

**Administering Agency:** Nevada County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Department

**Contract No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contract Description:** Provision of residential treatment and withdrawal management services for referred clients 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 June 15, 2021 by and between the County of Nevada, ("County"), and **MIDVALLEY RECOVERY FACILITIES, INC. D/B/A PATHWAYS** ("Contractor"), 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 One Hundred Forty Four Thousand, Eight Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$144,825).**
3. **Term** This Contract shall commence on, 7/1/2021. All services required to be provided by this Contract shall be completed and ready for acceptance no later than the **Contract Termination Date** of: 6/30/2022.
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 F, 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 the 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 the 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 or is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or CalPERS to be eligible for enrollment in CalPERS as an employee of the 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 the 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 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** 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 further warrants to 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.

Contractor without additional compensation. Contractor's personnel, when on the County's premises and when accessing the County network remotely, shall comply with the 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 the County's privileged access management platform for all remote access support functions, unless other methods are granted in writing by the County's Chief Information Officer or his/her designee.

15. **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 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.
16. **Accessibility** It is the policy of the County of Nevada 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.
17. **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 in contravention of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, Government Code section 12900 et seq.
18. **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.
19. **Political Activities** Contractor shall in no instance expend funds or use resources derived from this Contract on any political activities.
20. **Financial, Statistical and Contract-Related Records:**
- 20.1. **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.

- 20.2. **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 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.
- 20.3. **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 Maximum Contract Price.
21. **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.
22. **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 the Contractor, the 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 the 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 the 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 the 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.

23. **Intellectual Property** 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, not the property of Contractor (herein "Intellectual Property"), which concern or relate to this Contract and which have been prepared by, for or submitted to Contractor by County, shall be the property of County, and upon fifteen (15) days demand therefor, shall be promptly delivered to County without exception.
24. **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.
25. **Conflict of Interest** Contractor certifies that no official or employee of the County, nor any business entity in which an official of the 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 Personnel Code
26. **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.
27. **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 19, Termination.

28. **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.
29. **Compliance with Applicable Laws** Contractor shall comply with any and all federal, state and local laws, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations which relate to, concern or affect the Services to be provided by this Contract.
30. **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 the 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, the Contractor agrees to protect the confidentiality of any confidential information with which the 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.

The 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 the County, be considered a material breach of this Contract.

31. **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.

32. **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:**

Nevada County Health and Human Services  
Agency, Behavioral Health Department  
Address: 500 Crown Point Circle, Suite 120  
City, St, Zip Grass Valley, CA 95945  
Attn: Suzanne McMaster  
Email: Suzanne.mcmaster@co.nevada.ca.us  
Phone: (530) 470-2559

**CONTRACTOR:**

Midvalley Recovery Facilities, Inc. d/b/a  
Pathways  
Address 430 Teegarden Avenue  
City, St, Zip Yuba City, CA 95991  
Attn: Ed Anderson  
Email: ed@yspathways.net  
Phone: (530) 674-4530 ext. 240

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.



Executed as of the day first above stated:

**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 effective on the Beginning Date, above.

**COUNTY OF NEVADA:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name/Title: Honorable Dan Miller, Chair, of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**CONTRACTOR: MIDVALLEY RECOVERY FACILITIES, INC. D/B/A PATHWAYS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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**

**Exhibit A: Schedule of Services**

**Exhibit B: Schedule of Charges and Payments**

**Exhibit C: Insurance Requirements**

**Exhibit D: Behavioral Health Provisions**

**Exhibit E: Schedule of HIPAA Provisions**

**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**  
**MIDVALLEY RECOVERY FACILITIES, INC., D/B/A PATHWAYS**

Midvalley Recovery Facilities, Inc., d/b/a Pathways hereinafter referred to as "Contractor" shall provide comprehensive and integrated residential treatment and withdrawal management program services for adults over the age of eighteen (18), serving both males and females, for the recovery and treatment of alcohol/drug dependency for authorized clients of Nevada County for the Behavioral Health Department, hereinafter referred to as "County".

The following services are included in this contract:

- A. Residential Treatment
- B. Residential Withdrawal Management Treatment Services

**A. RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT:**

**Program Overview: Residential, Withdrawal Management**

Contractor's residential treatment and withdrawal management programs provide comprehensive treatment services to adult men and women, over the age of eighteen (18), in a carefully structured and supportive environment with a high degree of accountability. Contractor shall provide an integrated continuum of care for a client that focuses on each unique individual and his/her family system.

Contractor shall provide a safe, supportive, social model, non-medical model treatment environment 24 hours/ 7 days a week. Contractor will be co-occurring disorder and Rapid Re-Housing competent, accept clients who are receiving Medication Assisted Treatment, and connect clients to employment and related services as soon as possible. Clients may stay in residential treatment for varying lengths of time based on an assessment and treatment authorization from County. The individual treatment authorization will be for a maximum of 30 calendar days. Contractor will submit to the county in writing a treatment extension request, including an American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria Level of Care (LOC) assessment, documenting the need for the extension of residential treatment services. Any additional authorization is not to exceed 30 calendar days. The Addiction Severity Index (ASI) – Edition #5 along with the ASAM criteria will be administered to all clients entering any level of treatment. A substance use related disorder, and mental health diagnosis, if appropriate, diagnosis will be established completed on all clients using the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM). Clients will be moved to the least restrictive level of care appropriate based on clinical staffing case review (including ASAM, ASI, and DSM diagnosis). Clients with a score of placing in Level 3.1 or 3.5 on ASAM will be admitted to residential treatment. Discharge planning will commence upon entry into the treatment program. Contractor shall foster conditions which will support reintegration of the client into the community by providing a stable residential situation and partnering with the client on active discharge planning. Contractor shall maintain at all times trained, skilled paid staff on every shift. All staff providing direct alcohol and other drug (AOD) services to the residents of the program must be either registered or certified with a DHCS approved certifying organization. A certified addictions counselor shall be on site at least 16 hours per day. The Contractor shall maintain a documented staffing plan that covers staffing strategies for business hours, after hours and weekends. The plan will detail the use of peer volunteers and paid staff, and the minimum qualifications required for each position and/or situation.

### **Residential and Withdrawal Management Program Components:**

All policies and procedures for refusal to admit an individual to or for terminating an individual from a program will be subject to County review. All terminations will be reported as soon as the decision is in process and no later than the actual termination. If it is a weekend, a voicemail message will be left with the County contact in addition to all regular discharge communications and processes. Residential providers will not automatically discharge a beneficiary who has tested positive on a urine analysis unless it is determined that they are an imminent risk to themselves or other clients. Instead, the beneficiary will receive an individual counseling session, to determine what triggered the use and may be re-assessed to a different level of care when appropriate with a concurrent adjustment to the treatment plan. A face-to-face meeting with the county case manager and/or probation officer (if applicable) is recommended as well.

### **REFERRAL & AUTHORIZATION**

#### **a) Referrals**

Clients may be referred to Contractor through an authorized County agency or may be self-referred. All clients that will be funded with County funds must have a prior authorization from County.

- 1) Self-referred clients may be screened by Contractor for eligibility
- 2) Clients that do not meet the criteria for residential placement will be referred to outpatient substance use treatment program
- 3) Clients that meet criteria after initial screening by Contractor will be referred to County for full assessment for eligibility
- 4) Contractor will notify County in writing of the referral for a full assessment on the same date the initial assessment was completed by Contractor.
- 5) Clients that contact the County to request residential treatment will be given an appointment with the County for an assessment

#### **b) Authorization**

All clients that will be funded for residential services with County funds must have prior written authorization from Nevada County Behavioral Health Department.

- 1) County will notify Contractor in writing that a client has been assessed to meet eligibility for residential treatment.
- 2) County will issue a written authorization for up to 30 calendar days for residential treatment
- 3) Contractor shall not be reimbursed by County for services rendered to a client's that are not pre authorized by County for treatment.

#### **c) Re-Authorization**

Clients may be eligible for re-authorization to extend their residential treatment services only upon pre-approval by County.

- 1) Contractor will submit a treatment extension form in writing to the County Department which funds the client's treatment no later than 5 business days prior to expiration date of the current authorization period.
- 2) Contractor will submit a progress report with the re-authorization request a progress report, including a new ASAM criteria assessment justifying the re-authorization request. County shall determine whether to grant or deny the request for extension

prior to the expiration of the client's current authorized length of treatment.

