Agreement No.		
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO AND ABODE SERVICES		
This Agreement is entered into this day of, 20, by and between the County of San Mateo, a political subdivision of the state of California, hereinafter called "County," and Abode Services, hereinafter called "Contractor."		
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Whereas, pursuant to Section 31000 of the California Government Code, County may contract with		

Whereas, it is necessary and desirable that Contractor be retained for the purpose of providing Rapid Re-Housing and Housing and Disability Advocacy Program services for adults experiencing homelessness.

Now, therefore, it is agreed by the parties to this Agreement as follows:

#### 1. Exhibits and Attachments

and

The following exhibits and attachments are attached to this Agreement and incorporated into this Agreement by this reference:

Exhibit A—Services

Exhibit B—Payments and Rates

Exhibit C—Performance Reporting and Monitoring

Exhibit D—Clarity Human Services System Usage and Data Sharing Agreement for Core Service

Agencies and Homeless Service Providers

Attachment I—§ 504 Compliance

Attachment P—Personally Identifiable Information

#### 2. Services to be performed by Contractor

In consideration of the payments set forth in this Agreement and in Exhibit B, Contractor shall perform services for County in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications set forth in this Agreement and in Exhibit A.

#### 3. Payments

In consideration of the services provided by Contractor in accordance with all terms, conditions, and specifications set forth in this Agreement and in Exhibit A, County shall make payment to Contractor based on the rates and in the manner specified in Exhibit B. County reserves the right to withhold payment if County determines that the quantity or quality of the work performed is unacceptable. In no event shall County's total fiscal obligation under this Agreement exceed FOUR MILLION SEVENTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FOURTEEN DOLLARS AND EIGHT CENTS (\$4,070,914.08). In the event that County makes any advance payments, Contractor agrees to refund any amounts in excess of the amount owed by County at the time of contract termination or expiration. Contractor is not entitled to payment for work not performed as required by this Agreement.

#### 4. Term

Subject to compliance with all terms and conditions, the term of this Agreement shall be from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2023.

#### 5. Termination

This Agreement may be terminated by Contractor or by the Director of the Human Services Agency or his/her designee at any time without a requirement of good cause upon thirty (30) days' advance written notice to the other party. Subject to availability of funding, Contractor shall be entitled to receive payment for work/services provided prior to termination of the Agreement. Such payment shall be that prorated portion of the full payment determined by comparing the work/services actually completed to the work/services required by the Agreement.

County may terminate this Agreement or a portion of the services referenced in the Attachments and Exhibits based upon the unavailability of Federal, State, or County funds by providing written notice to Contractor as soon as is reasonably possible after County learns of said unavailability of outside funding.

County may terminate this Agreement for cause. In order to terminate for cause, County must first give Contractor notice of the alleged breach. Contractor shall have five business days after receipt of such notice to respond and a total of ten calendar days after receipt of such notice to cure the alleged breach. If Contractor fails to cure the breach within this period, County may immediately terminate this Agreement without further action. The option available in this paragraph is separate from the ability to terminate without cause with appropriate notice described above. In the event that County provides notice of an alleged breach pursuant to this section, County may, in extreme circumstances, immediately suspend performance of services and payment under this Agreement pending the resolution of the process described in this paragraph. County has sole discretion to determine what constitutes an extreme circumstance for purposes of this paragraph, and County shall use reasonable judgment in making that determination.

#### 6. <u>Contract Materials</u>

At the end of this Agreement, or in the event of termination, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, maps, photographs, reports, and other written materials (collectively referred to as "contract materials") prepared by Contractor under this Agreement shall become the property of County and shall be promptly delivered to County. Upon termination, Contractor may make and retain a copy of such contract materials if permitted by law.

#### 7. Relationship of Parties

Contractor agrees and understands that the work/services performed under this Agreement are performed as an independent contractor and not as an employee of County and that neither Contractor nor its employees acquire any of the rights, privileges, powers, or advantages of County employees.

### 8. Hold Harmless

#### a. General Hold Harmless

Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless County and its officers, agents, employees, and servants from all claims, suits, or actions of every name, kind, and description resulting from this Agreement, the performance of any work or services required of Contractor under this Agreement, or payments made pursuant to this Agreement brought for, or on account of, any of the following:

- (A) injuries to or death of any person, including Contractor or its employees/officers/agents;
- (B) damage to any property of any kind whatsoever and to whomsoever belonging;
- (C) any sanctions, penalties, or claims of damages resulting from Contractor's failure to comply, if applicable, with the requirements set forth in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and all Federal regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended; or
- (D) any other loss or cost, including but not limited to that caused by the concurrent active or passive negligence of County and/or its officers, agents, employees, or servants. However, Contractor's duty to indemnify and save harmless under this Section shall not apply to injuries or damage for which County has been found in a court of competent jurisdiction to be solely liable by reason of its own negligence or willful misconduct.

The duty of Contractor to indemnify and save harmless as set forth by this Section shall include the duty to defend as set forth in Section 2778 of the California Civil Code.

#### 9. Assignability and Subcontracting

Contractor shall not assign this Agreement or any portion of it to a third party or subcontract with a third party to provide services required by Contractor under this Agreement without the prior written consent of County. Any such assignment or subcontract without County's prior written consent shall give County the right to automatically and immediately terminate this Agreement without penalty or advance notice.

#### 10. Insurance

#### a. General Requirements

Contractor shall not commence work or be required to commence work under this Agreement unless and until all insurance required under this Section has been obtained and such insurance has been approved by County's Risk Management, and Contractor shall use diligence to obtain such insurance and to obtain such approval. Contractor shall furnish County with certificates of insurance evidencing the required coverage, and there shall be a specific contractual liability endorsement extending Contractor's coverage to include the contractual liability assumed by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement. These certificates shall specify or be endorsed to provide that thirty (30) days' notice must be given, in writing, to County of any pending change in the limits of liability or of any cancellation or modification of the policy.

#### b. Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance

Contractor shall have in effect during the entire term of this Agreement workers' compensation and employer's liability insurance providing full statutory coverage. In signing this Agreement, Contractor certifies, as required by Section 1861 of the California Labor Code, that (a) it is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the California Labor Code, which require every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of the Labor Code, and (b) it will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of work under this Agreement.

#### c. <u>Liability Insurance</u>

Contractor shall take out and maintain during the term of this Agreement such bodily injury liability and property damage liability insurance as shall protect Contractor and all of its employees/officers/agents while performing work covered by this Agreement from any and all claims for damages for bodily injury,

including accidental death, as well as any and all claims for property damage which may arise from Contractor's operations under this Agreement, whether such operations be by Contractor, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them, or an agent of either of them. Such insurance shall be combined single limit bodily injury and property damage for each occurrence and shall not be less than the amounts specified below:

#### (a) Comprehensive General Liability... \$1,000,000

County and its officers, agents, employees, and servants shall be named as additional insured on any such policies of insurance, which shall also contain a provision that (a) the insurance afforded thereby to County and its officers, agents, employees, and servants shall be primary insurance to the full limits of liability of the policy and (b) if the County or its officers, agents, employees, and servants have other insurance against the loss covered by such a policy, such other insurance shall be excess insurance only.

In the event of the breach of any provision of this Section, or in the event any notice is received which indicates any required insurance coverage will be diminished or canceled, County, at its option, may, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, immediately declare a material breach of this Agreement and suspend all further work and payment pursuant to this Agreement.

