

Consulting Agreement Veterans Services Officer

Agreement Term: June 25, 2022 through January 31, 2023

THIS AGREEMENT is made at Auburn, California, as of June 25, 2022, by and between the County of Placer, a political subdivision of the State of California ("Placer County"), and the County of Nevada, a political subdivision of the State of California ("Nevada County"), who agrees as follows:

1. **Services:** Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, Nevada County shall provide the services of Veterans Services Officer (VSO) as further described herein and in Exhibit A.
2. **Payment:** Placer County shall pay Nevada County at an hourly rate of \$89.00 per hour for 100% of actual time worked for Placer County for the services described in Exhibit A, for a total contract maximum amount not to exceed **Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000)** over the contract period. Mileage, training, expenses and other Nevada County-approved costs are included in this contract maximum. Nevada County shall provide invoices to Placer County within 30 days of the close of each month. Invoices shall include detail of costs being claimed during the billing period, including timecard data. Placer County will review, approve, and pay all valid invoices within 30 days of receipt. In the event of multiple invoices being submitted to Placer County at one time or insufficient documents supporting an invoice, payment by Placer County may be delayed beyond the 30 day timeline.

Invoices for payment shall be submitted to the following address, and shall include the contract number indicated on the first page of this Agreement, the Nevada County name and remittance address, and all additional specific information indicated herein:

Placer County HHS Fiscal
Attn: Accounts Payable
3091 County Center Drive, Suite 290
Auburn, CA 95603

3. **Exhibits:** All exhibits referred to herein will be attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein.
4. **Time for Performance:** Time is of the essence. Failure of Nevada County to perform any services within the time limits set forth herein shall constitute material breach of this contract.
5. **Amendments:** This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties. Any amendments or changes to this Agreement shall be agreed to in writing, specifying the change(s) and the effective date(s) and shall be executed by duly authorized representatives of both parties.
6. **Contingency of Funding:**
 - 6.1 This Agreement is valid and enforceable only if the County of Placer, State and/or the United States government make sufficient funds available to Placer County for the purposes of this program. In addition, this Agreement is subject to any additional restrictions, limitations or conditions enacted by the Congress or the State that may affect the provisions, terms, or funding of this Agreement in any manner.
 - 6.2 It is mutually agreed that if the Congress, State, or County of Placer does not appropriate the same level of funding that was anticipated by Placer County at the time this Agreement was initiated, or if funding amounts are modified at any time during the term of this Agreement, this Agreement may, at the discretion of Placer County, be amended to reflect such changes in funding allocations.

- 6.3 Placer County has the option to void the Agreement under the termination clause to reflect any reduction of funds.
- 6.4 Adjustments in funding shall be made through a written contract amendment, and shall include any changes required to the Scope in response to modifications in funding. The amount of such adjustment shall not exceed any augmentation or reduction in funding to Placer County by the County of Placer, State and/or the United States government. Amendments issued in response to adjustments in funding shall be considered fully executed when approved by Nevada County and by Placer County. Nevada County understands that amendments to this Agreement may not reflect the entire amount of any augmentation or reduction in funding provided to Placer County for the subject services.
- 7 **Licenses, Permits, Etc.:** Nevada County represents and warrants to Placer County that Veterans Service Officer (VSO) have all licenses, permits, qualifications, and approvals of whatsoever nature, which are legally required for the VSO to practice its profession. Nevada County represents and warrants to Placer County that Nevada County shall, at its sole cost and expense, keep in effect or obtain at all times during the term of this Agreement, any licenses, permits, and approvals which are legally required for VSO to practice its profession at the time the services are performed.
- 8 **Time:** VSO shall devote such time to the performance of services pursuant to this Agreement as may be reasonably necessary for the satisfactory performance of Nevada County's obligations pursuant to this Agreement. Neither party shall be considered in default of this Agreement to the extent performance is prevented or delayed by any cause, present or future, which is beyond the reasonable control of the party.
- 9 **Insurance:** It is agreed that Nevada County and Placer County shall each maintain at all times during the performance of this Agreement insurance coverage or self-insurance in the amounts of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) to cover all of its operations. Specifically, but not limited to, not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) general liability, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) automobile liability, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) workers' compensation, and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) professional liability (E&O).
- 10 **Indemnity:** Placer County agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Nevada County and Nevada County's employees or agents and elective and appointive boards from and against any damages including costs and attorney's fees arising out of negligent or intentional acts or omissions of Placer County, its employees or agents. Nevada County agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Placer County, its employees, agents and elective and appointive boards from and against any damages including costs and attorney's fees arising out of negligent or intentional acts or omissions of Nevada County, its employees or agents.
- 11 **Confidentiality:** Placer County and Nevada County agree to maintain confidentiality of information and records as required by applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and rules, and further agree to hold each other harmless from any breach of confidentiality, as set forth in the hold harmless provisions contained herein. VSO while having access to confidential necessary information of both Placer County and Nevada County, agree to only share each entity's confidential information with the other to the extent authorized or permitted by law and necessary.
- 12 **HIPAA Compliance:** This Agreement has been determined to constitute a business associate relationship under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA") and its implementing privacy and security regulations at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164 ("the HIPAA regulations"). As set forth in this Agreement, Nevada County is the Business Associate of Placer County that provides services, arranges, performs or assists in the performance of functions or activities on behalf of Placer County and creates, receives, maintains, transmits, uses or discloses protected health information (PHI). Nevada County agrees to the provisions set forth in Exhibit B,

HIPAA Business Associate Agreement Addendum, to satisfy certain standards and requirements of HIPAA and the HIPAA regulations, and other applicable laws.