### **RESIDENTIAL Treatment Services:**

#### **RESIDENTIAL LEVEL 3.1– Clinically Managed Low Intensity**

Provides 24-hour structure with available trained personnel and at least 5 hours of clinical service per week of low-intensity treatment of substance use related disorders and preparation for outpatient treatment. Treatment is characterized by services such as individual, group, and family counseling and psychoeducation. These services facilitate the application of recovery skills, relapse prevention, and emotional coping strategies.

#### **RESIDENTIAL LEVEL 3.5– Clinically Managed High-Intensity**

Provides 24-hour care with trained counselors to stabilize multidimensional imminent danger and preparation for outpatient treatment. Services include at least 5 hours of clinical service per week designed to assist clients whose addiction is so out of control that they need a 24-hour high intensity, supportive treatment environment.

1. Intake:

The process of determining that a beneficiary meets the medical necessity criteria and admitting the beneficiary into a substance use disorder treatment program. Intake includes the evaluation or analysis of substance use disorders; the diagnosis of substance use disorders; and the assessment of treatment needs to provide medically necessary services. Contractor will screen for co-occurring disorders. Intake may include a physical examination and laboratory testing necessary for substance use disorder treatment.

2. Individual and Group Counseling: Contacts between a beneficiary and a therapist or counselor.

3. Patient Education: Provide research-based education on addiction, treatment, recovery, and associated health risks

4. Family Therapy: The effects of addiction are far-reaching and patient's family members and loved ones also are affected by the disorder. By including family members in the treatment process, education about factors that are important to the patient's recovery, as well as their own recovery, can be conveyed. Family members can provide social support to the patient, help motivate their loved one to remain in treatment, and receive help and support for their own family recovery as well.

5. Safeguarding Medications: Facilities will store all resident medication and facility staff members may assist with resident's self-administration of medication.

6. Collateral Services: Sessions with therapists or counselors and significant persons in the life of the beneficiary, focused on the treatment needs of the beneficiary in terms of supporting the achievement of the beneficiary's treatment goals. Significant persons are individuals that have a personal, not official or professional, relationship with the beneficiary.

7. Crisis Intervention Services: Contact between a therapist or counselor and a beneficiary

in crisis. Services shall focus on alleviating crisis problems. "Crisis" means an actual relapse or an unforeseen event or circumstance which presents to the beneficiary an imminent threat of relapse. Crisis intervention services shall be limited to the stabilization of the beneficiary's emergency situation.

8. Treatment Planning: The provider shall prepare an individualized written treatment plan, based upon information obtained in the intake and assessment process. The treatment plan will be completed within ten (10) days of admittance to the program, reviewed every 30 days, and then updated every 90 days unless there is a change in treatment modality or significant event that would then require a new treatment plan. The Treatment Plan will be written to address these seven (7) domains:
  - a) Drug Use and/or Withdrawal Potential
  - b) Biomedical/Behavioral Conditions and Complications (physical health)
  - c) Emotional/Behavioral Conditions and Complications (mental health)
  - d) Treatment Acceptance/Resistance/Readiness to Change
  - e) Relapse/Continued Use Potential
  - f) Recovery Environment (Family, Social, Educational, Vocations)
  - g) Discharge Planning (plan for reintegration into community after discharge, including permanent housing and support)

Contractor shall provide a copy of the Individual Treatment Plan, including Discharge Planning, to the County within two weeks of client admittance. Treatment Plans include three basic phases: 1) Stabilization; 2) Core Program; and 3) Preparation and Action.

9. Transportation Services: Provision of or arrangement for transportation to and from medically necessary treatment.
10. Case Management: Service to assist beneficiaries in accessing needed medical, educational, social, prevocational, vocational, rehabilitative, or other community services. Case management can be face-to-face or over the telephone and shall be consistent with and shall not violate confidentiality of alcohol or drug patients as set forth in 42 CFR Part 2, and California law. The components of case management include:
  - a) Comprehensive assessment and periodic reassessment of individual needs to determine the need for the continuation of case management;
  - b) Transition to a higher or lower level of SUD care;
  - c) Development and periodic revision of a client plan that includes service activities;
  - d) Communication, coordination, referral, and related activities;
  - e) Monitoring service delivery to ensure beneficiary access to service and the service delivery system;
  - f) Monitoring the beneficiary's progress; and
  - g) Patient advocacy, linkages to physical and mental health care, transportation, and retention in primary care services.
11. Physician Consultation: Services include DMC physicians' consulting with addiction medicine physicians, addiction psychiatrists or clinical pharmacists. Physician consultation services are not with the client; rather, they are designed to assist DMC physicians with seeking expert advice on designing treatment plans for specific clients, and to support DMC providers with complex cases which may address medication

selection, dosing, side effect management, adherence, drug-drug interactions, or level of care considerations.

12. Discharge Services: The process to prepare the beneficiary for referral into another level of care, post treatment return or reentry into the community, and/or the linkage of the individual to essential community treatment, housing and human services.

Contractor shall utilize evidence-based practices (EBPs) and curricula throughout the programs. The practices must have efficacy as referenced in literature and be identified as a best practice at the SAMHSA website (<http://www.samhsa.gov>).

Overviews of these practices are listed below:

*Seeking Safety*: Seeking Safety is a present-focused treatment for clients with a history of trauma and substance abuse, listed on SAMHSA's National Registry of Evidenced-Based Programs and Practices (NREPP). This modality is delivered by MFTs in group and individual settings, and was chosen due to the prevalence of prior trauma (including domestic violence) in our population.

Seeking Safety focuses on coping skills and psycho-education and has five key principles: 1) safety as the overarching goal (helping clients attain safety in their relationships, thinking, behavior, and emotions); 2) integrated treatment of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Substance Use & other addictive behaviors (smoking, excessive spending, gambling, pornography, etc.); 3) a focus on ideals to counteract the loss of ideals in both PTSD and substance use; 4) four content areas: cognitive, behavioral, interpersonal, and case management; and 5) attention to clinician processes (helping clinicians work on counter-transference, self-care, and other issues). Results from trials showed significant improvements in substance use (both alcohol and drug), trauma-related symptoms, suicide risk, suicidal thoughts, social adjustment, family functioning, problem solving, depression, cognitions about substance use, and didactic knowledge related to the treatment.

*Motivational Interviewing*: Motivational interviewing (MI) is an evidence-based strategy designed to address ambivalence to change. According to SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, "MI is a client-centered, directive method for enhancing intrinsic motivation to change (by exploring and resolving ambivalence) that has proven effective in helping clients clarify goals and commit to change". MI can also be modified to meet the special circumstances of clients with co-occurring disorders (COD).

*Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)*: Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy is a form of psychotherapy proven in numerous clinical trials to be effective for a wide variety of disorders. Therapists help clients to overcome their difficulties by changing their thinking, behavior, and emotional responses. Outcomes include decreases in: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder symptoms, self-blame, problem behaviors, and depression. CBT is a strategy used in group and individual sessions.

*Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR)*: is a comprehensive, integrative psychotherapy approach. It contains elements of many effective psychotherapies in structured protocols that are designed to maximize treatment effects. These include psychodynamic, cognitive behavioral, interpersonal, experiential, and body-centered therapies. EMDR is delivered on an individual basis by a specifically trained LMFT (Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist). EMDR is an evidence-based practice determined to be effective by the American Psychiatric Association; the therapy was also an "A" category, strongly-recommended practice for the treatment of trauma by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

*Family Team Meetings:* Family Team meetings are modeled on Family Group Decision Making (FGDM), an approach recognized by the California Evidence Based Clearinghouse that positions the “family group” as leaders in decision-making. FTMs are convened every 30 days, led by the Program Manager and engaging informal and formal support, including counselors, therapists, social worker, MD, etc. along with identified social supports (family, friends, clergy etc.). Through this process, the “family group” (the client, their families, their support networks, and community members) is given the opportunity to develop recovery plans. Since the “family group” is involved, the plans have a greater likelihood of being family-centered, reflective of the family group’s culture and strengths, and comprehensive.

The intent of these plans is to resolve the issues endangering both clients’ and their family members’ health and wellbeing. This strengths-based practice is appropriate for mothers in recovery, many of whom have children in the Child Welfare System. The process emphasizes recovery capital by strengthening family support networks, increasing social connections, supporting effective community-based recovery support services, and respecting the client as an asset in her own recovery. This is important, both to increase attractiveness of the service and effectiveness as it fosters strength, self-worth, and capability in the individuals own recovery process.

