

## NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS OPPORTUNITY

Dear Prospective Proposer:

The Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Division of the San Mateo County Health System is soliciting proposals from qualified and interested providers for the provision of Community-Based Programs for Substance Use Prevention and Program Evaluation. The Request for Proposals for these services can be viewed at and downloaded by going to [www.smchealth.org/bhrs/rfp](http://www.smchealth.org/bhrs/rfp). If unable to download, paper copies of the RFP may be requested from Susann Reed via email – [sreed@smcgov.org](mailto:sreed@smcgov.org).

All interested parties are invited to attend the non-mandatory proposers' conference to be held on Thursday, January 19, 2017 10:00am – 12 noon at 264 Harbor Blvd., Building A-Venus Room, Belmont, CA 94002. *Please R.S.V.P. to Susann Reed at [sreed@smcgov.org](mailto:sreed@smcgov.org), if you plan to attend.*

The deadline for submitting a proposal is 5:00 P.M. PST on Friday, February 17, 2017.

Sincerely,



Susann Reed  
Contract Manager  
Behavioral Health and Recovery Services



# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



## COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS FOR SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION

RFP Number: FY 2016-003

County of San Mateo Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

Release Date: January 6, 2017

Responses must be received  
by **5:00 p.m.** Pacific Standard Time  
on **February 17, 2017**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
FOR  
COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS FOR SUBSTANCE USE  
PREVENTION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Interested parties must register online with the County at  
<http://www.smchealth.org/bhrs/rfp>

Proposals must be submitted to:

SAN MATEO COUNTY  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES  
Attn: SUSANN REED, CONTRACT MANAGER  
225 37<sup>TH</sup> Ave. San Mateo, CA 94403

**By 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time on February 17,**

**PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE AND TIME**

***Note regarding the Public Records Act:***

Government Code Sections 6250 *et seq.*, the California Public Records Act, defines a public record as any writing containing information relating to the conduct of the public business. The Public Records Act provides that public records shall be disclosed upon written request and that any citizen has a right to inspect any public record unless the document is exempted from disclosure.

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# **SECTION I – GENERAL INFORMATION**

## **A. STATEMENT OF INTENT**

This Request for Proposals (RFP) seeks providers to conduct substance use prevention, tobacco prevention, and program evaluation services; as outlined in more detail in Section II – Scope of Work. Tobacco prevention program funding is available for work to be conducted throughout San Mateo County. Services are anticipated to begin in fiscal year 2017-18 and are subject to negotiation of a final agreement. There are three components within the RFP and prospective providers may apply to deliver one or all of the components. The components are:

- 1) Substance Use Prevention/Treatment (SAPT):** Funding from the Substance Use Prevention/Treatment (SAPT) Program will be made available in the Community Service Areas (CSA) as developed by BHRS advisory groups as outlined below.



**Northwest CSA:** Daly City, Pacifica, Colma

**Northeast CSA:** Brisbane, South San Francisco, San Bruno, Millbrae

**Coastside CSA:** Half Moon Bay, La Honda, Pescadero

**Central CSA:** Burlingame, Hillsborough, San Mateo, Foster City, Belmont

**South CSA:** San Carlos, Redwood City, Woodside, Atherton, West Menlo Park, Portola Valley

**East Palo Alto CSA:** East Menlo Park, East Palo Alto

BHRS Community Service Area Regions

- 2) Tobacco Prevention Program (TPP):** TPP funding is available for work to be conducted throughout San Mateo County.
- 3) Tobacco Prevention Program Evaluation:** TPP evaluation funding is available for work to be conducted throughout San Mateo County.

## **B. ORGANIZATION BACKGROUND**

San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services provides a continuum of services for children, youth, families, adults and older adults for the prevention, early intervention and treatment of serious mental illness and/or substance use conditions. We are committed to supporting treatment of the whole person to

achieve wellness and recovery, and promoting the physical and behavioral health of individuals, families and communities we serve.

### **Vision**

Individuals, families, and communities fulfill their promise and successfully pursue their dreams in a society where stigma and discrimination against those with mental illness and/or alcohol and drug addiction are remnants of the past.

### **Mission**

We build opportunities for people with or at risk of alcohol and drug addiction and mental health challenges to achieve wellness and/or recovery through partnership, innovation, and excellence.

### **Values**

- *Potential*  
We are inspired by the individuals and families we serve, their achievements and potential for wellness and recovery.
- *Power*  
The people, families, and communities we serve and the members of our workforce guide the care we provide and shape policies and practices.
- *Partnerships*  
We can achieve our mission and progress towards our vision only through mutual and respectful partnerships that enhance our capabilities and build our capacity.
- *Performance*  
We use proven practices, opportunities, and technologies to prevent and/or reduce the impacts of mental illness and addiction and to promote the health of the individuals, families and communities we serve.

## **C. THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROCESS**

This RFP seeks the submission of proposals to provide services from any and all interested and qualified proposers. The County of San Mateo seeks by way of this RFP to obtain the listed services in a manner that maximizes the quality of services while also maximizing value to the County and, by extension, the citizens of the County. Proposers must be able to show that they are capable of performing the services requested. Such evidence includes, but is not limited to, the respondent's demonstrated competency and experience in delivering services of a similar scope and type and local availability of the proposer's personnel and equipment resources.

## **SECTION II – SCOPE OF WORK**

Before preparing a proposal, the proposer should review Attachment A: Substance Use Prevention Principles as a guide for planning, development and implementation of

prevention efforts in San Mateo County; and Attachment B: Strategic Prevention Framework that provides information on identified priority areas to be addressed by this RFP and the priorities for tobacco prevention initiatives. Applicant organizations are encouraged but not required to apply for funding to conduct work for both the Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention and Tobacco Prevention programs as described below.

## **A. DESCRIPTION**

- 1) **Substance Use Prevention/Treatment (SAPT):** In Year One (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018), BHRS will provide training for the implementation process and procedures regarding sponsorship activities through a Training Academy. SAPT contractors are expected to attend and complete all training to be able to perform targeted activities. SAPT contractors will be expected to perform the following activities: complete community assessments, build partnership and community capacity, identify and document organizational sponsorship policies, and set priorities for the next two years of work. Upon satisfactory completion of the first year deliverables, funding for years two (2) and three (3) July 1, 2018- June 30, 2020, will be re-evaluated on a year-to-year basis. Funding is contingent upon meeting the previous year's outcomes and county funding availability.

### **a. Year One SAPT Outcomes:**

In response to the RFP, include a budget proposal and describe the process and activities your agency will engage in to meet the following outcomes:

- i. **Program Objectives:** At the end of the ninth month of Year One, each contractor is expected to develop a scope of work that includes measurable objectives that will address mitigating the use and abuse of each of the following: alcohol, marijuana, and other drugs. The contractor also has the option of developing a fourth measurable general objective that will address AOD issues. Objective categories may include, but are not limited to, the following:
  1. Reduction of at-risk behavior
  2. Increased knowledge of the effects of alcohol, marijuana, and other drugs
  3. Implementation of community policy initiatives to minimize youth access to alcohol, marijuana, and other drugs.
- ii. **Training:** Attendance of at least two (2) alcohol, tobacco, and other drug (ATOD) prevention-related trainings every month by at least two (2) staff members.
- iii. **Policy development:** Documentation of a policy enacted by the contractor's board of directors related to acceptance of donations, goods, volunteers, or sponsorship from tobacco, marijuana and alcohol companies or their affiliates. Discussion of policy considerations will include benefits and risks

of industry affiliations. The policy may include, but not be limited to, decisions by the board of directors on the following:

1. Whether to accept sponsorship of programs, events, participants, etc., by the alcohol, tobacco, and /or marijuana industries.
  2. Allowable donations and in kind goods from alcohol, tobacco and/or marijuana industries.
  3. Alcohol, tobacco, and/or marijuana industry partnership through staff volunteer activities.
- iv. Schedule and execute community conversations to assess and redefine priorities and objectives. Submit documentation of executed community conversations to BHRS.
  - v. Scope of work: A Scope of Work for years two (2) and three (3) must be submitted and approved by BHRS;
  - vi. Additional training requirements as outlined in Section II.A.4.
- 2) **Tobacco Prevention Program (TPP):** The TPP seeks partnerships with community-based organizations to understand and mitigate the impacts of tobacco use on specific vulnerable communities throughout San Mateo County. These communities include Latino, African American, Asian/Pacific Islander, LGBTQ, youth, “blue collar” workers, military personnel, and mental health communities. Because these communities can be found throughout San Mateo County, organizations proposing to work with these communities will not be limited to the BHRS CSA structure but are encouraged to conduct their activities throughout San Mateo County. Funding through this grant is only intended for one year. It is the intent of the TPP during the contract year to work with the contracted organizations to build the capacity of each organization to address the tobacco prevention needs of vulnerable communities and apply for subsequent funding from Proposition 56 grants through the California Department of Public Health and other sources.
- 3) **Year One TPP Outcomes:** A contractor receiving Tobacco Prevention Program funding is expected to conduct conversations with members of vulnerable communities throughout San Mateo County to develop strategies to address at a minimum: density, sponsorship, and youth engagement. Each contractor is also expected to participate in the Tobacco Education Coalition’s efforts to advance smoke-free multi-unit housing policies. Agencies funded through this RFP will also send at least two staff members to participate in at least two trainings per month in order to build the organization’s capacity to address the needs of vulnerable communities in San Mateo County. Additionally, prospective providers for the TPP will be required to meet the training outcomes listed in Section II.A.4.

In response to this RFP, describe the following:

- a. Target populations your organization has the capacity to engage or your organization is interested in engaging in tobacco prevention work.

- b. Your organization's history in engaging the target community in addressing community health issues.
- c. Identified capacity needs (if known)
- d. FTEs that will be dedicated to prevention work and staff history in engaging community members.
- e. Current partnerships, or identified prospective partnerships
- f. Service locations
- g. Your current understanding of the potential initiatives that will successfully engage the target community in tobacco prevention work.
- h. Budget

4) **Tobacco Prevention Program Evaluation:** This RFP also seeks one contractor to conduct evaluation activities for the TPP. Evaluation activities will include an assessment of existing federal, state, and local tobacco cessation resources and their effectiveness in meeting the needs of San Mateo County residents. A final report with recommendations for potential programs and curricula are expected from this contract. Funding through this grant is only intended for one year. In response to the RFP; describe the evaluation process, FTE needed and their qualifications, agency experience with evaluating similar programs, and include a budget.

5) **Training Outcomes (SAPT and TPP only):** In order to build community capacity to address ATOD prevention issues during Year One, community partners are required to send a minimum of two staff members to at least two trainings a month. The trainings will provide education on prevention and build the organization's capacity to address the alcohol, marijuana, tobacco, and other drug prevention needs of the community. This requirement can be met through trainings offered by local, regional, state or national organizations. Trainings can include but are not limited to the following topics:

- Impacts of alcohol, marijuana, tobacco and other drugs\*
- Community assessment
- Data management and analysis
- How to hold community conversations using data
- Community prioritization process
- Coalition building
- Evaluation\*
- Program planning\*
- Community priority setting\*
- Industry sponsorships\*
- Non-profit organization trainings
- Ethics training: working with youth, AOD disclosures, etc.
- Cross-cultural communications
- Outreach strategies for focus communities in San Mateo County\*
- Continuous quality improvement in ATOD prevention programs
- Grant writing
- Cultural humility in ATOD prevention programs
- Environmental strategies to address access

\* *Required trainings*

During Year One each contract agency will conduct at least one training on outreach strategies for a focus community it is serving.

## **B. LENGTH OF AGREEMENT**

The anticipated duration of the agreement for SAPT funding will be for three (3) years, tentatively to begin July 1, 2017 and end June 30, 2020; with an option to renew for an additional two (2) years pending program evaluation, availability of funding, and division approval. The anticipated duration of the agreement for TPP funding will be for one year, tentatively to begin July 1, 2017 and end June 30, 2018.

## **C. FUNDING**

Funding for substance use prevention programs is available through the Substance Use Prevention/Treatment (SAPT) Prevention Set Aside funds, PC1463.25 SB 920 and HS 11372.7 – SB921. The total estimated annual funding available for AOD prevention is \$900,000. Individual contract funding is expected to range up to \$150,000 and is contingent upon county funding availability.

Funding for the tobacco prevention programs are through the Proposition 99 through the California Tobacco Control Program and the Master Settlement Agreement. The total estimated funding for tobacco prevention partnerships is \$200,000 and is subject to change. Individual contract funding is expected to range up to \$75,000.

