

Contractor
Agreement to Provide
THERAPEUTIC SERVICES
Funding Amount: \$
Term: **07/01/2025 to 06/30/2026**
Agreement Number: **ContractNumber**

AGREEMENT FOR PROVISION OF SERVICES

This Agreement (hereinafter "Agreement"), dated as of **July 1, 2025** (hereinafter "Effective Date") is by and between the County of Sonoma, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereinafter "County"), and **Contractor**, an Individual (hereinafter "Contractor").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Contractor represents that it is duly qualified, licensed and experienced in therapeutic and related services; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Human Services Department, it is necessary and desirable to employ the services of Contractor for therapeutic services;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals and the mutual covenants contained herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

AGREEMENT

1. **Scope of Services.**

1.1. **Contract Documents.** The following documents, if checked, and the provisions set forth therein are attached hereto and incorporated herein, and shall be dutifully performed according to the terms of this agreement:

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| ☒ Exhibit A:
Scope of Work | ☒ Exhibit B:
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Insurance Requirements |
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Adverse Actions /
Complaint Procedures | ☒ Attachment 1:
Insurance Billing Form | |

1.2. Contractor's Specified Services. Contractor shall perform the services described in "Exhibit A: Scope of Work" (hereinafter "Exhibit A"), attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, and within the times or by the dates provided for in Exhibit A and pursuant to Article 7, Prosecution of Work. In the event of a conflict between the body of this Agreement and Exhibit A, the provisions in the body of this Agreement shall control.

1.3. Cooperation With County. Contractor shall cooperate with County and County staff in the performance of all work hereunder.

1.4. Performance Standard. Contractor shall perform all work hereunder in a manner consistent with the level of competency and standard of care normally observed by a person practicing in Contractor's profession. County has relied upon the professional ability and training of Contractor as a material inducement to enter into this Agreement. Contractor hereby agrees to provide all services under this Agreement in accordance with generally accepted professional practices and standards of care, as well as the requirements of applicable federal, state and local laws, it being understood that acceptance of Contractor's work by County shall not operate as a waiver or release. If County determines that any of Contractor's work is not in accordance with such level of competency and standard of care, County, in its sole discretion, shall have the right to do any or all of the following: (a) require Contractor to meet with County to review the quality of the work and resolve matters of concern; (b) require Contractor to repeat the work at no additional charge until it is satisfactory; (c) terminate this Agreement pursuant to the provisions of Article 4; or (d) pursue any and all other remedies at law or in equity.

1.5. Assigned Personnel.

1.5.1. Contractor shall assign only competent personnel to perform work hereunder.

1.5.2. In the event that any of Contractor's personnel assigned to perform services under this Agreement become unavailable due to resignation, sickness or other factors outside of Contractor's control, Contractor shall be responsible for timely provision of adequately qualified replacements.

1.5.3. Contractor is required to ensure that all persons working with minor(s) under this Agreement have successfully undergone appropriate and adequate fingerprinting and background checks through the Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigations and Child Abuse Central Index (CACI).

1.5.4. In the event that at any time County, in its sole discretion, desires the removal of any person or persons assigned by Contractor to perform work under this Agreement, Contractor shall remove such person or persons immediately upon receiving written notice from County.

2. Payment.

For all services and incidental costs required hereunder, Contractor shall be paid on fee for service basis in accordance with the rates set forth in "Exhibit B: Fiscal Provisions" (hereinafter "Exhibit B"), attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. Contractor shall be paid an amount not to exceed **X Thousand Dollars (\$)**, without the prior written approval of County. Expenses not expressly authorized by the Agreement shall not be reimbursed.

Unless otherwise noted in this agreement, payments shall be made within the normal course of county business after presentation of an invoice in a form approved by the County for services performed. Payments shall be made only upon the satisfactory completion of the services as determined by the County.

2.1. Overpayment. If County overpays Contractor for any reason, Contractor agrees to return the amount of such overpayment to County at County's option, permit County to offset the amount of such overpayment against future payments owed to Contractor under this Agreement or any other agreement.

2.2. Pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation code (R&TC) Section 18662, the County shall withhold seven percent of the income paid to Contractor for services performed within the State of California under this agreement, for payment and reporting to the California Franchise Tax Board, if Contractor does not qualify as: (1) a corporation with its principal place of business in California, (2) an LLC or Partnership with a permanent place of business in California, (3) a corporation/LLC or Partnership qualified to do business in California by the Secretary of State, or (4) an individual with a permanent residence in the State of California.

2.2.1. If Contractor does not qualify, County requires that a completed and signed Form 587 be provided by the Contractor in order for payments to be made. If Contractor is qualified, then the County requires a completed Form 590. Forms 587 and 590 remain valid for the duration of the Agreement provided there is no material change in facts. By signing either form, the contractor agrees to promptly notify the County of any changes in the facts. Forms should be sent to the County pursuant. To reduce the amount withheld, Contractor has the option to provide County with either a full or partial waiver from the State of California.

3. Term of Agreement.

The term of this Agreement shall be from [07/01/2025 to 06/30/2026](#) unless terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 below.