- 13 **Nevada County Not Agent:** Except as Placer County may specify in writing VSO shall have no authority, express or implied, to act on behalf of Placer County in any capacity whatsoever as an agent. VSO shall have no authority, express or implied pursuant to this Agreement to bind Placer County to any obligation whatsoever.
- 14 **Personnel:** Nevada County shall assign only competent personnel to perform services pursuant to this Agreement. In the event that Placer County, at any time during the term of this Agreement, is not satisfied with the performance of the person or persons assigned by Nevada County to perform services pursuant to this Agreement, including those members of the Project Team as explained below, Placer County shall notice Nevada County immediately and Nevada County and Placer County shall meet and confer to resolve any issues. If unable to resolve the issues, Placer County may terminate the Agreement according to the Termination Clause.
- 15 **Standard of Performance:** The VSO assigned by Nevada County shall perform all services required pursuant to this Agreement in the manner and according to the standards observed by a competent practitioner of the profession in which VSO is engaged in the geographical area in which VSO practices his/her profession. All products of whatsoever nature which VSO delivers to Placer County pursuant to this Agreement 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 the VSO profession.
- 16 **Termination:**
 - 17.1 Placer County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement at any time by giving thirty (30) working days advance written notice of such termination to Nevada County. In the event Placer County shall give notice of termination, Nevada County shall immediately cease rendering service upon receipt of such written notice, pursuant to this Agreement. In the event Placer County shall terminate this Agreement:
 - 17.1.1 The VSO shall deliver copies of all writings prepared by it pursuant to this Agreement. 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.
 - 17.1.2 Placer County shall have full ownership and control of all such writings delivered by VSO pursuant to this Agreement.
 - 17.1.3 Placer County shall pay Nevada County the reasonable value of services rendered by VSO to the date of termination pursuant to this Agreement not to exceed the amount documented by Nevada County and approved by Placer County as work accomplished to date; provided, however, that in no event shall any payment hereunder exceed the amount of the Agreement specified herein, and further provided, however, Placer County shall not in any manner be liable for lost profits which might have been made by Nevada County had Nevada County completed the services required by this Agreement. In this regard, Nevada County shall furnish to Placer County such financial information as in the judgment of the Placer County is necessary to determine the reasonable value of the services rendered by the VSO. The foregoing is cumulative and does not affect any right or remedy, which Placer County may have in law or equity.
 - 17.2 Nevada County may terminate its services under this Agreement upon thirty (30) working days' advance written notice to Placer County.
- 18 **Nondiscrimination:** During the performance of this Agreement, Nevada County shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations and ordinances, including the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and Fair Employment and Housing Act,

and will not discriminate against employees, applicants or clients because of race, sex, sexual orientation, color, ancestry, religion or religious creed, national origin or ethnic group identification, mental disability, physical disability, medical condition (including cancer, HIV and AIDS), age (over 40), marital status, use of Family and Medical Care Leave and/or Pregnancy Disability Leave or any other class of individuals protected by federal, state or local law in regard to any position within Placer County.

- 19 **Records:** Nevada County shall maintain, at all times, complete detailed records with regard to work performed under this Agreement in a form acceptable to Placer County, and Placer County shall have the right to inspect such records at any reasonable time. Notwithstanding any other terms of this Agreement, no payments shall be made to Nevada County until Placer County is satisfied that work of such value has been rendered pursuant to this Agreement. However, Placer County shall not unreasonably withhold payment and, if a dispute exists, the withheld payment shall be proportional only to the item in dispute. Nevada County shall be subject to the examination and audit of the California State Auditor for a period of three years after final payment under contract (Government Code, Section 8546.7).
- 20 **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 Agreement shall not operate as a waiver of any subsequent breach or default by the other party.
- 21 **Conflict of Interest:** Nevada County certifies that no official or employee of Placer County, nor any business entity in which an official of Placer County has an interest, has been employed or retained to solicit or aid in the procuring of this Agreement. In addition, Nevada County agrees that no such person will be employed in the performance of this Agreement without immediately notifying the Placer County.
- 22 **Entirety of Agreement:** This Agreement contains the entire agreement of Placer County and Nevada County with respect to the subject matter hereof, and no other agreement, statement, or promise made by any party, or to any employee, officer or agent of any party, which is not contained in this Agreement, shall be binding or valid.
- 23 **Governing Law:** This Agreement is executed and intended to be performed in the State of California, and the laws of that State shall govern its interpretation and effect. Any legal proceedings on this Agreement shall be brought under the jurisdiction of the Superior Court of the County of Nevada, State of California, Nevada County or the United States District Court, Eastern District of California.
- 24 **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 PLACER:

Placer County Dept. of Health and Human
Services
Attn: Robert L. Oldham, Director
3091 County Center Drive, Suite 290
Auburn, CA 95603

NEVADA COUNTY:

Nevada County Health and Human
Services Agency
Attn: Ryan Gruver,
Director
950 Maidu Ave., Suite 120
Nevada City, CA 95959

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.