## **D. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS/CONSIDERATIONS**

Prior to developing a grant proposal, it is recommended that potential applicant organizations read through Attachment A for the policies and procedures applicable to contracts in response to this RFP. The full policies and procedures can be found online at <http://www.smchealth.org/bhrs/aod/policy> under the section of Substance Abuse Prevention Services Policy and Procedures Manual.

Any updates to the RFP and responses to questions received by the deadline regarding the RFP will be posted on the website.

## **SECTION III – GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**Read all Instructions.** Read the entire RFP and all enclosures before preparing your proposal.

**Proposal Costs.** Costs for developing proposals are entirely the responsibility of the proposer and shall not be charged to the County or otherwise reimbursed by the County.

**Proposal Becomes County Property.** The RFP and all materials submitted in response to this RFP will become the property of the County.

**Questions and Responses Process.** All questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing and contain a contact name and address, fax, or e-mail for response. Questions must be received by BHRS AOD no later than **5:00 pm on Monday, January 16, 2017**. All questions and responses will be distributed before the application due date to all applicants who have requested a copy of the Q&A and will also be posted on the BHRS website. **No telephone consultation will be provided.**

Submit questions to:  
Susann Reed  
Behavioral Health and Recovery Services  
225 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
San Mateo, CA 94403  
Fax: 650-573-2841  
Email: [sreed@smcgov.org](mailto:sreed@smcgov.org)

It is the responsibility of each proposer to check the website (<http://www.smchealth.org/bhrs/rfp>) for changes and/or clarifications to the RFP prior to submitting a response. A proposer's failure to do so will not provide a ground for protest.

**Proposer Information Conference.** All interested parties are invited to participate in a non-mandatory informational session that will be held as follows:

Thursday, January 19, 2017  
10:00am – 12 noon  
264 Harbor Blvd, Bldg A – Venus Room, Belmont, CA 94002

During the Proposer Information Conference, the County may respond to questions received prior to the Conference. The County may choose to provide additional information following the Conference.

**Alteration of Terms and Clarifications.** No alteration or variation of the terms of this RFP is valid unless made or confirmed in writing by the County. Likewise, oral understandings or agreements not incorporated into the final contract are not binding on the County.

If a proposer discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission, or other error in the RFP, the proposer must immediately notify the County of such error in writing and request modification or clarification of the document. If a proposer fails to notify the County of an error in the RFP prior to the date fixed for submission, the proposer shall submit a response at his/her own risk, and if the proposer enters into a contract, the proposer shall not be entitled to additional compensation or time by reason of the error or its later correction.

The County may, at its discretion, also give electronic notice by email to all parties who have notified the County of their electronic contact information in response to this RFP,

but no party that fails to receive email notice has any basis for protest given that all clarifications will be available online on the BHRS website.

**Selection of Provider(s)**. The selection of a provider will be memorialized in the form of a “County Agreement with Independent Contractor” (see the enclosed sample of the Standard Contract Template), authorized by a resolution of the County Board of Supervisors and signed by both parties.

The County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals without penalty. The County’s waiver of any deviation in the proposal shall in no way modify the RFP documents or excuse the proposer from full compliance with any eventual contract.

Once a provider is selected, the Agreement with that provider must still be negotiated and submitted to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors for approval, and there is no contractual agreement between the selected provider unless and until the Board of Supervisors accepts and signs the Agreement. Selection of a proposal for negotiation of contract terms and eventual submission to County leadership by way of an Agreement does not constitute an offer, and proposers acknowledge by submission of a proposal that no agreement is final unless and until approved by the Board of Supervisors.

**Equal Benefits**. 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.

**Jury Duty**. The contractor must comply with the County Ordinance requiring that the contractor have and adhere to a written policy that provides its full-time employees who live in San Mateo County with no fewer than five days of regular pay for actual jury service in San Mateo County. This policy may provide that employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with the contractor or that the contractor deduct from the employee’s regular pay the fees received for jury service. See Section 13, Compliance with County Employee Jury Service Ordinance, in the Standard Contract Template enclosure. If the proposer has no employees that qualify for jury duty in San Mateo County, the proposer may satisfy this requirement by providing the County with written confirmation of the fact that (1) it has no such employees and (2) it will comply with the jury service pay ordinance with respect to any future qualifying employees.

**Living Wage**. Unless subject to a specific exemption under the Ordinance, contractors providing services or goods with services must comply with Chapter 2.88 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code, which is the County of San Mateo Living Wage Ordinance. Such compliance includes, but is 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. The Ordinance requires a specific

Living Wage be paid to employees working on certain contracts. Please see Chapter 2.88 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code, a copy of which is attached to this RFP, to determine whether your contract is covered by the Ordinance or is exempt.

If the contract is exempt from the Ordinance OR if the proposer has no covered employees under the Ordinance, the proposer may satisfy this requirement by providing the County with written confirmation of the fact that (1) the contract is exempt from the Ordinance or it has no covered employees and (2) it will comply with the Ordinance with respect to any future qualifying employees.

**Insurance.** The County has certain insurance requirements that must be met. In most situations those requirements include the following: the contractor must carry \$1,000,000 or more in comprehensive general liability insurance; the contractor must carry motor vehicle liability insurance, and if travel by car is a part of the services being requested, the amount of such coverage must be at least \$1,000,000; if the contractor has two or more employees, the contractor must carry the statutory limit for workers' compensation insurance; if the contractor or its employees maintain a license to perform professional services (e.g., architectural, legal, medical, psychological, etc.), the contractor must carry professional liability insurance; and generally the contractor must name the County and its officers, agents, employees, and servants as additional insured on any such policies (except workers compensation). Depending on the nature of the work being performed, additional requirements may need to be met.

**Incomplete Proposals May be Rejected.** If a proposer fails to satisfy any of the requirements identified in this RFP, the proposer may be considered non-responsive and the proposal may be rejected.

**Contact With County Employees.** As of the issuance date of this RFP and continuing until the final date for submission of proposals, all proposers are specifically directed not to hold meetings, conferences, or technical discussions with any County employee for purposes of responding to this RFP except as otherwise permitted by this RFP. Any proposer found to be acting in any way contrary to this directive may be disqualified from entering into any contract that may result from this RFP.

Proposers should submit questions or concerns about the process as stated above. The proposer should not otherwise ask any County employees questions about the RFP or related issues, either orally or by written communication, unless invited to do so.

**Group Purchasing Organization Participation.** Proposers should keep in mind that the County is a participant in more than one Group Purchasing Organization (GPO), and this RFP is open to those who provide services under a GPO. Proposers should ensure their proposals are as competitive as possible while also providing the highest quality services in order to be considered a viable provider for the listed services. The County reserves the right to use a GPO provider if doing so is in the County's best

interest, as determined solely by the County, even if that provider does not submit a proposal in response to this RFP.

**Travel Costs.** If the services requested will require you or your employees to travel to the Bay Area, and if the County opts to permit travel expenses to be reimbursed, there are some general guidelines regarding reimbursement rates that will apply. In general, the following restrictions should be kept in mind: reimbursement for the actual cost of lodging, meals, and incidental expenses (“LM&I Expenses”) is limited to the then-current Continental United States (“CONUS”) rate for the location of the work being done (San Mateo/Foster City/Belmont, California), as set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations and as listed by the website of the U.S. General Services Administration (available online by searching [www.gsa.gov](http://www.gsa.gov) for the term ‘CONUS’); airline and car rental travel expenses (“Air & Car Expenses”) are limited to reasonable rates obtained through a cost-competitive travel service (for example, a travel or car-rental website), with air travel restricted to coach fares and car rental rates restricted to the mid-level size range or below; and certain other reasonable travel expenses (“Other Expenses”) such as taxi fares, parking costs, train or subway costs, etc. may be reimbursable on an actual-cost basis. You should not assume that the County will permit travel from the Bay Area to be reimbursed, and your proposal should include such travel costs if applicable. Travel costs should be minimized or eliminated in order for a proposal to be competitive.

**Miscellaneous.** This RFP is not a commitment or contract of any kind. The County reserves the right to pursue any and/or all ideas generated by this RFP. The County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and/or terminate the RFP process if deemed in the best interest of the County. Further, while every effort has been made to ensure the information presented in this RFP is accurate and thorough, the County assumes no liability for any unintentional errors or omissions in this document. The County reserves the right to waive or modify any requirements of this RFP when it determines that doing so is in the best interest of the County. Finally, the County may revise or clarify aspects of the required services after proposals are submitted by communicating directly to some or all of the providers that submitted proposals.

## **SECTION IV – REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PROCEDURE**

This section describes the general RFP procedure used by the County, and the remaining sections of this RFP list detailed requirements.

### **A. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Release Request for Proposals	January 6, 2017
Questions Submitted to County Deadline	January 16, 2017

Proposer's Conference	January 19, 2017
Release Responses to Questions	January 25, 2017
Proposal Deadline	February 17, 2017
Formal Review of Proposals <sup>(1)</sup>	February 27, 2017
Notification of Funded Proposals <sup>(1)</sup>	March 3, 2017
Contract Negotiations Begin <sup>(1)</sup>	March 6, 2017
Protest Deadline <sup>(1)</sup>	March 10, 2017
Recommendation to Board of Supervisors <sup>(1)</sup>	June 6, 2017

(1) Dates are subject to change

## B. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

*One (1) signed original, one (1) electronic version (via CD, flash drive, or email), and eight (8) hard copies must be received and time-stamped prior to **5:00pm on Friday, February 17, 2017**. The original and eight hard/paper copies shall be submitted in a sealed envelope or box.*

Submit proposals to:  
 Susann Reed  
 Behavioral Health and Recovery Services  
 San Mateo County Health System  
 225 37th Avenue, 3rd Floor  
 San Mateo, CA 94403

All responses become the property of the County of San Mateo and will not be returned. The County will not reimburse applicants for any expenses incurred during the development of the response to this RFP.

By submitting a proposal, each proposer certifies that its submission is not the result of collusion or any other activity which would tend to directly or indirectly influence the selection process. The proposal will be used to determine the proposer's capability of rendering the services to be provided. The failure of a proposer to comply fully with the instructions in this RFP may eliminate its proposal from further evaluation as determined in the sole discretion of the County. The County reserves the sole right to evaluate the contents of proposals submitted in response to this RFP and to select a contractor, if any.

Proposals received late will not be opened or given any consideration for the proposed services unless doing so is deemed to be in the best interest of the County, as determined in the sole discretion of the County.

## **C. CONFIDENTIALITY OF PROPOSALS**

California Government Code Sections 6250 et seq. (the “California Public Records Act” or the “Act”) defines a public record as any writing containing information relating to the conduct of the public business. The Act provides that public records shall be disclosed upon written request and that any citizen has a right to inspect any public record unless the document is exempted from disclosure. The materials submitted in response to this RFP are subject to the California Public Records Act.

Be advised that any contract that eventually arises from this RFP is a public record in its entirety. Also, all information submitted in response to this RFP is itself a public record without exception. Submission of any materials in response to this RFP constitutes a waiver by the submitting party of any claim that the information is protected from disclosure. By submitting materials, (1) you are consenting to release of such materials by the County if requested under the Public Records Act without further notice to you and (2) you agree to indemnify and hold harmless the County for release of such information.

If the County receives a request for any portion of a document submitted in response to this RFP, the County will not assert any privileges that may exist on behalf of the person or entity submitting the proposal, and the County reserves the right to disclose the requested materials without notice to the party who originally submitted the requested material. To the extent consistent with the Public Records Act and applicable case law interpreting those provisions, the County and/or its officers, agents, and employees retain discretion to release or withhold any information submitted in response to this RFP.

Submission of a proposal constitutes a complete waiver of any claims whatsoever against the County and/or its officers, agents, or employees that the County has violated a proposer's right to privacy, disclosed trade secrets, or caused any damage by allowing the proposal to be inspected.

## **D. PROPOSAL EVALUATION**

All proposals received will be evaluated by an RFP Evaluation Committee. During the evaluation process, the County may require a proposer's representative to answer specific questions orally and/or in writing. The County may also require a visit to the proposer's offices, other field visits or observations by County representatives, or demonstrations as part of the overall RFP evaluation. Once a finalist or group of finalists is selected, additional interactions or information may be required. The most qualified individual or firm will be recommended by the RFP Evaluation Committee based on the overall strength of each proposal, and the evaluation is not restricted to considerations of any single factor such as cost.

### **1. Minimum Requirements**

Responses to this RFP must adhere to the format for proposals detailed in Section V - PROPOSAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS. Minimum requirements for proposals to be submitted for evaluation will be as follows:

- a. Proposal was submitted on time;
- b. Application Cover sheet was included;
- c. Proposal is signed by authorized person;
- d. Board, or governing body, authorization letter included granting permission to submit the proposal;
- e. Staffing/organizational structure;
- f. Operating budget included;
- g. Staffing structure and qualifications are included;
- h. Proposal followed the requested format;
- i. Stated compliance with County RFP and contractual requirements;
- j. References.

