

Administering Agency: Nevada County Social Services Department, Health and Human Services Agency

Contract No. _____

Contract Description: **Securing of psychotherapy services for the veteran population of Nevada County**

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT
FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY**

THIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT ("Contract") is made at Nevada City, California, as of July 9, 2024 by and between the County of Nevada, ("County"), and Sierra Family Therapy Centers, Inc. ("Contractor") (together "Parties", individual "Party"), who agree as follows:

1. **Services** Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract, Contractor shall provide the services described in Exhibit A. Contractor shall provide said services at the time, place, and in the manner specified in Exhibit A.
2. **Payment** County shall pay Contractor for services rendered pursuant to this Contract at the time and in the amount set forth in Exhibit B. The payments specified in Exhibit B shall be the only payment made to Contractor for services rendered pursuant to this Contract. Contractor shall submit all billings for said services to County in the manner specified in Exhibit B; or, if no manner be specified in Exhibit B, then according to the usual and customary procedures which Contractor uses for billing clients similar to County. **The amount of the contract shall not exceed Ninety thousand four hundred eighty four Dollars (\$90,484.00).**
3. **Term** This Contract shall commence on July 1, 2024 All services required to be provided by this Contract shall be completed and ready for acceptance no later than the **Contract Termination Date** of: June 30, 2025.
4. **Facilities, Equipment and Other Materials** Contractor shall, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all facilities, equipment, and other materials which may be required for furnishing services pursuant to this Contract.
5. **Exhibits** All exhibits referred to herein and attached hereto are incorporated herein by this reference.
6. **Electronic Signatures** The Parties acknowledge and agree that this Contract may be executed by electronic signature, which shall be considered as an original signature for all purposes and shall have the same force and effect as an original signature. Without limitation, "electronic signature" shall include faxed or emailed versions of an original signature or electronically scanned and transmitted versions (e.g., via pdf) of an original signature.
7. **Time for Performance** Time is of the essence. Failure of Contractor to perform any services within the time limits set forth in Exhibit A or elsewhere in this Contract shall constitute material breach of this contract. Contractor shall devote such time to the performance of services pursuant to this Contract as may be reasonably necessary for the satisfactory performance of Contractor's obligations pursuant to this Contract. Neither Party shall be considered in default of this Contract to the extent performance is prevented or delayed by any cause, present or future, which is beyond the reasonable control of the Party.

8. **Liquidated Damages**

Liquidated Damages are presented as an estimate of an intangible loss to the County. It is a provision that allows for the payment of a specified sum should Contractor be in breach of contract. Liquidated Damages ☐shall apply ☒shall not apply to this contract. Liquidated Damages applicable to this contract are incorporated in Exhibit H, attached hereto.

9. **Relationship of Parties**

9.1. **Independent Contractor**

In providing services herein, Contractor, and the agents and employees thereof, shall work in an independent capacity and as an independent contractor and not as agents or employees of County. Contractor acknowledges that it customarily engages independently in the trade, occupation, or business as that involved in the work required herein. Further the Parties agree that Contractor shall perform the work required herein free from the control and direction of County, and that the nature of the work is outside the usual course of County's business. In performing the work required herein, Contractor shall not be entitled to any employment benefits, Workers' Compensation, or other programs afforded to County employees. Contractor shall hold County harmless and indemnify County against such claim by its agents or employees. County makes no representation as to the effect of this independent contractor relationship on Contractor's previously earned California Public Employees Retirement System ("CalPERS") retirement benefits, if any, and Contractor specifically assumes the responsibility for making such determination. Contractor shall be responsible for all reports and obligations including but not limited to: social security taxes, income tax withholding, unemployment insurance, disability insurance, workers' compensation and other applicable federal and state taxes.

9.2. **No Agent Authority** Contractor shall have no power to incur any debt, obligation, or liability on behalf of County or otherwise to act on behalf of County as an agent. Neither County nor any of its agents shall have control over the conduct of Contractor or any of Contractor's employees, except as set forth in this Contract. Contractor shall not represent that it is, or that any of its agents or employees are, in any manner employees of County.

9.3. **Indemnification of CalPERS Determination** In the event that Contractor or any employee, agent, or subcontractor of Contractor providing service under this Contract is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or CalPERS to be eligible for enrollment in CalPERS as an employee of County, Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless County for all payments on behalf of Contractor or its employees, agents, or subcontractors, as well as for the payment of any penalties and interest on such contributions, which would otherwise be the responsibility of County.

10. **Assignment and Subcontracting** Except as specifically provided herein, the rights, responsibilities, duties and services to be performed under this Contract are personal to Contractor and may not be transferred, subcontracted, or assigned without the prior written consent of County. Contractor shall not substitute or replace any personnel for those specifically named herein or in its proposal without the prior written consent of County.

Contractor shall cause and require each transferee, subcontractor, and assignee to comply with the insurance provisions **and information technology security provisions** set forth herein, to the extent such insurance provisions are required of Contractor under this Contract. Failure of Contractor to so cause and require such compliance by each transferee, subcontractor, and assignee shall constitute a material breach of this Contract, and, in addition to any other remedy available at law

or otherwise, shall serve as a basis upon which County may elect to suspend payments hereunder, or terminate this Contract, or both.