- 25 **Signatures:** This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument. The Parties agree that an electronic copy of a signed contract, or an electronically signed contract, shall have the same force and legal effect as a contract executed with an original ink signature. The term "electronic copy of a signed contract" refers to a transmission by facsimile, electronic mail, or other

electronic means of a copy of an original signed contract in a portable document format. The term "electronically signed contract" means a contract that is executed by applying an electronic signature using technology approved by the Parties.

//Signatures on following page

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Agreement as of the day first above stated:

COUNTY OF NEVADA ("NEVADA COUNTY")

COUNTY OF PLACER ("PLACER COUNTY")

Chair Board of Supervisors

Date: _____

Attest:

Julie Patterson Hunter
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Date: _____

Approved as to Form
Office of Nevada County Counsel

Date: _____

Jane Christenson
Acting County Executive Officer

Date: _____

Approved as to Form
Office of Placer County Counsel

Date: _____

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit A: Scope of Services and Budget

Exhibit B: HIPAA Business Associate
Agreement

Exhibit C: County Facility and Equipment

EXHIBIT A

SCOPE OF SERVICES AND BUDGET

Services shall include the provision of consultative hours by the Nevada County Health and Human Services Agency's (HHSA) credentialed Veterans Services Officer (VSO) who will be available to be on location at the Placer County Veteran's Services Office to assist veterans and their dependents with any questions or needs they may have if needed and requested. The VSO will be available to assist with completion and submission of paperwork required to obtain benefits. Additionally, they will be available via phone or electronic means to answer questions related to the services the veterans and their dependents are receiving, or may be eligible to receive. They will be available via phone or electronic media to consult with the staff at the Placer County Veteran's Services Office if advice or direction is needed to the duties associated with the office.

The VSO will also provide education and training to Placer County staff and provide policies and protocols according to guidelines and standards set by the Federal Veterans Services Office.

The above-mentioned services by the VSO will be provided at a rate of \$89.00 per hour.

HIPAA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT-ADDENDUM

Whereas "PLACER COUNTY/Covered Entity" ("CE") wishes to disclose certain information to "NEVADA COUNTY/Business Associate" ("BA") pursuant to the terms of the Contract, some of which may constitute Protected Health Information ("PHI") (defined below), and

Whereas CE and BA intend to protect the privacy and provide for the security of PHI disclosed to BA pursuant to the Contract in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191 ("HIPAA"), the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, Public Law 111-005 ("the HITECH Act"), and regulations promulgated thereunder by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ("the HIPAA Regulations") and other applicable laws, and

Whereas BA shall comply with the Business Associate Provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act (Section 13001 of Public Law 111-5, the HITECH Act regulations located in 45 CFR 160 & 164), including but not limited to Title 42, United States Code, Section 1320d et seq. and its implementing regulations (including but not limited to Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Parts 160, 162, and 164), and

Whereas BA shall comply with the State of California regulations regarding the reporting of unauthorized releases of protected health information (PHI). The regulations are found in: Health and Safety Code Sections 1280.15, and Section 1280.18; and Civil Code Section 56.05, and

Whereas as part of the HIPAA Regulations, the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule (defined below) require CE to enter into a contract containing specific requirements with BA prior to the disclosure of PHI, as set forth in, but not limited to, Title 45, Sections 164.314(a), 164.502(a) and (e) and 164.504(e) of the Code of Federal Regulations ("C.F.R.") and contained in this Addendum, and

Whereas CE will make available and/or be transferring to BA certain information, in conjunction with goods and services to be provided by BA as outlined in the Contract, that is confidential and must be afforded special treatment and protection, and

Whereas BA will have access to and/or receive from CE certain information that can be used or disclosed only in accordance with this Business Associate Agreement-Addendum and the HHS privacy regulations, and

Whereas BA does hereby assure CE that BA will appropriately safeguard protected health information made available to BA, in implementation of such assurance and without otherwise limiting the obligations of BA as set forth in the Contract.

In consideration of the mutual promises below and the exchange of information pursuant to this Addendum, PLACER COUNTY/Covered Entity and NEVADA COUNTY/Business Associate agree as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

The following terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this section. Other terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the context in which they first appear.

- 1.1 CONTRACT - shall refer to the separate agreement between CE and BA of which this agreement is an Addendum and Exhibit to.
- 1.2 BREACH - shall have the meaning given to such term under HITECH Act and HIPAA Regulations [42 U.S.C. Section 17921 and 45 C.F.R. Section 164.402].
- 1.3 BREACH NOTIFICATION RULE - shall mean the HIPAA Regulation that is codified at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A and D.
- 1.4 BUSINESS ASSOCIATE - shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule, and the HITECH Act, including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. Section 17938 and 45 C.F.R. Section 160.103.
- 1.5 COVERED ENTITY - shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 160.103.
- 1.6 COUNTY - shall mean the entity providing/making available the information (PLACER COUNTY).