4. Termination.

4.1. Termination Without Cause. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, at any time and without cause, County shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to terminate this Agreement by giving five (5) days written notice to Contractor.

4.2. Termination for Cause. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, should Contractor fail to perform any of its obligations hereunder, within the time and in the manner herein provided, or otherwise violate any of the terms of this Agreement, County may immediately terminate this Agreement by giving Contractor written notice of such termination, stating the reason for termination.

4.3. Change in Funding. Contractor understands and agrees that County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately upon written notice to Contractor in the event that (1) any state or federal agency or other funder reduces, withholds or terminates funding which the County anticipated using to pay Contractor for services provided under this Agreement or (2) County has exhausted all funds legally available for payments due under this Agreement.

4.4. Delivery of Work Product and Final Payment Upon Termination. In the event of termination, Contractor, within 14 days following the date of termination, shall

deliver to County all materials and work product subject to Article 9.17 (Ownership and Disclosure of Work Product) and shall deliver to County all materials and shall submit to County an invoice showing the services performed, hours worked, and copies of receipts for reimbursable expenses up to the date of termination.

4.5. Payment Upon Termination. Upon termination of this Agreement by County, Contractor shall be entitled to receive as full payment for all services satisfactorily rendered and expenses incurred hereunder, an amount which bears the same ratio to the total payment specified in the Agreement as the services satisfactorily rendered hereunder by Contractor bear to the total services otherwise required to be performed for such total payment; provided, however, that if services which have been satisfactorily rendered are to be paid on a per-hour or per-day basis, Contractor shall be entitled to receive as full payment an amount equal to the number of hours or days actually worked prior to the termination times the applicable hourly or daily rate; and further provided, however, that if County terminates the Agreement for cause pursuant to Article 4.2, County shall deduct from such amount the amount of damage, if any, sustained by County by virtue of the breach of the Agreement by Contractor.

4.6. Authority to Terminate. The Board of Supervisors has the authority to terminate this Agreement on behalf of the County. In addition, the Purchasing Agent or the Director of the Human Services Department, in consultation with County Counsel, shall have the authority to terminate this Agreement on behalf of the County.

5. Indemnification.

Contractor agrees to accept all responsibility for loss or damage to any person or entity, including County, and to indemnify, hold harmless, and release County, its officers, agents, and employees, from and against any actions, claims, damages, liabilities, disabilities, or expenses, that may be asserted by any person or entity, including Contractor, that arise out of, pertain to, or relate to Contractor's or its agents', employees', contractors', subcontractors', or invitees' performance or obligations under this Agreement. Contractor agrees to provide a complete defense for any claim or action brought against County based upon a claim relating to such Contractor's or its agents', employees, contractors, subcontractors, or invitees performance or obligations under this Agreement. Contractor's obligations under this Section apply whether or not there is concurrent negligence on County's part, but to the extent required by law, excluding liability due to County's conduct. Subject to Contractor's approval, County shall have the right to select its legal counsel at Contractor's expense. Contractor may not unreasonably withhold its approval. This indemnification obligation is not limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages or compensation payable to or for Contractor or its agents under workers' compensation acts, disability benefits acts, or other employee benefit acts.

6. Insurance.

With respect to performance of work under this Agreement, Contractor shall maintain and shall require all of its subcontractors, consultants, and other agents to maintain, insurance as described in "Exhibit C: Insurance Requirements" (hereinafter "Exhibit C"), which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

7. Prosecution of Work.

The execution of this Agreement shall constitute Contractor's authority to proceed immediately with the performance of this Agreement. Performance of the services

hereunder shall be completed within the time required herein, provided, however, that if the performance is delayed by earthquake, flood, high water, or other Act of God or by strike, lockout, or similar labor disturbances, the time for Contractor's performance of this Agreement shall be extended by a number of days equal to the number of days Contractor has been delayed.

8. Extra or Changed Work.

Extra or changed work or other changes to the Agreement may be authorized only by written amendment to this Agreement, signed by both parties. Changes which do not exceed the delegated signature authority of the Department may be executed by the Department Head in a form approved by County Counsel. The Board of Supervisors or Purchasing Agent must authorize all other extra or changed work which exceeds the delegated signature authority of the Department Head. The parties expressly recognize that, pursuant to Sonoma County Code Section 1-11, County personnel are without authorization to order extra or changed work or waive Agreement requirements. Failure of Consultant to secure such written authorization for extra or changed work shall constitute a waiver of any and all right to adjustment in the Agreement price or Agreement time due to such unauthorized work and thereafter Consultant shall be entitled to no compensation whatsoever for the performance of such work. Consultant further expressly waives any and all right or remedy by way of restitution and quantum meruit for any and all extra work performed without such express and prior written authorization of the County.

9. Representations of Contractor.

9.1. Standard of Care. County has relied upon the professional ability and training of Contractor as a material inducement to enter into this Agreement. Contractor hereby agrees that all its work will be performed and that its operations shall be conducted in accordance with generally accepted and applicable professional practices and standards as well as the requirements of applicable federal, state and local laws, it being understood that acceptance of Contractor's work by County shall not operate as a waiver or release.