*Interactive Journaling (Change Companies):* The Change Companies curricula are designed not only to enable programs to implement leading behavioral-change research, but to do so in a way that is accessible, meaningful and motivational for the program participant. Curricula are delivered in education groups at Hope House and SP RTP. Interactive Journals deliver core behavior-change content combination with targeted questioning designed to engage participants in exploring risks, needs and skill deficits, as well as strengths, resources and solutions to problem behaviors. Clients are provided a set of workbooks (up to 15 if authorized for 90 days) upon entry into the program which are split out for the duration of their program. They retain those completed when they are discharged from the program.

*Managing Co-occurring Disorders Curriculum:* This twelve-lesson format provides a focal point for specific treatment of adults with co-occurring disorders. The program utilizes 12 workbooks (20-50pgs) to offer a cognitive behavioral approach using reading, journaling, and discussion, all of which are delivered by the group facilitator using motivational interviewing. This also utilizes the Stages of Change to elicit change talk by the client in moving from pre-contemplation to maintenance of the disorders through participation in the program. The twelve core sessions include; 1) Orientation, 2) Responsible Thinking, 3) My Individual Change Plan, 4) Values, 5) Substance Use Disorders, 6) Handling Difficult Emotions, 7) Lifeskills, 8) Healthy Relationships, 9) Maintaining Positive Change, 10) Mental Health Disorders, 11) Transition, 12) Employment Skills.

*Living In Balance Curriculum:* Living in Balance is an NREPP recognized, evidence-based psychoeducational treatment program published by Hazelden, supported by the National Institutes of Drug Abuse (NIDA). Living in Balance (LIB): Moving from a Life of Addiction to a Life of Recovery is a manual-based, comprehensive treatment program that emphasizes relapse prevention. LIB consists of a series of 1.5- to 2-hour psychoeducational and experiential training sessions. LIB can be delivered on an individual basis or in group settings with relaxation exercises, role-play exercises, discussions, and workbook exercises. The psychoeducational sessions cover topics such as drug education, relapse prevention, available self-help groups, and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).

The experientially based or interactive sessions are designed to enhance the client's level of functioning in certain key life areas that are often neglected with prolonged drug use: physical, emotional, and social well-being, adult education opportunities, vocational development, daily

living skills, spirituality/recovery, sexuality, and recreation/leisure. These sessions include a large amount of role-play with time to actively process personal issues and learn how to cope with everyday stressors.

**Strengths-Based Case Management:** Case management is identified as a promising practice related to increased access and attractiveness of services, quality of service dose, especially related to assertive linkages to community resources. Originally developed at the University of Kansas School of Social Welfare to help people with mental illness transition from institutionalized care to independent living (*Rapp and Chamberlain, 1985*), this strengths-based model is based on two primary principles: (1) providing clients support for asserting direct control over their search for resources (2) examining clients' own strengths and assets as the vehicle for resource acquisition.

#### Special Issues Addressed:

Contractor's residential programs have comprehensive policies and procedures to work with specific populations such as:

- 1) Women's and men's issues
- 2) Clients with trauma and sexual assault issues
- 3) Clients with co-occurring disorders
- 4) Clients with specific criminal justice issues
- 5) Clients with literacy issues.

County reserves the right to visit the residential program and to walk through the facility without any prior notice. County staff will be courteous and non-disruptive to the ongoing treatment program when performing this function. The County further reserves the right for county department staff to participate in any of the treatment groups with reasonable prior notification to the Contractor and written consent of all group participants.

**Discharge/ Relapse Prevention/ and Community Integration:** Contractor's residential program prioritizes transition (or discharge) planning, beginning at intake to support successful reintegration. Contractor's programs include the following components:

- a. **Family Team Meetings:** a key strategy to support successful reintegration through engaging the participant and the identified support system to collectively support the participant's plan.
- b. **Follow-up Care:** During intake consent for follow-up is signed by each participant and upon successful completion each participant is called at 30 days, 90 days, 6 months, and 1 year after completion of program to assess their level of success and/or needs for additional services or referrals. Reports are compiled on an annual basis and disseminated to staff. Individuals are encouraged to attend weekly Alumni meetings and regularly check in with staff on their current status.
- c. **Case Management:** Contractor's social worker provides strength-based case management to identify appropriate resources and plans with respect to housing, employment, education, medical services, and support clients to achieve other milestones toward greater self-sufficiency (e.g. childcare enrollment; obtaining and improving credit scores, etc.).
- d. **Transition Plan:** A written transition plan is prepared when a person is transferred to another level of care, an aftercare program, or prepares for discharge. In addition to resources, the plan will identify the person's current progress in his/her own recovery and movement toward well-being; need for support systems; as well as information on



medications, when applicable; referral source information; and communication on options available should symptoms recur.

Contractor will report to the County the date of discharge or termination and discharge status within one business day. Contractor can confirm successful planned discharge via email to the designated County Contact but needs to call the designated contact prior to any unplanned termination.

- e. Contractor will not automatically discharge a beneficiary who has tested positive on a urine analysis unless it is determined that they are an imminent risk to themselves or other clients. Instead, the beneficiary will receive an individual counseling session, to determine what triggered the use and may be re-assessed to a different level of care when appropriate with a concurrent adjustment to the treatment plan. A face-to-face meeting with the county case manager and/or probation officer (if applicable) is recommended as well.

#### **WITHDRAWAL MANAGEMENT:**

1. Contractor will provide ASAM level 3.2 Clinically Managed Residential Withdrawal Management, sometimes referred to as “social setting detoxification”.
2. Contractor’s withdrawal management services shall be in full compliance with all applicable county, state, and federal laws, ordinances, rules and regulations and shall remain in full compliance during the term of any contract with the County.
3. Contractor shall maintain at all times trained, skilled paid staff on every shift that have been trained on CPR, Life Support and Withdrawal Management.
4. Withdrawal Management is considered to be a minimum of 72 hours but is not to exceed 21 days.
5. Contractor shall maintain policies and procedures that include under what conditions nursing and physician care is warranted and/or when transfers to a medically monitored facility or an acute care hospital are necessary.
6. The Contractor shall maintain policies and procedures that include under what conditions a client is accepted into the residential program who receives Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) through another provider in the community.
7. Contractor will partner with the County to develop an appropriate aftercare plan for each person referred under the terms of the contract.
8. Contractor will provide case management services and seek physician consultation when appropriate.

#### **Outcome Reports:**

Contractor will provide following reports for Residential and Withdrawal Management  
Weekly written reports will be submitted to the County AOD Program Manager and are due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month for the prior month

##### **a ASAM Level of Care data**

Quarterly Report will be submitted to the County AOD Program Manager, are based on the fiscal year and are due by the last day of the month following each quarter.

The Quarterly Report will include the following information:

- Number of clients enrolled in Residential treatment for that quarter.

- Length of stay for said individuals enrolled in program.
- Average length of stay of program participants.
- Number of unplanned exits (Usually drinking, using drugs, or non-compliant).
- Number of participants that stay until they assess to move to step down services.
- At least 80% of clients will be linked to at least a preliminary primary care medical and dental appointment if they have not had one within a year. In the latter case Contractor will confirm and document that they are under the care of a doctor and/or dentist
- Ancillary Services provided to participants
- Number of Emergency Room visits
- Number of Arrests

Quarterly Quality Assurance activities report:

- Total number of charts reviewed within 30 days of admin
- Total number of charts reviewed within 90 days of admin
- Percentage of records reviewed meeting medical necessity criteria
- Percentage of assessments in charts reviewed with appropriate staff signature and ASAM LOC
- Percentage of client plans completed on time with all required signatures
- Percentage of progress notes reviewed that had all required elements
- Total number of group progress notes reviewed with corresponding sign-in sheets as verification of attendance (including both printed and signed name of the client and staff)
- Percentage of group notes that met attendance documentation requirements
- Staff Trainings:
- Submit titles of trainings, training dates, and the number of staff in attendance
- A brief description of the training
- Specific trainings on culturally specific and supported practices
- Specific trainings on recovery model, evidence-based practices, and family engagement efforts

## CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

To receive Medi-Cal reimbursement for Drug Medi-Cal substance abuse services, Contractor shall provide these services under the direction of a physician and the following requirements shall apply:

### 1. Admission Criteria & Procedures

- a. Develop and use criteria and procedures for the admission of individuals to treatment.
- b. Complete a personal medical and substance abuse history for each individual upon admission to treatment.
- c. Complete an assessment of the physical condition of the individual within 30 days of the admission to treatment date. The assessment shall be completed by either:
  - 1) A physical examination of the individual by a physician, registered nurse practitioner, or physician assistant authorized by state law to perform the prescribed procedures; or
  - 2) A review of the documentation of a physical examination completed within the last 12 months; or.