- 1.7 DATA AGGREGATION - shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.501.
- 1.8 DESIGNATED RECORD SET - shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.501.
- 1.9 ELECTRONIC PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION - means Protected Health Information that is maintained in or transmitted by electronic media.
- 1.10 ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD - shall have the meaning given to such term in the HITECH Act, including, but not limited to 42 U.S.C. Section 17921.
- 1.11 HEALTH CARE OPERATIONS - shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, including but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.501.
- 1.12 INDIVIDUAL - shall mean any person/client/patient who is the subject of the information, is a third-party beneficiary to this Business Associate Agreement - Addendum, and has the same meaning as the term "individual" as defined by 45 CFR 164.501.
- 1.13 INFORMATION - shall mean any "health information" provided to and/or made available by COUNTY to CONTRACTOR, and has the same meaning as the term "health information" as defined by 45 CFR 160.102.
- 1.14 PARTIES - shall mean PLACER COUNTY/Covered Entity and NEVADA COUNTY/Business Associate.
- 1.15 PRIVACY RULE - shall mean the HIPAA Regulation that is codified at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A and E.
- 1.16 PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION or PHI - means any information, whether oral or recorded in any form or medium: (i) that relates to the past, present or future physical or mental condition of an individual; the provision of health care to an individual; and (ii) that identifies the individual or with respect to which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify the individual, and shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.501. Protected Health Information includes Electronic Protected Health Information [45 C.F.R. Sections 160.103, 164.501].
- 1.17 PROTECTED INFORMATION - shall mean PHI provided by CE to BA or created, maintained, received or transmitted by BA on CE's behalf.
- 1.18 SECRETARY - shall mean the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS") and any other officer or employee of HHS to whom the authority involved has been delegated.
- 1.19 SECURITY INCIDENT - shall have the meaning given to such term under the Security Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.304.
- 1.20 SECURITY RULE - shall mean the HIPAA Regulation that is codified at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A and C.
- 1.21 UNSECURED PHI - shall have the meaning given to such term under the HITECH ACT and any guidance issued pursuant to such Act including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. Section 17932(h) and 45 C.F.R. Section 164.402.

2. TERM

The term of this agreement shall expire when all of the information provided by CE to BA is destroyed or returned to CE pursuant to the remaining Contract provisions. BA agrees to return or destroy all information received or created by BA on behalf of CE and agrees not to retain any copies of information after termination of the Contract. If BA elects to destroy some or all of the information retained, it shall certify to CE that the information has been destroyed. This provision survives termination of the Contract.

3. OBLIGATIONS OF CONTRACTOR/BUSINESS ASSOCIATE

The HIPAA Business Associate Agreement (BAA) is required for all contracts in which an individual's protected health information is included in the contract between CE (a covered entity for HIPAA purposes) and a private individual or private business entity (Business Associate for HIPAA purposes). The purpose of the HIPAA Business Associate Agreement is to ensure that the BA, during the performance of its contractual obligations with CE, protects the health information of individuals in accordance with State and Federal regulations.