9.2. Status of Contractor. The Parties intend that Contractor, in performing the services specified herein, shall act as an independent contractor and shall control the work and the manner in which it is performed. Contractor represents and warrants that Contractor is an independently established business entity that customarily advertises and provides services of the same nature as the services provided for County under this Agreement, and that Contractor maintains a separate business location and has all required business licenses and tax registration, if any, in order to perform services under this Agreement. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to give County the power to direct and control the day-to-day activities of Contractor, and nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed or construed to create the relationship of principal and agent, or of partnership or joint venture, or to give either Party the power or authority to act for, bind, or commit the other Party in any way. Contractor shall have the right to set their own hours and location of work, consistent with the nature of the services provided under this Agreement. Contractor shall determine the method, means and manner of performance of, but not limited to, such matters as outlined in Exhibit "A," without restriction by County. County is interested only in the results to be achieved from Contractor's performance of the services. Contractor shall provide its own resources, tools and equipment and direct its operation in all respects in performing the

services hereunder. This Agreement shall not in any manner restrict Contractor from performing services for other clients or businesses. Contractor is not to be considered an agent or employee of County for any purpose and is not entitled to participate in any pension plan, worker's compensation plan, insurance, bonus, or similar benefits County provides its employees. In the event County exercises its right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to Article 4, above, Contractor expressly agrees that it shall have no recourse or right of appeal under rules, regulations, ordinances, or laws applicable to employees.

9.3. Subcontractors. No performance of this Agreement or any portion thereof, may be assigned or subcontracted without the express written consent of the County. Any attempt by the Contractor to assign or subcontract any performance of this Agreement without the express written consent of the County shall be invalid and shall constitute a breach of this Agreement.

9.4. No Suspension or Debarment. Contractor warrants that it is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in covered transactions by any federal department or agency. Contractor also warrants that it is not suspended or debarred from receiving federal funds as listed in the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement or Non-procurement Programs issued by the General Services Administration. If the Contractor becomes debarred, Contractor has the obligation to inform the County.

9.5. Taxes. Contractor agrees to file federal and state tax returns and pay all applicable taxes on amounts paid pursuant to this Agreement and shall be solely liable and responsible to pay such taxes and other obligations, including, but not limited to, state and federal income and FICA taxes. Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold County harmless from any liability which it may incur to the United States or to the State of California as a consequence of Contractor's failure to pay, when due, all such taxes and obligations. In case County is audited for compliance regarding any withholding or other applicable taxes, Contractor agrees to furnish County with proof of payment of taxes on these earnings.

9.6. Records Maintenance. Contractor shall keep and maintain full and complete program, client, and statistical documentation and financial records, subcontracts and other records concerning all services performed that are compensable under this Agreement and shall make such documents and records available at County's request for inspection at any reasonable time.

9.6.1. Contractor shall retain all records pertinent to this Agreement, including financial, statistical, property, and participant records and supporting documentation for a period of four (4) years from the date of final payment of this Agreement. If, at the end of four years, there is ongoing litigation or an outstanding audit involving those records, Contractor shall retain the records until resolution of the litigation or audit.

9.7. Monitoring, Assessment & Evaluation. Authorized federal, state and/or county representatives shall have, with advance notice and during normal business hours, the right to monitor, assess, evaluate, audit, and examine all administrative, financial and program performance activities and records of Contractor and its subcontractors pursuant to this Agreement. Said monitoring, assessment, evaluation, audit and examination may include, but is not limited to, administrative, financial,

statistical, data and procurement processes, inspections of project premises, inspection of food preparation sites as appropriate, interviews of program staff and participants, and examination and/or duplication of records with respect to all matters covered by this Agreement. Contractor shall cooperate with County in this process and shall make program and administrative staff available during any monitoring, assessment, evaluation, audit or examination.

9.8. Conflict of Interest. Contractor covenants that it presently has no interest and that it will not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, that represents a financial conflict of interest under state law or that would otherwise conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of its services hereunder. Contractor further covenants that in the performance of this Agreement no person having any such interests shall be employed. In addition, if requested to do so by County, Contractor shall complete and file and shall require any other person doing work under this Agreement to complete and file a "Statement of Economic Interest" with County disclosing Contractor's or such other person's financial interests.

9.9. Statutory Compliance/Living Wage Ordinance. Contractor agrees to comply, and to ensure compliance by its subconsultants or subcontractors, with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, statutes and policies, including but not limited to the County of Sonoma Living Wage Ordinance, applicable to the services provided under this Agreement as they exist now and as they are changed, amended or modified during the term of this Agreement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Contractor expressly acknowledges and agrees that this Agreement may be subject to the provisions of Article XXVI of Chapter 2 of the Sonoma County Code, requiring payment of a living wage to covered employees. Noncompliance during the term of the Agreement will be considered a material breach and may result in termination of the Agreement or pursuit of other legal or administrative remedies.