11. **Licenses, Permits, Etc.** Contractor represents and warrants to County that Contractor shall, at its sole cost and expense, obtain or keep in effect at all times during the term of this Contract, any licenses, permits, and approvals which are legally required for Contractor to practice its profession at the time the services are performed.
12. **Hold Harmless and Indemnification Contract** To the fullest extent permitted by law, each Party (the "Indemnifying Party") hereby agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold the other Party (the "Indemnified Party"), its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers, free and harmless from any and all losses, claims, liens, demands, and causes of action of every kind and character resulting from the Indemnifying Party's negligent act, willful misconduct, or error or omission, including, but not limited to, the amounts of judgments, penalties, interest, court costs, legal fees, and all other expenses incurred by the Indemnified Party arising in favor of any party, including claims, liens, debts, personal injuries, death, or damages to property (including employees or property of the Indemnified Party) and without limitation, all other claims or demands of every character occurring or in any way incident to, in connection with or arising directly or indirectly out of, the Contract. The Indemnifying Party agrees to investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense for, and defend any such claims, demand, or suit at the sole expense of the Indemnifying Party, using legal counsel approved in writing by Indemnified Party. Indemnifying Party also agrees to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto, even if the claim or claims alleged are groundless, false, or fraudulent. This provision is not intended to create any cause of action in favor of any third party against either Party or to enlarge in any way either Party's liability but is intended solely to provide for indemnification of the Indemnified Party from liability for damages, or injuries to third persons or property, arising from or in connection with Indemnifying Party's performance pursuant to this Contract. This obligation is independent of, and shall not in any way be limited by, the minimum insurance obligations contained in this Contract.
13. **Certificate of Good Standing** Contractors who are registered corporations, including those corporations that are registered non-profits, shall possess a Certificate of Good Standing also known as Certificate of Existence or Certificate of Authorization from the California Secretary of State, and shall keep its status in good standing and effect during the term of this Contract.
14. **Standard of Performance** Contractor shall perform all services required pursuant to this Contract in the manner and according to the standards observed by a competent practitioner of the profession in which Contractor is engaged in the geographical area in which Contractor practices its profession. All products of whatsoever nature which Contractor delivers to County pursuant to this Contract shall be prepared in a substantial first class and workmanlike manner and conform to the standards or quality normally observed by a person practicing in Contractor's profession.
15. **Contractor without additional compensation** Contractor's personnel, when on County's premises and when accessing County's network remotely, shall comply with County's regulations regarding security, remote access, safety and professional conduct, including but not limited to Nevada County Security Policy NCSP-102 Nevada County External User Policy and Account Application regarding data and access security. Contractor personnel will solely utilize County's privileged access management platform for all remote access support functions, unless other methods are granted in writing by County's Chief Information Officer or their designee.
16. **Prevailing Wage and Apprentices** To the extent made applicable by law, performance of this Contract shall be in conformity with the provisions of California Labor Code, Division 2, Part 7,

Chapter 1, commencing with section 1720 relating to prevailing wages which must be paid to workers employed on a public work as defined in Labor Code section 1720, et seq., and shall be in conformity with Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations section 200 et seq., relating to apprenticeship. Where applicable:

- Contractor shall comply with the provisions thereof at the commencement of Services to be provided herein, and thereafter during the term of this Contract. A breach of the requirements of this section shall be deemed a material breach of this contract. Applicable prevailing wage determinations are available on the California Department of Industrial Relations website at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/PWD>.
- Contractor and all subcontractors must comply with the requirements of Labor Code section 1771.1(a) pertaining to registration of contractors pursuant to section 1725.5. Registration and all related requirements of those sections must be maintained throughout the performance of the Contract.
- Contracts to which prevailing wage requirements apply are subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. Each Contractor and each subcontractor must furnish certified payroll records to the Labor Commissioner at least monthly.
- The County is required to provide notice to the Department of Industrial Relations of any public work contract subject to prevailing wages within five (5) days of award.

17. **Accessibility** It is the policy of County that all County services, programs, meetings, activities and facilities shall be accessible to all persons, and shall be comply with the provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act and Title 24, California Code of Regulations. To the extent this Contract shall call for Contractor to provide County contracted services directly to the public, Contractor shall certify that said direct services are and shall be accessible to all persons.
18. **Nondiscriminatory Employment** Contractor shall not discriminate in its employment practices because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, sex or sexual orientation, or any other legally protected category, in contravention of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, Government Code section 12900 et seq.
19. **Drug-Free Workplace** Senate Bill 1120, (Chapter 1170, Statutes of 1990), requires recipients of State grants to maintain a "drug-free workplace". Every person or organization awarded a contract for the procurement of any property or services shall certify as required under Government Code Section 8355-8357 that it will provide a drug-free workplace.
20. **Political Activities** Contractor shall in no instance expend funds or use resources derived from this Contract on any political activities.
21. **Debarment** In order to prohibit the procurement of any goods or services ultimately funded by Federal awards from debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded parties, Contractor shall be screened at www.sam.gov. to ensure Contractor, its principal and their named subcontractors are not debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded by the United States Government in compliance with the requirements of 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 3016.35, 28 CFR 66.35, 29 CFR 97.35, 34 CFR 80.35, 45 CFR 92.35 and Executive Order 12549
22. **Financial, Statistical and Contract-Related Records:**