- 3.1 **Permitted Uses.** BA shall use Protected Information only for the purpose of performing BA's obligations under the Contract and as permitted or required under the Contract and Addendum, or as required by law. Further, BA shall not use Protected Information in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy Rule or the HITECH Act if so used by CE. However, BA may use Protected Information as necessary (i) for the proper management and administration of BA; (ii) to carry out the legal responsibilities of BA; (iii) as required by law; or (iv) for Data Aggregation purposes relating to the Health Care Operations of CE [45 C.F.R. Sections 164.504(e)(2) and 164.504(e)(4)(i)].
- 3.2 **Permitted Disclosures.** BA shall disclose Protected Information only for the purpose of performing BA's obligations under the Contract and as permitted or required under the Contract and Addendum, or as required by law. BA shall not disclose Protected Information in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy Rule or the HITECH Act if so disclosed by CE. However, BA may disclose Protected Information as necessary (i) for the proper management and administration of BA; (ii) to carry out the legal responsibilities of BA; (iii) as required by law; or (iv), for Data Aggregation purposes relating to the Health Care Operations of CE. If BA discloses Protected Information to a third party, BA must obtain, prior to making any such disclosure, (i) reasonable written assurances from such third party that such Protected Information will be held confidential as provided pursuant to this Addendum and used or disclosed only as required by law or for the purposes for which it was disclosed to such third party, and (ii) a written agreement from such third party to immediately notify BA of any breaches, suspected breaches, security incidents, or unauthorized uses or disclosures of the Protected Information in accordance with the Notification of Possible Breach requirements set forth in this Addendum (subparagraph 3.12), to the extent it has obtained knowledge of such occurrences [42 U.S.C. Section 17932; 45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)].
- 3.3 **Prohibited Uses and Disclosures.** BA shall not use or disclose PHI other than as permitted or required by the Contract and Addendum, or as required by law. BA shall not use or disclose Protected Information for fundraising or marketing purposes. BA shall not disclose Protected Information to a health plan for payment or health care operation purposes if the patient has requested this special restriction, and has paid out of pocket in full for the health care item or service to which the PHI solely relates [42 U.S.C. Section 17935(a) and 45 C.F.R. Section 164.522(a)(vi)]. BA shall not directly or indirectly receive remuneration in exchange for Protected Information, except with the prior written consent of CE and as permitted by the HITECH Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 17935(d)(2), and the HIPAA regulations, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.502(a)(5)(ii); however, this prohibition shall not affect payment by CE to BA for services provided pursuant to the Contract.
- 3.4 **Appropriate Safeguards.** BA shall implement appropriate safeguards to prevent the use or disclosure of Protected Information other than as permitted by the Contract or Addendum, including, but not limited to, administrative, physical and technical safeguards in accordance with the Security Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Sections 164.308, 164.310, and 164.312. [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(B); 45 C.F.R. Section 164.308(b)]. BA shall comply with the policies and procedures and documentation requirements of the Security rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.316 [42 U.S.C. Section 17931].
- 3.5 **Business Associate's Subcontractors and Agents.** BA shall ensure that any agents and subcontractors that create, receive, maintain or transmit Protected Information on behalf of BA, agree in writing to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to BA with respect to such Protected Information and implement the safeguards required by paragraph 3.4 above with respect to Electronic PHI [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(D); 45 C.F.R. Section 164.308(b)] BA shall implement and maintain sanctions against agents and subcontractors that violate such restrictions and conditions and shall mitigate the effects of any such violation [45 C.F.R. Sections 164.530(f) and 164.530(e)(1)].
- 3.6 **Access to Protected Information.** If BA maintains a designated record set on behalf of CE, BA shall make Protected Information maintained by BA or its agents or subcontractors in Designated Record Sets available to CE for inspection and copying within five (5) days of a request by CE to enable CE to fulfill its obligations under state law [Health and Safety Code Section 123110] and the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.524 [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(E)]. If BA maintains Protected Information in electronic format, BA shall provide such information in electronic format as necessary to enable CE to fulfill its obligations under the HITECH Act and HIPAA Regulations, including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. Section 17935(e) and 45 C.F.R. Section 164.524.
- 3.7 **Amendment of PHI.** If BA maintains a designated record set on behalf of CE, within ten (10) days of a request by CE for an amendment of Protected Information or a record about an individual contained in a Designated Record Set, BA and its agents and subcontractors shall make such Protected Information available to CE to fulfill its obligations under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section

164.526. If an individual requests an amendment of Protected Information directly from BA or its agents or subcontractors, BA must notify CE in writing within five (5) days of the request and of any approval or denial of amendment of Protected Information maintained by BA or its agents or subcontractors [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(F)].

- 3.8 **Accounting Disclosures.** Promptly upon any disclosure of Protected Information for which CE is required to account to an individual, BA and its agents and subcontractors shall make available to CE the information required to provide an accounting of disclosures which would allow CE to fulfill its obligations under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.528, and the HITECH Act, including but not limited to 42 U.S.C. Section 17935(c), as determined by CE. BA agrees to implement a process that allows for an accounting to be collected and maintained by BA and its agents and subcontractors for at least six (6) years prior to the request. However, accounting of disclosures from an Electronic Health Record for treatment, payment or health care operations purposes are required to be collected and maintained for only three (3) years prior to the request, and only to the extent that BA maintains an Electronic Health Record. At a minimum, the information collected and maintained shall include: (i) the date of disclosure; (ii) the name of the entity or person who received Protected Information and, if known, the address of the entity or person; (iii) a brief description of Protected Information disclosed; and (iv) a brief statement of purpose of the disclosure that reasonably informs the individual of the basis for the disclosure, or a copy of the individual's authorization, or a copy of the written request for disclosure. If a patient submits a request for an accounting directly to BA or its agents or subcontractors, BA shall within five (5) days of the request forward it to CE in writing.
- 3.9 **Governmental Access to Records.** BA shall make its internal practices, books and records relating to the use and disclosure of Protected Information available to CE and to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (the "Secretary") for purposes of determining BA's compliance with HIPAA [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(A)(2)(ii)(I)]. BA shall provide CE a copy of any Protected Information and other documents and records that BA provides to the Secretary concurrently with providing such Protected Information to the Secretary.
- 3.10 **Minimum Necessary.** BA, its agents and subcontractors shall request, use and disclose only the minimum amount of Protected Information necessary to accomplish the purpose of the request, use or disclosure. [42 U.S.C. Section 17935(b); 45 C.F.R. Section 164.514(d)] BA understands and agrees that the definition of "minimum necessary" is in flux and shall keep itself informed of guidance issued by the Secretary with respect to what constitutes "minimum necessary."
- 3.11 **Data Ownership.** BA acknowledges that BA has no ownership rights with respect to the Protected Information.
- 3.12 **Notification of Possible Breach.** BA shall notify CE within twenty-four (24) hours of any suspected or actual breach of Protected Information; any use or disclosure of Protected Information not permitted by the Contract or Addendum; any security incident (i.e., any attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of information or interference with system operations in and information system) related to Protected Information, and any actual or suspected use or disclosure of data in violation of any applicable federal or state laws by BA or its agents or subcontractors. The notification shall include, to the extent possible, the identification of each individual whose unsecured Protected Information has been, or is reasonably believed by the BA to have been, accessed, acquired, used, or disclosed, as well as any other available information that CE is required to include in notification to the individual, the media, the Secretary, and any other entity under the Breach Notification Rule and any other applicable state or federal laws, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.404 through 45 C.F.R. Section 164.408, at the time of the notification required by this paragraph or promptly thereafter as information becomes available. BA shall take (i) prompt corrective action to cure any deficiencies and (ii) any action pertaining to unauthorized uses or disclosures required by applicable federal and state laws [42 U.S.C. Section 17921; 45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(c); 45 C.F.R. Section 164.308(b)].
- 3.13 **Breach Pattern or Practice by Business Associate's Subcontractors and Agents.** Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 17934(b) and 45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(1)(ii), if the BA knows of a pattern of activity or practice of a subcontractor or agent that constitutes a material breach or violation of the subcontractor or agent's obligations under the Contract or Addendum or other arrangement, the BA must take reasonable steps to cure the breach or end the violation. If steps are unsuccessful, the BA must terminate the Contract or other arrangement if feasible. BA shall provide written notice to CE of any pattern of activity or practice of a subcontractor or agent that BA believes constitutes a material breach or violation of the subcontractor or agent's obligations under the Contract or Addendum or other arrangement within five (5) days of discovery

