reports, which DHCS deems necessary for the purposes of Welfare and Institutions Code section 5402. (*Id.* at subd. (b).)
- b. The County shall maintain data on the number of persons whose rights were denied under the LPS Act and the right or rights which were denied. Quarterly, the County shall provide DHCS with a report of the number of persons whose rights were denied under the LPS Act and shall identify the right or rights which were denied. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 5326.1.)

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- c. The County shall collect information and submit reports to DHCS as specified in Welfare and Institutions Code section 5326.15, subdivision (a).

3) Laura's Law

If the County operates an Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program pursuant to Welfare and Institution Code, Division 5, Part 1, Chapter 2, Article 9, (Laura's Law), it shall be required to comply with all applicable statutes including, but not limited to, Welfare and Institutions Code sections 5345 through 5349.1, inclusive. In addition, a county or group of counties that has a Laura's Law program shall:

- a. Maintain and provide data to DHCS regarding the services the county provides under Laura's Law. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 5348 (d).) The report shall include an evaluation of the effectiveness of the strategies employed by each program in reducing homelessness and hospitalization of persons in the program and in reducing involvement with local law enforcement by persons in the program. The County shall maintain and include in the report to DHCS all of the information enumerated in Welfare and Institutions Code section 5348, subdivision (d), paragraphs (1) through (14).
- b. Pay for the provision of services under Welfare and Institutions Code sections 5347 and 5348 using funds distributed to the counties from the Mental Health Subaccount, the Mental Health Equity Subaccount, and the Vehicle License Collection Account of the Local Revenue Fund, funds from the Mental Health Account and the Behavioral Health Subaccount within the Support Services Account of the Local Revenue Fund 2011, funds from the Mental Health Services Fund when included in county plans pursuant to Section 5847, and any other funds from which the Controller makes distributions to the counties for those purposes. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 5349.)

**D. Projects For Assistance In Transition From Homelessness Program (42 U.S.C. §§ 290cc-21 -290cc-35, inclusive)**

Pursuant to Title 42 of the United States Code, sections 290cc-21 through 290cc-35, inclusive, the State of California has been awarded federal homeless funds through the federal McKinney Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) formula grant. The PATH grant funds community based outreach, mental health and substance abuse

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referral/treatment, case management and other support services, as well as a limited set of housing services for the homeless mentally ill.

County shall submit its Request for Application (RFA) responses and required documentation specified in DHCS' RFA to receive PATH funds. County shall complete its RFA responses in accordance with the instructions, enclosures and attachments available on the DHCS website at:

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/MH/Pages/PATH.aspx>.

If County applied for and DHCS approved its request to receive PATH grant funds, the RFA, County's RFA responses and required documentation, and DHCS' approval constitute provisions of this Agreement and are incorporated by reference herein. County shall comply with all provisions of the RFA and the County's RFA responses.

The PATH grant is a federal award within the meaning of Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations part 200. This contract is a subaward to County. County is a subrecipient and subject to all applicable requirements in Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations part 200 and Title 45 Code of Federal Regulations part 75, including, but not limited to, the County requirement to have a single audit performed for PATH funds in accordance with the audit requirements in Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations part 200, subpart F, or Title 45 Code of Federal Regulations part 75.

**E. Community Mental Health Services Grant Program (42 U.S.C. § 300x-1 et seq.)**

Pursuant to Title 42 United States Code section 300x et seq., the State of California has been awarded the federal Community Mental Health Services Block Grant funds, known as Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG). County mental health agencies utilize MHBG funding to provide a broad array of mental health services within their mental health system of care (SOC) programs. These programs provide services to the following target populations: children and youth with serious emotional disturbances (SED) and adults and older adults with serious mental illnesses (SMI).

County shall submit its RFA responses and required documentation specified in DHCS' RFA to receive MHBG funding. County shall complete its RFA responses in accordance with the instructions, enclosures and attachments.

If County applied for and DHCS approved its request to receive MHBG grant funds, the RFA, County's RFA responses and required documentation, and DHCS' approval constitute provisions of this Agreement and are incorporated

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by reference herein. County shall comply with all provisions of the RFA and the County's RFA responses.