- 22.1. **Books and Records** Contractor shall maintain statistical records and submit reports as required by County. Contractor shall also maintain accounting and administrative books and records, program procedures and documentation relating to licensure and accreditation as they pertain to this Contract. All such financial, statistical and contract-related records shall be retained for five (5) years or until program review findings and/or audit findings are resolved, whichever is later. Such records shall include but not be limited to bids and all supporting documents, original entry books, canceled checks, receipts, invoices, payroll records, including subsistence, travel and field expenses, together with a general ledger itemizing all debits and credits.
- 22.2. **Inspection** Upon reasonable advance notice and during normal business hours or at such other times as may be agreed upon, Contractor shall make all of its books and records, including general business records, available for inspection, examination or copying, to County, or to the State Department of Health Care Services, the Federal Department of Health and Human Services, the Controller General of the United States and to all other authorized federal and state agencies, or their duly authorized representatives.
- 22.3. **Audit** Contractor shall permit the aforesaid agencies or their duly authorized representatives to audit all books, accounts or records relating to this Contract, and all books, accounts or records of any business entities controlled by Contractor who participated in this Contract in any way. All such records shall be available for inspection by auditors designated by County or State, at reasonable times during normal business hours. Any audit may be conducted on Contractor's premises or, at County's option, Contractor shall provide all books and records within fifteen (15) days upon delivery of written notice from County. Contractor shall promptly refund any moneys erroneously charged and shall be liable for the costs of audit if the audit establishes an over-charge of five percent (5%) or more of the correct amount owed during the audit period.
23. **Cost Disclosure:** In accordance with Government Code Section 7550, should a written report be prepared under or required by the provisions of this Contract, Contractor agrees to state in a separate section of said report the numbers and dollar amounts of all contracts and subcontracts relating to the preparation of said report.
24. **Termination.**
- A. A material breach , as defined pursuant to the terms of this Contract or otherwise, in addition to any other remedy available at law or otherwise, shall serve as a basis upon which County may elect to immediately suspend payments hereunder, or terminate this Contract, or both, without notice.
 - B. If Contractor fails to timely provide in any manner the services materials and products required under this Contract, or otherwise fails to promptly comply with the terms of this Contract, or violates any ordinance, regulation or other law which applies to its performance herein, County may terminate this Contract by giving **five (5) calendar days written notice to Contractor.**
 - C. Either Party may terminate this Contract for any reason, or without cause, by giving **thirty (30) calendar days written notice** to the other, which notice shall be sent by registered mail in conformity with the notice provisions, below. In the event of termination not the fault of Contractor, Contractor shall be paid for services performed to the date of termination in accordance with the terms of this Contract. Contractor shall be excused for failure to perform services herein if such performance is prevented by acts of God, strikes, labor disputes or other forces over which Contractor has no control.

- D. County, upon giving **thirty (30) calendar days written notice** to Contractor, shall have the right to terminate its obligations under this Contract at the end of any fiscal year if County or the State of California, as the case may be, does not appropriate funds sufficient to discharge County's obligations coming due under this contract.
- E. Any notice to be provided under this section may be given by the Agency Director.
- F. Suspension: County, upon giving seven (7) calendar days written notice to Contractor, shall have the right to suspend this Contract, in whole or in part, for any time period as County deems necessary due to delays in Federal, State or County appropriation of funds, lack of demand for services to be provided under this contract, or other good cause. Upon receipt of a notice of suspension from County, Contractor shall immediately suspend or stop work as directed by County and shall not resume work until and unless County gives Contractor a written notice to resume work. In the event of a suspension not the fault of the Contractor, Contractor shall be paid for services performed to the date of the notice of suspension in accordance with the terms of this Contract.

In the event this Contract is terminated:

- 1) Contractor shall deliver copies of all writings prepared by it pursuant to this Contract. The term "writings" shall be construed to mean and include handwriting, typewriting, printing, Photostatting, photographing, and every other means of recording upon any tangible thing any form of communication or representation, including letters, words, pictures, sounds, or symbols, or combinations thereof.
- 2) County shall have full ownership and control of all such writings delivered by Contractor pursuant to this Contract.
- 3) County shall pay Contractor the reasonable value of services rendered by Contractor to the date of termination pursuant to this Contract not to exceed the amount documented by Contractor and approved by County as work accomplished to date; provided, however, that in no event shall any payment hereunder exceed the amount of the Contract specified in Exhibit B, and further provided, however, County shall not in any manner be liable for lost profits which might have been made by Contractor had Contractor completed the services required by this Contract. In this regard, Contractor shall furnish to County such financial information as in the judgment of County is necessary to determine the reasonable value of the services rendered by Contractor. The foregoing is cumulative and does not affect any right or remedy, which County may have in law or equity.

25. **Intellectual Property** Contractor will not publish or transfer any materials produced or resulting from activities supported by this Contract without the express written consent of County. All reports, original drawings, graphics, plans, studies and other data and documents, in whatever form or format, assembled or prepared by Contractor or Contractor's subcontractors, consultants, and other agents in connection with this Contract are "works made for hire" (as defined in the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. Section 101 et seq., as amended) for County, and Contractor unconditionally and irrevocably transfers and assigns to County all right, title, and interest, including all copyrights and other intellectual property rights, in or to the 'works made for hire.' Unless required by law, Contractor shall not publish, transfer, discuss, or disclose any of the above-described works made for hire or any information gathered, discovered, or generated in any way through this Contract, without County's prior express written consent. To the extent County provides any of its own original photographs, diagrams, plans, documents, information, reports, computer code and all recordable media together with all copyright interests thereto, to Contractor during this Contract, such information shall remain the property of County, and upon fifteen (15) days demand therefor, shall be promptly delivered to County without exception.

26. **Waiver** One or more waivers by one Party of any major or minor breach or default of any provision, term, condition, or covenant of this Contract shall not operate as a waiver of any subsequent breach or default by the other Party.
27. **Conflict of Interest** Contractor certifies that no official or employee of County, nor any business entity in which an official of County has an interest, has been employed or retained to solicit or aid in the procuring of this Contract. In addition, Contractor agrees that no such person will be employed in the performance of this Contract unless first agreed to in writing by County. This includes prior Nevada County employment in accordance with County's Personnel Code
28. **Entirety of Contract** This Contract contains the entire Contract of County and Contractor with respect to the subject matter hereof, and no other contract, statement, or promise made by any Party, or to any employee, officer or agent of any Party, which is not contained in this Contract, shall be binding or valid.
29. **Alteration** No waiver, alteration, modification, or termination of this Contract shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by all Parties, except as expressly provided in Section 24, Termination.
30. **Governing Law and Venue** This Contract is executed and intended to be performed in the State of California, and the laws of that State shall govern its interpretation and effect. The venue for any legal proceedings regarding this Contract shall be the County of Nevada, State of California. Each Party waives any federal court removal and/or original jurisdiction rights it may have.
31. **Compliance with Applicable Laws** Contractor and any subcontractors shall comply with any and all federal, state and local laws, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations which relate to, concern of affect the services or type of services to be provided by this Contract.
32. **Subrecipient** This contract ☒ shall not ☐ shall be subject to subrecipient status as such: the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 CFR Part 200 et al (commonly referred to as the "OMB Super Circular" or "Uniform Guidance"). A copy of these regulations is available at the link provided herein for the Code of Federal Regulations.
https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr200_main_02.tpl
33. **Confidentiality** Contractor, its employees, agents and or subcontractors may come in contact with documents that contain information regarding matters that must be kept confidential by County, including personally identifiable patient or client information. Even information that might not be considered confidential for the usual reasons of protecting non-public records should be considered by Contractor to be confidential.