- 3) If the physician has not reviewed or conducted a physical exam, the provider shall document the goal of obtaining a physical exam on the initial and updated treatment plans until the goal of obtaining a physical exam has been met.

## 2. Treatment Plan

- a. The initial treatment plan shall include:
  - 1) A statement of problems to be addressed.
  - 2) Goals to be reached which address each problem.
  - 3) Action steps which will be taken by the Contractor and/or beneficiary to accomplish identified goals.
  - 4) Target dates for the accomplishment of action steps and goals.
  - 5) A description of the services including the type of counseling to be provided and the frequency thereof.
  - 6) The assignment of a primary counselor.
- b. Contractor shall ensure that the initial treatment plan meets the following requirements:
  - 1) Engage the individual to meaningfully participate in the development.
  - 2) The counselor shall complete the plan, type or legibly print name, date and sign the plan within 30 calendar days of the admission date.
  - 3) The individual shall review and approve the plan within 30 calendar days of the admission date; the provider will document the reasons if the individual refuses to sign the plan and the strategy to engage the individual to participate.
  - 4) The physician shall review, approve the plan, type or legibly print name, date and sign within 15 calendar days of signature by the counselor.
- c. The Contractor shall ensure that the treatment plan is reviewed and updated as follows:
  - 1) The counselor shall review and sign the updated treatment plan no later than 90 calendar days after signing the initial treatment plan and no later than every 90 calendar days thereafter or when a change in problem identification or focus of treatment occurs, whichever comes first.
  - 2) Within 15 calendar days of signature by the counselor, the physician shall review, approve and sign all updated treatment plans. If the physician has not prescribed medication, a psychologist licensed by the State of California Board of Psychology may sign an updated treatment plan.

## 3. Progress notes shall be legible and completed as follows:

- a. The counselor shall record a progress note for each participant participating in an individual or group counseling session. Progress notes are individual summaries and shall include:

- 1) A description of the participant's progress on the treatment plan, problems, goals, action steps, objectives and /or referrals.
  - 2) Information on a participant's attendance including the date (month, day, year) and duration in minutes of each individual or group counseling session.
6. Discharge of a participant may occur on a voluntary or involuntary basis. In addition to the following requirements on an involuntary discharge. The Contractor shall discharge the participant if the physician determines there is no longer medical necessity to continue treatment.  
Contractor must comply with:

a. The Discharge Summary shall include:

- 1) The duration of the participant's treatment as determined by the dates of admission to and discharge from treatment.
- 2) The reason for discharge.
- 3) A narrative summary of the treatment episode.
- 4) Participant's prognosis.

7. Denial of Service, Involuntary Discharge from Service, or Reduction of Service

- a. Contractor shall inform all participants of their right to a Fair Hearing related to denial, involuntary discharge, or reduction in Drug Medi-Cal substance abuse services as it relates to their eligibility or benefits.
- 1) Contractor shall advise participants in writing at least 10 days prior to the effective date of the intended action to deny, reduce or terminate services. The written notice shall include:
    - a) Statement of Action the Contractor intends to take.
    - b) Reason for intended action.
    - c) A citation of the specific regulation(s) supporting intended action.
    - d) Explanation of participant's right to a Fair Hearing for the purpose of appealing intended action.
    - e) An explanation that the participant may request a Fair Hearing by submitting a written request to:

California Department of Social Service  
State Hearings Division  
P.O. Box 944243  
Mail Station 9-17-37  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2430

number: Or the participant may make a toll-free call at the following

California Department of Social Services

Public Inquiry and Response  
Telephone: 1-800-952-5253 (voice)  
T.D.D: 1-800-952-8349

- f) An explanation that the Contractor shall continue treatment services pending a Fair Hearing decision only if the participant appeals in writing to DHCS for a hearing within 10 calendar days of the mailing or personal delivery of the notice of intended action.

**Contractor's Performance Standards:**

Contractor shall maintain at all times a trained, skilled staff, which understands and maintains confidentiality of participants and records. Confidentiality of participants is maintained by staff. In-service training shall be provided at least monthly for staff in order to maintain a well-trained staff. Contractor shall maintain qualified staff to provide Drug / Alcohol services.

All programs and facilities shall be in full compliance with applicable county, state, and federal laws, ordinances, rules, certifications and regulations and shall remain in full compliance during the term of this Agreement.

Personnel employment and services under this contract shall be rendered without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or ancestry, and Contractor shall comply with all fair employment practice requirements of Federal and State laws and Nevada County ordinances.

The Contractor shall comply with the provision of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, pertaining to the prohibition of discrimination against qualified handicapped persons in all federally assisted programs or activities, as detailed in regulations signed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, effective June 2, 1977, and found in the Federal Register, Volume 42, No. 86, dated May 4, 1977.

Contractor shall comply with findings and recommendations of any audits; certification process and / or state reviews.

Contractor shall maintain a system of quality assurance and utilization review that conforms to state and federal requirements pertaining to consumer/beneficiary rights, consumer access to services, and quality of care to services and quality of care.

Contractor shall ensure services will be culturally competent and culturally responsive.

Contractor shall, at all times, maintain communication and coordination with the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health (hereinafter referred to as "Director") and/or his/her designee, and meet with the Director and/or his designee as needed regarding alcohol/drug treatment services or for any problem/resolution solving related to this Agreement.

Contractor agrees that County department staff may participate in any of the treatment groups with reasonable notification to the Contractor. County agrees that its intent is not to be disruptive in any form to the treatment milieu at Contractor's facilities.

It is not the intent of the County to direct or control the hiring of Contractor's employees; however, the parties acknowledge that in the event a Contractor's employee fails to provide the required services set forth herein in a satisfactory manner, County reserves the right to demand Contractor take appropriate action, up to and including termination of the employee.

As the department uses the Cerner Behavioral Health Solution for an Electronic Health Records System, the Contractor shall be required to use the Cerner Behavioral Health Solution functionality that is relevant to the scope of work of this contract, as requested by County. This may include the following Cerner Behavioral Health Solution functionality: use of the Billing System, Doctors HomePage, E-Prescribing, Medication Notes, and other Electronic Health Record data collection necessary for the County to meet billing and quality assurance goals. The Contractor shall receive training as needed to be able to comply with this requirement, and will be asked to designate a super user(s) for billing and for clinical/documentation. These super users will serve as the main points of contact with the County for training and help desk issues, as well as distributing information and updates regarding Cerner Behavioral Health Solution to applicable Contractor staff.

**Contractor shall ensure the following related to tuberculosis (TB)**

- 1) Routinely make available TB services to each individual receiving treatment for alcohol and other drug use and/or abuse;
- 2) Reduce barriers to patients accepting TB treatment and,
- 3) Develop strategies to improve follow-up monitoring, particularly after patients leave treatment, by disseminating information through educational bulletins and technical assistance. (Per State Substance Use Disorder Contract)

**Contractor's Additional Reporting Requirements:**

**CalOMS:**

Contractor agrees to cooperate with the County for the collection of data for the California Outcomes Measurement System (CalOMS), a statewide client-based data compilation and outcomes measurement system, as related to services rendered under this Agreement or as may be needed for completion of state report(s). Contractor shall collect and report data for the California Outcomes Measurement System (CalOMS), pursuant to state regulations and county protocols.

CalOMS forms must be submitted within two (2) weeks of opening the client to the facility. When a client has completed treatment with the Contractor, CalOMS closing will be completed and sent to Behavioral Health within two weeks.

All new Contractor staff involved in completing and/or submitting CalOMS forms to County will complete a six (6) hour web based training and present a Certificate of Completion to County AOD Program Manager or Designee for the CalOMS web-based training prior to completing and/or submitting CalOMS forms to County.

**DATAR:**

Treatment providers that receive state or federal funding through the County must send DATAR information to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) each month. This has information on the program's capacity to provide different types of AOD treatment to clients and how much of the capacity was utilized that month. If the provider has a waiting list for publicly-funded AOD treatment services, DATAR includes summary information about the people on the waiting list. Contractor agrees to comply with this requirement.

Contractor shall also cooperate with County Behavioral Health Department and County Probation Department for collection of any other data of informational reports as may be needed pertaining to services rendered under this Agreement.

**Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System:**

**I. TIMELINESS**

a. Contractor will track Timely access data, including date of intake assessment, date of discharge, and date of contact post discharge from residential treatment.

a. Timely access data will be submitted weekly by 12:00 p.m. every Friday.