#### 11. Compliance With Laws

All services to be performed by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement shall be performed in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, County, and municipal laws, ordinances, and regulations, including but not limited to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and the Federal Regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended (if applicable), the Business Associate requirements set forth in Attachment H (if attached), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in programs and activities receiving any Federal or County financial assistance. Such services shall also be performed in accordance with all applicable ordinances and regulations, including but not limited to appropriate licensure, certification regulations, provisions pertaining to confidentiality of records, and applicable quality assurance regulations. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Agreement and any applicable State, Federal, County, or municipal law or regulation, the requirements of the applicable law or regulation will take precedence over the requirements set forth in this Agreement.

Further, Contractor certifies that it and all of its subcontractors will adhere to all applicable provisions of Chapter 4.106 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code, which regulates the use of disposable food service ware. Accordingly, Contractor shall not use any non-recyclable plastic disposable food service ware when providing prepared food on property owned or leased by the County and instead shall use biodegradable, compostable, reusable, or recyclable plastic food service ware on property owned or leased by the County.

Contractor will timely and accurately complete, sign, and submit all necessary documentation of compliance.

#### 12. Non-Discrimination and Other Requirements

#### a. General Non-discrimination

No person shall be denied any services provided pursuant to this Agreement (except as limited by the scope of services) on the grounds of race, color, national origin, ancestry, age, disability (physical or mental), sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital or domestic partner status, religion, political

beliefs or affiliation, familial or parental status (including pregnancy), medical condition (cancer-related), military service, or genetic information.

# b. **Equal Employment Opportunity**

Contractor shall ensure equal employment opportunity based on objective standards of recruitment, classification, selection, promotion, compensation, performance evaluation, and management relations for all employees under this Agreement. Contractor's equal employment policies shall be made available to County upon request.

#### c. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Contractor shall comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, which provides that no otherwise qualified individual with a disability shall, solely by reason of a disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in the performance of any services this Agreement. This Section applies only to contractors who are providing services to members of the public under this Agreement.

#### d. Compliance with County's Equal Benefits Ordinance

Contractor shall comply with all laws relating to the provision of benefits to its employees and their spouses or domestic partners, including, but not limited to, such laws prohibiting discrimination in the provision of such benefits on the basis that the spouse or domestic partner of the Contractor's employee is of the same or opposite sex as the employee.

#### e. Discrimination Against Individuals with Disabilities

The nondiscrimination requirements of 41 C.F.R. 60-741.5(a) are incorporated into this Agreement as if fully set forth here, and Contractor and any subcontractor shall abide by the requirements of 41 C.F.R. 60–741.5(a). This regulation prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals on the basis of disability and requires affirmative action by covered prime contractors and subcontractors to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with disabilities.

## f. <u>History of Discrimination</u>

Contractor certifies that no finding of discrimination has been issued in the past 365 days against Contractor by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, or any other investigative entity. If any finding(s) of discrimination have been issued against Contractor within the past 365 days by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, or other investigative entity, Contractor shall provide County with a written explanation of the outcome(s) or remedy for the discrimination prior to execution of this Agreement. Failure to comply with this Section shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement and subjects the Agreement to immediate termination at the sole option of the County.

#### g. Reporting; Violation of Non-discrimination Provisions

Contractor shall report to the County Manager the filing in any court or with any administrative agency of any complaint or allegation of discrimination on any of the bases prohibited by this Section of the Agreement or the Section titled "Compliance with Laws". Such duty shall include reporting of the filing of any and all charges with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, or any other entity charged with the investigation or adjudication of

allegations covered by this subsection within 30 days of such filing, provided that within such 30 days such entity has not notified Contractor that such charges are dismissed or otherwise unfounded. Such notification shall include a general description of the circumstances involved and a general description of the kind of discrimination alleged (for example, gender-, sexual orientation-, religion-, or race-based discrimination).

Violation of the non-discrimination provisions of this Agreement shall be considered a breach of this Agreement and subject the Contractor to penalties, to be determined by the County Manager, including but not limited to the following:

- i. termination of this Agreement;
- ii. disqualification of the Contractor from being considered for or being awarded a County contract for a period of up to 3 years;
- iii. liquidated damages of \$2,500 per violation; and/or
- iv. imposition of other appropriate contractual and civil remedies and sanctions, as determined by the County Manager.

To effectuate the provisions of this Section, the County Manager shall have the authority to offset all or any portion of the amount described in this Section against amounts due to Contractor under this Agreement or any other agreement between Contractor and County.

#### h. Compliance with Living Wage Ordinance

As required by Chapter 2.88 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code, Contractor certifies all contractor(s) and subcontractor(s) obligated under this contract shall fully comply with the provisions of the County of San Mateo Living Wage Ordinance, including, but not limited to, paying all Covered Employees the current Living Wage and providing notice to all Covered Employees and Subcontractors as required under the Ordinance.

#### 13. Compliance with County Employee Jury Service Ordinance

Contractor shall comply with Chapter 2.85 of the County's Ordinance Code, which states that Contractor shall have and adhere to a written policy providing that its employees, to the extent they are full-time employees and live in San Mateo County, shall receive from the Contractor, on an annual basis, no fewer than five days of regular pay for jury service in San Mateo County, with jury pay being provided only for each day of actual jury service. The policy may provide that such employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with Contractor or that the Contractor may deduct from an employee's regular pay the fees received for jury service in San Mateo County. By signing this Agreement, Contractor certifies that it has and adheres to a policy consistent with Chapter 2.85. For purposes of this Section, if Contractor has no employees in San Mateo County, it is sufficient for Contractor to provide the following written statement to County: "For purposes of San Mateo County's jury service ordinance, Contractor certifies that it has no full-time employees who live in San Mateo County. To the extent that it hires any such employees during the term of its Agreement with San Mateo County, Contractor shall adopt a policy that complies with Chapter 2.85 of the County's Ordinance Code." The requirements of Chapter 2.85 do not apply if this Agreement's total value listed in the Section titled "Payments", is less than one-hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), but Contractor acknowledges that Chapter 2.85's requirements will apply if this Agreement is amended such that its total value meets or exceeds that threshold amount.

#### 14. Retention of Records; Right to Monitor and Audit

- (a) Contractor shall maintain all required records relating to services provided under this Agreement for three (3) years after County makes final payment and all other pending matters are closed, and Contractor shall be subject to the examination and/or audit by County, a Federal grantor agency, and the State of California.
- (b) Contractor shall comply with all program and fiscal reporting requirements set forth by applicable Federal, State, and local agencies and as required by County.
- (c) Contractor agrees upon reasonable notice to provide to County, to any Federal or State department having monitoring or review authority, to County's authorized representative, and/or to any of their respective audit agencies access to and the right to examine all records and documents necessary to determine compliance with relevant Federal, State, and local statutes, rules, and regulations, to determine compliance with this Agreement, and to evaluate the quality, appropriateness, and timeliness of services performed.

#### 15. Merger Clause; Amendments

This Agreement, including the Exhibits and Attachments attached to this Agreement and incorporated by reference, constitutes the sole Agreement of the parties to this Agreement and correctly states the rights, duties, and obligations of each party as of this document's date. In the event that any term, condition, provision, requirement, or specification set forth in the body of this Agreement conflicts with or is inconsistent with any term, condition, provision, requirement, or specification in any Exhibit and/or Attachment to this Agreement, the provisions of the body of the Agreement shall prevail. Any prior agreement, promises, negotiations, or representations between the parties not expressly stated in this document are not binding. All subsequent modifications or amendments shall be in writing and signed by the parties.