and shall meet with CE to discuss and attempt to resolve the problem as one of the reasonable steps to cure the breach or end the violation.

- 3.14 **Audits, Inspection and Enforcement.** Within ten (10) days of a request by CE, BA and its agents and subcontractors shall allow CE or its agents or subcontractors to conduct a reasonable inspection of the facilities, systems, books, records, agreements, policies and procedures relating to the use or disclosure of Protected Information pursuant to this Addendum for the purpose of determining whether BA has complied with this Addendum or maintains adequate security safeguards; provided, however, that (i) BA and CE shall mutually agree in advance upon the scope, timing, and location of such an inspection, (ii) CE shall protect the confidentiality of all confidential and proprietary information of BA to which CE has access during the course of such inspection; and (iii) CE shall execute a nondisclosure agreement, upon terms mutually agreed upon by the parties, if requested by BA. The fact that CE inspects, or fails to inspect, or has the right to inspect, BA's facilities, systems, books, records, agreements, policies, and procedures does not relieve BA of its responsibility to comply with this Addendum, nor does CE's (i) failure to detect or (ii) detection, but failure to notify BA or require BA's remediation of any unsatisfactory practices, constitute acceptance of such practice or a waiver of CE's enforcement rights under the Contract or Addendum. BA shall notify CE within five (5) days of learning that BA has become the subject of an audit, compliance review, or complaint investigation by the Office of Civil Rights or other state or federal government entity.

4. HIPAA COMPLIANCE PLAN REQUIREMENT

In order to ensure that the BA complies with Federal and State regulations regarding protected health information, the BA shall submit a "HIPAA Compliance Plan" to the CE describing:

- 4.1 The training of staff and any subcontractors regarding HIPAA and State regulations.
- 4.2 A process for tracking the training of staff and subcontractors.
- 4.3 A process for staff and subcontractors to report any breaches of protected health information. This shall include employee disciplinary procedures for employees who violate HIPAA guidelines, and whistle blower protection for staff reporting breaches.
- 4.4 A description of how the BA plans to secure and safeguard electronically stored health information. This shall include at a minimum, descriptions of passwords, encryption, and any other technology designed to prevent unauthorized access to protected health information.
- 4.5 A process for reviewing security measures and identifying areas of potential risk for a breach, a plan for mitigating identified risks, and assurance that such risk evaluation shall be conducted annually.

5. DATA AGGREGATION SERVICES

BA is also permitted to use or disclose information to provide data aggregation services as that term is defined by 45 CFR 164.501, relating to the health care operations of CE.

6. TERMINATION

A breach by BA of any provision of this Addendum, as determined by CE shall constitute a material breach of the Contract and shall provide grounds for immediate termination of the Contract, any provision in the Contract to the contrary notwithstanding. [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(iii)]. CE may terminate the Contract, effective immediately, if (i) BA is named as a defendant in a criminal proceeding for a violation of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the HIPAA Regulations or other security or privacy laws or (ii) a finding or stipulation that the BA has violated any standard or requirement of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the HIPAA Regulations or other security or privacy laws is made in any administrative or civil proceeding in which the party has joined. Upon termination of the Contract for any reason, BA shall, at the option of CE, return or destroy all Protected Information that BA and its agents and subcontractors still maintain in any form, and shall retain no copies of such Protected Information. If return or destruction is not feasible, as determined by CE, BA shall continue to extend the protections and satisfy the obligations of this Addendum to such information, and limit further use and disclosure of such PHI to those persons that make the return or destruction of the information infeasible [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(ii)(2)(J)]. If CE elects destruction of the PHI, BA shall certify in writing to CE that such PHI has been destroyed in accordance with the Secretary's guidance regarding proper destruction of PHI.