**II. TREATMENT PERCEPTION SURVEY**

Contractor shall participate in the annual Treatment Perception Survey (TPS) as directed by County and DHCS.

a. At least 75% of beneficiaries completing the Treatment Perceptions Survey reported being satisfied (3.5 out of 5.0) with the location and time of services

**II. TRANSITION BETWEEN LEVELS OF CARE**

Appropriate Case managers/clinicians from both the discharging and admitting provider agencies shall be responsible to facilitate the transition between levels of care, including assisting in scheduling an intake appointment, ensuring a minimal delay between discharge and admission at the next level of care, providing transportation as needed, and documenting all information in the client's medical record.

Performance Standard:

a. Transitions between levels of care shall occur within five (5) and no later than 10 business days from the time of re-assessment indicating the need for a different level of care.

**III. CULTURALLY COMPETENT SERVICES**

Contractors are responsible to provide culturally competent services. Contractors must ensure that their policies, procedures, and practices are consistent with the principles outlined and are embedded in the organizational structure, as well as being upheld in day-to-day operations. Translation and oral interpreter services must be available for beneficiaries, as needed and at no cost to the beneficiary.

Performance Standard:

- a. 100% of beneficiaries that speak a threshold language are provided services in their preferred language.
- b. At least 80% of beneficiaries completing the Treatment Perceptions Survey reported being satisfied (3.5+ out of 5.0) with cultural sensitivity of services

**IV. Diversity Equity and Inclusion:**

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, Nevada County Behavioral Health strives to address these inequities and continue progress in moving forward.

Contractor is encouraged to have a diverse and inclusive workforce that includes representation from the disparate communities served by our county. Contractor is expected to think holistically about creating services, program sites and an employee

culture that is welcoming and inclusive. Contractor 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. Contractor should communicate with County contract manager about proposed metrics to track.

Services should be designed to meet clients' diverse needs. Contractor will be expected to participate in the NCBH Cultural Competency program, 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.

V. DELIVERY OF INDIVIDUALIZED AND QUALITY CARE

- a. Beneficiary Satisfaction: DMC-ODS Providers (serving adults 18+) shall participate in the annual statewide Treatment Perceptions Survey (administration period to be determined by DHCS). Upon review of Provider-specific results, Contractor shall select a minimum of one quality improvement initiative to implement annually.
- b. Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs): Contractors will implement—and assess fidelity to—at the least two of the following EBPs per service modality: Motivational Interviewing, Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy, Relapse Prevention, Trauma-Informed Treatment and Psycho-Education.
- c. ASAM Level of Care: All beneficiaries participate in an assessment using ASAM dimensions. The assessed and actual level of care (and justification if the levels differ) shall be recorded in the client's medical record. All ASAM LOC assessments that were performed when opening or closing a client to a LOC will be submitted to the county together with the CalOMS opening and closing paperwork.

Performance Standards:

1. At least 80% of beneficiaries will report an overall satisfaction score of at least 3.5 or higher on the Treatment Perceptions Survey
2. At least 80% of beneficiaries completing the Treatment Perceptions Survey reported that they were involved in choosing their own treatment goals (overall score of 3.5+ out of 5.0)
3. Contractor will implement with fidelity at least two approved EBPs
4. 100% of beneficiaries participated in an assessment using ASAM dimensions and are provided with a recommendation regarding ASAM level of care
5. At least 70% of beneficiaries admitted to treatment do so at the ASAM level of care recommended by their ASAM assessment
6. At least 80% of beneficiaries are re-assessed within 90 days of the initial assessment

VI. BENEFICIARY INFORMING MATERIALS

- a. Contractor shall make available at initial contact, and shall notify beneficiaries of their right to request and obtain at least once a year and thereafter upon request, the following materials: DMC-ODS Beneficiary Booklet and Provider Directory.
- b. Contractor shall also post notices explaining grievance, appeal and expedited appeal processes in all program sites, as well as make available forms and self-addressed envelopes to file grievances, appeals and expedited appeals without having to make a verbal or written request to anyone. The County will produce required beneficiary



informing materials in English and Spanish. Contractor shall request materials from the County, as needed. Refer to 42 CFR 438.10(g)(2)(xi) for additional information about the grievance and appeal system.

c. Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination (NOABD)

Contractor shall have written procedures to ensure compliance with the following:

- Contractor shall immediately notify the County in writing of any actions that may require a NOABD be issued, including, but not limited to:
  - 1) not meeting timely access standards
  - 2) not meeting medical necessity for any substance use disorder treatment services
  - 3) terminating or reducing authorized covered services.

VII. TRAINING

Applicable staff are required to participate in the following training:

- a. Drug/Medi-Cal Training (At least annually)
- b. Information Privacy and Security (At least annually)
- c. ASAM E-modules 1 and 2  
All direct treatment staff will complete the ASAM E-modules 1 and 2 upon hire and prior to delivering services. All service providers using the ASAM criteria to determine Level of Care will complete an annual refresher.
- d. Cultural Competency (At least annually)
- e. All LPHA staff is required to complete a minimum of five (5) hours of continuing education related to addiction medicine each year.
- f. All direct treatment staff will attend at least two of the following Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs) each year:  
Motivational Interviewing
  - 1) Relapse Prevention
  - 2) Trauma Focused Care
  - 3) Seeking Safety
  - 4) Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
  - 5) Matrix Model

The Parties hereby acknowledge and agree that in the event of changes to the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System which County determines will constitute a material change to rights and obligations set forth in this Agreement, the County has, at its option, the right to re-open and renegotiate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to Contractor.

**EXHIBIT “B”**  
**SCHEDULE OF CHARGES AND PAYMENTS**  
**MIDVALLEY RECOVERY FACILITIES, INC., D/B/A PATHWAYS**

For satisfactory performance of services as outlined in Exhibit “A”, the County shall reimburse the Contractor a sum not to exceed the maximum contract price of \$144,825.

Except where Share of Cost as defined in Section 50090 of Title 22, California Code of Regulations is applicable, Contractor shall accept proof of eligibility for Drug Medi-Cal as payment in full for treatment services rendered. Contractor shall not charge fees to beneficiaries for access to, or admission to Contractor’s Drug Medi-Cal Treatment slot.

Reimbursement Rates for Drug Medi-Cal Substance Abuse Program Services:

- A) Reimbursement for outpatient drug free treatment services shall be based on the lowest of the following:
- 1) The Contractor’s usual and customary charge to the general public for the same or similar services;
  - 2) The Contractor’s allowable actual cost of rendering the services, as defined in Section 11987.5 of the Health and Safety Code; or
  - 3) The Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) Rate for Fiscal Year 2021/22.

The current DMC rates are:

Service	Drug Medi- Cal Rate
Residential 3.1 & 3.5	\$140 per day (includes room and board) <i>County shall be billed only for those days County client was a resident in one of the Contractor’s programs.</i>
Withdrawal Management 3.2	\$159 per day (includes room and board) <i>County shall be billed only for those days County client was a resident in one of the Contractor’s programs</i>

- B) Drug-Medi-Cal payments shall be made in the amount of the total Contractor’s claim minus amount of denied services. County will provide Contractor with the amount of denials received for prior months’ services, as identified on documents received from the State. Contractor will make adjustment for denials on their next submitted invoice.

The rate for Non Drug Medi-Cal funded beneficiaries shall be same as the above listed Drug Medi-Cal Rate.

**Billing and Payment:**

Contractor shall submit to County, for services rendered in the prior month, and in accordance

with the reimbursement rate, a statement of services rendered to County and costs incurred that includes documentation to support all expenses claimed by the 20th of each month. County shall review the billing and notify the Contractor within fifteen (15) working days if an individual item or group of costs is being questioned. Contractor has the option of delaying the entire claim pending resolution of the cost(s).

Payment of approved billing shall be made within thirty (30) days of receipt of a complete, correct and approved billing. Drug Medi-Cal payments shall be made in the amount of the total Contractor's claim minus amount of denied services that are not Drug-Medi-Cal eligible.

County shall not be responsible for reimbursement of invoices submitted by Contractor that do not meet State and/or Federal submission timeliness requirements. Contractor shall prepare, in the form and manner required by County and the State Department of Health Care Services, a financial statement and a cost report verifying the total number of service units actually provided and covering the costs that are actually incurred in the provision of services under this Contract no later than 60 days following the termination or expiration of this Contract, whichever comes first.