#### 16. Controlling Law; Venue

The validity of this Agreement and of its terms, the rights and duties of the parties under this Agreement, the interpretation of this Agreement, the performance of this Agreement, and any other dispute of any nature arising out of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California without regard to its choice of law or conflict of law rules. Any dispute arising out of this Agreement shall be venued either in the San Mateo County Superior Court or in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

#### 17. Notices

Any notice, request, demand, or other communication required or permitted under this Agreement shall be deemed to be properly given when both: (1) transmitted via facsimile to the telephone number listed below or transmitted via email to the email address listed below; and (2) sent to the physical address listed below by either being deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, or deposited for overnight delivery, charges prepaid, with an established overnight courier that provides a tracking number showing confirmation of receipt.

In the case of County, to:

Name/Title: Selina Toy Lee, Director of Collaborative Community Outcomes

Address: 1 Davis Drive, Belmont CA 94002

Telephone: (650) 802-5120

Email: SToy-Lee@smcgov.org

In the case of Contractor, to:

Name/Title: Vivian Wan, Chief Operating Officer

Address: 40849 Fremont Boulevard, Fremont, CA 94538

Telephone: (510) 657-7409 Facsimile: (510) 657-7293

Email: vwan@abodeservices.org

#### 18. <u>Electronic Signature</u>

Both County and Contractor wish to permit this Agreement and future documents relating to this Agreement to be digitally signed in accordance with California law and County's Electronic Signature Administrative Memo. Any party to this Agreement may revoke such agreement to permit electronic signatures at any time in relation to all future documents by providing notice pursuant to this Agreement.

#### 19. Payment of Permits/Licenses

Contractor bears responsibility to obtain any license, permit, or approval required from any agency for work/services to be performed under this Agreement at Contractor's own expense prior to commencement of said work/services. Failure to do so will result in forfeit of any right to compensation under this Agreement.

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In witness of and in agreement with this Agreement's terms, the parties, by their duly authorized representatives, affix their respective signatures:

For Contractor: Abode Services

Docusigned by: Viwan Wan	6/3/2020   2:45 PM	PDT Vivia	ın Wan
Contractor Signature	Date	Contractor Nam	ne (please print)
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO			
Ву:			
President, Board of Supervisors,	San Mateo County		
Date:			
ATTEST:			
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Ву:			
Clerk of Said Board			

#### **Exhibit A – Program Description**

Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP) and Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) Services

#### A. Purpose

Contractor shall provide Rapid Re-Housing services for homeless families with children and homeless adults without children as defined by Category 1 of the Homeless Definition Final Rule of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and any updates to the Rule. Households must be San Mateo County residents and services must be provided countywide. Rapid Re-Housing services will involve providing housing location services, temporary financial assistance and temporary case management with the goal of returning people who are experiencing homelessness to permanent housing guickly.

Contractor shall also provide HDAP services for adults experiencing homelessness as defined by Category 1 of the Homeless Definition Final Rule and as defined by CDSS and County HDAP guidelines. HDAP services involves providing disability benefits assistance programs for clients while also providing housing assistance. The program aims to increase participation among individuals who may be eligible for disability benefits programs, including the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Program for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled (SSI/SSP) and the federal Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) program.

#### B. Services to be Provided

- 1. Contractor shall provide Rapid Re-Housing services to the following population:
  - a) Individuals and families experiencing homelessness as defined by Category 1 of HUD's Homeless Definition Final Rule and any updates to the Rule. The target population is expected to include people who have experienced long periods of homelessness, have no income or low levels of income, have disabilities, have mental health and/or substance abuse issues, and who may have evictions, criminal convictions and other barriers to housing.
  - b) The Human Services Agency (HSA) may elect to expand the population to include individuals and families who are homeless as defined by other definitions of homelessness (in addition to HUD Category 1). If/when this occurs, HSA will notify Contractor in writing and will work collaboratively with Contractor regarding the implementation plan.
- 2. Provide Rapid Re-Housing Services in the manner below:
  - a) Program Philosophy and Design Contractor will fully participate with the broader community of homeless system partners. In addition, Contractor will not screen out households based on criteria such as a minimum income threshold, employment, absence of a criminal history, disability, evidence of "motivation", income level, substance abuse issues, and/or having a criminal record with exceptions for statemandated restrictions. Program is centered on a Housing First approach that values

- the needs of the individual and looks to create specialized housing plans for each participant.
- b) Referrals into Program Contractor will only accept referrals for Rapid Re-Housing services following the Coordinated Entry System (CES) process established by HSA and will provide services only to eligible individuals/households. Participants must be San Mateo County residents at the time of program referral. Participants may choose to search for and move into housing in the County or in other Counties. For program participants who choose to move to other Counties, the Contractor will provide time-limited financial assistance and time-limited case management services. The case management services will include identifying resources in the participants' new community that can provide ongoing assistance, as necessary. For participants who move out of the County, time-limited case management assistance may be provided in person or remotely by phone, Skype, etc.
- 3. <u>Housing Identification</u> Contractor will complete the following activities on an ongoing basis:
  - a) Hire and retain staff with the skills and experience necessary to conduct housing identification and location, and to assist participants and landlords in understanding landlord-tenant rights and responsibilities.
  - b) Continually engage in the recruitment and retention of landlord partners, including recruiting landlords with units in the communities and neighborhoods where program participants want to live.
  - c) Negotiate with landlords to help program participants gain access to housing.
  - d) Assist participants in making an informed housing choice, including having discussions with clients about housing options.
  - e) When appropriate and aligned with the participant's housing plan, provide participants with short stays in hotels or motels if no appropriate shelter is available. Hotel or motel stays are temporary and will end if/when shelter or other housing becomes available.
  - f) Ensure that all housing units pass the HUD "Habitability" standards and maintain documentation of each unit's compliance with the habitability standards (as defined here: <a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/ESG-Emergency-Shelter-and-Permanent-Housing-Standards.pdf">https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/ESG-Emergency-Shelter-and-Permanent-Housing-Standards.pdf</a>).
  - g) Assist participants with understanding landlord-tenant rights and responsibilities and the requirements of their specific lease or rental agreement.
- 4. Rent and Move-In Assistance Contractor will complete the following activities on an ongoing basis:

- a) Provide financial assistance for rent and move-in costs that is flexible and tailored to the varying and changing needs of a household while providing the assistance necessary for households to move immediately out of homelessness and to stabilize in permanent housing.
- b) Provide rent and move-in assistance in a progressive manner, providing only the assistance necessary to stabilize in the individual or family in permanent housing.
- c) Maintain clear written policies and procedures for determining the amount of financial assistance provided to a participant, as well as defined and objective standards for when financial assistance should continue and end. Guidelines are flexible enough to respond to the varied and changing needs of program participants.
- d) Maintain capacity and procedures to track and issue financial assistance quickly and accurately.
- e) Conduct ongoing training, supervision, and quality assurance to ensure consistency and compliance with policies regarding rent and move-in assistance.
- Rapid Re-Housing Case Management Services Contractor will complete the following activities on an ongoing basis:
  - a) Hire and retain staff with the skills and experience necessary to provide Rapid Re-Housing case management services.
  - b) Provide Rapid Re-Housing case management services to help participants obtain and move into permanent housing, support participants to stabilize in housing, and connect participants to community and mainstream services and supports. The case management will reflect the short-term nature of the Rapid Re-Housing assistance.
  - c) Case managers will develop individual service plans, with client participation, covering goals related to housing, job training/placement, budgeting, and stabilization needs. Case managers are expected to work with clients if they are staying in an emergency shelter, and to work collaboratively with shelter staff to ensure clear roles and responsibilities on case plan and Rapid Re-Housing goals.
  - d) While a participant is searching for housing, case managers will assist the participant in obtaining and moving into a new housing unit, including by helping participants resolve or mitigate tenant screening barriers like rental and utility arrears or multiple evictions, as well as obtain necessary identification or other documents if needed.
  - e) After a participant moves in, Contractor shall provide case management to help participants stabilize in housing, including helping them identify and access supports (such as family and friend networks, mainstream and community services, and employment and income). Contractor will assist in resolving issues or conflicts that may lead to tenancy problems, such as disputes with landlords or neighbors while