9.10. Nondiscrimination. Without limiting any other provision hereunder, Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in regard to nondiscrimination in employment practices and in delivery of services because of race, color, ancestry, national origin (including limited English proficiency), religious creed, belief or grooming, sex (including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, transgender status, pregnancy, childbirth, medical conditions related to pregnancy, childbirth or breast feeding, sex stereotyping), marital status, age, medical condition, physical or mental disability, genetic information, military or veteran status, or any other legally protected category or prohibited basis, including without limitation, the County's Non-Discrimination Policy. All nondiscrimination rules or regulations required by law to be included in this Agreement are incorporated herein by this reference.

9.10.1. Contractor understands and agrees that administrative methods and/or procedures which have the effect of subjecting individuals to discrimination or otherwise defeating the objectives of the applicable and aforementioned laws will be prohibited.

9.10.2. Contractor shall provide County with a copy of their Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action policies upon request.

9.10.3. Contractor and subcontractors shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other agreement.

9.10.4. Any and all subcontracts to perform work under this Agreement shall include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this article.

9.11. AIDS Discrimination. Contractor agrees to comply with the provisions of Chapter 19, Article II, of the Sonoma County Code prohibiting discrimination in housing, employment, and services because of AIDS or HIV infection during the term of this Agreement and any extensions of the term.

9.12. Confidentiality. Contractor agrees to maintain the confidentiality of all client medical records and client information in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations, including the requirement to implement reasonable and appropriate administrative, physical, and technical safeguards to protect all confidential information. Contractor shall be in compliance with all State and Federal regulations pertaining to the privacy and security of personally identifiable information (hereinafter "PII") and/or protected health information (hereinafter "PHI").

9.12.1. Contractor agrees to comply with the provisions of 45 Code of Federal Regulations 205.50, Section 10850 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 827 of the Welfare & Institutions Code and Division 19 of the California Department of Social Services Manual of Policies and Procedures to assure that all records are confidential, and will not be open to examination for any purpose not directly connected with the administration of any public social services program.

Contractor, and each of its employees, agents, contractors and subcontractors, shall fully comply and ensure compliance relative to the services provided hereunder with all applicable laws regarding the confidentiality of PHI, including but not limited to, the regulations under the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (hereinafter "HIPAA") and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (hereinafter "HITECH Act").

9.12.2. Contractor shall protect from unauthorized disclosure names and other identifying Contract information concerning persons receiving services pursuant to this Contract, except for statistical information not identifying any client. The Contractor shall not use such information for any purpose not directly connected with the administration of the services provided herein. The Contractor shall promptly transmit to the County all requests for disclosure of such information not emanating from the client. The Contractor shall not disclose, except as otherwise specifically permitted by this Contract or authorized by the client, any such information to anyone other than the County without prior written authorization from the County. For purposes of this paragraph, identity shall include, but not be limited to, name, identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to the individual, such as finger or voice print or photograph.

9.12.3. No person will publish, disclose or use or permit or cause to be published, disclosed or used any confidential information pertaining to an applicant or recipient.

9.12.4. Contractor agrees to inform all employees, agents and partners of the provisions and that any person knowingly and intentionally violating the provisions of this paragraph may be guilty of a misdemeanor.

9.12.5. Contractor understands and agrees that this provision shall survive any termination or expiration of this Agreement.

9.13. Information Security. In addition to any other provisions of this Agreement, all parties to this Agreement shall be responsible for ensuring that electronic media containing confidential and sensitive client data is protected from unauthorized access. Contractor agrees to report any suspected security incident or suspected breach of PHI, PII or other confidential information within twenty-four (24) hours to the County via email to Privacy&Security@sonoma-county.org.

9.13.1. Contractor shall ensure that all computer workstations, laptops, tablets, smart-phones and other devices used to store and transmit confidential client data and information are: 1) physically located in areas not freely accessible to or in open view of persons not authorized to have access to confidential data and information, 2) protected by unique secure passwords, and 3) configured to automatically lock or timeout after no more than 30 minutes of inactivity. Contractor shall ensure that users of such computing devices log off or lock their device before leaving it unattended or when done with a session.

9.13.2. Contractor shall encrypt all confidential client data, whether for storage or transmission on portable and non-portable computing and storage devices using non-proprietary, secure, generally-available encryption software. Proprietary encryption algorithms will not be acceptable. Such devices shall include, but not be limited to, desktop, laptop or notebook computers, optical or magnetic drives, flash or jump drives, and wireless devices such as cellular phones and other handheld computing devices with data storage capability.

9.13.3. Contractor shall ensure all electronic transmission of confidential client data sent outside a secure private network or secure electronic device via email, either in the body of the email or in an attachment, or sent by other file transfer methods is sent via an encrypted method.

9.13.4. Contractor shall apply security patches and upgrades in a timely manner, and keep virus software up-to-date on all systems on which County data may be stored or accessed.

9.13.5. Contractor shall 1) perform regular backups of automated files and databases, and 2) destroy or wipe all confidential client data from all electronic storage media and devices in a manner that prevents recovery of any and all confidential client data in accordance with Article 9.6 above.