Contractor agrees to maintain confidentiality of information and records as required by applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and rules and recognized standards of professional practice.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, Contractor agrees to protect the confidentiality of any confidential information with which Contractor may come into contact in the process of performing its contracted services. This information includes but is not limited to all written, oral, visual and printed patient or client information, including but not limited to: names, addresses, social security numbers, date of birth, driver's license number, case numbers, services provided, social and economic conditions or circumstances, agency evaluation of personal information, and medical data.

Contractor shall not retain, copy, use, or disclose this information in any manner for any purpose that is not specifically permitted by this Contract. Violation of the confidentiality of patient or client information may, at the option of County, be considered a material breach of this Contract.

34. **Additional Contractor Responsibilities**

- A. To the extent Contractor is a mandated reporter of suspected child and/or dependent adult abuse and neglect, it shall ensure that its employees, agents, volunteers, subcontractors, and independent contractors are made aware of, understand, and comply with all reporting requirements. Contractor shall immediately notify County of any incident or condition resulting in injury, harm, or risk of harm to any child or dependent adult served under this Contract.
- B. Contractor will immediately notify County of any active complaints, lawsuits, licensing or regulatory investigations, reports of fraud or malfeasance, or criminal investigations regarding its operations. Contractor agrees to work cooperatively with County in response to any investigation commenced by County with regard to this Contract or the clients served herein, including providing any/all records requested by County related thereto.
- C. Contractor shall employ reasonable background check procedures on all employees, prospective employees, volunteers and consultants performing work involving direct contact with minor children or dependent adults under this Contract, including fingerprinting and criminal records checks, sexual offender registry checks, and reference checks, including both personal and professional references.

35. **Information Technology Security Requirements** This contract ☒ **shall not** ☐ **shall** be subject to Exhibit F, "Information Technology Security," which is attached and incorporated by this reference. Contractor's failure to comply with the requirements in Exhibit F is a material breach of this Agreement.

36. **Notification** Any notice or demand desired or required to be given hereunder shall be in writing and deemed given when personally delivered or deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to the Parties as follows:

COUNTY OF NEVADA:		CONTRACTOR:	
Nevada County, Social Services Department of Health and Human Services		Sierra Family Therapy Centers, Inc.	
Address:	950 Maidu Ave	Address	673 South Auburn St #B
City, St, Zip	Nevada City, CA 95959	City, St, Zip	Grass Valley, CA 95945
Attn:	David West	Attn:	Sierra Sparks, MFT
Email:	David.West@nevadacountyca.gov	Email:	sierrafamilytherapy@gmail.com
Phone:	(530) 265-1446	Phone:	(530) 913-5054

Any notice so delivered personally shall be deemed to be received on the date of delivery, and any notice mailed shall be deemed to be received five (5) days after the date on which it was mailed.

Authority: All individuals executing this Contract on behalf of Contractor represent and warrant that they are authorized to execute and deliver this Contract on behalf of Contractor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Contract to begin on the Effective Date.

COUNTY OF NEVADA:

By: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name/Title: Honorable Hardy Bullock, Chair, of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____

Attest: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, or designee

CONTRACTOR: **Sierra Family Therapy Centers, Inc.**

By: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

* Title: _____

****If Contractor is a corporation, this Contract must be signed by two corporate officers; one of which must be the secretary of the corporation, and the other may be either the President or Vice President, unless an authenticated corporate resolution is attached delegating authority to a single officer to bind the corporation (California Corporations Code Sec. 313).***

Exhibits

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**EXHIBIT A
SCHEDULE OF SERVICES
SIERRA FAMILY THERAPY CENTERS, INC.**

Sierra Family Therapy Center hereinafter referred to as “Contractor”, shall provide services related to mental health services for the County of Nevada, Department of Social Services, Veterans Services Office, hereinafter referred to as “County.”

Program Overview:

Many Nevada County residents live 60-90 miles from the closest VA Medical Center. A small VA outpatient clinic in Auburn, CA is located 30 miles from the Nevada County Veterans Services Offices (VSO) and is the location where most of our veterans are seen for primary care. However, this facility only staffs one psychologist and receiving consistent, timely care is difficult. The VA Medical Center that the Auburn outpatient clinic is associated with is in Sacramento, CA which is 90 minutes away. The VSOs “Veterans Access & Wellness Program” fills in the service gaps for the veteran population of our community, providing necessary treatment for the veteran.

The VSO receives financial resources from two Prop 63 grant opportunities (known as the Mental Services Act of MHSA) to provide free & confidential mental health services to the veterans of Nevada County. The VSO receives funding from the Nevada County Behavioral Health Department (BH), and from the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet), to provide 60 unduplicated veterans (30 unduplicated veterans required for each funding source) up to (10) free and confidential individual therapy sessions and the opportunity to participate in weekly peer-to-peer group sessions each fiscal year.