A Cost Report Settlement will be completed by County within a reasonable timeline and will be based on a comparison of the allowed Medi-Cal reimbursement or other authorized non-billable services per unit in the Cost Report compared to the payment per unit paid by the County. Payment will be required by County or Contractor within 60 days of Settlement or as otherwise mutually agreed.

Contractor will be subject to Medi-Cal or County Fiscal or Quality Assurance audits at any time. Contractor and County will each be responsible for any audit errors or omissions on their part. The annual SDHCS/Federal Audit may not occur until five years after the close of the fiscal year and not be settled until all Audit appeals are completed/closed. Final Audit findings must be paid by County or Contractor within 60 days of final Audit report or as otherwise agreed.

Contractor shall submit invoices to:

Nevada County Behavioral Health Department  
Attn: Fiscal Staff  
500 Crown Point Circle, ste 120  
Grass Valley, California

## EXHIBIT C

### INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

**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 the Contractor, its agents, representatives, or employees. Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

- (i) **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.
- (ii) **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.
- (iii) **Automobile Liability** Insurance Services Office Form Number CA 0001 covering, Code 1 (any auto), or if Contractor has no owned autos, Code 8 (hired) and 9 (non-owned), with limit no less than **\$1,000,000** per accident for bodily injury and property damage.
- (iv) **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. **(Not required if contractor provides written verification it has no employees).**
- (v) **Professional Liability** (Errors and Omissions) Insurance covering mental health services malpractice to include assessments, screenings, case management/brokerage, medication support, crisis intervention, therapeutic behavioral services (TBS), planning, and therapy, with limit no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence or claim, \$1,000,000 aggregate.
- (vi) **Cyber Liability** Insurance, with limit not less than **\$2,000,000** per occurrence or claim, **\$2,000,000** aggregate. Coverage shall be sufficiently broad to respond to the duties and obligations as is undertaken by Contractor in this Contract and shall include, but not be limited to, claims involving infringement of intellectual property, including but not limited to infringement of copyright, trademark, trade dress, invasion of privacy violations, information theft, damage to or destruction of electronic information, release of private information, alteration of electronic information, extortion and network security. The policy shall provide coverage for breach response costs as well as regulatory fines and penalties as well as credit monitoring expenses with limits sufficient to respond to these obligations.

The Insurance obligations under this Contract shall be the greater of 1—all the Insurance coverage and limits carried by or available to the Contractor; or 2—the minimum Insurance requirements shown in this Contract. Any insurance proceeds in excess of the specified limits and coverage required, which are applicable to a given loss, shall be available to Agency. No representation is made that the minimum Insurance requirements of this Contract are sufficient to cover the indemnity or other obligations of the Contractor under this Contract.

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

#### **Other Insurance Provisions:**

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

- (i) **Additional Insured Status: The 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 the 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 the Contractor's insurance (at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or both CG 20 10, CG 20 25, CG 20 33, or CG 20 38; and CG 20 37 forms if later revisions used.)
- (ii) **Primary Coverage** For any claims related to this contract, the **Contractor's insurance shall be primary** insurance primary coverage at least as broad as ISO CG 20 01 04 13 as respects the County, its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County, its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
- (iii) **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 the County of Nevada.
- (iv) **Waiver of Subrogation** Contractor hereby grants to County a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer or said Contractor may acquire against the 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 the County has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer.
- (v) **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.
- (vi) **Deductible and Self-Insured Retentions** Deductible and 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. **(Note – all deductibles and self-insured retentions must be discussed with risk, and may be negotiated)**
- (vii) **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 the County.
- (viii) **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,

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

- (ix) **Verification of Coverage** Contractor shall furnish the 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 the Contractor’s obligation to provide them. The County reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by these specifications, at any time.
- (x) **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.
- (xi) **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.
- (xii) **Conformity of Coverages** If more than one policy is used to meet the required coverages, such as an umbrella policy or excess policy, such policies shall be following form with all other applicable policies used to meet these minimum requirements. For example, all policies shall be Occurrence Liability policies or all shall be Claims Made Liability policies, if approved by the County as noted above. In no cases shall the types of policies be different.
- (xiii) **Premium Payments** The insurance companies shall have no recourse against the 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.
- (xiv) **Material Breach** Failure of the 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.
- (xv) **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 D

### BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVISIONS

#### 1. Laws, Statutes, and Regulations:

- A. Contractor agrees to comply with the Bronzan-McCorquodale Act (Welfare and Institutions Code, Division 5, 6, and 9, Section 5600 et seq. and Section 4132.44), Title 9 and Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, Title XIX of the Social Security Act, State Department of Health Care Services Policy Letters, and Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 434.6 and 438.608 which relate to, concern or affect the Services to be provided under this Contact.
- B. Clean Air Act and Federal Water Pollution Control:  
Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), as amended, which provides that contracts and subcontracts of amounts in excess of \$100,000 shall contain a provision that the Contractor and Subcontractor shall comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issues pursuant to the Clear Air Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. Violations shall be reported to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
- C. For the provision of services as provided herein, Contractor shall not employ or contract with providers or other individuals and entities excluded from participation in Federal Health Care Programs under either Section 1128 or 1128A of the Social Security Act and shall screen all individuals and entities employed or retained to provide services for eligibility to participate in Federal Health Care programs (see <http://oig.hhs.gov/exclusions/index.asp> and <http://files.medical.ca.gov/pubsdoco/SandILanding.asp> ). The Contractor shall check monthly and immediately report to the department if there is a change of status.
- D. Dymally-Alatorre Bilingual Act:  
Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Dymally-Alatorre Bilingual Act which requires that state agencies, their contractors, consultants or services providers that serve a substantial number of non-English-speaking people employ a sufficient amount of bilingual persons in order to provide certain information and render certain services in a language other than English.
- E. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment:  
Contractor certifies that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 USC 1352. Contractor shall also disclose to DHCS any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award.
- F. Ownership: Contractor shall provide written verification of compliance with CFR, Title 42, sections 455.101 and 455.104. This verification will be provided to Nevada County Behavioral Health (NCBH) by December 31 of each year and when prescribed below.
  - (a) Who must provide disclosures. The Medi-Cal agency must obtain disclosures from disclosing entities, fiscal agents, and managed care entities. Contractor and any of

its subcontractors/network providers providing services pursuant to this Contract shall submit the disclosures below to Nevada County Behavioral Health regarding the network providers' (disclosing entities') ownership and control. The Contractor's network providers must submit updated disclosures to Nevada County Behavioral Health upon submitting the provider application, before entering into or renewing the network providers' contracts, and within 35 days after any change in the provider's ownership and/or annually.

(b) Disclosures to be provided:

- The name and address of any person (individual or corporation) with an ownership or control interest in the disclosing entity, fiscal agent, or managed care entity. The address for corporate entities must include as applicable primary business address, every business location, and P.O. Box address.
- Date of birth and Social Security Number (in the case of an individual).
- Other tax identification number (in the case of a corporation) with an ownership or control interest in the disclosing entity (or fiscal agent or managed care entity) or in any subcontractor in which the disclosing entity (or fiscal agent or managed care entity) has a five (5) percent or more interest.
- Whether the person (individual or corporation) with an ownership or control interest in the disclosing entity (or fiscal agent or managed care entity) is related to another person with ownership or control interest in the disclosing entity as a spouse, parent, child, or sibling; or whether the person (individual or corporation) with an ownership or control interest in any subcontractor in which the disclosing entity (or fiscal agent or managed care entity) has a five (5) percent or more interest is related to another person with ownership or control interest in the disclosing entity as a spouse, parent, child, or sibling.
- The name of any other disclosing entity (or fiscal agent or managed care entity) in which an owner of the disclosing entity (or fiscal agent or managed care entity) has an ownership or control interest.
- The name, address, date of birth, and Social Security Number of any managing employee of the disclosing entity (or fiscal agent or managed care entity).

(c) When the disclosures must be provided.