9.13.6. All information security requirements stated herein shall be enforced and implemented immediately upon execution of this agreement, and continue beyond the term of the Agreement in accordance with Article 9.6. above.

9.14. Drug-Free Workplace. Contractor will comply with the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 and will provide a drug-free workplace by complying with all requirements set forth in the Act.

9.15. Facilities. Contractor warrants that all of the Contractor's facilities: (a) will be adequately supervised, (b) will be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition, (c) will

be available for monitoring by County and/or state and federal monitors, (d) are accessible to handicapped individuals if appropriate, and (e) are nonsectarian.

9.16. Mandated Reporting. Contractor, and their employees, must comply with any applicable laws concerning the mandated reporting of abuse or neglect of children, elders age 60 and older or dependent adults, ages 18 to 59. Appropriate mandated reporter training is available from the County's Human Services Department through the Family, Youth and Children Services and Adult Protective Services Divisions. Any person who is not a mandated reporter, who knows or reasonably suspects, that a child or elder or dependent adult has been a victim of abuse may report that abuse to the appropriate Human Services Division or local law enforcement.

9.17. Authority. The undersigned hereby represents and warrants that he or she has authority to execute and deliver this Agreement on behalf of Contractor.

10. Demand for Assurance.

Each party to this Agreement undertakes the obligation that the other's expectation of receiving due performance will not be impaired. When reasonable grounds for insecurity arise with respect to the performance of either party, the other may in writing demand adequate assurance of due performance and until such assurance is received may, if commercially reasonable, suspend any performance for which the agreed return has not been received. "Commercially reasonable" includes not only the conduct of a party with respect to performance under this Agreement, but also conduct with respect to other agreements with parties to this Agreement or others. After receipt of a justified demand, failure to provide within a reasonable time, but not exceeding thirty (30) days, such assurance of due performance as is adequate under the circumstances of the particular case is a repudiation of this Agreement. Acceptance of any improper delivery, service, or payment does not prejudice the aggrieved party's right to demand adequate assurance of future performance. Nothing in this Article limits County's right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to Article 4.

11. Assignment and Delegation.

Neither party hereto shall assign, delegate, sublet, or transfer any interest in or duty under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other, and no such transfer shall be of any force or effect whatsoever unless and until the other party shall have so consented.

12. Method and Place of Giving Notice.

All notices shall be made in writing and shall be given by personal delivery or by U.S. Mail. Notices shall be addressed as follows:

TO COUNTY: County of Sonoma, Human Services Department
Contracts Unit
3600 Westwind Boulevard
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
contracts@schsd.org

TO CONTRACTOR: Contractor
Address
City, State, Zip

When a notice is given by a generally recognized overnight courier service, the notice shall be deemed received on the next business day. When a copy of a notice or payment is sent by facsimile or email, the notice shall be deemed received upon transmission. In all other instances, notices shall be effective upon receipt by the recipient. Changes may be made in the names and addresses of the person to whom notices are to be given by giving notice pursuant to this paragraph.

13. Miscellaneous Provisions.

13.1. No Waiver of Breach. The waiver by County of any breach of any term or promise contained in this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such term or provision or any subsequent breach of the same or any other term or promise contained in this Agreement.

13.2. Construction. To the fullest extent allowed by law, the provisions of this Agreement shall be construed and given effect in a manner that avoids any violation of statute, ordinance, regulation, or law. The parties covenant and agree that in the event that any provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired, or invalidated thereby. Contractor and County acknowledge that they have each contributed to the making of this Agreement and that, in the event of a dispute over the interpretation of this Agreement, the language of the Agreement will not be construed against one party in favor of the other. Contractor and County acknowledge that they have each had an adequate opportunity to consult with counsel in the negotiation and preparation of this Agreement.

13.3. Consent. Wherever in this Agreement the consent or approval of one party is required to an act of the other party, such consent or approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

13.4. No Third Party Beneficiaries. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to create and the parties do not intend to create any rights in third parties.

13.5. Applicable Law and Forum. This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted according to the substantive law of California, regardless of the law of conflicts to the contrary in any jurisdiction. Any action to enforce the terms of this Agreement or for the breach thereof shall be brought and tried in Santa Rosa or the forum nearest to the city of Santa Rosa, in the County of Sonoma.

13.6. Captions. The captions in this Agreement are solely for convenience of reference. They are not a part of this Agreement and shall have no effect on its construction or interpretation.

13.7. Merger. This writing is intended both as the final expression of the Agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the included terms and as a complete and exclusive statement of the terms of the Agreement, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 1856. No modification of this Agreement shall be effective unless and until such modification is evidenced by a writing signed by both parties.

13.8. Survival of Terms. All express representations, waivers, indemnifications, and limitations of liability included in this Agreement will survive its completion or termination for any reason.