- also helping participants develop skills they will use to retain housing once they are no longer in the program.
- f) Maintain clear written policies and defined, objective standards for when case management should continue and end. Guidelines are flexible enough to respond to the varied and changing needs of program participants.
- g) Conduct ongoing training, supervision, and quality assurance to ensure consistency and compliance with policies regarding case management.
- 6. <u>Follow-Up Surveys</u> Contractor will complete the following activities on an ongoing basis:
  - a) Complete follow up surveys with former participants at 6, 12 and 18 months after program exit. Survey will include information on participant's current housing situation:
    - i. Housing in same unit as during RRH program or housing in a different unit.
    - ii. Current location (city/county).
    - iii. Whether the participant/household has been homeless at any time since program exit.

Contractor will make reasonable attempts to contact all former participants.

# C. Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP)

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) administers funding for the Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP). HDAP is a program that assists homeless and disabled individuals apply for disability benefit programs while also providing housing assistance. The program aims to increase participation among individuals who may be eligible for disability benefits programs, including the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Program for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled (SSI/SSP) and the federal Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) program.

Contractor will also provide HDAP services as follows:

- 1. Eligibility: HDAP-eligible clients are individuals who are currently experiencing homelessness and have a disability but are not currently receiving disability benefits, and who are referred to HDAP via CES.
- 2. HDAP Rapid Re-Housing Services: For clients referred to HDAP through CES, Contractor will provide Rapid Re-Housing services as described above in Section B Services to Be Provided (although HDAP clients may receive a different subsidy schedule than clients of the general Rapid Re-Housing program). Contractor will also provide the following services to HDAP clients:

- HDAP Benefits Advocacy for Voucher Holders: For clients in the Abode Housing Locator program who are in housing search with a housing voucher, Abode will screen clients for HDAP eligibility and refer HDAP-eligible clients to HDAP for benefits advocacy services only.
- 4. Benefits Advocacy Services: Contractor will also provide the following services to all HDAP clients:
  - a) HDAP eligibility review
    - Screen and conduct an intake with each referred HDAP client to determine if he or she is eligible for HDAP.
  - b) Disability Benefit Application Assistance
    - i. Contractor shall provide intensive application assistance to each HDAP client to help the client begin receiving disability benefits that he/she is eligible for as quickly as possible. Contractor shall conduct an initial assessment to determine which disability benefits the client may be eligible for and will then assist the client with compiling and completing all steps and application forms including supplemental documents in order to submit the most complete application(s) possible. The initial phase of the eligibility assessment and application assistance will include an interview of the client and collection of additional documents and/or information to develop a complete and comprehensive picture of the individual and his/her disability, including:
      - 1. The person's history and how it impacts his/her current functioning
      - 2. The person's ability to work, such as educational history, employment history,
      - 3. The person's military service history,
      - 4. The person's marital/family relationships,
      - 5. The person's legal history,
      - 6. The person's history of homelessness,
      - 7. The person's physical health, which may include substance use, psychiatric or mental health history and current symptoms.

The application assistance will also include assisting the client with accessing, scheduling and completing appropriate medical evaluations and medical documentation. If the client's application requires additional documents/information or is denied but can be appealed, Contractor will provide assistance to the client in submitting additional documents and

- completing the appeal process to receive a final determination on the application.
- ii. Contractor will ensure that staff working with HDAP clients are trained and maintain current knowledge on application processes, eligibility criteria, benefits, appeal processes, collecting disability and other documentation, tracking application status, and best practices in submitting comprehensive applications.
- iii. Contractor shall implement and follow SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) program guidelines (<a href="https://www.samhsa.gov/homelessness-programs-resources/grant-programs-services/soar">https://www.samhsa.gov/homelessness-programs-resources/grant-programs-services/soar</a>). The SOAR program is designed to increase access to SSI/SSDI for eligible adults who are experiencing homelessness and have a disability. Contractor shall ensure that the applicable staff complete the SOAR online course. Contractor shall utilize the SOAR Technical Assistance Center as a resource, as well as other relevant resources.
- c) Contractor will be responsible for HDAP reporting as listed in Exhibit C.
- d) Contractor shall participate in CDSS HDAP meetings and trainings as requested by HSA and will make modifications to services and reporting as needed, based on revised or new guidance from CDSS and/or HSA.

# D. Other Contractor Responsibilities

- 1. Provide RRH services that are culturally appropriate to the populations served.
- 2. Contractor will provide its staff with initial training, orientation, ongoing training(s), supervision and support.
- Provide RRH services that are aligned with the National Alliance to End Homelessness'
  (NAEH) "Rapid Re-Housing Performance Benchmarks and Program Standards"
  (<a href="http://endhomelessness.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Performance-Benchmarks-and-Program-Standards.pdf">http://endhomelessness.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Performance-Benchmarks-and-Program-Standards.pdf</a>)
- 4. Contractor will maintain written program polices procedures for rental assistance, case management services, and screening processes.
- 5. Provide services that are considered low-barrier, meaning that participants are not screened out based on having too little or no income, having an active or history of substance abuse, and/or having a criminal record with exceptions for state-mandated restrictions.
- Collaborate with Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA) to determine most appropriate housing or shelter plans for clients who are experiencing or have experienced domestic violence.
- 7. Contractor's RRH case managers will maintain a caseload of 25-30 households.

- 8. Maintain timely, accurate client records of all clients served. This includes progress notes, client tracking by city/location, client consent forms, and performance measure data in the Clarity/HMIS database (see Exhibit D). All client records will be entered into Clarity.
- 9. Critical Incident Report All critical incidents will be reported via email within 24 hours to the HSA, Center on Homelessness: death, homicide, suicide or suicide attempt, and assault (to client or staff)
- 10. Participate in County Homeless Redesign and the Coordinated Entry System.
- 11. Accept referrals only from the Coordinated Entry System.
- 12. Participate in point-in-time counts and surveys.
- 13. Meet or exceed the target performance measures as outlined under Exhibit C.
- 14. Use of funds Contractor will provide a budget summarizing how the funds will be spent.

(End of Exhibit A)

#### **Exhibit B – Method and Rate of Payments**

In consideration of the services provided by Contractor and subject to the terms of the Agreement, County shall pay Contractor based on the following fee schedule and terms.

#### A. General Payment Terms:

# 1. Availability of Funding:

County may terminate this Agreement in whole or a portion of services based upon availability of federal, state or county funds by providing a thirty (30) day written notice to Contractor.

# 2. Quality of Work:

County reserves the right to withhold payment if County determines that the quantity or quality of the work performed is unacceptable. Should County withhold payment for unacceptable work, County will notify the contractor in writing of work that is unacceptable along with a corrective action plan. Contractor shall have 15 business days to respond to County.