7. ADDITIONAL BREACH GROUNDS

Any non-compliance by BA with the provisions of this Business Associate Agreement Addendum or the HHS privacy regulations will automatically be considered grounds for breach if BA knew or reasonably should have known of such non-compliance and failed to immediately take reasonable steps to cure the non-compliance.

8. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

Notwithstanding any rights or remedies provided for in the Contract, CE retains all rights to seek injunctive relief to prevent or stop unauthorized use or disclosure of information by BA or any agent, subcontractor or third party recipient of information from BA.

9. AMENDMENTS

The parties acknowledge that state and federal laws relating to data security and privacy are rapidly evolving and that amendment of the Contract or Addendum may be required to provide for procedures to ensure compliance with such developments. The parties specifically agree to take such action as is necessary to implement the standards and requirements of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the HIPAA regulations and other applicable state or federal laws relating to the security or confidentiality of PHI. The parties understand and agree that CE must receive satisfactory written assurance from BA that BA will adequately safeguard all Protected Information. Upon the request of either party, the other party agrees to promptly enter into negotiations concerning the terms of the amendment to this Addendum embodying written assurances consistent with the standards and requirements of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the HIPAA regulations or other applicable laws. CE may terminate the Contract upon thirty (30) days written notice in the event (i) BA does not promptly enter into negotiations to amend the Contract or Addendum when requested by CE pursuant to this section or (ii) BA does not enter into an amendment to the Contract or Addendum providing assurances regarding the safeguarding of PHI that CE, in its sole discretion, deems sufficient to satisfy the standards and requirements of applicable laws.

10. DISCLAIMER

CE makes no warranty or representation that compliance by BA with this Addendum, HIPAA, the HITECH Act, or the HIPAA Regulations will be adequate or satisfactory for BA's own purposes. BA is solely responsible for all decisions made by BA regarding the safeguarding of PHI.

11. LITIGATION OR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

BA shall notify CE within forty-eight (48) hours of any litigation or administrative proceedings commenced against BA or its agents or subcontractors. In addition, BA shall make itself, and any subcontractors, employees and agents assisting BA in the performance of its obligations under the Contract or Addendum, available to CE, at no cost to CE, to testify as witnesses, or otherwise, in the event of litigation or administrative proceedings being commenced against CE, its supervisors, directors, officers, managers or employees based upon a claimed violation of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the HIPAA regulations, or other state or federal laws relating to security and privacy, except where the BA or its subcontractors, employees or agents are a named adverse parties.

12. NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES

Nothing express or implied in the Contract or Addendum is intended to confer, nor shall anything herein confer, upon any person other than CE, BA and their respective successors or assigns, any rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities whatsoever.

13. EFFECT ON CONTRACT

Except as specifically required to implement the purposes of this Addendum, or to the extent inconsistent with this Addendum, all other terms of the Contract shall remain in force and effect.

14. INTERPRETATION

The provisions of this Addendum shall prevail over any provisions in the Contract that may conflict or appear inconsistent with any provision in this Addendum. This Addendum and the Contract shall be interpreted as broadly as necessary to implement and comply with HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the HIPAA regulations, and other state and federal laws related to security and privacy. The parties agree that any ambiguity in this Addendum shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that complies and is consistent with HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the HIPAA regulations, and other state and federal laws related to security and privacy.

15. SOFTWARE SECURITY

If applicable, BA warrants that software security features will be compatible with the CE's HIPAA compliance requirements.

This HIPAA Business Associate Agreement-Addendum shall supersede any prior HIPAA Business Associate Agreements between CE and BA.

County Facility or Equipment to be Used by Contractor

Special Terms and Conditions including Security Standards for Placer County Data Network