13.9. Counterparts and Electronic Copies. The parties agree that this Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and together which when executed by the requisite parties shall be deemed to be a complete original agreement. Counterparts may be delivered via facsimile, electronic mail (including PDF) or other transmission method, and any counterpart so delivered shall be deemed to have been duly and validly delivered, be valid and effective for all purposes, and shall have the same legal force and effect as an original document. This Agreement, and any counterpart, may be electronically signed by each or any of the parties through the use of any commercially-available digital and/or electronic signature software or other electronic signature method in compliance with the U.S. federal E-SIGN Act of 2000, California's Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (Cal. Civil Code § 1633.1 et seq.), or other applicable law. By its use of any electronic signature below, the signing party agrees to have conducted this transaction and to execution of this Agreement by electronic means.

13.10. Time of Essence. Time is and shall be of the essence of this Agreement and every provision hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

CONTRACTOR:

COUNTY OF SONOMA

SAMPLE

Exhibit A: Scope of Work

A. Contract Specific Provisions.

Contractor may not deviate from the program as described herein without prior written authorization from County. Contractor will fully comply with the policies and procedures issued by the Human Services Department (HSD) and the Family, Youth & Children's Services Division (FY&C).

1. FY&C contracts for effective, short-term, solution-focused treatment models to address the child protection issues that families involved with the child welfare system face. Typically, FY&C will authorize 12-16 sessions per individual and/or couple or family to address the child protection issue.
2. This funding is considered funding of last resort and is not in addition to other, private insurance or Medi-Cal/Beacon. Clients who have private insurance or Medi-Cal/Beacon that covers these services will use their private insurance. This funding is designed for families who have no insurance, who have insurance that does not cover these services or contractors that are unable to bill Medi-Cal/Beacon. Additionally, if funding from Victim Assistance is available, that shall be utilized prior to FY&C funding.
3. When signing a contract with the County, no co-payment can be charged or collected from the client or family when services are paid by FY&C funding under this Agreement.
4. Contractor ensures that Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT) Interns or Associate MFT or Registered Associate MFT or Professional Clinical Counselor Intern or Associate Professional Clinical Counselor or Registered Associate Professional Clinical Counselor providing services under this Contract are adequately supervised by qualified licensed professional who meet the criteria as stated in Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations.
 - a. Any and all Interns or Associates must be board certified and have completed the required coursework and all other requirements as required under Business and Professions and the Code California Code of Regulations.
 - b. Contractor may not utilize Marriage & Family Therapist Trainees or Professional Clinical Counselor Trainees under this Contract.
5. Video and Telephone Therapy Sessions
 - a. In-person therapy is the preferred method for treatment for FY&C-referred clients unless the client requests or would benefit from other methods.
 - b. If Contractor routinely and customarily provides therapy via video conference for those families that may not otherwise be able to come to their office, the Contractor may provide those services to FYC-referred clients as well, and as agreed upon between the client and the Contractor.

- c. Contractor must utilize platforms that comply with current HIPPA requirements for all video therapy and conferencing therapy sessions.
- d. Contractor may provide 1 therapy session out of every 12 sessions via telephone if telephone consultation is in the best interests of the client due to logistical issues; telephone sessions are the exception in extreme circumstances.
- e. In the event of a disaster, epidemic or other event, the County will issue written instructions, typically via email, regarding any changes regarding the use of video or telephone therapy sessions. These changes will only apply during a specified period of time as determined by the County.

B. Authorization for Services.

Contractors will receive a written authorization for services that have been arranged verbally with a FY&C Division social worker. The written authorization will reflect the exact services the social worker is authorizing you to perform. Only services pre-authorized will be paid. If a Contractor provides services without an authorization, the County will not pay for such services. Any deviation from an authorization requires an amended authorization before services can be performed. Contractor shall contact the social worker who authorized the services if clarification or changes are needed.

- 1. Contractor shall accept written referrals from FY&C and shall only provide services that are authorized by FY&C.
- 2. Contractor shall provide services only to the client(s) listed on the referral and will only include others with written permission by the referring social worker.
- 3. Contractor shall reach out to FY&C-referred clients to engage them in services.
- 4. Contractor shall communicate with the referring social worker if a client's needs cannot be met by the Contractor.
- 5. Contractor shall make every reasonable effort to be available to deliver services when client is available, including in the evenings and on weekends.

C. Service Descriptions. See *Descriptions included in Application Process Document.*

Exhibit B: Fiscal Provisions

A. Payment For Services

Contractor shall be paid on a fee-for-service basis in accordance with the rates set forth below provided, however, that total payments to Contractor do not exceed the total amount set forth in Article 2, Payment, of the Agreement. All work must be authorized in advance by written authorization from the FY&C Social Worker.

Contractor agrees to take professional responsibility for any intern acting under Contractor's supervision. All intern hours must be billed under Contractor name.

As per the Certification in Attachment 1, Contractor will bill private insurance, Medi-Cal/Beacon or Victim Assistance funding first and only bill the FY&C for services not covered under a families' insurance, or when they have no insurance and Victim Assistance is unavailable. No co-payment can be charged when services are paid with child welfare funding under this Agreement.

County may withhold payment of invoices if required reports or required written or oral feedback have not been submitted by Contractor.