The MHBG is a federal award within the meaning of Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations part 200. This contract is a subaward to County. County is a subrecipient and subject to all applicable requirements in Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations part 200 and Title 45 Code of Federal Regulations part 75, including, but not limited to, the County requirement to have a single audit performed for MHBG funds in accordance with the audit requirements in Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations part 200, subpart F, or Title 45 Code of Federal Regulations part 75.

**F. Substance Abuse Prevention And Treatment Block Grant Program (42 U.S.C. § 300x-1 et seq.)**

Pursuant to Title 42 United States Code section 300x et seq., the State of California has been awarded the federal Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention Block Grant funds (known as SABG). County Alcohol and Other Drug Programs utilize SABG funding to provide a broad array of alcohol and other drug program treatment and prevention services within their system of care programs.

County shall submit its RFA responses and required documentation specified in DHCS' RFA to receive SABG funding. County shall complete its RFA responses in accordance with the instructions, enclosures and attachments.

If County applied for, and DHCS approved its request to receive SABG funds, the RFA, County's RFA responses and required documentation, and DHCS' approval constitute provisions of this Agreement and are incorporated by reference herein. County shall comply with all provisions of the RFA and the County's RFA responses.

The SABG is a federal award within the meaning of Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations part 200. This contract is a subaward to County. County is a subrecipient and subject to all applicable requirements in Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations part 200 and Title 45 Code of Federal Regulations part 75, including, but not limited to, the County requirement to have a single audit performed for SABG funds in accordance with the audit requirements in Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations part 200, subpart F, or Title 45 Code of Federal Regulations part 75.

**G. Crisis Counseling Assistance And Training Program (42 U.S.C. § 5183)**

Pursuant to Title 42 United States Code section 5183, and upon the issuance of a Presidential declaration of a major disaster, the State of California may



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be awarded Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding for the Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP). The CCP supports short-term interventions that involve assisting disaster survivors in understanding their current situation and reactions, mitigating stress, developing coping strategies, providing emotional support, and encouraging linkages with other individuals and agencies that help survivors in their recovery process. These funds are used to provide services to all individuals affected during a disaster.

- 1) The CCP is comprised of three funding terms:
  - a. Immediate Services Program (ISP) – Funding is provided for the CCP for 60 days from the date of the Presidential declaration.
  - b. Immediate Services Program Extension (ISP Extension) – Funding is provided to cover the period from the day after the end of the ISP to the award date of the Regular Services Program (RSP).
  - c. Regular Services Program (RSP) – Funding is provided for 9 months from award date to continue and expand the provision of crisis counseling program services.
- 2) Participation in the CCP is optional. County's request to the State of California that it apply for CCP funding on behalf of the County shall be County's agreement to comply with all applicable federal and State requirements, including the FEMA or Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) approved funding application and budget; applicable requirements in the Notice of Award (from FEMA or SAMHSA) to the State, including special and standard program conditions or terms, supplemental grant information, and the federal Health and Human Services Grants Policy Statement; 44 Code of Federal Regulations part 206.171, 42 Code of Federal Regulations part 38 and FEMA or SAMHSA CCP secondary guidance that is in effect on the date County receives the award of funding.
- 3) The CCP is a federal award within the meaning of Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations part 200. This contract is a subaward to County. County is a subrecipient and subject to all applicable requirements in Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations part 200 and Title 45 Code of Federal Regulations part 75, including, but not limited to, the County requirement to have a single audit performed for CCP funds in accordance with the audit requirements in Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations part 200, subpart F, or Title 45 Code of Federal Regulations part 75. CCP Funding shall not be used to supplant existing resources. County expenditure of CCP Funds are subject to State and federal oversight, including on-sight

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program performance reviews and federal audits. (44 C.F.R. § 206.171(k) & 42 C.F.R. § 38.9.)

- 4) For reference, FEMA Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (FEMA secondary guidance), is accessible at the following link:  
<https://www.samhsa.gov/dtac/ccp-toolkit>.

**7. Reporting and Data Submission Requirements**

County shall comply with all data and information submission requirements specified in this Agreement.