Sierra Family Therapy Center (SFTC) has been in the community for ten years. Their counseling specialists work with a variety of clients that include veterans, children/teens, adults, couples and families. SFTC has a network of 15 therapists with an ability to bill Medicare, Tri-West, and CHAMPVA. Additionally, SFTC has expressed interest in becoming a mental health provider through the Veterans Administration’s “Choice Program”, which allows veterans to be seen locally if more than 60 minutes from a VA Medical Center. With sensitivity and compassion, they help bring resolution to the obstacles that veterans are facing post-service. SFTC uses a different range of modalities to connect with clients. These modalities include depth therapy, Imago Relationship Therapy (IRT), couples’ therapy, Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing (EMDR), play therapy, addiction groups to solution focused therapy. They are trained in a variety of different therapeutic interventions.

Scope of Work:

Contractor shall provide the following services:

Contractor will see a minimum of 60 clients annually. Contractor will be responsible for billing Medicare, Tri-West, and CHAMPVA as applicable for each client seen. County will be the payer of last resort or supplemental payment (if applicable) should no insurance coverage be available for the client.

A. Referred veterans will be offered access to the following services based on individual needs and treatment plan:

1. Individual Psychotherapy: Referred veterans will receive up to (10) weekly or bi-weekly individual meetings with a counselor to explore emotional, social, or educational concerns. Goals of individual counseling may include resolving problems, coping with and healing from trauma, adjusting to new or challenging life circumstances, improving academic skills, enhancing relationships, substance abuse recovery, and healthy communication. The belief is that counseling is a professional relationship that empowers diverse individuals, families, and groups to accomplish mental health and wellness.
2. Family Psychotherapy: Family therapy or family counseling is a form of treatment that is designed to address specific issues affecting the health and functioning of a family. Family is an important part of the veterans support system and family therapy can be used to help a family through a difficult period, which will assist the veteran on his or her road to recovery much faster. Some methodologies used are Structural Family Therapy, Bowenian Family Therapy, Nurtured Heart Parenting and Systems Family Therapy.
3. Group Psychotherapy: SFTC will continue to monitor the need for a veteran specific group therapy that will involve one therapist working with several clients at the same time who are struggling with similar challenges. These groups traditionally focus on facilitating both a learning process and development of necessary skills. Topic areas may include: Assertiveness, Parenting, Grief Stress Management, Relationships, Self-Esteem Building, and Recovery. SFTC will maintain a goal of incorporating group therapy sessions into practice in FY 24/25.
4. Couples Counseling: The purpose of couple's therapy is to restore a better level of functioning in couples who experience relationship distress. The reasons for distress can include poor communication skills, incompatibility, or a broad spectrum of psychological disorders that include domestic violence, alcoholism, depression, and anxiety. The clinicians assess the reasons and/or unmet needs in the relationship resulting in unhealthy dynamics and work with the couple to heal these unmet needs together through healthy communication, mutual respect, and relationship skills.

B. Contractor will offer regular hours of operation and will offer non-Medi-Cal clients the same hours of operation as it offers to Medi-Cal clients.

C. Contractor is responsible to provide the following reports:

- a. Quarterly report of number of unduplicated veterans seen through BH and CalVet funding resources (10/15/24, 1/15/25, 4/15/2025, 7/15/2025)
- b. Quarterly report of number of group therapy sessions to include range and average of participating clients (10/15/2024, 1/15/2025, 4/15/2025, 7/15/2025)
- b. An Annual Progress Report within 15 days of the end of the fiscal year (fiscal year ends 6/30/2025; report due 7/15/2025);
- c. Any MHSA Progress or Evaluation Report that is required, and as may be requested by the County. The Contractor shall cooperate with the County for the compilation of any data or information for services rendered under this Agreement as may be necessary for the County to conform to MHSA reporting guidelines.
- d. Contractor shall not be paid for their final invoice until final reporting metrics and annual progress reports are received by County.

D. Contractor shall provide the following outcomes in the Annual Progress Reports:

- a. Number of sessions of psychotherapy broken down by licensed clinical staff, and the following format of the therapy:
 - i. Number of group therapy sessions to include range and average of participating clients.
 - ii. Number of total unduplicated individual, family, or collateral (e.g., spouse or child seen alone) sessions. The target for unduplicated sessions is 60 (30 to be seen through BH and 30 to be seen through CalVet funding sources).
- b. Report demographics for non-duplicated veterans. Reporting demographics include:
 - a. Age Group
 - b. Race
 - c. Ethnicity
 - d. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino
 - e. Gender
 - f. Sexual Orientation
 - g. Current Gender Identity
 - h. Veteran Status
 - i. Disability Status
 - j. At Risk of Homelessness
 - k. Involved in Criminal Justice System

E. Outcomes

- a. It is expected Contractor will facilitate at least 30 group therapy sessions led by a Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Licensed Clinical Social Worker or Peer Specialist.
- b. It is expected Contractor will provide a total of 60 veterans up to (10) individual therapy sessions led by either a Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, or a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.
- c. Provide evidence based outcome improvements for referred clients based on progression of symptomology.

Despite progress in addressing explicit discrimination, racial inequities continue to be deep, pervasive, and persistent across the country. Though we have made many strides toward racial equity, policies, practices, and implicit bias have created and still create disparate results. Through partnerships with the community, the Nevada County Department of Social Services strives to address these inequities and continue progress in moving forward.

The contractor is encouraged to have a diverse and inclusive workforce that includes representation from the disparate communities served by our county. The contractor is expected to think holistically about creating services, program sites, and an employee culture that is welcoming and inclusive. Contractors should track metrics on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion outcomes within their service delivery. Additional efforts should be made to identify and highlight growth opportunities for equitable outcomes, access to services, and other opportunities. Please contact your County contract manager about proposed metrics to track.

