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At its meeting held May 10, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

The Director of Mental Health's recommendation to approve and authorize the Director to execute a consultant services agreement with Outlook Associates, Inc., at a Maximum Contract Amount (MCA) of $1,000,0000, to provide expert assistance in establishing a revenue management function within the Department and setting up the operational procedures for the revenue management function to make the best use of available automation tools, effective upon Board approval and shall not exceed 24 months or until the County Project Director has confirmed the revenue management function has become self-sufficient, whichever comes first; and authorize the Director to prepare and execute amendments to the agreement provided that the County's total payments to the consultant under the agreement for each fiscal year shall not exceed an increase of 20% from the applicable MCA, and any such increase shall be used to provide additional services or to reflect program and/or policy changes.

Marvin Southard, Director of Mental Health responded to questions posed by the Board.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Director of Mental Health's attached recommendation was adopted.

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Attachment

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April 21, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVAL OF A NEW CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH OUTLOOK ASSOCIATES, INC.
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute a new Department of Mental Health (DMH) Consultant Services Agreement, substantially similar to Attachment I, with Outlook Associates, Inc. (Outlook). Outlook will provide expert assistance in establishing a revenue management function within DMH and setting up the operational procedures for the revenue management function to make the best use of available automation tools. The term of this new Consultant Services Agreement will be effective upon Board approval and shall not exceed 24 months or until the County Project Director has confirmed the revenue management function has become self-sufficient, whichever comes first. The Maximum Contract Amount (MCA) for this new Consultant Services Agreement is $1,000,000. Funding for the services rendered in the current fiscal year is included in DMH's Fiscal Year (FY) 2004-2005 Adopted Budget.

   Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute amendments to this new Consultant Services Agreement provided that: 1) the County's total payments to consultant under this Agreement for each fiscal year shall not exceed an increase of 20 percent from the applicable MCA; 2) any such increase shall be used to provide additional services or to reflect program and/or policy changes; 3) the Board of Supervisors

has appropriated sufficient funds for all changes; 4) approval of County Counsel and the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or their designee is obtained prior to any such Amendment; 5) the parties may, by written Amendment, mutually agree to reduce programs or services without reference to the 20 percent limitation; and 6) the Director of Mental Health shall notify the Board of Supervisors of Agreement changes in writing within 30 days after execution of each Amendment.

PURPOSE /JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Board approval is required to enter into a new Consultant Services Agreement with Outlook to provide expert assistance in establishing a revenue management function within DMH to ensure that revenue related business process changes are coordinated in conjunction with available automation tools, to more effectively track, recover, and maximize revenue. The revenue management unit will also provide contractors with a professional claims processing organization to interface with on their claiming issues.

In the course of assisting DMH with developing the FY 2005-2006 Business Automation Plan (BAP), Outlook became very familiar with the information systems used to manage revenue in DMH and the people and processes currently in place. They have a detailed understanding of the problems facing DMH and where the intervention points are to quickly make a difference. Outlook has set up revenue management operations in organizations similar in type and scale to DMH, so they have the knowledge and expertise to provide the integrated, coordinated efforts necessary to effectively and efficiently establish the revenue management and claims processing functions by providing the following services:

- Identify gaps in current systems and processes resulting in lost revenue, missing/lagged claims, and incorrect/missing payments to providers.
- Develop and implement effective, industry standard claims inventory and reconciliation processes and controls to accurately monitor key measures necessary to effectively manage DMH revenues.
- Assist DMH to establish a fully-functional revenue management unit responsible for continuing management of processes, controls, and reporting.
- Document the benefit, contract, and other administrative rules and parameters necessary to accurately adjudicate claims and obtain all necessary validations and approvals. Audit current system parameters and logic compared to the approved rules and parameters documenting gaps and developing interim corrective actions to address errors and capitalize on recovery opportunities.
- Work with the Integrated System/Mental Health Management Information Systems Replacement Project evaluation and implementation teams to translate

the approved rules and parameters to the configuration and processing requirements for the new claims administration application to be implemented in conjunction with the provider and care management modules. Advise on and participate in the selection process to assure the selected system will address DMH revenue management requirements.

Further, based on information gathered in preparing the FY 2005-2006 DMH BAP, the recovery of a significant portion of revenue, not currently being captured, is achievable through process improvements using the current automation tools. It is anticipated that recovery of the investment in this project may be as short as a month or two once the new revenue management processes are in place.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended Board action is consistent with the principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal No. 4, "Fiscal Responsibility." The requested action will strengthen DMH's and the County's fiscal capacity.

FISCAL IMPACT/ FINANCING

There in no increase in net County cost.

This project involves creating a new DMH function essentially from scratch, and it is very difficult to determine in advance what obstacles may be encountered; therefore, this Agreement will be on a time and materials basis not to exceed $1 million over the 24-month term of the project. The term of the Agreement will not exceed 24 months or until the County Project Director has confirmed the revenue management function has become self-sufficient, which ever comes first. The contract will span over FYs 2004-2005, 2005-2006 and 2006-2007, and the estimated service levels are $300,000, $600,000, and $100,000, respectively. Funding for the current fiscal year's services will be from the redirection of existing resources within DMH's FY 2004-2005 Adopted Budget, and future year funding will be included in the FYs 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 Budget Requests.