## 2. Program Specific Requirements

Proposers will be evaluated on specified content information detailed in Section V.C.

The County may consider any other criteria it deems relevant, and the Evaluation Committee is free to make any recommendations it deems to be in the best interest of the County. Inaccuracy of any information supplied within a proposal or other errors constitute grounds for rejection of the proposal. However, the County may, in its sole discretion, correct errors or contact a proposer for clarification.

Note that the County reserves the right to evaluate proposals solely based on each provider's written submission. In relation to written materials, evaluation will be performed only on the material included directly in the proposal itself unless otherwise indicated or requested by the County. Your proposal must be complete without relying on external websites, sales brochures, marketing materials or white papers.

The County reserves the right to accept proposals other than those with lowest costs.

## **E. PROPOSAL RECOMMENDATION**

The Evaluation Committee will recommend a provider or providers or may recommend that the proposals be rejected. The County will then make its own decision as to whether to accept or reject the recommendations from the Evaluation Committee. Ultimate acceptance or rejection of the recommended proposal and execution of a contractual agreement is the independent prerogative of the County, notwithstanding any recommendations made by the Evaluation Committee. The County reserves the right to negotiate with any provider to finalize an agreement in relation to the proposer's response.

## **F. NOTICE TO PROPOSERS**

The County is not required to give notice to proposers in any specific format or on any particular timeline. At some point prior to execution of a final agreement for the requested services, the County will notify those who submitted proposals of their non-selection. Proposers may be notified at different times depending on the needs of the County.

## **G. PROTEST PROCESS**

If a proposer desires to protest the selection decision, the proposer must submit by facsimile or email a written protest within five (5) business days after the delivery of the notice about the decision. The written protest should be submitted to the Chief of the Health System as outlined below. Protests received after the deadline will not be accepted. Protests must be in writing, must include the name and address of the proposer and the RFP number, and must state all the specific grounds for the protest. A protest that merely addresses a single aspect of the selected proposal (for example, comparing the cost of the selected proposal in relation to the non-selected proposal) is not sufficient to support a protest. A successful protest will include sufficient evidence and analysis to support a conclusion that the selected proposal, taken as a whole, is an inferior proposal.

The County will respond to a protest within ten (10) business days of receiving it, and the County may, at its election, set up a meeting with the proposer to discuss the concerns raised by the protest. The decision of the County will be final. The protest letter must be sent as follows:

Chief of the Health System  
c/o Susann Reed, BHRS Contract Manager  
sreed@smcgov.org  
Facsimile: 650-573-2841

## **SECTION V – PROPOSAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

The proposal should be submitted in the following format:

### **A. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

All proposals should be typewritten or prepared on a computer and have consecutively numbered pages, including any exhibits, charts, and/or other attachments.

All proposals should adhere to the specified content and sequence of information described by this RFP.

## **B. COVER SHEET (Attachment C)**

Provide a one page cover letter on your letterhead that includes the address, voice and facsimile numbers, and e-mail address of the contact person or persons. List the name and title of each person authorized to represent the proposer in negotiations.

Unless the proposer is an individual, all proposals must be signed with a firm/company/partnership/entity name and by a responsible officer or employee indicating that officer or employee's authorization to commit the proposer to the terms of the proposal. Obligations assumed by such signature must be fulfilled.

## **C. SPECIFIED CONTENT AND DETAILED SEQUENCE OF INFORMATION IN THE RFP**

Each proposal should include and will be evaluated based on the sections addressing the following information in the order shown in the following section. The proposer should be sure to include all information that it feels will enable the Evaluation Committee and, ultimately, the County to make a decision. Failure of the proposer to provide specific, detailed information may result in its proposal being rejected in favor of a sufficiently-detailed proposal. Any necessary exhibits or other information, including information not specifically requested by this RFP but that you feel would be helpful, should be attached to the end of the proposal. The party submitting the materials should keep in mind the limitations on confidential information described in Section IV.

## **D. TABBING OF SECTIONS**

### **TAB 1 Qualifications and Experience:**

- a. Experience and Statement of Qualifications: Describe your organization's history in serving San Mateo County, especially in providing alcohol, marijuana, tobacco, and other drug prevention programs and/or evaluation services? How long have you been involved in providing these programs/services? What is your track record with contract compliance, including accounting, record-keeping requirements, and implementing new projects?
- b. Describe your organization's history successfully managing contracts with public or private agencies?
- c. Provide information regarding expertise in serving special populations e.g. ethnic/linguistic, dual diagnosed individuals, or other.
- d. Has a claim of violation been made against you or your organization. How did you address the claims or violations?
- e. How many full time employees (FTEs) do you plan to assign to this project if you are selected? Do you have a plan for adequate staffing to cover absences and provide back-up coverage?

- f. Does the staffing reflect the diversity of the population to be served?
- g. What is the proposed support, training and supervision to enable staff, interns and volunteers to effectively provide the services?

**TAB 2 Philosophy and Service Model:**

- a. Describe your organization's capability to work with community members, elected officials, and partnering agencies to organize grassroots campaigns for community policy change.
- b. Outline your organization's values and principles when conducting ATOD prevention services.
- c. Describe your organization's capability to conduct and to accomplish ATOD prevention and/or evaluation outcomes.
- d. How has your organization demonstrated its ability to meet any required timelines or other requirements in past contracts? How has your organization demonstrated compliance with County RFP and contractual requirements?
- e. Describe your organization's approach to delivering the ATOD prevention and/or evaluation services. Include clarity of understanding of the scope of services to be provided, and appropriateness of the proposed solution/services.

**TAB 3 Staffing Patterns**

- a. How many staff members (including full time equivalents) will be involved in implementing program activities?
- b. Describe the proposed staff members' experience and capability to conduct ATOD prevention or evaluation activities.

**TAB 4 Cultural Competency**

Include your agency's plan for providing culturally competent services.

- a. How will you ensure effective, efficient, inclusive and culturally-sensitive provision of services to the target population?
- b. How will you ensure involvement in service planning and delivery of racial/ethnic/linguistic communities, LGBTQ, youth, women and consumers from rural and urban communities in San Mateo County?
- c. What is the multi-lingual capacity of your organization to provide services including outreach? What infrastructure or procedure do you have in place when

no bilingual staff is available?

- d. Does your organization have any other areas of particular strength in serving culturally diverse populations such as deaf/hard of hearing individuals, isolated adults, immigrants, etc.?

**TAB 5 Claims, Licensure, Non-Discrimination, and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Violations Against Your Organization:**

List any current licensure, HIPAA, non-discrimination claims against you/your organization and those having occurred in the past five years, especially any resulting in claims or legal judgments against you.

**TAB 6 Budget (Attachment D):**

- a. Provide a clear narrative of the proposed budget.
- b. Provide budget justifications with an explanation for all costs associated with providing the requested services. The partnership must show at least a 20% matching funds in their budget and budget narrative. The matching funds must come from non-County sources. Matching funds can be in-kind, volunteer time, or donations. The budget narrative must also include a description of the required matching resources and other support the partnership will receive.

**TAB 7 References:**

- 1) List at least three business references for which you have recently provided similar services. Include contact names, titles, phone numbers and e-mail addresses for all references provided.
- 2) References should be diverse (for example from peers, community agencies, County agencies, other counties, families, etc.)

**TAB 8 Statement of Compliance with County Contractual Requirements:**

A sample of the County's standard contract is attached to this RFP. Each proposal must include a statement of the proposer's commitment and ability to comply with each of the terms of the County's standard contract, including but not limited to the following:

- 1) The County non-discrimination policy
- 2) The County equal employment opportunity requirements
- 3) County requirements regarding employee benefits
- 4) The County jury service pay ordinance
- 5) The hold harmless provision
- 6) County insurance requirements
- 7) The County Living Wage Ordinance
- 8) All other provisions of the standard contract

In addition, the proposer should include a statement that it will agree to have any disputes regarding the contract venued in San Mateo County or Northern District of California.

The proposal must state any objections to any terms in the County's contract template and provide an explanation for the inability to comply with the required term(s). If no objections are stated, the County will assume the proposer is prepared to sign the County standard contract template as-is.

**NOTE:** The sample Standard Contract Template enclosed with this RFP is a template and does not constitute the final agreement to be prepared for the selected service provider. Do not insert any information or attempt to complete the enclosed sample contract template. Once a provider is selected, the County will work with the selected provider to draft a provider-specific contract using the template. However, each proposal should address the general terms of the standard contract as requested within this RFP.

## **SECTION VI – ENCLOSURES**

Attachment A – Substance Use Prevention Principles

Attachment B – SPF Model – Priority Areas

Attachment C – Application Cover Sheet

Attachment D – Budget

Attachment I – 504 Compliance

Enclosure 1 Standard County Agreement Template

Enclosure 2 Standard Agreement Administrative Requirements

Enclosure 3 Living Wage Ordinance

Enclosure 4 HIPPA Requirements

Enclosure 5 NOT USED

Enclosure 6 NOT USED

Enclosure 7 Fingerprinting Requirement Form

Enclosure 8 Chapters 2.84 and 2.85 – Equal Benefits and Jury Service Requirements

## ATTACHMENT A

### SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION PRINCIPLES

The following principles guide the process for planning, development and implementation of prevention efforts in San Mateo County.

- Behavioral health is integral to individual health and community well-being.
- Our cultural diversity is a strength that must be accounted for and utilized in our approach.
- The participation and input from community members, including persons receiving behavioral health services and their families, should inform our efforts and community voices should be honored.
- Where people live, work, learn, play, worship, and interact – and the social connections that emerge in these settings – influence wellness in general and behavioral health specifically.
- The policies, decisions, and actions of public and private organizations, institutions and workplaces impact behavioral health outcomes.
- Strategies must be inclusive of all those living in San Mateo County – regardless of race, ethnicity, language, nationality, age, gender, sexual orientation, or presence of behavioral health conditions.
- Partnering with related community efforts facilitates the achievement of our outcomes.
- Stigma reduction and striving for its elimination is central to all strategies.
- Focusing on the principal risk and resiliency factors will yield the best results.
- Focusing on strategies that work at the organizational practice and policy levels will reach the greatest number of people and can help prevent behavioral health problems before they occur.

## ATTACHMENT B

# SPF MODEL - PRIORITY AREAS

### **Priority Area 1: Access and Availability to Alcohol, Marijuana, and Other Drugs**

BHRS Prevention Framework focus area: Enhancing Place

Problem Statements:

- 1) San Mateo County young people under age 21 have easy access to alcohol in retail and social settings, resulting in binge drinking or other harmful consequences.

San Mateo County community norms allow young people under the age of 21 easy access to alcohol in retail and social settings, which may result in harmful consequences such as addiction, high risk behaviors, poor health, poor educational outcomes, and involvement in the juvenile justice system.

- 2) San Mateo County youth and adults have easy access to marijuana in retail and social settings, resulting in harmful consequences.

San Mateo County youth and adults have easy access to marijuana, resulting in poor judgment, impaired development, addiction, and other long term harmful effects.

- 3) San Mateo County youth have access to variety of illicit substances depending on community, socioeconomic factors, and societal norms.

- 4) San Mateo County youth and adults lack community knowledge on the potential harmful effects of prescription drugs and illicit substances such as Xanax, Oxycodone, amphetamines, morphine, heroin, etc.

### **Priority Area 2: Community Connections and Supports**

BHRS Prevention Framework focus areas: Connecting People and Fostering Prosperity

Problem Statements:

1. There are policies, systems, and environmental factors in the community that impact the overall health and well-being of the community including alcohol and other drug use. Social determinants of health such as the high cost of living and the housing crisis contribute to the stress that can lead community members to use alcohol and other drugs.

2. San Mateo County has vulnerable communities of people who face stigma and inequitable consequences from alcohol and other drug use, and whose isolation and marginalization may contribute to problem substance use.

3. Many parents and caregivers struggle to effectively address the challenging and risky behavior of their children in a positive way, especially during adolescence.

### **Priority Area 3: Building the Capacity of an Effective Prevention System**

BHRS Prevention Framework focus area: Expanding Partnerships

Problem Statements:

- 1) There is limited capacity for local communities to address the environmental and cultural norms which contribute to problem alcohol and other drug use.