Rates for therapeutic services are evaluated annually and subject to change. If rates are adjusted by the County during the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall receive written notification of such changes. The County Human Services Director is authorized to approve and execute changes to all therapeutic services rates, and to approve such changes without an Amendment to this Agreement so long as changes do not result in an increase in the maximum amount of this Agreement.

B. Rates Per Session: *attached in the separate document*

C. Session Requirements

1. Compensation is on a per-session, fee-for-service basis. A session is considered to be a minimum of 45 minutes. Time and expense for documentation, phone calls, etc., are to be considered as part of the per session fee.
2. A couple session is defined as two (2) partners or co-parents; family therapy is defined as at least one parent and at least one child; and a group session is defined as three (3) or more people, at least one of whom is not related to the other. Specific session type will be designated and approved by the County as part of the referral process.
3. County shall pay for only one (1) "no show" appointment out of every twelve (12) sessions. A "no show" is an appointment that a client does not attend and does not give notice of cancellation 24 hours before the appointment time.
4. Contractor is responsible for monitoring total expenses versus the total amount that they are contracted for. If expenses exceed total contract amount, contractor may not be paid for amount in excess of contract limit.
5. Contractor shall not discharge clients for their inability to pay for missed sessions, but rather for exceeding the total allowable absences.

D. Billing Instructions

1. Contractor shall prepare invoices that include Contractor name, address, phone number, licensure and license number OR letterhead that includes the same information.
2. Invoices shall list the case number, case name, and client first and last names as they appear on the FY&C written authorization, the social worker, dates of service and services provided.
3. Invoices should be sent or faxed to:

Sonoma County Human Services Department
Attn: Debbie Erlandson
3600 Westwind Blvd
Santa Rosa, CA 95403-1037
Fax: 707 565-8939

Note: Any invoices that contain personally identifiable client information must be marked confidential and sent via encrypted email or other secure method.

4. Invoice numbers should be used as they expedite tracking and payment. Invoices should be typed. If absolutely required, handwritten invoices can be submitted but must be clear and legible.
5. Invoices shall be submitted in a timely and regular manner to ensure timely payments.

E. Other Fiscal Provisions

1. No expenditure shall be made nor obligation incurred in excess of the authorized unit cost. Any expenditure hereunder by Contractor which is not within the limitations of the unit costs as set forth in this Agreement shall not be chargeable to County. Any such unauthorized expenditure shall be borne by Contractor.
2. Contractor agrees that reimbursement for each service furnished under this Agreement made in accordance with the rates stipulated herein, represents payment in full for said service. Contractor shall not seek reimbursement from County for any service reimbursed in whole or in part by any other payor.
3. In the event Contractor receives payment for a service as to which payment is disallowed by the County or to County by the State of California, Contractor shall promptly refund the disallowed amount to County on request, except that County may at its option offset the amount disallowed from any payments due or to become due to Contractor.

Exhibit C: Insurance Requirements

With respect to performance of work under this Agreement, Consultant shall maintain and shall require all of its subcontractors, consultants, and other agents to maintain insurance as described below unless such insurance has been expressly waived by the attachment of a *Waiver of Insurance Requirements*. Any requirement for insurance to be maintained after completion of the work shall survive this Agreement.

County reserves the right to review any and all of the required insurance policies and/or endorsements, but has no obligation to do so. Failure to demand evidence of full compliance with the insurance requirements set forth in this Agreement or failure to identify any insurance deficiency shall not relieve Consultant from, nor be construed or deemed a waiver of, its obligation to maintain the required insurance at all times during the performance of this Agreement.

1. Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance

- a. Required if Consultant has employees.
- b. Workers Compensation insurance with statutory limits as required by the Labor Code of the State of California.
- c. Employers Liability with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per Accident; \$1,000,000 Disease per employee; \$1,000,000 Disease per policy.
- d. Required Evidence of Insurance: Certificate of Insurance.

If Consultant currently has no employees, Consultant agrees to obtain the above-specified Workers Compensation and Employers Liability insurance should any employees be engaged during the term of this Agreement or any extensions of the term.

2. Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions Insurance

- a. Minimum Limit: \$1,000,000 per claim or per occurrence.
- b. Any deductible or self-insured retention shall be shown on the Certificate of Insurance. If the deductible or self-insured retention exceeds \$100,000 it must be approved in advance by County.
- c. If the insurance is on a Claims-Made basis, the retroactive date shall be no later than the commencement of the work.
- d. Coverage applicable to the work performed under this Agreement shall be continued for two (2) years after completion of the work. Such continuation coverage may be provided by one of the following: (1) renewal of the existing policy; (2) an extended reporting period endorsement; or (3) replacement insurance with a retroactive date no later than the commencement of the work under this Agreement.
- e. Required Evidence of Insurance: Certificate of Insurance specifying the limits and the claims-made retroactive date.