Services should be designed to meet clients' diverse needs. Contractor is expected to participate in trainings and tailor outreach efforts and marketing materials to engage a diverse population of community members. Given that Spanish is a threshold language in Nevada County, a special emphasis should be placed on engaging Latinx communities and providing services in Spanish.

EXHIBIT B
SCHEDULE OF CHARGES AND PAYMENTS
SIERRA FAMILY THERAPY CENTERS, INC.

Payment under the terms of this Agreement shall not exceed \$90,484 for the entire contract term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 for satisfactory performance of services as outlined in Exhibit “A” and as budgeted below:

RATE SCHEDULE

DESCRIPTION	
Individual Psychotherapy	\$125 per 60-minute session
Family Psychotherapy	\$125 per 60-minute session
Group Psychotherapy	\$200 per 120-minute weekly session
Couples Counseling	\$125 per 60-minute session

Reporting Metrics

County: Nevada Organization: Sierra Family Therapy Services Adult or Children's Program: Veterans Outreach & Wellness Program									
Due Dates:	Due: Oct 15, 2024		Due: Jan 15, 2025		Due: April 15, 2025		Due: July 15, 2025		
System Development	Progress Qtr 1		YTD Progress Qtr		YTD Progress Qtr		Unduplicated		
	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	
Total Number to be served	15		30		45		60		
YTD Progress: This is an unduplicated count of the total number of individuals served year-to-date (from July 1st to the end of each Fiscal Quarter). An individual is only counted once in each quarterly YTD submission.									
Unduplicated Annual: This is a count of the unduplicated total number of individuals actually served for the year. An individual is only counted once for the entire year.									
Target and Actual information due to the County on: October 15th, January 15th, April 15th, and July 15th. The Unduplicated Annual information is due July 15th, 2025									

CONTINGENCY

This contract maximum is contingent upon County receiving Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Community Services and Supports (CSS) funding as anticipated from the State of California.

BILLING AND PAYMENT

Contractor shall submit an invoice to County by the 15th of each month. Payments will be made for services rendered in the previous month. Each invoice shall include:

- Dates/Month/hours of services rendered
- Cost of services rendered – identifying description of services and associated fees and total direct costs
- Billing period covered
- Contract Number
- Unique invoice number for each invoice submitted
- Supporting documentation (if applicable)

Invoices are to be submitted to:

Nevada County Veterans Service Office
Attention: David West
988 McCourtney Rd
Grass Valley, California 95949

County shall review each billing for supporting documentation, dates of services, and costs of services as detailed previously. Should there be a discrepancy on the invoice, said invoice will be returned to Contractor for correction and/or additional supporting documentation. Payments will be made in accordance with County processes once an invoice has been approved by the Department.

EXHIBIT C
INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS
SIERRA FAMILY THERAPY CENTERS, INC.

Insurance. Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons 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. Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

1. **Commercial General Liability (CGL):** Insurance Services Office Form CG 00 01 covering CGL on an “occurrence” basis, including products and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury and personal & advertising injury with limits no less than **\$2,000,000** per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location (ISO CG 25 03 or 25 04) or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.
2. **Sexual Abuse or Molestation (SAM) Liability:** If the work will include contact with minors, elderly adults, or otherwise vulnerable clients and the CGL policy referenced above is not endorsed to include affirmative coverage for sexual abuse or molestation, Contractor shall obtain and maintain policy covering Sexual Abuse and Molestation with a limit no less than **\$1,000,000** per occurrence or claim.
3. **Workers’ Compensation:** Insurance as required by the State of California, with Statutory Limits, and Employer’s Liability Insurance with limit of no less than **\$1,000,000** per accident for bodily injury or disease.
4. **Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions)** Insurance covering **social worker** case management malpractice with limit no less than **\$1,000,000** per occurrence or claim, **\$2,000,000** aggregate.

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 the 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.

Other Insurance Provisions:

The insurance policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

1. **Additional Insured Status: County, its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds** on the CGL policy with respect to liability arising out of the work or operations performed by or on behalf of Contractor including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to Contractor’s insurance (at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or if not available, then through the addition of both CG 20 10, CG 20 25, CG 20 33, or CG 20 38; and CG 20 37 forms if later revisions used.)
2. **Primary Coverage** For any claims related to this contract, **Contractor’s insurance shall be primary** insurance primary coverage at least as broad as ISO CG 20 01 04 13 as respects County, its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by County, its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers shall be excess of Contractor’s insurance and shall not contribute with it.
3. **Umbrella or Excess Policy** The Contractor may use Umbrella or Excess Policies to provide the liability limits as required in this agreement. This form of insurance will be acceptable provided that all of the Primary and Umbrella or Excess Policies shall provide all of the insurance coverages herein required, including, but not limited to, primary and non-contributory, additional insured, Self-Insured Retentions (SIRs), indemnity, and defense requirements. Umbrella or Excess policies

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Exhibit C

Professional Services Agreement-HHSA – Insurance Requirements

shall be provided on a true “following form” or broader coverage basis, with coverage at least as broad as provided on the underlying Commercial General Liability insurance. 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.