#### 3. Payments:

Payments for services shown in this contract are based on the Program Budget below. The Program Budget may be adjusted, including across fiscal years, across programs, and between line items, to meet service goals as agreed upon by both parties and approved by County in writing so long as it does not exceed the total Agreement obligation.

County shall pay Contractor upon receipt and approval of invoices with corresponding performance reports (as listed in Exhibit C).

#### 4. Right of County to Request Additional Services:

County may request additional related services under this Agreement and adjust program rates for the programs described within this Agreement to accommodate the addition of services as agreed upon by both parties as long as it does not exceed the total agreement obligation and is not restricted by any grant or specific funding agreements.

## **B. Program Budget Overview**

Contract Budget				
Fiscal Year	Amount for General RRH program	Amount for HDAP	Total	
2020-21	\$1,107,424.00	\$374,311.04	\$1,481,735.04	
2021-22	\$1,294,589.52		\$1,294,589.52	
2022-23	\$1,294,589.52		\$1,294,589.52	
Totals	\$3,696,603.04	\$374,311.04	\$4,070,914.08	

Contractor may charge administrative costs at a maximum rate of 10% of actual expenses.

## C. Invoices

Costs for general Rapid Re-Housing program services (as listed in Exhibit A, Section B "Services to Be Provided") and HDAP services (as listed in Exhibit A, Section C "Housing and Disability Advocacy Program") will be tracked and invoiced separately by Contractor. Monthly and quarterly reporting is a requirement of payment. Delays in submission of reports or completed reports will result in delayed payments of invoices to Contractor.

#### Rapid Re-Housing Program (RRH)

 Contractor shall invoice County monthly separately from HDAP for actual costs incurred based on operation expenses, direct client support, salaries and wages, and administration costs for services in accordance with the scope of work in Exhibit A and as shown in the Program Budget Overview.

#### **HDAP Program**

 Contractor shall invoice County monthly separately from RRH for actual costs incurred based on operation expenses, direct client support, salaries and wages, and administration costs for services in accordance with the scope of work in Exhibit A and as shown in the Program Budget Overview.

#### **Invoice Submission**

 Contractor will submit invoices for each RRH and HDAP with supporting documents for reimbursement by the 20<sup>th</sup> of month for the prior month. The final invoices for each Fiscal Year will be submitted by June 25<sup>th</sup> due to year end processing. Invoices will be submitted to the following contact or to the designated HSA employee:

Khalia Parish, KParish@smcgov.org

#### Report Submission

 Contractor will submit reports for each RRH and HDAP with supporting documents for reimbursement by the 20<sup>th</sup> of month for the prior month. The final invoices for each Fiscal Year will be submitted by June 25<sup>th</sup> due to year end processing. Reports will be submitted to Khalia Parish at <u>KParish@smcgov.org</u> or the designated HSA employee.

#### **D. Payments**

 County will continue to pay Contractor monthly based on receipt and approval of separate invoices for RRH and HDAP. Payment terms and conditions are subject to receipt of reports as show in Exhibit B and C.

(End of Exhibit B)

# **Exhibit C - Performance Reporting and Monitoring**

#### A. Performance Measures

	Measure	Fiscal Year Target
	Measures for RRH (General RRH and HDAP RRH)	
1	Percentage of the households enrolled in the rapid re-housing programs who will move into permanent housing within 45 days of referral to the rapid re-housing program	65%
2	Percentage of households served (enrolled) exiting to permanent housing	90%
3	Percentage of households served who maintain housing and <u>do not</u> become homeless within 12 months of securing permanent housing.	85%
	Measures for General RRH only (excluding HDAP)	
4	RRH households served	50
	Measures for HDAP Only	
5	New HDAP clients served	20
6	Percentage of HDAP clients for whom benefits applications are submitted within 6 months of enrollment	80%
6	Percentage of HDAP clients who begin receiving benefits within 12 months of enrollment	70%
7	Cumulative number of clients who begin receiving disability benefits while enrolled in HDAP	90%

County shall have the option to modify performance measures, goals, and targets by written notice. County shall give Contractor advance notice of any modifications and will also discuss changes with Contractor.

# **B.** Required Reporting

1. Contractor shall submit reports to the Center on Homelessness within 20 days of the end of the designated reporting period unless otherwise indicated. Reports will include:

#### a. Monthly reports by program

- Number of households/individuals referred to the program during the month
- ii. Number of households/individuals served (defined by households enrolled in the program) during the month
  - Number of households and persons who received house search assistance during the month
  - 2. Number of households and persons who received case management services during the month
- iii. Number of households and individuals who entered housing during the month moved in
  - 1. Number of households by city (for General RRH only)
- iv. HDAP18 spreadsheet on template provided by CDSS and any other CDSS reporting (for HDAP only)
  - 1. The HDAP18 spreadsheet is due to HSA within 10 calendar days following the end of the reporting period.

#### b. Quarterly reports by program

- Performance measure report (results for performance measures listed in section C.) including data for the most recent quarter and fiscal year to date.
- ii. Clarity Annual Performance Report (APR)
- iii. Average number of days from referral to housing
- iv. Average duration of financial assistance and average total financial assistance per household
- v. Narrative describing trends, successes, challenges during the month
- vi. Budget projecting subsidy schedule for clients over the entire fiscal year
- vii. Information and data on follow up surveys including housing stability and homelessness
- viii. HDAP PII report on template provided by CDSS (for HDAP only)

#### c. Annual Reporting

i. Contractor will submit an annual program report within 15 days of the end of each fiscal year. Annual program reports will provide information on the impact the Contractor's Rapid Re-Housing services throughout the entire service year and annual results for each performance measure listed above.

#### d. Site Review and Compliance Monitoring

i. Contractor will participate in Site Review/Contract Compliance visits with HSA designated staff. Visits generally occur at least once per year, with increased frequency if areas for improvement are identified. Contractor will receive at least two weeks advanced notice of visits, unless there is an urgent programmatic need to expedite the process.

### e. Other Reporting Terms

i. Contractor will participate in program evaluations and other analysis of the homeless system conducted by HSA.

#### f. Additional Reporting upon Request

 HSA may request additional data from contractor and/or retrieve reports from Clarity to understand client requests, services, and outcomes.
 Contractor will receive at least two weeks advanced notice unless there is an urgent programmatic need to expedite the data/report.

#### g. Report Submission

i. All reports and invoices shall be submitted by email to Khalia Parish at <a href="mailto:KParish@smcgov.org">KParish@smcgov.org</a> or the designated HSA employee.

(End of Exhibit C)

# Exhibit D - Clarity Human Services System Usage and Data Sharing Agreement for Core Service Agencies and Homeless Service Providers

# Revised December 2018 Clarity Human Services System

#### Usage and Data Sharing Agreement for Core Service Agencies and

#### **Homeless Service Providers**

In 2014, Core Service Agencies and homeless service providers migrated to the secure, private and confidential Clarity Human Services system network by Bitfocus ("Clarity"). This migration to Clarity allows for data sharing across providers.

# **Commitment to Data Entry**

The Core Service Agencies and homeless service providers agree to timely enter into Clarity's secure system accurate data about the clients to whom they provide safety net services and homeless services pursuant to their contracts with the County of San Mateo ("County"). Timely entry of this data is crucial to the Core Service Agencies and homeless service providers' ability to refer clients to other providers, report accurate performance measures and to capture data on community need.

If any provider experiences difficulty in timely entry of data into Clarity, they will notify HSA of the delay, seek technical assistance if necessary and provide a plan within one week to bring the data entry current as soon as possible.