3. Cyber Liability Insurance

Network Security & Privacy Liability Insurance:

- a. Minimum limit for sole proprietor/individual, \$1,000,000 per claim per occurrence and aggregate.
- b. Coverage shall be sufficiently broad to respond to the duties and obligations as is undertaken by the Consultant in this agreement and shall include, but not be limited to, claims involving security breach, system failure, data recovery, business interruption, cyber extortion, social engineering, 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, and alteration of electronic information. The policy shall provide coverage for breach response costs (including notification costs), regulatory fines and penalties as well as credit monitoring expenses.
- c. If the insurance is on a Claims-Made basis, the retroactive date shall be no later than the commencement of the work.
- d. Coverage applicable to the work performed under this Agreement shall be continued for two (2) years after completion of the work. Such continuation coverage may be provided by one of the following: (1) renewal of the existing policy; (2) an extended reporting period endorsement; or (3) replacement insurance with a retroactive date no later than the commencement of the work under this Agreement.
- e. Required Evidence of Insurance: Certificate of Insurance specifying the limits and the claims-made retroactive date.

4. Standards for Insurance Companies

Insurers, other than the California State Compensation Insurance Fund, shall have an A.M. Best's rating of at least A:VII.

5. Documentation

- a. All required Evidence of Insurance shall be submitted prior to the execution of this Agreement. Consultant agrees to maintain current Evidence of Insurance on file with County for the entire term of this Agreement and any additional periods if specified in Sections 1 – 4 above.
- b. The name and address for Additional Insured endorsements and Certificates of Insurance is:

**The County of Sonoma, its Officers, Agents and Employees
Contracts Unit
3600 Westwind Blvd.
Santa Rosa, CA 95403**

or pdf to:

contracts@schsd.org

- c. Required Evidence of Insurance shall be submitted for any renewal or replacement of a policy that already exists, at least ten (10) days before expiration or other

termination of the existing policy.

- d. Consultant shall provide immediate written notice if: (1) any of the required insurance policies is terminated; (2) the limits of any of the required policies are reduced; or (3) the deductible or self-insured retention is increased.
- e. Upon written request, certified copies of required insurance policies must be provided within thirty (30) days.

6. Policy Obligations

Consultant's indemnity and other obligations shall not be limited by the foregoing insurance requirements.

7. Material Breach

If Consultant fails to maintain insurance which is required pursuant to this Agreement, it shall be deemed a material breach of this Agreement. County, at its sole option, may terminate this Agreement and obtain damages from Consultant resulting from said breach. Alternatively, County may purchase the required insurance, and without further notice to Consultant, County may deduct from sums due to Consultant any premium costs advanced by County for such insurance. These remedies shall be in addition to any other remedies available to County.

Exhibit F: Professional Licensure / Certification

A. Professional Licensure

1. Contractor shall maintain any professional licenses required in order to perform the duties contracted for in this Agreement.
 - a. Contractor shall submit copies of professional license to the address listed in Article 12.
 - b. Contractor shall submit copies of any renewal of professional license received within thirty (30) days during the term of this Agreement to the address listed in Article 12.
 - c. Contractor shall also notify County within 24 hours of any disciplinary action taken against their professional license, including citation, revocation, or suspension, even if stayed; along with any additional follow-up as they may occur, including probation terms, inactive status, or lapse.
2. When the Agreement allows for subcontracting, Contractor agrees to verify and ensure appropriate professional licensure is maintained for all subcontractors.
3. Contractor agrees to maintain appropriate license and take professional responsibility for any intern acting under Contractor's supervision.

B. Certification

1. Contractor shall maintain any certifications required in order to perform the duties contracted for in this agreement.
 - a. Contractor shall submit proof of certification to the address listed in Article 12.
 - b. Contractor shall submit proof of any renewal of certification received within thirty (30) days during the term of this Agreement to the address listed in Article 12.
2. When the Agreement allows for subcontracting, Contractor agrees to verify and ensure appropriate certification is maintained for all subcontractors.

- C. County may terminate this Agreement for cause if Contractor fails to maintain the professional license and/or certification required to perform the duties in this Agreement.

Attachment 1: Certification Regarding Other Billing Requirements

CERTIFICATION

By signing this Attachment, Contractor certifies compliance with the criteria listed below.

1. Contractor agrees that funding provided through this Agreement with the County is considered funding of last resort and is not in addition to other, private insurance, Medi-Cal/Beacon or Victim Assistance funding. This funding is designed for clients and families who have no insurance or who have insurance that does not cover these services or do not have access to Victim Assistance funding.
2. Contractor agrees to bill private insurance or Medi-Cal/Beacon and/or Victim Assistance when client and/or family has coverage. Contractor agrees to bill the County for services only when the services are not covered under any insurance, or other funding.
3. Contractor agrees that no co-payment will be charged or collected from the client or family when services are paid by child welfare funding under this Agreement.
4. Contractor agrees to provide only services that have been authorized by the FY&C social worker. Contractor agrees that therapy services beyond the scope of the child protection issues or not authorized by the FY&C Social Worker shall not be paid for under this Agreement.
5. Contractor agrees that if they receive funds as payment for the services described in this Agreement from any other source, they will not bill the County for the same services.

I hereby attest that I am duly authorized legally to bind this organization or individual to the above described certification.

Contractor Signature

Date