**ATTACHMENT C**

**APPLICATION COVER SHEET**

**A. Agency or Individual Information**

Agency or Individual Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Type of Applicant**

- Government (City/County)
- School (University, Community College, etc.)
- Community Based Organization
- Individual
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Agency Tax Status**

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
**OR**  
Federal Tax Exempt Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Nonprofit Tax Exempt Number \_\_\_\_\_  
State Tax Exempt Number \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Priority Area**

- Alcohol, Marijuana and Other Drugs
- Tobacco: Multi-Unit Housing and Capacity Building
- Tobacco: Evaluation Services

**E. Funding Requested: \$**

**Matching Funds:**

**Source of matching funds:**

**F. Estimated # of persons served directly from the project:**

**G. Estimated # of persons to benefit through indirect or multiplier activities of this project:**

**H. Authorized signature affirming truth and completeness of application**

The undersigned hereby affirms that the statements contained in the application package are true and complete to the best of the applicant's knowledge and accepts the conditions of a contract, and the obligation to comply with all proposal conditions, including contractual requirements, program evaluation requests, and applicable local, state and federal laws, ordinances, regulations, and policies. The undersigned recognizes that this is a public document and open to public inspections.

**Authorized Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Title** \_\_\_\_\_

## ATTACHMENT D - BUDGET

Agency Name \_\_\_\_\_

Community Service Area Proposed \_\_\_\_\_

### PROPOSED BUDGET

<b>I. PERSONNEL &amp; FRINGE BENEFITS</b> (List each position separately)	FTE	July1, 2010- June 30, 2011	Total
Fringe Benefits			
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>			
<b>II. OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			Total
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>			
<b>III. TRAVEL</b>			Total
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>			
<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>			Total
<b>I. Personnel &amp; Fringe Costs</b>			
<b>II. Operating Expenses</b>			
<b>III. Travel Costs</b>			
<b>IV. Indirect Costs</b> (≤10% of Personnel Costs)			
<b>V. In Kind/Other</b> (Not included in Total Requested)			
<b>TOTAL BUDGET REQUEST</b>			

**Attachment I**  
**Assurance of Compliance with Section 504 of the**  
**Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as Amended**

The undersigned (hereinafter called the "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 - Type or Print

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Contractor(s) - Type or Print

\_\_\_\_\_  
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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\*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."

## ENCLOSURE 1

### AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO AND [Contractor name]

\*\*\*\*\*REMOVE ALL INSTRUCTIONAL NOTES IN RED **BEFORE** SENDING CONTRACT TO SERVICE PROVIDER)

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 [Insert contractor legal name here], hereinafter called "Contractor."

\* \* \*

Whereas, pursuant to Section 31000 of the California Government Code, County may contract with independent contractors for the furnishing of such services to or for County or any Department thereof; and

Whereas, it is necessary and desirable that Contractor be retained for the purpose of [Enter information here].

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

#### **1. Exhibits and Attachments**

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

Attachment H—HIPAA Business Associate Requirements *(Complete HIPAA checklist if unsure about Business Associate or Non Business Associate; delete this if not needed; contact County Counsel with questions)*

Attachment I—§ 504 Compliance *(Delete this if not needed)*

Attachment IP – Intellectual Property *(Complete IP Questionnaire if unsure/delete this if not needed)*

#### **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 DOLLARS (\$\_\_\_). In the event that the County makes any advance payments, Contractor agrees to refund any amounts in excess of the amount owed by the 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, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

#### **5. Termination**

This Agreement may be terminated by Contractor or by the Chief of the Health System 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. Contract Materials**

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.

**b. Intellectual Property Indemnification** *(You may delete entire IP Indemnification section if not relevant – County Counsel review is not required if section is deleted)*

Contractor hereby certifies that it owns, controls, and/or licenses and retains all right, title, and/or interest in and to any intellectual property it uses in relation to this Agreement, including the design, look, feel, features, source code, content, and/or other technology relating to any part of the services it provides under this Agreement and including all related patents, inventions, trademarks, and copyrights, all applications therefor, and all trade names, service marks, know how, and trade secrets (collectively referred to as “IP Rights”) except as otherwise noted by this Agreement.

Contractor warrants that the services it provides under this Agreement do not infringe, violate, trespass, or constitute the unauthorized use or misappropriation of any IP Rights of any third party. Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless County from and against all liabilities, costs, damages, losses, and expenses (including reasonable attorney fees) arising out of or related to any claim by a third party that the services provided under this Agreement infringe or violate any third-party’s IP Rights provided any such right is enforceable in the United States. Contractor’s duty to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless under this Section applies only provided that: (a) County notifies Contractor promptly in writing of any notice of any such third-party claim; (b) County cooperates with Contractor, at Contractor’s expense, in all reasonable respects in connection with the investigation and defense of any such third-party claim; (c) Contractor retains sole control of the defense of any action on any such claim and all negotiations for its settlement or compromise (provided Contractor shall not have the right to settle any criminal action, suit, or proceeding without County’s prior written consent, not to be unreasonably withheld, and provided further that any settlement permitted under this Section shall not impose any financial or other obligation on County, impair any right of County, or contain any stipulation, admission, or acknowledgement of wrongdoing on the part of County without County’s prior written consent, not to be unreasonably withheld); and (d) should services under this Agreement become, or in Contractor’s opinion be likely to become, the subject of such a claim, or in the event such a third party claim or threatened claim causes County’s reasonable use of the services under this Agreement to be seriously endangered or disrupted, Contractor shall, at Contractor’s option and expense, either: (i) procure for County the right to continue using the services without infringement or (ii) replace or modify the services so that they become non-infringing but remain functionally equivalent.

Notwithstanding anything in this Section to the contrary, Contractor will have no obligation or liability to County under this Section to the extent any otherwise covered claim is based upon: (a) any aspects of the services under this Agreement which have

been modified by or for County (other than modification performed by, or at the direction of, Contractor) in such a way as to cause the alleged infringement at issue; and/or (b) any aspects of the services under this Agreement which have been used by County in a manner prohibited by this Agreement.

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. Liability Insurance**

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
- (b) Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance... \$1,000,000
- (c) Professional Liability..... \$1,000,000

*You may delete (b) or (c) text if those insurance types are not relevant to your contract – County Counsel review is not required if one or both of those lines are deleted. However, if you are unsure about insurance requirements for your contract – call Risk Management before your contract is executed)*

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. *(This paragraph may be deleted without County Counsel Review if not relevant to this agreement)*

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. History of Discrimination**

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. *(If LWO is not applicable to this contract, you may delete this section without County Counsel review. Contact your assigned County Counsel if you are unsure if LWO is applicable)*

#### **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: [insert]  
Address: [insert]  
Telephone: [insert]  
Facsimile: [insert]  
Email: [insert]

In the case of Contractor, to:

Name/Title: [insert]  
Address: [insert]  
Telephone: [insert]  
Facsimile: [insert]  
Email: [insert]

**18. Electronic Signature**

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** *(If the contractor is not required to obtain a license, permit or approval from any other entity in order to perform the work/services under this agreement then you may delete this section without County Counsel review)*

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:

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President, Board of Supervisors, San Mateo County

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

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Said Board

[CONTRACTOR NAME]

\_\_\_\_\_

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

## ENCLOSURE 2 – STANDARD ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

*Enclosure 2* is the standard contract language for San Mateo County which shall be used for contracts for the services provided through this RFP. Applicants will be deemed to have agreed to each clause unless the proposal identifies an objection, sets forth the basis for the objection, and provides substitute language to make the clause acceptable to the applicant. Such objections and substitute language must be submitted with the proposal.

- A. Contractor shall maintain all pertinent certifications and licensure for the operation of NRT programs. (AOD only)
- B. Contractor shall provide all pertinent documentation required for California Outcome Measurement System (CalOMS) reporting and Drug Medi-Cal billing. (AOD only)
- C. Contractor shall read and be knowledgeable of the compliance principles contained in the BHRS Compliance Plan and Code of Conduct located at <http://smchealth.org/bhrs-documents>. In addition, Contractor shall assure that Contractor's workforce is aware of compliance mandates, and are informed of the existence and how to use the Compliance Improvement Hotline Telephone Number (650) 573-2695.
- D. Quality Management and Compliance

- 1. Quality Management Program and Quality Improvement Plan

Contractor must have a Quality Management Program and submit a Quality Improvement Plan to Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) Quality Management (QM) annually by June 30. The Quality Improvement Plan should address 1) how the Contractor will comply with all elements of this Agreement, 2) the Contractor will maintain an audit disallowance rate of less than five percent (5%), and 3) first appointment will be within fourteen (14) days of referral or request of service. BHRS QM will provide feedback if the submitted plan is missing critical components related to San Mateo County requirements. Additional feedback may be available if requested prior to the submission date.

- 2. Referring Individuals to Psychiatrist

Contractor will have written procedures for referring individuals to a psychiatrist or physician when necessary, if a psychiatrist is not available.

### 3. Medication Support Services

For Contractors that provide or store medications: Contractor will store and dispense medications in compliance with all pertinent state and federal standards. Policies and procedures must be in place for dispensing, administering and storing medications consistent with BHRS Policy 99-03, Medication Room Management and BHRS Policy 04-08 Medication Monitoring located at [www.smchealth.org/bhrs-documents](http://www.smchealth.org/bhrs-documents). In particular:

- a. Medications are logged in, verified, counted and added to inventory sheets.
- b. All medications obtained by prescription are labeled in compliance with federal and state laws. Prescription labels are altered only by persons legally authorized to do so.
- c. Medications intended for external use only are stored separately from medications intended for internal use; food and blood samples are stored in separate refrigerators.
- d. All medications are stored at proper temperatures: room temperature drugs at 59-86 degrees Fahrenheit and refrigerated drugs at 36-46 degrees Fahrenheit.
- e. Medications are stored in a locked area with access limited to those medical personnel authorized to prescribe, dispense or administer medication.
- f. Medications are disposed of after the expiration date and recorded.
- g. Injectable multi-dose vials are dated and initialed when opened.
- h. A medications log is maintained to ensure that expired, contaminated, deteriorated and abandoned medications are disposed in a manner consistent with state and federal laws.
- i. "Stock" medications that are not prescribed by the client's physician may not be used (for example, Tylenol).

#### 4. Record Retention (MH, MANAGED CARE, AOD)

Paragraph 15 of the Agreement notwithstanding, Contractor shall maintain medical records required by the California Code of Regulations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Contractor shall maintain beneficiary medical and/or clinical records for a period of ten (10) years, except the records of persons under age eighteen (18) at the time of treatment shall be maintained: a) until ten (10) years beyond the person's eighteenth (18th) birthday or b) for a period of ten (10) years beyond the date of discharge, whichever is later. This rule does not supersede professional standards. Contractor may maintain records for a longer period of time if required by other regulations or licenses.

#### 5. Documentation of Services

Contractor shall provide all pertinent documentation required for state and federal reimbursement including but not limited to Consent Forms, assessments, treatment plans, and progress notes. Contractor agencies must submit, via fax to Quality Management at 650-525-1762, their version of these forms for approval before the forms are to be used. Special attention must be paid to documentation requirements for residential treatment facilities. Documentation shall be completed in compliance with the BHRS Policies & Documentation Manuals (as defined in Paragraph II. of this Exhibit). Contractor agencies are required to provide and maintain record of regular documentation training to staff providing direct services. Proof of trainings including attendance by staff may be requested at any time during the term of this Agreement.

System of Care (SOC) Mental Health Providers shall document in accordance with the BHRS Documentation Manual located online at: <http://www.smchealth.org/sites/default/files/docs/BHRS/BHRSDocManual.pdf>.

SOC contractor will utilize either documentation forms located on <http://smchealth.org/SOCMHContractors> or contractor's own forms that have been pre-approved.

Substance Use provider services shall be in compliance with the Alcohol and Other Drug Services Provider Handbook which is located online at <http://www.smchealth.org/bhrs/aod/handbook>.

Managed Care providers shall document services in accordance with the BHRS Managed Care Provider Manual: located online at

<http://www.smchealth.org/sites/default/files/docs/BHRS/Providers/ManagedCareProviderManual.pdf>.

Managed Care Providers will utilize documentation forms located at <http://www.smchealth.org/bhrs/contracts>.

6. Audits

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services QM will conduct regular chart audits of Contractors. Contractor is required to provide either the original or copies of charts, including all documentation upon request. The Department of Health Care Services and other regulatory agencies conduct regular audits of the clinical services provided by BHRS and Contractors requiring submission of charts as requested. Contractor is required to provide all necessary documentation for external audits and reviews within the stated timeline.

7. Client Rights and Satisfaction Surveys

a. Administering Satisfaction Surveys

Contractor agrees to administer/utilize any and all survey instruments as directed by BHRS, including outcomes and satisfaction measurement instruments.

b. Beneficiary/Patient's Rights

Contractor will comply with County policies and procedures relating to beneficiary/patient's rights and responsibilities as referenced in the Agreement.

c. Advance Directives

Contractor will comply with County policies and procedures relating to advance directives.