# **Confidentiality of Client Data**

Core Service Agencies and homeless service providers will establish appropriate administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to protect the confidentiality of the data and to prevent unauthorized use or access to it.

The data in Clarity shall not be disclosed to anyone or any entity except in connection with the administration of the safety net and homeless service programs, as necessary to achieve the provision of homeless and safety net services, or for the analysis of the data to show performance measurements, including that of contract compliance.

The data may be reviewed by San Mateo County personnel on a need to know basis to check performance measurements, community trends, client services, and for the purpose of monitoring contract compliance. Summary results (e.g., non-identifying information such as general statistical data, caseload provide data, funding and expenditure information) is non-confidential may be shared upon request. Data that contains identifying information will be accessible and shared on a need-to-know basis only, and only to the extent permitted by applicable law.

Core Service Agencies and homeless service providers acknowledge that these confidential data are proprietary to the County and agree to comply with all applicable State and Federal confidentiality laws and regulations.

To authorize the parties to this Agreement to share individually identifiable client information, clients who are entered into the system must sign a Client Consent for Clarity System Data Collection and Release of Information form that will be kept with their records in Clarity and/or in their paper file. The release informs the client that partner agencies in San Mateo County will have access on a need-to-know basis to their records in the secure system. If a client refuses to sign a release, services will not be denied and the client will be entered into Clarity as a private client.

# **Agencies Entering and Accessing Data in Clarity**

CORE SERVICE AGENCIES	HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS
Coastside Hope	Abode Services
Daly City Community Services Center	StarVista
Fair Oaks Community Center	San Mateo County Human Services Agency
Puente de la Costa Sur	Housing Authority of the County Of San Mateo
Pacifica Resource Center	San Mateo County Department of Housing
Samaritan House	San Mateo County Health System,
YMCA Community Resource Center	Behavioral Health And Recovery Services
	Mateo Lodge
	Home and Hope
	LifeMoves (formerly known as InnVision Shelter Network)
	Mental Health Association of San Mateo County
	Next Step Center, Veterans Resource Center of
	America
	Project WeHOPE
	Samaritan House
	Service League Of San Mateo County
	VA Palo Alto Health Care System (VAPAHCS)
	San Francisco VA Health Care System (SFVA)

Efforts are made to keep this list current, however there may be Core Service Agencies and/or homeless service providers that begin to participate in the data system in the future.

# Licensing

Only agency staff who provide safety net or homeless services shall be granted access to Clarity. When an agency is requesting a Clarity license for a new staff, the agency director or manager will review with the staff the confidentiality and security rules regarding Clarity and will send the completed, signed Clarity oath of confidentiality form to HSA to request a new account.

ACCESS TO THE CLARITY SYSTEM AFTER EMPLOYEMENT ENDS IS PROHIBITED. If an authorized user separates from employment with a Core Service Agency or homeless service provider, notification must be made as soon as possible to the HSA Service Desk in advance of the employee leaving. The request will provide a license termination date.

If any license goes unused for more than 90 days, that license may be deactivated. The agency holding the license will be notified prior to deactivation of the license and the agency will have 5 business days to respond with a request if the license is to be continued.

# **System Configuration Change Requests**

All agencies Change Requests (CR) will be evaluated by HSA. For the cost of all Change Requests (CRs) unique to one or a group of agencies and for non-Core or non-HMIS standard programs, payment shall be made by the requesting agency(ies).

# **User Support**

If a Core Service Agency or homeless service provider experiences any technical difficulty with the system, a service request must be sent to the Human Services Agency, Business Systems Group at hsa\_servicedesk@smcgov.org or (650) 802-7573.

# **Contractor/Service Provider Agreement**

The Core Service Agencies and homeless service providers agree to train their staff and to establish internal processes and procedures to ensure all staff and volunteers safeguard clients' confidentiality and privacy and enter accurate, complete data. It is understood that accessing Clarity's secure, private and confidential network is for the sole purpose of serving clients. All authorized individuals accessing the Clarity network of Core Service Agencies and homeless service providers must have a legitimate business reason when searching and accessing information. All activity is logged and participating agencies understand and agree that this audit trail can be viewed at any time by authorized County personnel.

## ATTACHMENT I

#### Assurance of Compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as Amended

The undersigned (hereinafter called "Contractor(s)") hereby agrees that it will comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, all requirements imposed by the applicable DHHS regulation, and all guidelines and interpretations issued pursuant thereto.

The Contractor(s) gives/give this assurance in consideration of for the purpose of obtaining contracts after the date of this assurance. The Contractor(s) recognizes/recognize and agrees/agree that contracts will be extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in this assurance. This assurance is binding on the Contractor(s), its successors, transferees, and assignees, and the person or persons whose signatures appear below are authorized to sign this assurance on behalf of the Contractor(s).

The Contractor(s): (Check a or b)  a. Employs fewer than 15 persons.			
b. Employs 15 or more persons and, pursuant to section 84.7 (a) of the regulation (45 C.F.R. 84.7 (a), has designated the following person(s) to coordinate its efforts to comply with the DHHS regulation.			
Name of 504 Person:			
Name of Contractor(s):			
Street Address or P.O. Box:			
City, State, Zip Code:			
I certify that the above information is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge			
Signature:	Docusigned by:  Vivian Wan  07D702328D81452		
Title of Authorized Official:	C00		
Date:	6/3/2020   2:45 PM PDT		

<sup>\*</sup>Exception: DHHS regulations state that: "If a recipient with fewer than 15 employees finds that, after consultation with a disabled person seeking its services, there is no method of complying with (the facility accessibility regulations) other than making a significant alteration in its existing facilities, the recipient may, as an alternative, refer the handicapped person to other providers of those services that are accessible."

#### Attachment P

### **Personally Identifiable Information**

# Requirements for County Contractors, Subcontractors, Vendors and Agents

# I. <u>Definitions</u>

Personally Identifiable Information (PII), or Sensitive Personal Information (SPI), as used in Federal information security and privacy laws, is information that can be used on its own or with other information to identify, contact, or locate a single person, or to identify an individual in context. PII may only be used to assist in the administration of programs in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 205.40, *et seq.* and California Welfare & Institutions Code section 10850.

- a. "Assist in the Administration of the Program" means performing administrative functions on behalf of County programs, such as determining eligibility for, or enrollment in, and collecting context PII for such purposes, to the extent such activities are authorized by law.
- b. "Breach" refers to actual loss, loss of control, compromise, unauthorized disclosure, unauthorized acquisition, unauthorized access, or any similar term referring to situations where persons other than authorized users and for other than authorized purposes have access or potential access to context PII, whether electronic, paper, verbal, or recorded.
- c. "Contractor" means those contractors, subcontractors, vendors and agents of the County performing any functions for the County that require access to and/or use of PII and that are authorized by the County to access and use PII.
- d. "Personally Identifiable Information" or "PII" is personally identifiable information that can be used alone, or in conjunction with any other reasonably available information, to identify a specific individual. PII includes, but is not limited to, an individual's name, social security number, driver's license number, identification number, biometric records, date of birth, place of birth, or mother's maiden name. PII may be electronic, paper, verbal, or recorded.
- e. "Security Incident" means the attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of PII, or interference with system operations in an information system which processes PII that is under the control of the County or County's Statewide Automated Welfare System (SAWS) Consortium, or under the control of a contractor, subcontractor or vendor of the County, on behalf of the County.
- f. "Secure Areas" means any area where:
  - i. Contractors administer or assist in the administration of County programs;
  - ii. PII is used or disclosed; or
  - iii. PII is stored in paper or electronic format.