4. **Notice of Cancellation** This policy shall not be changed without first giving thirty (30) days prior written notice and ten (10) days prior written notice of cancellation for non-payment of premium to County.
5. **Waiver of Subrogation** Contractor hereby grants to County a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer or said Contractor may acquire against County by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. Contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to affect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not County has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer.
6. **Sole Proprietors** If Contractor is a Sole Proprietor and has no employees, they are not required to have Workers Compensation coverage. Contractor shall sign a statement attesting to this condition, and shall agree they have no rights, entitlements or claim against County for any type of employment benefits or workers’ compensation or other programs afforded to County employees.
7. **Self-Insured Retentions** must be declared to and approved by the County. The County may require the Contractor to provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claims administration, and defense expenses within the retention. The Policy language shall provide, or be endorsed to provide, that the self-insured retention may be satisfied by either the named insured or County. The CGL and any policies, including Excess liability policies, may not be subject to a self-insured retention (SIR) or deductible that exceeds **\$25,000** *[fill in the amount you are comfortable for the specific Contractor and job – it could be much higher, or in other cases lower such as for a very small contractor]* unless approved in writing by the County. Any and all deductibles and SIRs shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor or subcontractor who procured such insurance and shall not apply to the Indemnified Additional Insured Parties. County may deduct from any amounts otherwise due Contractor to fund the SIR/deductible. Policies shall NOT contain any self-insured retention (SIR) provision that limits the satisfaction of the SIR to the Named. The policy must also provide that Defense costs, including the Allocated Loss Adjustment Expenses, will satisfy the SIR or deductible. County reserves the right to obtain a copy of any policies and endorsements for verification. *(Note – all deductibles and self-insured retentions must be discussed with risk, and may be negotiated)*
8. **Deductible and Self-Insured Retentions** Deductible and Self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by County. County may require Contractor to provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claims administration, and defense expenses within the retention. The policy language shall provide, or be endorsed to provide, that the self-insured retention may be satisfied by either the named insured or County. *Note – all deductibles and self-insured retentions must be discussed with risk, and may be negotiated)*
9. **Acceptability of Insurers:** Insurance is to be placed with insurers authorized to conduct business in the State with a current A.M. Best’s rating of no less than A:VII, unless otherwise acceptable to County.
10. **Claims Made Policies** if any of the required policies provide coverage on a claims-made basis: *(note – should be applicable only to professional liability)*
 - a. The Retroactive Date must be shown and must be before the date of the contract or the beginning of contract work.
 - b. Insurance must be maintained, and evidence of insurance must be provided for at least five (5) years after completion of the contract of work.
 - c. If the coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another **claims-made policy form with a Retroactive Date**, prior to the contract effective date,

Contractor must purchase “extended reporting” coverage for a minimum of **five (5)** years after completion of contract work.

11. **Verification of Coverage** Contractor shall furnish County with original Certificates of Insurance including all required amendatory endorsements (or copies of the applicable policy language effecting coverage required by this clause) and a copy of the Declarations and Endorsement Page of the CGL policy listing all policy endorsements to County before work begins. However, failure to obtain and provide verification of the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive Contractor’s obligation to provide them. County reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by these specifications, at any time. *(note – obtaining a copy of the policy declarations and endorsement page to facilitate verification of coverages and spot any undesirable policy limitations or exclusions is recommended)*
12. **Subcontractors** Contractor shall require and verify that all subcontractors maintain insurance meeting all the requirements stated herein, and Contractor shall ensure that County is an additional insured on insurance required from subcontractors. For CGL coverage subcontractors shall provide coverage with a format at least as broad as CG 20 38 04 13.
13. **Special Risks or Circumstances** County reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer, coverage, or other special circumstances.
14. **Premium Payments** The insurance companies shall have no recourse against County and funding agencies, its officers and employees or any of them for payment of any premiums or assessments under any policy issued by a mutual insurance company.
15. **Material Breach** Failure of Contractor to maintain the insurance required by this Contract, or to comply with any of the requirements of this section, shall constitute a material breach of the entire Contract.
16. **Certificate Holder** The Certificate Holder on insurance certificates and related documents should read as follows:

County of Nevada
950 Maidu Ave.
Nevada City, CA 95959

Upon initial award of a Contract to your firm, you may be instructed to send the actual documents to a County contact person for preliminary compliance review.

Certificates which amend or alter the coverage during the term of the Contract, including updated certificates due to policy renewal, should be sent directly to Contract Administrator.

EXHIBIT “E”
SCHEDULE OF HIPAA PROVISIONS
FOR BUSINESS ASSOCIATES

HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA)
BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT

Contractor acknowledges that it is a “Business Associate” for purposes of this Contract and of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPAA”) and The Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act of 2009 (“HITECH”) per 45 CFR §160.103 and therefore is directly subject to the HIPAA Security Rule, Privacy Rule and Enforcement Rule, including its civil and criminal penalties and shall implement its standards.

Regarding the Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information:

1. Except as otherwise limited in this Contract, Contractor may use or disclose Protected Health Information (“PHI”) to perform functions, activities, or services for, or on behalf of, County as specified in this contract, provided that such use or disclosure would not violate the Privacy Rule if done by County and is in accordance with the “minimum necessary” policies and procedures of County (see NCPP 200 – Use and Disclosure Policy).
2. Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations pertaining to the confidentiality of individually identifiable protected health information (PHI) or personally identifiable information (PII) including, but not limited to, requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act, the California Welfare and Institutions Code regarding confidentiality of client information and records and all relevant County policies and procedures.
3. Except as otherwise limited in this Contract, Contractor may use PHI for the proper management and administration of Contractor or to carry out the legal responsibilities of Contractor provided that the disclosure is required by law or Contractor obtains reasonable assurances from the person to whom the information is disclosed that it will be held confidentially and used or further disclosed only as required by law or for the purpose for which Contractor disclosed it to the person. And, Contractor shall also ensure that the person notifies Contractor of any instances of which it is aware in which the confidentiality of the information has been breached.
4. Contractor shall not use or further disclose the PHI it creates, receives, maintains or transmits on behalf of County for any purpose other than as permitted or required by this Contract or as required by law.
5. Contractor shall make available PHI to the individual for which it pertains in accordance to applicable law including 45 CFR §164.524
6. Contractor shall make available PHI for amendment and incorporate any amendments to PHI records in accordance with 45 CFR §164.526.
7. Contractor shall track disclosures and make available the information required to provide an accounting of disclosures if requested by the individual or County in accordance with 45 CFR §164.528.
8. To the extent Contractor is to carry out County’s obligations under the Privacy Rule, Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Rule that apply to County in the performance of such obligations.