8. Beneficiary Brochure and Provider Lists (MANAGED CARE & SOC)

Contractor must provide Medi-Cal beneficiaries new to BHRS with a beneficiary brochure at the time of their first mental health service from the Contractor. Contractors are required to be aware of and make available to BHRS Medi-Cal clients all mandatory postings listed at this website <http://www.smchealth.org/bhrs/providers/mandpost>.

9. Licensing Reports (AGENCIES AND B&Cs)

Contractor shall submit a copy of any licensing complaint or corrective report issued by a licensing agency to BHRS Quality Management, BHRS Deputy Director of Youth Services, BHRS Deputy Director of Adult and Older Adult Services, or the Manager of SU Services or their designee, within ten (10) business days of Contractor's receipt of any such licensing report.

#### 10. Compliance with HIPAA, Confidentiality Laws, and PHI Security

Contractor must implement administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of Protected Health Information (PHI), including electronic PHI that it creates, receives, maintains, uses or transmits, in compliance with 45 C.F.R and to prevent use or disclosure of PHI other than as provided for by this Agreement. Contractor shall implement reasonable and appropriate policies and procedures to comply with the standards. Contractor is required to report any security incident or breach of confidential PHI to BHRS Quality Management within twenty-four (24) hours.

- b. Contractor will develop and maintain a written Privacy and Security Program that includes administrative, technical and physical safeguards appropriate to the size and complexity of the Contractor's operations and the nature and scope of its activities.
- c. Contractor agrees to comply with the provisions of 42 C.F.R. Part 2 as described below if records contain or contract possesses any PHI covered under 42 C.F.R Part 2:
  - 1) Acknowledge that in receiving, storing, processing, or otherwise using any information from BHRS about the clients in the program, it is fully bound by the provisions of the federal regulations governing Confidentiality of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Patient Records, 42 C.F.R. Part 2;
  - 2) Undertake to resist in judicial proceedings any effort to obtain access to information pertaining to clients otherwise than as expressly provided

for in the federal confidentiality regulations, 42 C.F.R. Part 2; and

- 3) Agree to use appropriate safeguards to prevent the unauthorized use or disclosure of the protected information.

d. Confidentiality Training

Contractor is required to conduct, complete and maintain record of annual confidentiality training by all staff serving or accessing PHI of BHRS clients. Contractor may utilize BHRS Confidentiality trainings located at <http://smchealth.org/bhrs/providers/ontrain>.

11. Site Certification (ONLY IF PROVIDEING MEDI-CAL REIMBURSABLE SERVICES)

- a. Contractor will comply with all site certification requirements. Contractor shall maintain all applicable certifications through San Mateo County to provide any of the following reimbursable services: Short-Doyle Medi-Cal, MediCal, Medicare, or Drug MediCal.
- b. Contractor is required to inform BHRS Quality Management, in advance, of the following major changes:
  - 1) Major leadership or staffing changes.
  - 2) Major organizational and/or corporate structure changes (example: conversion to non-profit status).
  - 3) Any changes in the types of services being provided at that location; day treatment or medication support services when medications are administered or dispensed from the provider site.
  - 4) Significant changes in the physical plant of the provider site (some physical plant changes could require a new fire or zoning clearance).
  - 5) Change of ownership or location.
  - 6) Complaints regarding the provider.

## 12. Critical Incident Reporting

Contractor is required to submit Critical Incident reports to BHRS Quality Management (via fax # 650-525-1762) when there are unusual events, accidents, errors, violence or significant injuries requiring medical treatment for clients, staff or members of the community. (Policy #93-11 and 45 C.F.R. § 164, subpart C, in compliance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.316.)

The incident reports are confidential however discussion may occur with the Contractor regarding future prevention efforts to reduce the likelihood of recurrence. Contractor is required to participate in all activities related to the resolution of critical incidents.

## 13. Ineligible Employees (PROVIDERS WITH EMPLOYEES)

BHRS requires that Contractors identify the eligibility status to bill for Medi-Cal services of ALL employees, interns or volunteers prior to hiring and on an annual basis thereafter. These records should be maintained in the employee files. This process is meant to ensure that any person involved with delivering services to clients of BHRS or involved in Medi-Cal billing or oversight are not currently excluded, suspended, debarred or have been convicted of a criminal offense as described below.

The Contractor must notify BHRS Quality Management (by completing the BHRS Critical Incident Reporting form, Policy #93-11 and faxing to 650-525-1762) should a current employee, intern or volunteer be identified as ineligible to bill Medi-Cal services. Contractors are required to screen for ineligible employees, interns and volunteers by using the following websites:

### a. Office of Inspector General

Contractor may not employ any persons deemed an Ineligible Person by the Office of the Inspector General in the provision of services for the County through this Agreement. Any employee(s) of Contractor determined to be an Ineligible Person will be removed from responsibility for, or involvement with County of San Mateo clients or operations. An "Ineligible Person" is an individual who (1) is currently excluded, suspended, debarred or otherwise ineligible to participate in Federal health care programs, or (2) has been convicted of a criminal offense related to the provision of health care items or services and has not been reinstated in the Federal health care programs after a period of exclusion, suspension, debarment or

ineligibility. Ineligibility may be verified by checking: <http://exclusions.oig.hhs.gov/>.

b. California Department of Health Care Services (FOR MEDICAL/MEDICARE ONLY)

Contractor providing state funded health services may not employ any persons deemed an Ineligible Person by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) in the provision of services for the County through this Agreement. Any employee(s) of Contractor determined to be an Ineligible Person will be removed from responsibility for, or involvement with County clients or operations. An "Ineligible Person" is an individual who has been (1) convicted of a crime involving fraud or abuse of the Medi-Cal program, or (2) suspended from the federal Medicare program for any reason. Ineligibility may be verified by checking:

<http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/SandILanding.asp>.

Once there, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on Medi-Cal Suspended and Ineligible Provider List (Excel format). The list is in Alphabetical order. Search by the individual's last name.

#### 14. Compliance Plan and Code of Conduct

Contractor will annually read and be knowledgeable of the compliance principles contained in the BHRIS Compliance Plan and Code of Conduct located at <http://smchealth.org/bhrs-documents>. In addition, Contractor will assure that Contractor's workforce is aware of compliance mandates and informed of the existence and use of the BHRIS Compliance Improvement Hotline (650) 573-2695.

Contractor is required to conduct, complete and maintain record of annual compliance training by all staff serving or accessing PHI of BHRIS clients. Contractor may utilize BHRIS Confidentiality trainings located at <http://smchealth.org/bhrs/providers/ontrain>.

#### 15. Fingerprint Compliance

At County's sole discretion, Contractor certifies that its employees and/or its subcontractors, assignees, and volunteers who, during the course of performing services under this Agreement, have contact with any person under his or her care including children will be fingerprinted in order to determine whether they have a criminal history which would compromise the safety of individuals and children with whom

Contractor's employees and/or its subcontractors, assignees, or volunteers have contact. If said employees and/or subcontractors, assignees, and volunteers have such a criminal history, they shall not have contact with children or others who receive services through this Agreement. Fingerprint information received from the Department of Justice (DOJ) shall be retained or disposed of pursuant to DOJ directive. A certificate of fingerprinting certification is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as Attachment E.

#### 16. Credentialing (MANAGED CARE & SOC)

Contractor is responsible for implementing a process to verify, at time of employment, and ongoing, (at the clinician's license or registration renewal time) the credentials of its clinical staff at <https://www.breeze.ca.gov/datamart/loginCADCA.do> Contractor will obtain a waiver when needed from BHRM Quality Management. All clinical personnel must comply with HIPAA regulations to obtain a National Provider Identifier (NPI) number. The license and NPI information shall be reported to the County through the completion of a County provided credentialing form located at <http://www.smchealth.org/AvatarAccess> and submitted to BHRM. Contractor is required to track expiration dates and verify all licenses and credentials are current and in good standing at all times. Contractor is required to keep proof of verification of credentials for each staff person. BHRM Quality Management must be notified within twenty-four (24) hours of any violations. Contractor must notify BHRM Quality Management if an employee's license is not current or is not in good standing and must submit plan to correct to address the matter.

#### 17. Staff Termination (IF PROVIDER/STAFF INPUT DATA AND/OR CLINICAL INFO INTO AVATAR)

Contractor shall inform BHRM, in a timely fashion, when staff have been terminated. BHRM Quality Management requires prompt notification to be able to terminate computer access and to safeguard access to electronic medical records by completing the BHRM Credentialing form.

#### 18. Minimum Staffing Requirements (MENTAL HEALTH & AOD)

Contractor shall have on file job descriptions (including minimum qualifications for employment and duties performed) for all personnel whose salaries, wages, and benefits are reimbursable in whole or in part under this Agreement. Contractor agrees to submit any material changes in such duties or minimum qualifications to County prior to implementing such changes or employing persons who do not meet

the minimum qualifications currently on file. Contractor service personnel shall be direct employees, contractors, volunteers, or training status persons.

E. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

Contractor will meet all terms and conditions of the Federal HIPAA regulations.

F. Cultural Competency

Implementations of these guidelines are based on the National Culturally and Linguistically Accessible Services (CLAS) Standards issued by the Department of Health and Human Services. For more information about these standards, please contact the Health Equity Initiatives Manager (HEIM) at 650-573-2714 or [jafrica@smcgov.org](mailto:jafrica@smcgov.org).

1. Contractor will submit an annual cultural competence plan that details on-going and future efforts to address the diverse needs of clients, families and the workforce. This plan will be submitted to the BHRS Analyst/Program Manager and the Health Equity Initiatives Manager (HEIM) by September of the fiscal year.

The annual cultural competence plan will include, but is not limited to the following:

- a. Implementation of policies and practices that are related to promoting diversity and cultural competence such as ongoing organizational assessments on disparities and needs, client's rights to receive language assistance.
- b. Contractor forum for discussing relevant and appropriate cultural competence-related issues (such as a cultural competence committee, grievance, or conflict resolution committee).
- c. Ongoing collection of client cultural demographic information, including race, ethnicity, primary language, gender and sexual orientation in health records to improve service provision and help in planning and implementing CLAS standards.
- d. Staffing objectives that reflect the cultural and linguistic diversity of the clients. (Contractor will recruit, hire and retain clinical staff members who can provide services in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner).
- e. Staff training plan related to cultural competency. Contractor will ensure that all program staff receive at least eight (8) hours of external training per year (i.e. sponsored by BHRS or other agencies) on how to provide culturally and

linguistically appropriate services including the CLAS and use of interpreters.

2. Contractor will actively participate in at least one cultural competence effort within BHRIS and/or to send a representative to attend the Cultural Competence Council (CCC) for the term of the Agreement. Participation in the CCC allows for the dissemination of CLAS as well as ongoing collaborations with diverse stakeholders. Contractor shall submit to BHRIS ODE by March 31<sup>st</sup>, a list of staff who have participated in these efforts. For more information about the Cultural Competence Council (CCC), and other cultural competence efforts within BHRIS, contact HEIM.
3. Contractor will establish the appropriate infrastructure to provide services in County identified threshold languages. Currently the threshold languages are: Spanish, Tagalog and Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese). If contractor is unable to provide services in those languages, the contractor is expected to contact Access Call Center or their BHRIS Analyst/Program Manager for consultation. If additional language resources are needed, please contact HEIM.
4. Contractor will translate relevant and appropriate behavioral health-related materials (such as forms, signage, etc.) in County identified threshold languages in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner. BHRIS strongly encourages its contractors to use BHRIS-sponsored forms in an effort to create uniformity within the system of care. Contractor shall submit to HEIM by March 31<sup>st</sup>, copies of Contractor's health-related materials in English and as translated..
5. Should Contractor be unable to comply with the cultural competence requirements, Contractor will meet with the BHRIS Analyst/Program Manager and HEIM ([jafrica@smcgov.org](mailto:jafrica@smcgov.org)) to plan for appropriate technical assistance.

#### H. Contract Nondiscrimination/Equal Benefits for Domestic Partners Requirements

Contractor will comply with the following contract nondiscrimination employment requirements:

1. No person shall, on the grounds of race, color, creed, national origin, religious affiliation or non-affiliation, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age (over forty), disability, medical condition (including but not limited to AIDS, HIV positive diagnosis, or cancer), political affiliation or union membership be excluded from

participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under this Agreement.