## II. Restrictions on Contractor re Use and Disclosure of PII

- a. Contractor agrees to use or disclose PII only as permitted in this Agreement and only to assist in the administration of programs in accordance with 45 CFR § 205.50, et seq. and California Welfare & Institutions Code section 10850 or as otherwise authorized or required by law. Disclosures, when authorized or required by law, such as in response to a court order, or when made upon the explicit written authorization of the individual, who is the subject of the PII, are allowable. Any other use or disclosure of PII requires the express approval in writing by the County. No Contractor shall duplicate, disseminate or disclose PII except as allowed in this Agreement.
- b. Contractor agrees to only use PII to perform administrative functions related to the administration of County programs to the extent applicable.
- c. Contractor agrees that access to PII shall be restricted to Contractor's staff who need to perform specific services in the administration of County programs as described in this Agreement.
- d. Contractor understands and agrees that any of its staff who accesses, discloses or uses PII in a manner or for a purpose not authorized by this Agreement may be subject to civil and criminal sanctions available under applicable Federal and State laws and regulations

# III. Use of Safeguards by Contractor to Protect PII

- a. Contractor agrees to ensure that any agent, including a subcontractor, to whom it provides PII received from, or created or received by Contractor on behalf of County, agrees to adhere to the same restrictions and conditions contained in this Attachment PII.
- b. Contractor agrees to advise its staff who have access to PII, of the confidentiality of the information, the safeguards required to protect the information, and the civil and criminal sanctions for non-compliance contained in applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.
- c. Contractor agrees to train and use reasonable measures to ensure compliance by Contractor's staff, including, but not limited to (1) providing initial privacy and security awareness training to each new staff within thirty (30) days of employment; (2) thereafter, providing annual refresher training or reminders of the PII privacy and security safeguards to all Contractor's staff; (3) maintaining records indicating each Contractor's staff name and the date on which the privacy and security awareness training was completed; and (4) retaining training records for a period of three (3) years after completion of the training.
- d. Contractor agrees to provide documented sanction policies and procedures for Contractor's staff who fail to comply with privacy policies and procedures or any provisions of these requirements, including termination of employment when appropriate.

- e. Contractor agrees that all Contractor's staff performing services under this Agreement sign a confidentiality statement prior to accessing PII and annually thereafter. The signed statement shall be retained for a period of three (3) years, and the statement include at a minimum: (1) general use; (2) security and privacy safeguards; (3) unacceptable use; and (4) enforcement policies.
- f. Contractor agrees to conduct a background check of Contractor's staff before they may access PII with more thorough screening done for those employees who are authorized to bypass significant technical and operational security controls. Contractor further agrees that screening documentation shall be retained for a period of three (3) years following conclusion of the employment relationship.
- g. Contractor agrees to conduct periodic privacy and security reviews of work activity, including random sampling of work product by Contractor's staff by management level personnel who are knowledgeable and experienced in the areas of privacy and information security in the administration of County's programs and the use and disclosure of PII. Examples include, but are not limited to, access to data, case files or other activities related to the handling of PII.
- h. Contractor shall ensure that PII is used and stored in an area that is physically safe from access by unauthorized persons at all times and safeguard PII from loss, theft, or inadvertent disclosure by securing all areas of its facilities where Contractor's staff assist in the administration of the County's programs and use, disclose, or store PII.
- i. Contractor shall ensure that each physical location, where PII is used, disclosed, or stored, has procedures and controls that ensure an individual who is terminated from access to the facility is promptly escorted from the facility by an authorized employee of Contractor and access is revoked.
- j. Contractor shall ensure that there are security guards or a monitored alarm system at all times at Contractor's facilities and leased facilities where five hundred (500) or more individually identifiable records of PII is used, disclosed, or stored. Video surveillance systems are recommended.
- k. Contractor shall ensure that data centers with servers, data storage devices, and/or critical network infrastructure involved in the use, storage, and/or processing of PII have perimeter security and physical access controls that limit access to only those authorized by this Agreement. Visitors to any Contractor data centers area storing PII as a result of administration of a County program must be escorted at all times by authorized Contractor's staff.
- I. Contractor shall have policies that include, based on applicable risk factors, a description of the circumstances under which Contractor staff can transport PII, as well as the physical security requirements during transport.
- m. Contractor shall ensure that any PII stored in a vehicle shall be in a non-visible area such as a trunk, that the vehicle is locked, and under no circumstances permit PII be left unattended in a vehicle overnight or for other extended periods of time.

- n. Contractor shall ensure that PII shall not be left unattended at any time in airplanes, buses, trains, etc., including baggage areas. This should be included in training due to the nature of the risk.
- o. Contractor shall ensure that all workstations and laptops, which use, store and/or process PII, must be encrypted using a FIPS 140-2 certified algorithm 128 bit or higher, such as Advanced Encryption Standard (AES). The encryption solution must be full disk. It is encouraged, when available and when feasible, that the encryption be 256 bit.
- p. Contractor shall ensure that servers containing unencrypted PII must have sufficient administrative, physical, and technical controls in place to protect that data, based upon a risk assessment/system security review. It is recommended to follow the guidelines documented in the latest revision of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication (SP) 800-53, Security and Privacy Controls for Federal Information Systems and Organizations.
- q. Contractor agrees that only the minimum necessary amount of PII required to perform required business functions will be accessed, copied, downloaded, or exported.
- r. Contractor shall ensure that all electronic files, which contain PII data is encrypted when stored on any mobile device or removable media (i.e. USB drives, CD/DVD, smartphones, tablets, backup tapes etc.). Encryption must be a FIPS 140-2 certified algorithm 128 bit or higher, such as AES. It is encouraged, when available and when feasible, that the encryption be 256 bit.
- s. Contractor shall ensure that all workstations, laptops and other systems, which process and/or store PII, must install and actively use an antivirus software solution. Antivirus software should have automatic updates for definitions scheduled at least daily. In addition, Contractor shall ensure that:
  - All workstations, laptops and other systems, which process and/or store PII, must have critical security patches applied, with system reboot if necessary.
  - ii. There must be a documented patch management process that determines installation timeframe based on risk assessment and vendor recommendations.
  - iii. At a maximum, all applicable patches deemed as critical must be installed within thirty (30) days of vendor release. It is recommended that critical patches which are high risk be installed within seven (7) days.
  - iv. Applications and systems that cannot be patched within this time frame, due to significant operational reasons, must have compensatory controls implemented to minimize risk.
- t. Contractor shall ensure that all of its staff accessing Personally Identifiable Information on applications and systems will be issued a unique individual password that is a least eight (8) characters, a non-dictionary word, composed of characters from at least three (3) of the following four (4) groups from the standard keyboard: upper case letters (A-Z); lower case letters (a-z); Arabic

numerals (0-9) and special characters (!, @, #, etc.). Passwords are not to be shared and changed if revealed or compromised. All passwords must be changed every (90) days or less and must not be stored in readable format on the computer or server.