- A. County shall provide all applicable data and information required by federal and/or State law in order to receive any funds to pay for its MHSA programs, PATH grant (if the County receives funds from this grant), MHBG grant (if the County receives funds from this grant), SABG grant (if the County receives funds from this grant), CCP program, or County provision of community mental health services provided with 1991 realignment funds (other than Medi-Cal). These federal and State laws include Title 42 of the United States Code, sections 290cc-21 through 290ee-10 and 300x through 300x-68, inclusive, Welfare & Institutions Code sections 5610 and 5664 and the regulations that implement, interpret or make specific, these federal and State laws and any DHCS-issued guidelines that relate to the programs or services.
- B. County shall comply with DHCS reporting requirements related to the County's receipt of federal or State funding for mental/behavioral health programs. County shall submit complete and accurate information to DHCS, and as applicable the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, including, but not limited, to the following:
- 1) Client and Service Information (CSI) System Data, as specified in Title 9 of the California Code of Regulations, section 3530.10. (See also section 7, subparagraph (C) of this Agreement.)
  - 2) MHSA Quarterly Progress Reports, as specified in the California Code of Regulations, Title 9, section 3530.20. MHSA Quarterly Progress Reports

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provide the actual number of clients served by MHSAs-funded program. Reports are submitted on a quarterly basis.

- 3) Full Service Partnership Performance Outcome data, as specified in the California Code of Regulations, Title 9, section 3530.30.
  - 4) Consumer Perception Survey data, as specified in the California Code of Regulations, Title 9, section 3530.40.
  - 5) The Annual Mental Health Services Act Revenue and Expenditure Report, as specified in Welfare and Institutions Code section 5899, subdivision (a), and the California Code of Regulations, Title 9, sections 3510, 3510.010, and 3510.020 and DHCS-issued guidelines.
  - 6) Innovative Project Reports (annual, final and supplements), as specified in the California Code of Regulations, Title 9, sections 3580 through 3580.020.
  - 7) The Annual Prevention and Early Intervention report, as specified in the California Code of Regulations, Title 9, sections 3560 and 3560.010.
  - 8) Three Year Program and Evaluation Reports, as specified in the California Code of Regulations, Title 9, sections 3560 and 3560.020.
  - 9) Co-occurring Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Assessments in accordance with Welfare & Institutions Code section 5891.5.
- C. County shall submit CSI data to DHCS, in accordance with Title 9 of the California Code of Regulations, section 3530.10, and according to the specifications set forth in DHCS' CSI Data Dictionary. County shall:
- 1) Report complete and accurate monthly CSI data to DHCS within 60 calendar days after the end of the month in which services were provided.
  - 2) If complete and accurate data are not reported within 60 calendar days, the county must be in compliance with an approved plan of correction.
  - 3) Make diligent efforts to minimize errors on the CSI error file.
  - 4) Correct all errors on the CSI error file.
  - 5) Notify DHCS 90 calendar days prior to any change in reporting system and/or change of automated system vendor.

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- D. In the event that DHCS or County determines that, due to federal or State law changes or business requirements, an amendment is needed of either County's or DHCS' obligations under this contract relating to either DHCS' or County's information needs, both DHCS and County agree to provide notice to the other party as soon as feasible prior to implementation. This notice shall include information and comments regarding the anticipated requirements and impacts of the projected changes. DHCS and County agree to meet and discuss the design, development, and costs of the anticipated changes prior to implementation.
- E. For all mental health funding sources received by County that require submission of a cost report, County shall submit a fiscal year-end cost report by December 31 following the close of the fiscal year in accordance with applicable federal and State law, regulations and DHCS-issued guidelines. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 5705; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, §§ 3500, 3505.) The cost report shall be certified as true and correct, and with respect to Local Mental Health Service Fund moneys, that the County is in compliance with the California Code of Regulations, Title 9, section 3410, Non-Supplant. The certification must be completed by the Behavioral Health Director and one of the following: the County mental health department's chief financial officer (or equivalent), an individual who has delegated authority to sign for and reports directly to the County mental health department's chief financial officer (or equivalent), or the County's auditor-controller (or equivalent). Data submitted shall be full and complete. County shall also submit a reconciled cost report certified by the Behavioral Health Director and the County's auditor-controller as being true and correct no later than 18 months after the close of the following fiscal year.
- F. If applicable to a specific federal or State funding source covered by this Agreement, County shall require each of its subcontractors to submit a fiscal year-end cost report to DHCS no later than December 31 following the close of the fiscal year, in accordance with applicable federal and State laws, regulations, and DHCS-issued guidelines.