1. Specific Identification of Facility and Equipment. The following County facilities and/or equipment may be utilized by CONTRACTOR under this Agreement: (a) Office space for Contractor's employees located at 1000 Sunset Blvd., Ste. 115, Rocklin, CA 95765. (b) Office supplies and Computer equipment for use by CONTRACTOR employees.
2. Use at County's Discretion. Use of County facilities or equipment is made at County's sole discretion. County may discontinue use of County facilities or equipment by CONTRACTOR upon reasonable notice. County reserves the right to provide substitute facilities or equipment at its discretion. County reserves the right to pre-approve all CONTRACTOR personnel who are to use County facilities or equipment. County reserves the right to require CONTRACTOR to remove any of CONTRACTOR'S personnel from County facilities or to discontinue use of County equipment.
3. Property Rights. All County facilities, equipment and data will remain under the sole ownership, custody and control of County and CONTRACTOR is not granted any property interest therein. CONTRACTOR shall only use County's facilities and equipment for the purposes of fulfilling its obligations to County under this Agreement. County may access any and all electronic or paper data and records created, transmitted, or accessed utilizing County equipment or while on County property.
4. Compliance with Laws and Regulations. CONTRACTOR and its employees shall comply at all times with all applicable laws, regulations, ordinances, and County policies regarding use of the County's facilities and equipment.
5. Confidentiality. CONTRACTOR and its employees are responsible for maintaining as confidential any confidential information of County's or any third party, acquired in the course of using County's facilities or equipment.
6. Conduct and Cooperation. CONTRACTOR and its employees and representatives are subject to the same rules of conduct as County's employees when using County facilities and equipment. Contractor and its employees may be subject to additional clearances, obligations, and conditions depending on the nature of the County facility or equipment being utilized. CONTRACTOR and its employees will cooperate with County in providing any additional information, signing any forms or acknowledgments, and in reasonably participating as a potential witness in any investigations undertaken under County policies in which CONTRACTOR or its employees might have information.
7. Third Parties. CONTRACTOR may not permit any other person to occupy or use County's facilities or equipment, including by placing such person's equipment in a County space, without first obtaining County's written consent to do so. Such consent may be withheld by County is County's sole discretion.
8. Co-located CONTRACTOR Employees. Co-location of CONTRACTOR'S employees at County facilities is discouraged and co-location will only be authorized in extraordinary circumstances as necessary to fulfill important service obligations under this Agreement. Such circumstances are present here. Co-located Contractor employees will be required to pass a back-ground check and acknowledge familiarity with identified County policies and procedures.
9. If CONTRACTOR is given access to COUNTY'S electronic billing system through County Citrix access or any similar access, CONTRACTOR shall utilize COUNTY electronic billing system to admit, discharge, enter service charges, check financial eligibility, and run reports specific to their clients via Citrix. CONTRACTOR shall be allowed to only view their assigned programs and clients. CONTRACTOR agrees to report to the Contract Administrator any inadvertent viewing of information that is outside their assigned programs and clients.

10. The Placer County Data Network Security Standards Policy (v9-18-13) is set forth below and incorporated by this reference. CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with these Security Standards for the Placer County Data Network:

1.0 PURPOSE, POLICY AND PROCESS

The purpose of this policy is to define standard security procedures and processes for computer system use on the Placer County enterprise data network. Unless otherwise approved by the requesting Department Head and Information Technology, there will be no exceptions to the policies and processes presented below. Contact the Customer Service Center (CSC) at x4357 with any questions relating to this document.

2.0 AUTHORIZATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- 2.1 Each individual must have a separate log-in account and password for network use.
- 2.2 Only one logical connection to the network is allowed for each individual.
- 2.3 Public and generic accounts must be restricted to specific workstation(s) and assigned to workgroups for select, specific business processes.
- 2.4 Create passwords that have a minimum of 8 characters with a combination of alphabetic (upper and lower-case), numeric, and special characters.
- 2.5 Change default passwords provided by the vendor for access to applications/systems on the network.
- 2.6 Create different passwords for applications/systems on the network.
- 2.7 Do not share or disclose passwords.
- 2.8 Intruder lock-out must be enabled for passwords if the option is provided by the software.
- 2.9 Do not record or write down passwords and store in a manner that can be easily accessed by others.
- 2.10 All passwords must be changed on a specified, periodic basis.
- 2.11 All requests for resetting network passwords must be made by the I.T. Liaison via email to the CSC.
- 2.12 Immediately inform the CSC when log-in accounts are no longer required or will not be used for a period of 30 days or more.
- 2.13 All log-in accounts not used for a period of 90 days will be disabled.
- 2.14 All log-in accounts not used for a period of 365 days will be deleted.

3.0 SYSTEM AND DATA USE

- 3.1 Ensure vendors comply with security standards.
- 3.2 Do not attempt to circumvent protection schemes or standards, or attempt to gain unauthorized access.
- 3.3 Report any security vulnerabilities to the CSC.
- 3.4 Do not divulge log-in accounts, system processes, data, or network information to unknown parties.
- 3.5 Report any suspicious or illicit use to your department security coordinator.
- 3.6 Ensure the physical security of system equipment and data.
- 3.7 Use time-activated screensavers with password protection enabled.
- 3.8 Log-off from the network when the work shift is completed, and turn off the workstation.
- 3.9 Ensure only authorized staff maintain, move or modify County network systems and components.
- 3.10 Do not connect modems to the network.
- 3.11 Disconnect remote sessions (dial-in, Internet access, etc.) when remote task has been completed.
- 3.12 Do not load or use unapproved software or data files on network-connected systems.
- 3.13 Firewalls are required between networks interfacing to the Placer County Network.
- 3.14 No wireless access points to the Placer County Network are allowed without IT authorization.
- 3.15 No Internet Telephone software is allowed on the network without IT authorization.
- 3.16 Comply with licensing requirements and copyright laws.

- 3.17 Virus-check removable media before loading or installing the files.
- 3.18 Do not disable virus-checking without authorization.
- 3.19 Keep department supported systems current with security patches and updates.
- 3.20 Ensure secure development practices are followed when creating programs or scripts
- 3.21 Assume all data is sensitive and confidential and protect it accordingly.
- 3.22 Ensure all business-critical systems and data are backed-up with periodically validated processes.
- 3.23 Do not test software or systems on the production network; use stand-alone test systems or the Test Network for testing instead.