- u. Contractor shall ensure that usernames for its staff authorized to access PII will be promptly disabled, deleted, or the password changed upon the transfer or termination of an employee within twenty- four (24) hours. Note: Twenty-four (24) hours is defined as one (1) working day.
- v. Contractor shall ensure when no longer needed, all PII must be cleared, purged, or destroyed consistent with NIST SP 800-88, Guidelines for Media Sanitization, such that the Personally Identifiable Information cannot be retrieved.
- w. Contractor shall ensure that all of its systems providing access to PII must provide an automatic timeout, requiring re-authentication of the user session after no more than twenty (20) minutes of inactivity.
- x. Contractor shall ensure that all of its systems providing access to PII must display a warning banner stating, at a minimum that data is confidential; systems are logged, systems use is for business purposes only by authorized users and users shall log off the system immediately if they do not agree with these requirements.
- y. Contractor will ensure that all of its systems providing access to PII must maintain an automated audit trail that can identify the user or system process which initiates a request for PII, or alters PII. The audit trail shall be date and time stamped; log both successful and failed accesses be read-access only; and be restricted to authorized users. If PII is stored in a database, database logging functionality shall be enabled. The audit trail data shall be archived for at least three (3) years from the occurrence.
- z. Contractor shall ensure that all of its systems providing access to PII shall use role-based access controls for all user authentications, enforcing the principle of least privilege.
- aa. Contractor shall ensure that all data transmissions of PII outside of its secure internal networks must be encrypted using a Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 140-2 certified algorithm that is 128 bit or higher, such as Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) or Transport Layer Security (TLS). It is encouraged, when available and when feasible, that 256 bit encryption be used. Encryption can be end to end at the network level, or the data files containing PII can be encrypted. This requirement pertains to any type of PII in motion such as website access, file transfer, and email.
- bb. Contractor shall ensure that all of its systems involved in accessing, storing, transporting, and protecting PII, which are accessible through the Internet, must be protected by an intrusion detection and prevention solution.
- cc. Contractor shall ensure that audit control mechanisms are in place. All Contractor systems processing and/or storing Personally Identifiable Information

must have a least an annual system risk assessment/security review that ensure administrative, physical, and technical controls are functioning effectively and provide an adequate level of protection. Review shall include vulnerability scanning tools.

- dd. Contractor shall ensure that all of its systems processing and/or storing PII must have a process or automated procedure in place to review system logs for unauthorized access.
- ee. Contractor shall ensure that all of its systems processing and/or storing PII must have a documented change control process that ensures separation of duties and protects the confidentiality, integrity and availability of data.
- ff. Contractor shall establish a documented plan to enable continuation of critical business processes and protection of the security of PII kept in an electronic format in the event of an emergency. Emergency means any circumstance or situation that causes normal computer operations to become unavailable for use in performing the work required under this Agreement for more than twenty-four (24) hours.
- gg. Contractor shall ensure its data centers with servers, data storage devices, and critical network infrastructure involved in the use, storage and/or processing of PII, must include environmental protection such as cooling, power, and fire prevention, detection, and suppression.
- hh. Contractor shall establish documented procedures to backup PII to maintain retrievable exact copies of PIII. The documented backup procedures shall contain a schedule which includes incremental and full backups, storing backups offsite, inventory of backup media, recovery of PII data, an estimate of the amount of time needed to restore PII data.
- ii. Contractor shall ensure that PII in paper form shall not be left unattended at any time, unless it is locked space such as a file cabinet, file room, desk or office. Unattended means that information may be observed by an individual not authorized to access the information. Locked spaces are defined as locked file cabinets, locked file rooms, locked desks, or locked offices in facilities which are multi-use, meaning that there are Contractor's staff and non-Contractor functions in one building in work areas that are not securely segregated from each other. It is recommended that all PII be locked up when unattended at any time, not just within multi-use facilities.
- jj. Contractor shall ensure that any PII that must be disposed of will be through confidential means, such as cross cut shredding or pulverizing.
- kk. Contractor agrees that PII must not be removed from its facilities except for identified routine business purposes or with express written permission of the County.
- II. Contractor shall ensure that faxes containing PII shall not be left unattended and fax machines shall be in secure areas. Faxes containing PII shall contain a confidentiality statement notifying persons receiving faxes in error to destroy

them and notify the sender. All fax numbers shall be verified with the intended recipient before send the fax.

mm. Contractor shall ensure that mailings containing PII shall be sealed and secured from damage or inappropriate viewing of PII to the extent possible. Mailings that include five hundred (500) or more individually identifiable records containing PII in a single package shall be sent using a tracked mailing method that includes verification of delivery.

## IV. Reporting of Breaches Required by Contractor to County; Mitigation

- a. Contractor shall report to County within one business day of discovery, to the County contact listed in this agreement by email or telephone as listed in the of unsecured PII, if that PII was, or is, reasonably believed to have been accessed or acquired by an unauthorized person, any suspected security incident, intrusion or unauthorized access, use or disclosure of PII in violation of this Agreement, or potential loss of confidential data affecting this Agreement.
- b. Contractor understands that State and Federal Law requires a breaching entity to notify individuals of a breach or unauthorized disclosure of their PII. Contractor shall ensure that said notifications shall comply with the requirements set forth in California Civil Code section 1798.29, and 42 U.S.C. section 17932, and its implementing regulations, including but not limited to, the requirement that the notifications be made without unreasonable delay and in no event later than sixty (60) calendar days.
- c. Contractor agrees to promptly mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Contractor stemming from a use or disclosure of PII in violation of the requirements of this Agreement, including taking any action pertaining to such use or disclosure required by applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.

## V. Permitted Uses and Disclosures of PII by Contractor

Except as otherwise limited in this schedule, Contractor may use or disclose PII to perform functions, activities, or services for, or on behalf of, County as specified in the Agreement; provided that such use or disclosure would not violate the Privacy Rule if done by County.

# VI. Obligations of County

- a. County shall provide Contractor with the notice of privacy practices that County produces in accordance with California Welfare and Institutions Code section 10850, as well as any changes to such notice.
- County shall notify Contractor of any changes in, or revocation of, permission by Individual to use or disclose PII, if such changes affect Contractor's permitted or required uses and disclosures.

 County shall notify Contractor of any restriction to the use or disclosure of PII that County has agreed to in accordance with California Welfare and Institutions Code section 10850.

# VII. Permissible Requests by County

County shall not request Contractor to use or disclose PII in any manner that would not be permissible under the Privacy Rule if so requested by County, unless Contractor will use or disclose PII for, and if the Agreement provides for, data aggregation or management and administrative activities of Contractor.

# VIII. <u>Duties Upon Termination of Agreement</u>

- a. Upon termination of the Agreement, for any reason, Contractor shall return or destroy all PII received from County, or created, maintained, or received by Contractor on behalf of County that Contractor still maintains in any form. This provision shall apply to PII that is in the possession of subcontractors or agents of Contractor. Contractor shall retain no copies of the PII.
- b. In the event that Contractor determines that returning or destroying PII is infeasible, Contractor shall provide to County notification of the conditions that make return or destruction infeasible. Upon mutual Agreement of the Parties that return or destruction of PII is infeasible, Contractor shall extend the protections of the Agreement to such PII and limit further uses and disclosures of such PII to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as Contractor maintains such PII.

#### IX. Miscellaneous

- a. **Regulatory References.** A reference in this Attachment to a section in the Personally Identifiable Information Privacy Rule means the section as in effect or as amended, and for which compliance is required.
- b. **Amendment.** The Parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this Schedule from time to time as is necessary for County to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Rule and in accordance 45 CFR § 205.40, *et seq.* and California Welfare and Institutions Code section 10850.
- c. **Survival.** The respective rights and obligations of Contractor under this Attachment shall survive the termination of the Agreement unless and until the PII is destroyed or returned to the County.
- d. **Interpretation.** Any ambiguity in any provision in this Attachment shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that permits County to comply with the Privacy Rule.
- e. **Reservation of Right to Monitor Activities.** County reserves the right to monitor the security policies and procedures of Contractor.