**8. Special Terms and Conditions**

A. Audit and Record Retention

(Applicable to agreements in excess of \$10,000)

- 1) County and/or Subcontractor(s) shall maintain records, including books, documents, and other evidence, accounting procedures and practices, sufficient to properly support all direct and indirect costs of whatever nature claimed to have been incurred in the performance of this

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Agreement, including any matching costs and expenses. The forgoing constitutes "records" for the purpose of this provision.

- 2) County's and/or Subcontractor's facility or office or such part thereof as may be engaged in the performance of this Agreement and his/her records shall be subject at all reasonable times to inspection, audit, and reproduction.
- 3) County agrees that DHCS, the Department of General Services, the Bureau of State Audits, or their designated representatives including the Comptroller General of the United States, shall have the right to review and copy any records and supporting documentation pertaining to the performance of this Agreement. County agrees to allow the auditor(s) access to such records during normal business hours and to allow interviews of any employees who might reasonably have information related to such records. Further, County agrees to include a similar right of the State to audit records and interview staff in any subcontract related to performance of this Agreement.
- 4) County and/or Subcontractor(s) shall preserve and make available his/her records (1) for a period of ten years from the date of final payment under this Agreement, and (2) for such longer period, if any, as is required by applicable statute, by any other provision of this Agreement, or by subparagraphs (a) or (b) below.
  - a. If this Agreement is completely or partially terminated, the records relating to the work terminated shall be preserved and made available for a period of three years from the date of any resulting final settlement.
  - b. If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, or other action involving the records has been started before the expiration of the ten-year period, the records shall be retained until completion of the action and resolution of all issues which arise from it, or until the end of the regular ten-year period, whichever is later.
- 5) County and/or Subcontractor(s) may, at its discretion, following receipt of final payment under this Agreement, reduce its accounts, books, and records related to this Agreement to microfilm, computer disk, CD ROM, DVD, or other data storage medium. Upon request by an authorized representative to inspect, audit or obtain copies of said records, County and/or Subcontractor(s) must supply or make available applicable devices, hardware, and/or software necessary to view, copy, and/or print said records. Applicable devices may include, but are not limited to, microfilm readers and microfilm printers, etc.

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- 6) County shall, if applicable, comply with the Single Audit Act and the audit reporting requirements set forth in 2 Code of Federal Regulations part 200.
  
- B. Dispute Resolution Process for Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness Program Grant, Community Mental Health Services Grant Program, and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant Program.

If a dispute arises between the Contractor and DHCS regarding Contractor compliance with Section 6 of this Agreement, subparagraph D, Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness Program, subparagraph E, Community Mental Health Services Grant Program, or subparagraph F, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant Program, the Contractor must seek resolution using the process outlined below.

- 1) The Contractor must first informally discuss the problem with the DHCS Project Representative listed in subparagraph 3 below. If the parties are unable to resolve the problem informally, the Contractor must mail a written Statement of Dispute, with supporting evidence, to DHCS at the address listed in subparagraph 3 below. The Statement of Dispute must describe the issues in dispute, the legal authority or other basis for the Contractor's position, and the remedy sought.
  
- 2) The Branch Chief of DHCS' Operations Branch will decide the dispute and mail a written decision to the Contractor within twenty (20) working days of receiving the Statement of Dispute from the Contractor. The decision will be in writing, resolve the dispute, and include a statement of the reasons for the decision that addresses each issue raised by the Contractor. If applicable, the decision will also indicate any action Contractor must take to comply with the decision. The Branch Chief's decision shall be the final administrative determination of DHCS.
  
- 3) Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by DHCS, the Statement of Dispute, supporting documentation, and all correspondence and documents related to the dispute resolution process shall be directed to the following:

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Department of Health Care Services  
Community Services Division/Federal Grants Section  
Attention: Waheeda Sabah  
1500 Capitol Avenue, MS 2624  
P.O. Box Number 997413  
Sacramento, CA, 95899-7413

C. Novation

If County proposes any novation agreement, DHCS shall act upon the proposal within 60 days after receipt of the written proposal. DHCS may review and consider the proposal, consult and negotiate with County, and accept or reject all or part of the proposal. Acceptance or rejection of the proposal may be made orally within the 60-day period and confirmed in writing within five days of said decision. Upon written acceptance of the proposal, DHCS will initiate an amendment to this Agreement to formally implement the approved proposal.