2. Contractor shall insure equal employment opportunity based on objective standards of recruitment, selection, promotion, classification, compensation, performance evaluations, and management relations, for all employees providing services under an agreement with County. Contractor's personnel policies shall be made available to County upon request.
  3. Contractor shall comply with § 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which provides that no otherwise qualified handicapped individual 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 this Agreement.
  4. All contractors with contracts over \$5,000 must comply with the county Ordinance code with respect to the provision on employee benefits. As set forth in the ordinance, such contractors are prohibited from discriminating in the provision of employee benefits between an employee with a domestic partner and an employee with a spouse. A copy of the ordinance, a "Quick Reference Guide" and a Contractor Compliance Declaration Form are included in this RFP packet as *Attachments E* and *F*, respectively.
  5. Contractor shall comply with the County Ordinance with respect to provision of jury duty pay to employees and have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its employees shall receive from the contractor, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for actual jury service in San Mateo County. The policy may provide that employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with the contractor or that the contractor deduct from the employees regular pay the fees received for jury service.
- I. BHRS requires that contractors identify the eligibility status of employees, interns or volunteers prior to hiring and on an annual basis thereafter. Results of the eligibility screenings are to be maintained in the employee files. This process is meant to ensure that any person delivering services to clients of BHRS are not currently excluded, suspended, debarred or have been convicted of a criminal offense as described below. The Contractor must notify BHRS Quality Management (by completing the BHRS Critical Incident Reporting form, Policy #93-11) should a current employee, intern or volunteer be identified as ineligible. Contractors are required to screen for ineligible employees, interns and volunteers by using the following websites:

1. Contractor may not employ any persons deemed an Ineligible Person by the Office of the Inspector General in the provision of services for the County through this agreement. Any employee(s) of contractor determined to be an Ineligible Person will be removed from responsibility for, or involvement with County clients or operations. An "Ineligible Person" is an individual who (1) is currently excluded, suspended, debarred or otherwise ineligible to participate in Federal health care programs, or (2) has been convicted of a criminal offense related to the provision of health care items or services and has not been reinstated in the Federal health care programs after a period of exclusion, suspension, debarment or ineligibility. Ineligibility may be verified by checking: [www.Exclusions.OIG.HHS.Gov](http://www.Exclusions.OIG.HHS.Gov).
  2. Contractors providing state funded health services may not employ any persons deemed an Ineligible Person by the California Department of Health Services (CDHS) in the provision of services for the County through this agreement. Any employee(s) of contractor determined to be an Ineligible Person will be removed from responsibility for, or involvement with County clients or operations. An "Ineligible Person" is an individual who has been (1) convicted of a crime involving fraud or abuse of the Medi-Cal program, or (2) suspended from the federal Medicare program for any reason. Ineligibility may be verified by checking: <http://www.medi-cal.ca.gov> (search under "MediCal Suspended and Ineligible List").
- J. At County's sole discretion, Contractor certifies that its employees and/or its subcontractors, assignees, and volunteers who, during the course of performing services under this Agreement, have contact with any person under his or her care including children will be fingerprinted in order to determine whether they have a criminal history which would compromise the safety of individuals and children with whom Contractor's employees and/or its subcontractors, assignees, or volunteers have contact. If said employees and/or subcontractors, assignees, and volunteers have such a criminal history, they shall not have contact with children or others who receive services through this agreement. Fingerprint information received from the Department of Justice (DOJ) shall be retained or disposed of pursuant to DOJ directive. A certificate of fingerprinting certification is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as Attachment E.
- K. Availability and Accessibility of Service **(MEDI-CAL/DRUG MEDI-CAL)**

Contractor shall offer hours of operation that are no less than the hours of operation offered to commercial enrollees, if the Contractor also serves enrollees of a commercial plan, or that are comparable to the hours the

Contractor makes available for Medi-Cal services that are not covered by the County or another Mental Health Plan, if the Contractor serves only Medi-Cal clients.

L. Surety Bond **(RESIDENTIAL AGENCIES AND B&Cs)**

Contractor shall retain and show proof of a bond issued by a surety company in accordance with Community Care Licensing's regulations for a licensee who may be entrusted with care and/or control of client's cash resources.

M. Physician Incentive Plans **(IF MD SERVICES APPLY)**

Contractor shall obtain approval from County prior to implementing a Physician Incentive Plan as described by Title 42, CFR, Section 438.6(h). The County will submit the Physician Incentive Plan to the State for approval. The State shall approve the Contractor's request for a Physician Incentive Plan only if the proposed Physician Plan complies with all applicable federal and state regulations.

N. Payment

1. Maximum Obligation

The maximum amount that County shall be obligated to pay for all services provided under this Agreement shall not exceed the amount stated in Paragraph 3 of this Agreement. Furthermore, County shall not pay or be obligated to pay more than the amounts listed below for each component of service required under this Agreement.

In any event, the maximum amount county shall be obligated to pay for all services rendered under this contract shall not exceed DOLLARS (\$\_\_\_\_\_).

2. Rates

*Subject to specific rates of services as agreed upon with provider.*

O. Monthly Invoice and Payment

1. Contractor shall bill County on or before the tenth (10th) working day of each month following the provision of services for the prior month. The invoice shall clearly summarize direct and indirect services (if applicable) for which claim is made.

a. Direct Services/Claims

Completed Service Reporting Forms or an electronic services file will accompany the invoice and provide back-up detail for the invoiced services. The Service Reporting Forms will be provided by County, or be in a County approved format, and will be completed by Contractor according to the instructions accompanying the Service Reporting Forms. County reserves the right to change the Service Report Forms, instructions, and/or require the Contractor to modify their description of services as the County deems necessary. The electronic services file shall be in the County approved Avatar record format.

b. Indirect Services/Claims

Indirect services (services that are not claimable on the Service Reporting Form or electronically) shall be claimed on the invoice and shall be billed according to the guidelines specified in the contract.

2. Payment by County to Contractor shall be monthly. Claims that are received after the tenth (10th) working day of the month are considered to be late submissions and may be subject to a delay in payment. Claims that are received 180 days or more after the date of service are considered to be late claims. County reserves the right to deny invoices with late claims or claims for which completed service reporting forms or electronic service files are not received. Claims may be sent to:

County of San Mateo  
Behavioral Health and Recovery Services  
225 37th Avenue, Third Floor  
San Mateo, CA 94403

P. Claims Certification and Program Integrity

1. Contractor shall comply with all state and federal statutory and regulatory requirements for certification of claims, including Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 438, Sections 438.604, 438.606, and, as effective August 13, 2003, Section 438.608, as published in the June 14, 2002 Federal Register (Vol. 67, No. 115, Page 41112), which are hereby incorporated by reference.

2. Anytime Contractor submits a claim to the County for reimbursement for services provided under Exhibit A of this Agreement, Contractor shall certify by signature that the claim is true and accurate by stating the claim is submitted under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California.

The claim must include the following language and signature line at the bottom of the form(s) and/or cover letter used to report the claim.

“Under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, I hereby certify that this claim for services complies with all terms and conditions referenced in the Agreement with San Mateo County. I understand that payment for these services may be from Federal and/or State funds, and that any falsification, or concealment of a material fact may be prosecuted under Federal and/or State laws.

Executed at \_\_\_\_\_ California, on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Agency \_\_\_\_\_”

3. The certification shall attest to the following for each beneficiary with services included in the claim:
  - a. An assessment of the beneficiary was conducted in compliance with the requirements established in this agreement;
  - b. The beneficiary was eligible to receive services described in Exhibit A of this Agreement at the time the services were provided to the beneficiary;
  - c. The services included in the claim were actually provided to the beneficiary;
  - d. Services were medically indicated and necessary to the health of the patient;
  - e. A client plan was developed and maintained for the beneficiary that met all client plan requirements established in this agreement;
  - f. Services are offered and provided without discrimination based on race, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, age, or physical or mental disability.
4. Contractor agrees to keep for a minimum period of three years from the date of service a printed representation of all records which are

necessary to disclose fully the extent of services furnished to the patient. Contractor agrees to furnish these records and any information regarding payments claimed for providing the services, on request, within the State of California, to the California Department of Health Services; the Medi-Cal Fraud Unit; California Department of Justice; Medi-Cal Audits Project, Office of the State Controller; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, or their duly authorized representatives, and/or the County.

O. Medi-Cal Beneficiary Billing

Contractor shall not submit a claim to, demand or otherwise collect reimbursement from, the beneficiary or persons acting on behalf of the beneficiary for any services provided under this contract except to collect other health insurance coverage, share of cost and/or co-payments. The Contractor shall not hold beneficiaries liable for debts in the event that the County becomes insolvent, for costs of covered services for which the State does not pay the County, for costs of covered services for which the State or the County does not pay the Contractor, for costs of covered services provided under this or other contracts, referral or other arrangement rather than from the County, or for payment of subsequent screening and treatment needed to diagnose the specific condition of the patient.

P. If County or Contractor finds that performance is inadequate, at the County's discretion, a meeting may be called to discuss the causes for the performance problem, to review documentation, billing and/or other reports, and to take appropriate corrective action, as needed, to resolve any identified discrepancies. This Agreement may be renegotiated, allowed to continue to end of term, or terminated pursuant to Paragraph 10 of this Agreement. Any unspent monies due to performance failure may reduce the following year's agreement, if any.

Q. County anticipates revenues from various sources to be used to fund services provided by Contractor through this Agreement. Should actual revenues be less than the amounts anticipated for any period of this Agreement, the maximum payment obligation and/or payment obligations for specific services may be reduced at the discretion of the Chief of the Health System or designee.

### ENCLOSURE 3

#### NOTICE TO CONTRACTOR: LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE

On November 1, 2016, the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo adopted an Ordinance establishing a five-year living wage pilot program for service contracts entered into by the County. All contractors and subcontractors providing services under a County contract are subject to the Living Wage Ordinance (LWO). All Full-time, part-time, temporary, and permanent employees are covered under the LWO. Contracts entered into prior to January 1, 2017, are not subject to LWO. Compliance with the LWO will be voluntary for new contracts entered into between January 1, 2017, and March 31, 2017, inclusive. Contracts entered into on or after April 1, 2017, must comply with the LWO.

Enforcement of the LWO will be accomplished through oversight by the County, which retains the right to conduct random audits; through employee grievance rights; and through the legal process, if necessary. The County will set a single point of contact for employees to report LWO non-compliance by employers.

The purpose of these requirements contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcomes of a Prosperous and Livable Community by setting living wage rates for County service contracts. All efforts made to comply with these requirements are greatly appreciated.

Further details on all aspects of the LWO are included in the attached LWO.

Sincerely,

Behavioral Health & Recovery Services Contracting Department

**ORDINANCE NO. .**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 2.88 OF TITLE 2 OF THE SAN MATEO COUNTY  
ORDINANCE CODE ENACTING A LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE PILOT PROGRAM**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, **ORDAINS** as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 2.88, “Living Wage Ordinance Pilot Program,” consisting of Sections 2.88.010 through 2.88.090 is hereby added to Title 2 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code and shall read as follows:

**2.88.010 Findings and purpose**

The Board of Supervisors finds and determines:

- (a) The current Federal minimum wage is seven dollars and twenty-five cents (\$7.25) per hour, and the California minimum wage is ten dollars (\$10.00) per hour;
- (b) The San Francisco Bay Area, including San Mateo County, has a higher relative cost of living than reflected in these national and state minimum wage standards;
- (c) San Mateo County awards contracts to employers to provide services to the public and the County government;
- (d) The use of San Mateo County funds to promote a living wage will improve the quality of services to the County and the public by ensuring contractors have access to qualified employees and are able to retain qualified employees, and it will improve the quality of life for residents of the County and employees of County contractors;
- (e) A policy requiring payment of a living wage is consistent with other San Mateo County programs designed to meet the employment and economic development needs of lower-income workers;
- (f) This Board does, accordingly, find and declare a need for the Living Wage ordinance to determine the effects of a living wage requirement for contracts issued by San Mateo County.