- I. Disclosures from providers or disclosing entities. Disclosure from any provider or disclosing entity is due at any of the following times:
  - i. Upon the provider or disclosing entity submitting the provider application.
  - ii. Upon the provider or disclosing entity executing the provider Contract.
  - iii. Upon request of the Medi-Cal agency during the re-validation of enrollment process under § [455.414](#).
  - iv. Within 35 days after any change in ownership of the disclosing entity.
- II. Disclosures from fiscal agents. Disclosures from fiscal agents are due at any of the following times:
  - i. Upon the fiscal agent submitting the proposal in accordance with the State's procurement process.
  - ii. Upon the fiscal agent executing the contract with the State.
  - iii. Upon renewal or extension of the contract.
  - iv. Within 35 days after any change in ownership of the fiscal agent.
- III. Disclosures from managed care entities. Disclosures from managed care entities (MCOs, PIHPs, PAHPs, and HIOs), except PCCMs are due at any of the following times:



- i. Upon the managed care entity submitting the proposal in accordance with the State's procurement process.
    - ii. Upon the managed care entity executing the contract with the State.
    - iii. Upon renewal or extension of the contract.
    - iv. Within 35 days after any change in ownership of the managed care entity.
    - v. Disclosures from PCCMs. PCCMs will comply with disclosure requirements under paragraph (c)(1) of this section.
  - (d) To whom must the disclosures be provided. All disclosures must be provided to the Medi-Cal agency.
  - (e) Consequences for failure to provide required disclosures. Federal financial participation (FFP) is not available in payments made to a disclosing entity that fails to disclose ownership or control information as required by this section.
- G. Contractor shall have a method to verify whether services billed to Medi-Cal were actually furnished to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. The Contractor's verification method shall be based on random samples and will specify the percentage of total services provided that shall be verified. The Contractor's verification process shall be submitted to and approved by the NCBH Quality Assurance Manager. Contractor will report the outcome of service verification activities to the NCBH Quality Assurance Manager quarterly.

## 2. **Client/Patient Records:**

Where this contract is for services relating to the mental health or the medical needs or condition of clients or patients:

- A. HEALTH RECORDS: Contractor shall maintain adequate mental and/or medical health records of each individual client/patient which shall include a record of services provided by the various professional personnel in sufficient detail to make possible an evaluation of services, and which shall contain all necessary data as required by the Department of Behavioral Health and state or federal regulations, including but not limited to records of client/patient interviews and progress notes.
- B. TREATMENT PLAN: Contractor shall also maintain a record of services provided, including the goals and objectives of any treatment plan and the progress toward achieving those goals and objectives. County shall be allowed to review all client/patient record(s) during site visits, or at any reasonable time. Specialized mental health services provided by Contractor shall be in accordance and as defined by the California Code of Regulation Title 9, Chapter 11, and in compliance with Nevada County's Mental Health Plan (MHP).
- C. LOCATION / OWNERSHIP OF RECORDS: If Contractor works primarily in a County facility, records shall be kept in the County's facility and owned by County. If Contractor works in another facility or a school setting, the records shall be owned and kept by Contractor and upon demand by County, a copy of all original records shall be delivered to County within a reasonable time from the conclusion of this Contract.
- D. CONFIDENTIALITY: Such records and information shall be maintained in a manner and pursuant to procedures designed to protect the confidentiality of the client/patient records. 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 and further agrees to hold County harmless from any breach of confidentiality.

- E. RETENTION OF RECORDS: Except as provided below, Contractor shall maintain and preserve all clinical records related to this Contract for seven (7) years from the date of discharge for adult clients, and records of clients under the age of eighteen (18) at the time of treatment must be retained until either one (1) year beyond the clients eighteenth (18th) birthday or for a period of seven (7) years from the date of discharge, whichever is later. Psychologists' records involving minors must be kept until the minor's 25<sup>th</sup> birthday. Contractor shall also contractually require the maintenance of such records in the possession of any third party performing work related to this contract for the same period of time. Such records shall be retained beyond the seven year period, if any audit involving such records is then pending, until the audit findings are resolved. The obligation to ensure the maintenance of the records beyond the initial seven year period shall arise only if the County notifies Contractor of the commencement of an audit prior to the expiration of the seven year period.

To the extent Contractor is a Managed Care Organization (MCO), a Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan, a Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plan (PAHP), or a Medi-Cal services provider, Contractor shall maintain and preserve all records related to this contract for ten (10) years from the start date of this contract, pursuant to CFR 42 438.3(u). If the client or patient is a minor, the client's or patient's health service records shall be retained for a minimum of ten (10) years from the close of the state fiscal year in which the Contract was in effect, or the date the client or patient reaches 18 years of age, whichever is longer, regardless of when services were terminated with the client. Health service records may be retained in either a written or an electronic format. Contractor shall also contractually require the maintenance of such records in the possession of any third party performing work related to this contract for the same period of time. Such records shall be retained beyond the ten (10) year period if any audit involving such records is then pending, and until the audit findings are resolved. The obligation to ensure the maintenance of the records beyond the initial ten (10) year period shall arise only if the County notifies Contractor of the commencement of an audit prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year period.

- F. REPORTS: Contractor shall provide reports to County from time to time as necessary, and as reasonably requested by County. Contractor agrees to provide County with reports that may be required by County, State or Federal agencies for compliance with this Contract.
- G. COPIES OF RECORDS: Upon termination of this Contract, Contractor agrees to cooperate with client/patients, County and subsequent providers with respect to the orderly and prompt transfer of client or patient records. This Contract does not preclude Contractor from assessing reasonable charges for the expense of transferring such records if appropriate. Said charges shall be twenty-five Cents (\$0.25) per page, plus the cost of labor, not to exceed Sixteen Dollars (\$16.00) per hour or pro rata fraction thereof, for actual time required to photocopy said records.
- H. CULTURAL COMPETENCE: Contractor shall provide services pursuant to this Contract in accordance with current State statutory, regulatory and policy provisions related to cultural and linguistic competence as defined in the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) most recent Information Notice(s) regarding Cultural Competence Plan Requirements (CCPR), that establish standards and criteria for the entire County Mental Health System, including Medi-Cal services, Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), and Realignment as part of working toward achieving cultural and linguistic competence. The CCPR standards and criteria as cited in California Code of Regulations, Title, 9, Section 1810.410, are applicable to organizations/agencies that provide mental health services via Medi-Cal, Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), and/or Realignment.

- I. PATIENTS' RIGHTS: Patients' Rights shall be in compliance with Welfare and Institutions Code Division 5, Section 5325 et seq.; and California Code of Regulations, Title 9, Section 862 et seq and Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 438.100.
- J. HOURS OF OPERATION: Pursuant to Title 42 CFR, Section 438.206 (c)( 1)(ii) if Contractor also serves individuals who are not Medi-Cal beneficiaries, the Contractor shall require that the hours of operation during which the Contractor offers services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries are no less than and comparable to the hours of operation during which the Contractor offers services to non-Medi-Cal beneficiaries.
- K. WRITTEN MATERIALS: Contractor shall ensure that all written materials it provides or is otherwise required to make available to the client, including, but not limited to, all documents requiring signature or authorization of the client, shall be in a minimum of 12 point font, and a minimum of 18 point font for written materials required to be in large print, including but not limited to any Contractor Brochures, Consent to Treatment, Treatment Plans, etc.

**3. 42 C.F.R. Laws and Regulations:** Managed care organization (MCO) Prepaid inpatient health plan (PIHP) Prepaid ambulatory health plan (PAHP)

To the extent Contractor is a Managed Care Organization (MCO), a Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP), a Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plan (PAHP), Primary Care Manager (PCCM), a Primary Care Case Manager (PCCM) or a Medi-Cal Services Provider, Contractor shall comply with, and report to County any violation of or non-compliance with, the following requirements and restrictions:

- A. DEBARRED, SUSPENDED, CONTRACTORS: Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 438.610, Contractor shall not knowingly have a relationship with the following:
  - a.1 An individual or entity that is debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from participating in procurement activities under the Federal Acquisition Regulation or from participating in non-procurement activities under regulations issued under Executive Order No. 12549 or under guidelines implementing Executive Order No. 12549.
  - a.2 An individual or entity who is an affiliate, as defined in the Federal Acquisition Regulation at 48 CFR 2.101, of a person described in this section.
- B. EMPLOYING/CONTRACTING WITH PROVIDERS WHO ARE EXCLUDED: Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 438.214(d), Contractor shall not employ or contract with providers or other individuals and entities excluded from participation in federal health care programs (as defined in section 1128B(f) of the Social Security Act) under either Section 1128, 1128A, or 1156 of the Social Security Act. FFP is not available for amounts expended for providers excluded by Medicare, Medicaid, or the State Children's Health Insurance Program, except for emergency services.

The types of relationships prohibited by this section, are as follows:

- (a) A director, officer, or partner of the Contractor.
- (b) A subcontractor of the Contractor, as governed by 42 CFR §438.230.
- (c) A person with beneficial ownership of 5 percent or more of the Contractor's equity.
- (d) A network provider or person with an employment, consulting, or other arrangement with the Contractor for the provision of items and services that are significant and material to the Contractor's obligations under this Contract.