D. Welfare and Institutions Code section 5751.7 Waiver

- 1) County shall comply with Welfare and Institutions Code section 5751.7 and ensure that minors are not admitted into inpatient psychiatric treatment with adults. If this requirement creates undue hardship to County due to inadequate or unavailable alternative resources, County may request a waiver of this requirement. County shall submit the waiver request on Attachment I of this Agreement to DHCS.
- 2) DHCS shall review County's waiver request and provide a written notice of approval or denial of the waiver. If County's waiver request is denied, County shall prohibit health facilities from admitting minors into psychiatric treatment with adults.
- 3) County shall submit the waiver request to DHCS at the time County submits this Agreement, signed by County, to DHCS for execution. County shall complete Attachment I and attach it to this Agreement. See Exhibit A, Attachment I, entitled "Request For Waiver" of this Agreement for additional submission information.
- 4) Execution of this Agreement by DHCS shall not constitute approval of a waiver submitted pursuant to this section.
- 5) Any waiver granted in the prior fiscal year's Agreement shall be deemed to continue until either party chooses to discontinue it, as specified in Exhibit

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A, Attachment I. Execution of this Agreement shall continue independently of the waiver review and approval process.

- 6) In unusual or emergency circumstances, when County needs to request waivers after the annual Performance Contract has been executed, these requests should be e-mailed, with the subject line "Performance Contract: Unusual or Emergency Circumstances", immediately to:

California Department of Health Care Services  
Community Services Division/Community Support Branch  
Policy, Monitoring, & Finance Section  
e-mail: [MHSA@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:MHSA@dhcs.ca.gov).

- 7) Each admission of a minor to a facility that has an approved waiver shall be reported to the Local Behavioral Health Director.

E. Americans with Disabilities Act

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

F. Change in County Behavioral Health Director

County agrees to notify DHCS immediately if there is any change in the position of the County Behavioral Health Director. County shall provide DHCS the contact information for any new County Behavioral Health Director appointed



**Exhibit A, Attachment I**  
Request for Waiver

**Request for Waiver Pursuant To Section 5751.7 of the Welfare and Institutions Code**

\_\_\_\_\_ hereby requests a waiver for the following public or private health facilities pursuant to section 5751.7 of the Welfare and Institutions Code for the term of this contract. These are facilities where minors may be provided psychiatric treatment with nonspecific separate housing arrangements, treatment staff, and treatment programs designed to serve minors. However, no minor shall be admitted for psychiatric treatment into the same treatment ward as an adult receiving treatment who is in the custody of any jailor for a violent crime, is a known registered sex offender, or has a known history of, or exhibits inappropriate sexual or other violent behavior which would present a threat to the physical safety of others.

The request for waiver must include, as an attachment, the following:

1. A description of the hardship to the County/City due to inadequate or unavailable alternative resources that would be caused by compliance with the State policy regarding the provision of psychiatric treatment to minors.
2. The specific treatment protocols and administrative procedures established by the County/City for identifying and providing appropriate treatment to minors admitted with adults.
3. Name, address, and telephone number of the facility
  - Number of the facility's beds designated for involuntary treatment
  - Type of facility, license(s), and certification(s) held (including licensing and certifying agency and license and certificate number)
  - A copy of the facility's current license or certificate and description of the program, including target population and age groups to be admitted to the designated facility.
4. If applicable, the County Board of Supervisors' decision to designate a facility as a facility for evaluation and treatment pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code sections 5150, 5585.50, and 5585.55.

To rescind the waiver, either party shall send a letter to the other party on official letterhead signed by their respective Behavioral Health Director or his or her designee indicating that the party no longer grants or requests a waiver. If not otherwise specified by the party in the letter to the respective party, the discontinuance shall be effective the date the letter to the party is postmarked and the facility shall no longer be waived as of this date.

When the Department denies or rescinds a waiver issued to a County, the facility and the County Behavioral Health Director or designee shall receive written notification from the Department, by certified mail or e-mail. The notice shall include the decision, the basis for the decision, and any supporting documentation.