Contractor agrees to:

1. Protect the privacy and provide for the security of PHI and electronic Protected Health Information (“ePHI”) created, received, maintained or transmitted by Contractor pursuant to this Contract in accordance with HIPAA, HITECH and regulations promulgated thereunder by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (the HIPAA Regulations) and other applicable laws.
2. Develop and maintain a written information privacy and security program that includes administrative, physical and technical safeguards appropriate to the size and complexity of Contractor’s operations and the nature and scope of its activities. Contractor will provide County with information concerning such safeguards as County may reasonably request from time to time.
3. Comply with County policies and procedures related to obtaining, using, disclosing, creating, maintaining and transmitting PHI and ePHI as it relates to this Contract.
4. Ensure sufficient training and utilize reasonable measures to ensure compliance with requirements of this agreement by Contractor’s workforce members who use or disclose PHI (in any form) to assist in the performance of functions or activities under this Contract; and discipline such employees who intentionally violate any provisions of this Contract, including termination of employment. Workforce member training shall be documented and such documents retained for the period of this Contract and made available to County for inspection if requested.
5. Ensure that any subcontractors or agents agree to comply with the same restrictions, conditions and terms that apply to Contractor with respect to this Contract and with applicable requirements of HIPAA and HITECH by entering into a written contract including permissible uses and disclosures and provisions where the subcontractor or agent agrees to implement reasonable and appropriate security measures to protect the information (PHI or ePHI) it creates, receives, maintains or transmits on behalf of Contractor or County with respect to this Contract.
6. Report to County any security incident or any unauthorized use or disclosure of PHI (in any form). Security incidents include attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of information or interference with system operations in an information system and includes breaches of unsecured protected health information as required by 45 CFR §164.410. Contractor shall make this report by the next business day following discovery of the use, disclosure, or security incident. Any unauthorized use or disclosure or security incident shall be treated as discovered by Contractor on the first day on which such use or disclosure or security incident is known to Contractor, including any person, other than the individual committing the unauthorized use or disclosure or security incident, that is an employee, officer or other agent of Contractor, or who should reasonably have known such unauthorized activities occurred. Reports should be made by email to privacy.officer@nevadacountyca.gov or by calling (530) 265-1740
7. Contractor will comply with all applicable breach notification requirements including notifications to the individual/s whose PHI is the subject of a breach, as provided under the HIPAA and HITECH Acts. Contractor shall take prompt corrective action to cure any breach or action pertaining to the unauthorized disclosure of PHI or ePHI.
8. Make Contractor’s internal practices, books, and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from, or created or received by Contractor on behalf of County available to County upon request. In addition, Contractor will make these items available to the Secretary of the United States Health and Human Services for purposes of determining County’s or Contractor’s compliance with HIPAA and its implementing regulations (in all events Contractor shall immediately notify County of any such request, and shall provide County with copies of any such materials).

9. Contractor agrees that this Contract may be amended from time to time by County if and to the extent required by the provision of 42 U.S.C. § 1171, et seq., enacted by HIPAA and regulations promulgated thereunder, in order to assure that this Contract is consistent therewith.
10. Contractor acknowledges that a violation of the terms of this exhibit would constitute a material breach of this Contract.
11. At termination of this Contract, if feasible, Contractor agrees to return or destroy all PHI received from, or created or received by Contractor on behalf of County that Contractor still maintains in any form and retain no copies of such information or, if such return or destruction is not feasible, extend the protections of this Contract to the information and limit further uses and disclosures to those purposes that make the return or destruction of the information infeasible.

SUMMARY OF CONTRACT

Sierra Family Therapy Centers, Inc.

Description of Services: Securing of psychotherapy services for the veteran population of Nevada County

SUMMARY OF MATERIAL TERMS

Max Annual Price: \$90,484

Contract Start Date: 7/1/2024

Contract End Date: 6/30/2025

Liquidated Damages: N/A

INSURANCE POLICIES

Commercial General Liability	(\$2,000,000)	Worker's Compensation	(Statutory Limits)
Sexual Abuse or Molestation Liability	(\$1,000,000)	Professional Errors and Omissions	(\$1,000,000)

FUNDING

1589-50501-496-1000/521520	
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LICENSES AND PREVAILING WAGES

Designate all required licenses: N/A

NOTICE & IDENTIFICATION

COUNTY OF NEVADA:					CONTRACTOR:				
Nevada County, Social Services Department of Health and Human Services					Sierra Family Therapy Centers, Inc.				
Address:		950 Maidu Ave			Address		673 South Auburn St #B		
City, St, Zip		Nevada City, CA 95959			City, St, Zip		Grass Valley, CA 95945		
Attn:		David West			Attn:		Sierra Sparks, MFT		
Email:		David.West@nevadacountyca.gov			Email:		sierrafamilytherapy@gmail.com		
Phone:		(530) 265-1446			Phone:		(530) 913-5054		
Contractor is a: (check all that apply)					EDD Worksheet Required Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Corporation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Calif. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>	LLC <input type="checkbox"/>	Additional Terms & Conditions Included				
Non- Profit: <input type="checkbox"/>		Corp. <input type="checkbox"/>			(Grant Specific) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Partnership: <input type="checkbox"/>		Calif. <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>	LLP <input type="checkbox"/>	Limited <input type="checkbox"/>	Subrecipient Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Person: <input type="checkbox"/>		Indiv. <input type="checkbox"/>	DBA <input type="checkbox"/>	Ass'n <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>				

ATTACHMENTS

Exhibit A: Schedule of Services	Exhibit E: Schedule of HIPAA Provisions
Exhibit B: Schedule of Charges and Payments	
Exhibit C: Insurance Requirements	