- (e) The Contractor shall not employ or contract with, directly or indirectly, such individuals or entities for the furnishing of health care, utilization review, medical social work, administrative services, management, or provision of medical services (or the establishment of policies or provision of operational support for such services).

If the County finds that Contractor is not in compliance, the County:

- (a) Shall notify the Secretary of State of the noncompliance; and
- (b) May continue an existing Contract with Contractor unless the Secretary directs otherwise, which shall serve as a basis to immediately terminate this Contract; or
- (c) May not renew or otherwise extend the duration of an existing Contract with Contractor unless the Secretary provides to the State and to Congress a written statement describing compelling reasons that exist for renewing or extending the Contract despite the prohibited affiliations.
- (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or otherwise affect any remedies available to the U.S. under sections 1128, 1128A or 1128B of the Act.

Unless specifically prohibited by this contract or by federal or state law, Contractor may delegate duties and obligations of Contractor under this contract to subcontracting entities if Contractor determines that the subcontracting entities selected are able to perform the delegated duties in an adequate manner in compliance with the requirements of this contract.

Contractor shall maintain ultimate responsibility for adhering to and otherwise fully complying with all terms and conditions of its contract with the County, notwithstanding any relationship(s) that the Mental Health Plan may have with any subcontractor.

- C. RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS: Contractor is responsible for the refund of any overpayments and shall notify County **within 30 calendar days** when it has identified payments in excess of amounts specified for reimbursement of Medicaid services authorized under this Contract.

County shall maintain the right to suspend payments to Contractor when County determines there is a credible allegation of fraud.

Contractor shall comply with the County's retention policies for the treatment of recoveries of all overpayments from the Contractor, including specifically the retention policies for the treatment of recoveries of overpayments due to fraud, waste, or abuse.

- D. REASONABLE ACCESS & ACCOMMODATIONS: Contractor shall ensure that it provides physical access, reasonable accommodations, and accessible equipment for Medicaid enrollees with physical or mental disabilities. [42 CFR 438.206(c)(3).
- E. BENEFICIARY'S RIGHTS: Contractor shall inform Medi-Cal Beneficiaries of their following rights:
  - Beneficiary grievance, appeal, and fair hearing procedures and timeframes as specified in 42 CFR 438.400 through 42 CFR 438.424.
  - The beneficiary's right to file grievances and appeals and the requirements and timeframes for filing.
  - The availability of assistance to the beneficiary with filing grievances and appeals.

- The beneficiary's right to request a State fair hearing after the Contractor has made a determination on an enrollee's appeal, which is adverse to the beneficiary.
- The beneficiary's right to request continuation of benefits that the Contractor seeks to reduce or terminate during an appeal or state fair hearing filing, if filed within the allowable timeframes, although the beneficiary may be liable for the cost of any continued benefits while the appeal or state fair hearing is pending if the final decision is adverse to the beneficiary.

F. EXCLUSION LISTS AND STATUS: Contractor and any person with an ownership or control interest or who is an agent or managing employee of Contractor agrees to routine federal and state database checks pursuant to 42 C.F.R. 455.436 to confirm Contractor's identity and determining Contractor's exclusion status.

Consistent with the requirements of 42 C.F.R. §455.436, the Contractor must confirm the identify and determine the exclusion status of all providers (employees and network providers) and any subcontractor, as well as any person with an ownership or control interest, or who is an agent of managing employee of the of the Mental Health Plan through routine checks of Federal and State databases. This includes the Social Security Administration's Death Master File, the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES), the Office of Inspector General's List of Excluded Individuals/Entities (LEIE), the System for Award Management (SAM), as well as the Department's Medi-Cal Suspended and Ineligible Provider List (S & I List).

If the Contractor finds that a party is excluded, it must promptly notify the County and take action consistent with 42 C.F.R. §438.610(c). The Contractor shall not certify or pay any provider with Medi-Cal funds, and any such inappropriate payments or overpayments may be subject to recovery and/or be the basis for other sanctions by the appropriate authority.

G. SERVICE VERIFICATIONS: Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 438.608(a)(5), the Contractor, and/or any subcontractor, to the extent that the subcontractor is delegated responsibility by the Contractor for coverage of services and payment of claims under this Contract, shall implement and maintain arrangements or procedures that include provisions to verify, by sampling or other methods, whether services that have been represented to have been delivered by network providers were received by enrollees and the application of such verification processes on a regular basis.

## **EXHIBIT “E”**

### **SCHEDULE OF HIPAA PROVISIONS FOR COVERED ENTITY CONTRACTORS**

#### **HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA): HEALTH CARE PROVIDER AGREEMENT**

Contractor acknowledges that it is a “health care provider” and therefore is a Covered Entity, for purposes 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) and therefore is directly subject to the privacy, security and breach notification requirements therein and the civil and criminal penalties and shall implement its standards.

Contractor agrees to:

1. Use or disclose Protected Health Information (PHI) obtained from the County only for purposes of providing diagnostic or treatment services to patients.
2. Develop and maintain a written information privacy and security program that includes the designation of Privacy and Security Officer and establishes and maintains appropriate safeguards to prevent any use or disclosure of PHI other than as provided for by this agreement and applicable law. Safeguards shall include administrative, physical, and technical safeguards appropriate to the size and complexity of the 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. 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.
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 agreement, 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. Take prompt corrective action in the event of any security incident or any unauthorized use or disclosure of Protected Health Information to cure any such deficiencies and to take any action required by applicable federal and state laws and regulations.
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. 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 the 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 the Contractor, or who should reasonably have known such unauthorized activities occurred.

7. Make Contractor's internal practices, books, and records relating to the use and disclosure of Protected Health Information received from, or created or received by the Contractor on behalf of COUNTY available to the 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).
8. Contractor agrees that this agreement 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 agreement is consistent therewith; and authorize termination of the agreement by County if County determines that Contractor has violated a material term of this agreement.
9. Ensure that Contractor will enter into "Business Associate Agreements" as required by HIPAA including provisions that the Business Associate agrees to comply with the same restrictions, conditions and terms that apply to the Contractor with respect to this agreement and with applicable requirements of HIPAA and HITECH. The Business Associate Agreement must be a written contract including permissible uses and disclosures and provisions where the Business Associate 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 agreement.

**MIDVALLEY RECOVERY FACILITIES, INC. D/B/A PATHWAYS**

Provision of residential treatment and withdrawal management services for referred clients of Nevada County.

**SUMMARY OF MATERIAL TERMS**

**Max Annual Price:** \$144,825

**Contract Start Date:** 7/1/2021

**Contract End Date:** 6/30/2022

**Liquidated Damages:** N/A

**INSURANCE POLICIES**

**FUNDING**

Commercial General Liability (\$2,000,000)	1589-40105-493-7831 / 521520
Sexual Abuse or Molestation Liab (\$1,000,000)	
Automobile Liability (\$1,000,000)	
Worker's Compensation (Statutory Limits)	
Professional Errors and Omissions (\$1,000,000)	

**LICENSES AND PREVAILING WAGES**

Designate all required licenses: All licenses required for services contemplated under this Agreement.

**NOTICE & IDENTIFICATION**

**COUNTY OF NEVADA:**

Nevada County Behavioral Health Department

Address: 950 Maidu Avenue  
City, St, Zip Nevada City, California 95959  
Attn: Suzanne McMaster  
Email: Suzanne.mcmaster@co.nevada.ca.us  
Phone: (530) 470-2539

**CONTRACTOR:**

**Midvalley Recovery Facilities, Inc. d/b/a Pathways**

Address 430 Teegarden Avenue  
City, St, Zip Yuba City, CA 95991  
Attn: Ed Anderson  
Email: ed@yspathways.net  
Phone: (530) 674-4530 ext. 240

**Contractor is a:** (check all that apply)

**Corporation:** ☒ Calif., ☐ Other, ☐ LLC,

**Non- Profit:** ☒ Corp ☐ Yes

**Partnership:** ☐ Calif., ☐ Other, ☐ LLP, ☐ Limited

**Person:** ☐ Indiv., ☐ DbA, ☐ Ass'n ☐ Other

**EDD Worksheet Required**

Yes ☐ No ☒

**ATTACHMENTS**

**Exhibit A:** Schedule of Services

**Exhibit B:** Schedule of Charges and Payments

**Exhibit C:** Insurance Requirements

**Exhibit D:** Behavioral Health Provisions

**Exhibit E:** Schedule of HIPAA Provisions