## 2.88.020 Definitions

- (a) **“Contract Awarding Authority”** means the Board of Supervisors or the head of the department or agency authorized by the Board of Supervisors to enter into contracts on behalf of the County.
- (b) **“Contractor”** means a party that enters into a Covered Contract with the County.  
Contractor does not mean:
1. Government entities, including cities, counties, and state agencies.
- (c) **“County”** means the County of San Mateo.
- (d) **“Covered Contract”** means a legal agreement between the County and a Contractor for the provision of Services entered into on or after April 1, 2017.
1. Where one entity has multiple contracts with the County, only those contracts that are Covered Contracts are subject to this chapter.
  2. Legal agreements for the exclusive use of real property owned by the County, including, without limitation, any lease, concession, franchise, or easement agreement, are not Covered Contracts.
- (e) **“Covered Contract Amendment”** means the amendment of a contract on or after January 1, 2017, that:
1. Voluntarily subjects the contract to the requirements of this Chapter;
  2. Increases the contract price more than \$25,000; or
  3. Extends the contract term.
- Covered Contract Amendments are subject to the requirements of this Chapter.
- (f) **“Covered Employee”** means any employee permanently or temporarily employed by a Contractor or Subcontractor to provide Services under a Covered Contract. Covered Employee does not mean:
1. Any person providing services to earn academic credit;
  2. Any person providing uncompensated volunteer services;
  3. Any person working toward state licensure or professional accreditation sanctioned by a public entity or a recognized licensure agency;
  4. Any person working as an election day worker;
  5. Any disabled person covered by a current sub-minimum wage certificate issued to the Contractor or Subcontractor by the United States Department of Labor, or any person who would be covered by such certificate but for the fact the Contractor or Subcontractor is paying a wage equal to or higher than the minimum wage;

6. Any person employed to provide In-Home Supportive Services;
  7. The County Manager's Office shall have discretion to exclude certain additional categories of employees from the definition of Covered Employee when in the best interest of the County to do so.
- (g) **"CPI-U"** means the consumer price index for urban consumers for the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose metropolitan statistical area, as determined by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- (h) **"Enhancement"** means a payment from the County to eligible Nonprofit Organizations that amend existing contracts to comply with the Living Wage Ordinance. An Enhancement shall be a percentage of a Covered Contractor's total contract price, as specified by this Chapter, and shall be paid annually until the contract ends or the not-to-exceed amount is amended.
- (i) **"Living Wage"** means the wage rate specified by this chapter.
- (j) **"Nonprofit Organization"** refers to a nonprofit corporation, duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation and (if a foreign corporation) in good standing under the laws of the State of California, which corporation has established and maintains a valid nonprofit status under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and all rules and regulations promulgated under such Section.
- (k) **"Reserve"** means funds maintained by the County to pay for approved Enhancement appeals.
- (l) **"Services"** mean any professional, technical, or non-technical services specified in a legal agreement with the County. Services do not include the provision of goods, products, information technology programs and systems, chattels, or real estate.
- (m) **"Sole Source"** means only one entity has been identified as capable of providing and willing to provide the services sought by the County.
- (n) **"Subcontractor"** means a party, other than an Employee, that agrees to assist a Contractor in providing Services under a Covered Contract.
- (o) **"Wage"** means a Covered Employee's hourly wage or hourly wage equivalent. For a full-time employee, hourly wage equivalent is determined by dividing two weeks of salary by eighty (80).

### **2.88.030 Covered Contract Requirements and Certification**

Every Covered Contract or Covered Contract Amendment shall provide as follows:

- (a) Contractors and Subcontractors providing Services to the County shall pay Covered Employees no less than the Living Wage.
- (b) Failure of a Contractor or Subcontractor to comply with the foregoing requirement shall constitute a material breach of the terms of the Covered Contract.
- (c) If the Contractor or Subcontractor fails to cure such breach within thirty (30) days after receiving written notice from the County, the County shall have the right to pursue any rights or remedies available under the terms of the Covered Contract or under applicable law.
- (d) Contractor shall include a certification in the Covered Contract or Covered Contract Amendment stating Contractor and all of its Subcontractors are and will remain in full compliance with the requirements of the Living Wage ordinance. The certification shall be in substantially the following language:

*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 ("LWO"), 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 Program.*
- (e) During the term of a Covered Contract, the Contractor or Subcontractor shall maintain documentation demonstrating every Covered Employee is being paid the Living Wage while providing Services pursuant to the Covered Contract. Such documentation must be retained for at least two (2) years following completion or termination of the Covered Contract. County representatives shall be permitted to review and make copies of such documentation at all reasonable times during performance or following completion or termination of the Covered Contract.
- (f) The County may conduct audits of Contractors and Subcontractors to ensure compliance with this Ordinance. For purposes of this Ordinance, audits shall be:
  - 1. Noticed in advance in writing and limited in scope to ascertain whether Covered Employees are paid the required Living Wage;
  - 2. Accomplished by examination of pertinent records within a reasonable period of time after such written notice; and
  - 3. Limited to one audit per Contractor or Subcontractor every year for the duration of a Covered Contract.
- (g) Contractor shall provide the County access to pertinent records after receiving a written request to do so and being provided at least five (5) business days to respond.

- (h) Contractor shall promptly notify the Contract Awarding Authority of any Subcontractors performing Services and shall certify to the Contract Awarding Authority that Subcontractors have been notified of obligations under this chapter.
- (i) Contractor shall keep itself informed of the current Living Wage and must provide written notice to Covered Employees of the current Living Wage Rate. The notice shall specify the Living Wage and state that Covered Employees have grievance rights if they believe a Contractor or Subcontractor is failing to comply with the Living Wage Ordinance. Contractors and Subcontractors must provide such notice in writing to all Covered Employees, in all languages necessary to reasonably ensure all Covered Employees receive effective written notice pursuant to Section 2.88.030. A copy of such notice must be submitted to the Contract Awarding Authority in the manner directed by the Contract Awarding Authority.
- (j) Nothing in this section shall be construed to interfere with the authority of the County to investigate any report of an alleged breach of contract.

**2.88.040 Living Wage Rate**

The Living Wage shall be set and adjusted according to the following schedule.

<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>San Mateo County Living Wage</b>
January 1, 2017	\$14.00
July 1, 2017	\$15.00
January 1, 2018	
July 1, 2018	\$16.00
January 1, 2019	
July 1, 2019	\$17.00
January 1, 2020	
July 1, 2020	+CPI-U
January 1, 2021	
July 1, 2021	+CPI-U

- (a) After a wage of seventeen dollars (\$17.00) per hour is reached, the Living Wage shall increase annually at the same rate as the CPI-U for San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose then in effect.
- (b) A change in Living Wage based on CPI-U shall not be negative and shall not exceed three-and-one-half percent (3.5%).

### **2.88.050 Exclusions and Exemptions from Covered Contracts**

- (a) The term Covered Contract shall exclude:
  - 1. Contracts for “public works” as defined under California Labor Code Sections 1720 and 1720.2 and subject to the payment of prevailing wages under the California Labor Code.
  - 2. Any agreement in which the County serves only as a fiscal agent and the contract is a 100% pass-through of state or federal funds.
- (b) The Contract Awarding Authority may exempt from the requirements of this Chapter 2.88, an agreement that would otherwise be a Covered Contract, when it is in the best interest of the County to do so, including for the following reasons:
  - 1. Upon review and approval of an exemption request by the Contractor or Subcontractor. Exemption requests are to be submitted by the Contractor or Subcontractor to the Contract Awarding Authority;
  - 2. A contract amendment or award of a contract is necessary to respond to an emergency;
  - 3. The Contractor is a Sole Source;
  - 4. No contractors willing or able to comply with the Living Wage Ordinance are capable of providing services that respond to the County’s requirements;
  - 5. Compliance with the Living Wage Ordinance would be inconsistent with the terms of a grant, subvention, or agreement with a public agency; or
  - 6. The County is purchasing services through a cooperative or joint purchasing agreement.

### **2.88.060 Employee Remedies**

- (a) This chapter shall not be construed to limit a Covered Employee’s rights to bring any legal action for violation of the Covered Employee’s rights under this chapter or any other applicable law. A Covered Employee may bring an action against a Contractor or Subcontractor in the courts of the State of California for damages caused by a Contractor’s or Subcontractor’s violation of this chapter. The Court shall award reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs to an employee who prevails in any such action.
- (b) This chapter does not authorize an award of costs, expenses, or attorney’s fees against the County.
- (c) This chapter does not confer any rights upon any party other than the Board of Supervisors or its designees to bring an action seeking the cancellation or suspension of a County contract.

- (d) Covered Employee Complaint Process: In addition to judicial remedies available to Covered Employees, individuals may submit a complaint regarding alleged violations of the Living Wage Ordinance by submitting a completed complaint form, including copies of all documents supporting the allegation, to the Purchasing and Procurement Division of the County Human Resources Department. The County shall provide complaint forms in English and Spanish.

#### **2.88.070 Employer Retaliation Prohibited**

Contractors and Subcontractors shall not discharge, reduce compensation to, or otherwise retaliate against any employee for:

- (a) Complaining to the County with regard to the Contractor's or Subcontractor's compliance or anticipated compliance with this Chapter;
- (b) Opposing any practice proscribed by this Chapter;
- (c) Participating in proceedings related to this Chapter; or
- (d) Seeking to assert or enforce any rights under this Chapter by lawful means.

#### **2.88.080 Termination, Suspension, or Extension of the Living Wage Ordinance**

- (a) The Living Wage Ordinance shall expire on December 31, 2021.
- (b) The Board of Supervisors may extend or permanently enact the Living Wage Ordinance after conducting a duly-noticed public hearing.
- (c) The Board of Supervisors may suspend the Living Wage Ordinance if it determines it is in the best interests of the County for reasons including, but not limited to, suspension by the State of California of the statewide minimum wage phase-in process.

#### **2.88.090 Powers and duties of the County Manager**

The County Manager's Office shall have the authority to:

- (a) Adopt policies and procedures to effectively implement this Chapter;
- (b) Determine and recommend to the Board of Supervisors for final decision the imposition of appropriate sanctions for violation of this Chapter including but not limited to:
  - 1. Disqualification of the Contractors or Subcontractors from bidding on or being awarded a County contract for a period of up to five (5) years;
  - 2. Contractual and civil remedies, including but not limited to termination of contract.
- (c) Allow for remedial action after a finding of noncompliance, as specified by rule; and
- (d) Perform such other duties as may be required or necessary to implement the purposes of this chapter.

**SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.** If any provision(s) of this ordinance is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it is the intent of the Board of Supervisors that such invalid provision(s) be severed from the remaining provisions of the ordinance and that those remaining provisions continue in effect.

**SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall be effective on January 1, 2017.

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**ENCLOSURE 4**  
**Attachment H**  
**Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)**  
**Business Associate Requirements**

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**DEFINITIONS**

Terms used, but not otherwise defined, in this Schedule shall have the same meaning as those terms are defined in 45 Code of Federal Regulations section 160.103 164.304 and 164.501. (All regulatory references in this Schedule are to Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations unless otherwise specified.)

- a. **Designated Record Set.** "Designated Record Set" shall have the same meaning as the term "designated record set" in Section 164.501.
- b. **Electronic Protected Health Information.** "Electronic Protected Health Information" ("EPHI") means individually identifiable health information that is transmitted or maintained in electronic media, limited to the information created, received, maintained or transmitted by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity.
- c. **Individual.** "Individual" shall have the same meaning as the term "individual" in Section 164.501 and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with Section 164.502(g).
- d. **Privacy Rule.** "Privacy Rule" shall mean the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 Code of Federal Regulations Part 160 and Part 164, Subparts A and E.
- e. **Protected Health Information.** "Protected Health Information" shall have the same meaning as the term "protected health information" in Section 164.501 and is limited to the information created or received by Contractor from or on behalf of County.
- f. **Required By Law.** "Required by law" shall have the same meaning as the term "required by law" in Section 164.501.
- g. **Secretary.** "Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee.
- h. **Security Incident.** "Security Incident" shall mean the attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of information or interference with systems operations in an information system, but does not include minor incidents that occur on a daily basis, such as scans, "pings", or unsuccessful random attempts to penetrate computer networks or servers maintained by Business Associate
- i. **Security Rule.** "Security Rule" shall mean the Standards for the Protection of Electronic Protected Health Information at 45 CFR Part 160 and Part 164, Subparts A and C.

**OBLIGATIONS AND ACTIVITES OF CONTRACTOR**

- a. Contractor agrees to not use or further disclose Protected Health Information other than as permitted or required by the Agreement or as required by law.

- b. Contractor agrees to use appropriate safeguards to prevent the use or disclosure of the Protected Health Information other than as provided for by this Agreement.
- c. Contractor agrees to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Contractor of a use or disclosure of Protected Health Information by Contractor in violation of the requirements of this Agreement.
- d. Contractor agrees to report to County any use or disclosure of the Protected Health Information not provided for by this Agreement.
- e. Contractor agrees to ensure that any agent, including a subcontractor, to whom it provides Protected Health Information received from, or created or received by Contractor on behalf of County, agrees to the same restrictions and conditions that apply through this Agreement to Contractor with respect to such information.
- f. If Contractor has protected health information in a designated record set, Contractor agrees to provide access, at the request of County, and in the time and manner designated by County, to Protected Health Information in a Designated Record Set, to County or, as directed by County, to an Individual in order to meet the requirements under Section 164.524.
- g. If Contractor has protected health information in a designated record set, Contractor agrees to make any amendment(s) to Protected Health Information in a Designated Record Set that the County directs or agrees to make pursuant to Section 164.526 at the request of County or an Individual, and in the time and manner designed by County.
- h. Contractor agrees to make internal practices, books, and records relating to the use and disclosure of Protected Health Information received from, or created or received by Contractor on behalf of, County available to the County, or at the request of the County to the Secretary, in a time and manner designated by the County or the Secretary, for purposes of the Secretary determining County's compliance with the Privacy Rule.
- i. Contractor agrees to document such disclosures of Protected Health Information and information related to such disclosures as would be required for County to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with Section 164.528.
- j. Contractor agrees to provide to County or an Individual in the time and manner designated by County, information collected in accordance with Section (i) of this Schedule, to permit County to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with Section 164.528.
- k. Contractor shall implement administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of EPHI that Contractor creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of County.
- l. Contractor shall conform to generally accepted system security principles and the requirements of the final HIPAA rule pertaining to the security of health information.
- m. Contractor shall ensure that any agent to whom it provides EPHI, including a subcontractor, agrees to implement reasonable and appropriate safeguards to protect such EPHI.
- n. Contractor shall report to County any Security Incident within 5 business days of becoming aware of such incident.
- o. Contractor shall make its policies, procedures, and documentation relating to the security and privacy of protected health information, including EPHI, available to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and, at County's

request, to the County for purposes of the Secretary determining County's compliance with the HIPAA privacy and security regulations.

### **PERMITTED USES AND DISCLOSURES BY CONTRACTOR**

Except as otherwise limited in this Schedule, Contractor may use or disclose Protected Health Information 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.

### **OBLIGATIONS OF COUNTY**

- a. County shall provide Contractor with the notice of privacy practices that County produces in accordance with Section 164.520, as well as any changes to such notice.
- b. County shall provide Contractor with any changes in, or revocation of, permission by Individual to use or disclose Protected Health Information, if such changes affect Contractor's permitted or required uses and disclosures.
- c. County shall notify Contractor of any restriction to the use or disclosure of Protected Health Information that County has agreed to in accordance with Section 164.522.

### **PERMISSABLE REQUESTS BY COUNTY**

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

### **DUTIES UPON TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT**

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

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- a. Regulatory References. A reference in this Schedule to a section in the 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 the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Public Law 104-191.
- c. Survival. The respective rights and obligations of Contractor under this Schedule shall survive the termination of the Agreement.
- d. Interpretation. Any ambiguity in this Schedule 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

**ENCLOSURE 7 – ATTACHMENT E**

**FINGERPRINTING CERTIFICATION**

Contractor hereby certifies that Contractor’s employees, volunteers, consultants, agents, and any other persons who provide services under this Agreement and who has/will have supervisory or disciplinary power over a child (Penal Code Section 11105.3) (the “Applicant”) shall be fingerprinted in order to determine whether each such Applicant has a criminal history which would compromise the safety of children with whom each such Applicant has/will have contact.

Contractor’s employees, volunteers, consultants, agents, and any other persons who provide services under this Agreement: (check a or b)

- a. do NOT exercise supervisory or disciplinary power over children (Penal 11105.3).
- b. do exercise supervisory or disciplinary power over children (Penal 11105.3).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Contractor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## **Enclosure 8. Chapters 2.84 and 2.85 of the Ordinance Code of San Mateo County**

The following lists the text of Chapters 2.84 and 2.85 of the Ordinance Code of San Mateo County (as of March 2012), available on-line at <http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=16029> . Anyone responding to the Request for Proposals is provided is advised to check on-line for updates to the Ordinance Code. It is a contractor or responding party's obligation to obtain the current version of these ordinances.

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### **Chapter 2.84 - CONTRACTS-EQUAL BENEFITS**

For the purposes of this chapter:

#### **Sections:**

#### **2.84.010 - Definitions.**

- (a) "Contract" means a legal agreement between the County and a contractor for public works, consulting, or other services, or for purchase of supplies, material or equipment for which the consideration is in excess of \$5,000.

#### **2.84.020 - Discrimination in the provision of benefits prohibited.**

- (b) "Contractor" means a party who enters into a contract with the County.

#### **2.84.030 - Application of chapter.**

- (c) "Contract Awarding Authority" means the Board of Supervisors or the individual authorized by the Board of Supervisors to enter into contracts on behalf of the County.

#### **2.84.040 - Powers and duties of the County Manager.**

#### **2.84.050 - Date of application.**

- (d) "Domestic partner" means any person who is registered as a domestic partner with the Secretary of State, State of California registry or the registry of the

#### **2.84.010 - Definitions.**

state in which the employee is a resident.

- (e) "Employee benefits" means the provision of any benefit other than pension and retirement benefits provided to spouses of employees or provided to an employee on account of the employee's having a spouse, including but not limited to bereavement leave; disability, life, and other types of insurance; family medical leave; health benefits; membership or membership discounts; moving expenses; vacation; travel benefits; and any other benefits given to employees, provided that it does not include benefits to the extent that the application of the requirements of this chapter to such benefits may be preempted by federal or state law.

*(Ord. 4324, 08/15/06)*

**2.84.020 - Discrimination in the provision of benefits prohibited.**

- (a) No contractor on a County contract shall discriminate in the provision of employee benefits between an employee with a domestic partner and an employee with a spouse, subject to the following conditions:

1. In the event that the contractor's actual cost of providing a particular

benefit for the domestic partner of an employee exceeds that of providing it for the spouse of an employee, or the contractor's actual cost of providing a particular benefit to the spouse of an employee exceeds that of providing it for the domestic partner of an employee, the contractor shall not be deemed to discriminate in the provision of employee benefits if the contractor conditions providing such benefit upon the employee's agreement to pay the excess costs.

2. The contractor shall not be deemed to discriminate in the provision of employee benefits if, despite taking reasonable measures to do so, the contractor is unable to extend a particular employee benefit to domestic partners, so long as the contractor provides the employee with a cash payment equal to the contractor's cost of providing the benefit to an employee's spouse.

- (b) The Board of Supervisors may waive the requirements of this chapter when it determines that it is in the best interests of the County. The County Manager may waive the requirements of this chapter for contracts not needing the approval of the Board of Supervisors where waiver would be in the best interests of the County for such reasons as follows:

1. Award of a contract or amendment is necessary to respond to an emergency;
2. The contractor is a sole source;
3. No compliant contractors are capable of providing goods or services that respond to the County's requirements;
4. The requirements are inconsistent with a grant, subvention or agreement with a public agency;
5. The County is purchasing through a cooperative or joint purchasing agreement.

(c) Contractors should submit requests for waivers of the terms of this chapter to the Contract Awarding Authority for that contract, or in the case of contracts approved by the Board, the County Manager.

(d) The Contract Awarding Authority, or in the case of contracts approved by the Board, the County Manager, may reject an entity's bid or proposals, or terminate a contract, if the Contract Awarding Authority determines that the entity was set up, or is being used, for the purpose of evading the intent of this chapter.

(e) No Contract Awarding Authority shall execute a contract with a contractor unless such contractor has agreed that the contractor will not discriminate in the provision of employee benefits as provided for in this chapter.

*(Ord. 4324, 08/15/06)*

**2.84.030 - Application of chapter.**

The requirements of this chapter shall only apply to those portions of a contractor's operations that occur: (a) within the County; (b) on real property outside of the County if the property is owned by the County or if the County has a right to occupy the property, and if the contractor's presence at that location is connected to a contract with the County; and (c) elsewhere in the United States where work related to a County contract is being performed. The requirements of this chapter shall not apply to subcontracts or subcontractors of any contract or contractor.

*(Ord. 4324, 08/15/06)*

**2.84.040 - Powers and duties of the County Manager.**

The County Manager's office shall have the authority to:

(a) Adopt rules and regulations, in accordance with this chapter and the Ordinance Code of the County of San Mateo, establishing standards and procedures for effectively carrying out this chapter;

(b) Receive notification from employees of contractors regarding violations of this chapter;

(c) Determine and recommend to the Board of Supervisors for final decision the imposition of appropriate sanctions for violation of this chapter by contractors including, but not limited to:

1. Disqualification of the contractor from bidding on or being awarded a County contract for a period of up to 5 years,
2. Contractual remedies, including, but not limited to termination of contract, and
3. Liquidated damages in the amount of \$2,500;

(d) Examine contractors' benefit programs covered by this chapter;

(e) Impose other appropriate contractual and civil remedies and sanctions for violations of this chapter;

(f) Allow for remedial action after a finding of noncompliance, as specified by rule;

(g) Perform such other duties as may be required or which are necessary to implement the purposes of this chapter.

*(Ord. 4324, 08/15/06)*

**2.84.050 - Date of application.**

The provisions of this chapter shall apply to any contract awarded or amended on or after July 1, 2001, provided that if the contractor is then signatory to a collective bargaining agreement, this chapter shall only apply to any contract with that contractor which is awarded or amended after the effective date of the next collective bargaining agreement.

*(Ord. 4324, 08/15/06)*

**Chapter 2.85 - CONTRACTOR  
EMPLOYEE JURY SERVICE**

**Sections:**

**2.85.010 - Definitions.**

**2.85.020 - Contractor jury  
service policy.**

**2.85.030 - Powers and duties of  
the County Manager.**

**2.85.040 - Date of application.**

**2.85.010 - Definitions.**

For the purposes of this chapter:

- (a) "Contract" means a legal agreement between the County and a contractor for public works, consulting, or other services, or for purchase of supplies, material or equipment.
- (b) "Contractor" means a party who enters into a contract with the County for which the contractor receives consideration of \$100,000 or more.

(c) "Contract Authority" means the Board of Supervisors or the head of the department or agency presenting the proposed contract to the Board of Supervisors.

(d) "Employee" means any California resident who is a full-time employee of a contractor under the laws of California.

(e) "Full time" means 40 hours or more worked per week, or a lesser number of hours if: (1) the lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by the County Manager, or (2) the contractor has a long standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full time.

*(Ord. 4324, 08/15/06)*

**2.85.020 - Contractor jury service  
policy.**

- (a) A contractor shall have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its employees shall receive from the contractor, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for actual jury service in San Mateo County. The policy may provide that employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with the contractor or that the

contractor deduct from the employees' regular pay the fees received for jury service.

(b) At the time of seeking a contract, a contractor shall certify to the County that it has and adheres to a policy consistent with this chapter or will have and adhere to such a policy prior to award of the contract.

(c) The Board of Supervisors may waive the requirements of this chapter when it determines that it is in the best interests of the County for such reasons as follows:

1. Award of a contract or amendment is necessary to respond to an emergency;
2. The contractor is a sole source;
3. No compliant contractors are capable of providing goods or services that respond to the County's requirements;
4. The requirements are inconsistent with a grant, subvention or agreement with a public agency;

5. The County is purchasing through a cooperative or joint purchasing agreement.

(d) Contractors should submit requests for waivers of the terms of this chapter to the Contract Authority or the County Manager.

(e) The County Manager may reject a contractor's bid or proposal, or terminate a contract, if he determines that the contractor is in violation of the requirements of this chapter or was established, or is being used, for the purpose of evading the intent of this chapter.

(f) No contract shall be executed with a contractor unless such contractor is in compliance with this chapter.

*(Ord. 4324, 08/15/06)*

### **2.85.030 - Powers and duties of the County Manager.**

The County Manager's office shall have the authority to:

(a) Adopt rules and regulations, in accordance with this chapter and the Ordinance Code of the County of San

Mateo, establishing standards and procedures for effectively carrying out this chapter;

(b) Receive notification from employees of contractors regarding violations of this chapter;

(c) Determine and recommend to the Board of Supervisors for final decision the imposition of appropriate sanctions for violation of this chapter by contractors including, but not limited to:

1. Disqualification of the contractor from bidding on or being awarded a County contract for a period of up to 5 years, and
2. Contractual remedies, including, but not limited to termination of contract.

(d) Impose other appropriate contractual sanctions for violations of this chapter;

(e) Allow for remedial action after a finding of noncompliance;

(f) Perform such other duties as may be required or which are necessary to implement the purposes of this chapter.

*(Ord. 4324, 08/15/06)*

**2.85.040 - Date of application.**

The provisions of this chapter shall apply to any contract awarded or amended on or after September 1, 2005, provided that if the contractor is then signatory to a collective bargaining agreement, this chapter shall only apply to any contract with that contractor which is awarded or amended after the effective date of the next collective bargaining agreement.

*(Ord. 4324, 08/15/06)*