It is anticipated that this project will result in the recovery of a significant amount of patient care revenue that is currently not being realized. However, it is the Department's intent not to budget this revenue until such revenue actually materializes on a consistent basis.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

DMH previously entered into a Consultant Services Agreement with Outlook to assist in the development of the DMH BAP for FY 2005-2006. At present, Outlook's consultant services are being paid by a Service Purchase Order in the amount of $99,000 to begin the initial planning efforts by developing a gap analysis. These initial planning efforts will result in current processes flow charts documenting gaps and points of error in the current systems and processes. This process will provide a detailed quantification of claims transactions lost, delayed, or incorrectly processed at each gap or point of error.

Outlook has set up revenue management operations in organizations similar in type and scale to DMH, so they do not have to figure out what to do; they know what to do. In the course of assisting DMH with developing the FY 2005-2006 BAP, Outlook developed detailed functional maps of most of the DMH business operations from the client service delivery side, through the-behind-the-scenes business operations. In essence, Outlook has a 10-week head start on any other vendor. Outlook already has an operational understanding of DMH that would take any other vendor months to develop.

The $1 million cost of this project is a small fraction of the additional revenue that DMH expects to realize from this work. Full recovery of an estimated $1 million per week in revenue not being received now is dependent on replacing the current information systems used to manage claiming and revenue operations, but significant improvements can be achieved through process improvements using the current automation tools. Even without the new systems, recovery of the investment in this project may be as short as a month or two once a new revenue management process is in place.

If DMH is successful in securing Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding to replace the Integrated System and the Mental Health Management Information System, it is the Department's intent to amend the Agreement negotiated with Outlook to assist in the specification, selection, and implementation of a replacement system. This is being proposed in order to assure revenue related business process changes and the replacement system selection and configuration are coordinated, in order to maximize revenue capture and assure rapid deployment of effective revenue management.

The DMH Consultant Services Agreement format has been approved as to form by County Counsel. The CAO and DMH's Program and Fiscal Administrations have reviewed the proposed action.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Upon Board approval, DMH will enter into a sole source Agreement with Outlook to provide expert assistance in establishing a DMH revenue management function and setting up the operational procedure for that office to make the best use of available automation tools, both existing and planned. DMH has been advised by County Counsel that Proposition A does not apply to contracts for consultant services.

DMH has met the County's requirement for advance notification of intent to negotiate a sole source contract of $250,000 or greater in its notification letter to your Board dated March 3, 2005.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

There will be no impact on current services.

CONCLUSION

The Department of Mental Health will need one (1) copy of the adopted Board's action. It is requested that the Executive Officer of the Board notifies the Department of Mental Health's Contracts Development and Administration Division at (213) 738-4684 when this document is available.

Respectfully submitted,

Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.
Director of Mental Health

MJS:MY:RK:EM

Attachments (3)

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Chairperson, Mental Health Commission

ATTACHMENT I

CONTRACTOR:

_____ _____

CONTRACT NUMBER

Business Address:

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Supervisorial District(s) _____ Mental Health Service Area(s)_____

CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT

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CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT for the provision of consultant services is made and entered into this _____ day of _____ , _____, by and between the County of Los Angeles on behalf of its Department of Mental Health (hereafter "COUNTY") and;

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(hereafter "CONTRACTOR").

Business Address:

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WHEREAS, the County has a need for, and desires to engage the services of an individual or firm with special expertise and experience to act as a Contractor to the County for the provision of expert assistance in establishing a revenue management function within the Department of Mental Health (hereafter "DMH") and setting up the operational procedures for the revenue management function to make best use of available automation tools; and

WHEREAS, County's DMH has determined that existing staff of DMH do not have sufficient manpower, that it is difficult to recruit personnel to perform the services hereunder, and that the services to be provided hereunder are professional, specialized and the services are of a temporary nature; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to engage Contractor for such special services upon the terms provided in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the County is authorized by Government Code Section 31000 to contract for such special services, including those contemplated herein; and

WHEREAS, Contractor possesses the specialized skills, training, and experience to provide consultant services; and

WHEREAS, Contractor is qualified and licensed under the laws of the State of California to engage in the business of providing the services described herein; and

WHEREAS, Contractor is willing to provide the specialized services described herein for and in consideration of the payment provided under this Agreement and under the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth; and

NOW, THEREFORE, County and Contractor agree as follows:

PREAMBLE

For over a decade, the County has collaborated with its community partners to enhance the capacity of the health and human services system to improve the lives of children and families. These efforts require, as a fundamental expectation, that the County's contracting partners share the County and community's commitment to provide health and human services that support achievement of the County's vision, goals, values, and adopted outcomes. Key to these efforts is the integration of service delivery systems and the adoption of the Customer Service and Satisfaction Standards.

The County of Los Angeles' Vision is to improve the quality of life in the County by providing responsive, efficient, and high quality public services that promote the self-sufficiency, well-being and prosperity of individuals, families, business and communities. This philosophy of teamwork and collaboration is anchored in the shared values of:

- Responsiveness
- Professionalism
- Accountability
- Compassion
- Integrity
- Commitment
- A Can-Do Attitude
- Respect for Diversity

The shared values are encompassed in the County Mission to enrich lives through effective and caring service and the County Strategic Plan's eight goals: 1) Service Excellence; 2) Workforce Excellence; 3) Organizational Effectiveness; 4) Fiscal Responsibility; 5) Children and Families' Well-

Being; 6) Community Services; 7) Health and Mental Health; and 8) Public Safety. Improving the well-being of children and families requires coordination, collaboration, and integration of services across functional and jurisdictional boundaries, by and between County departments/agencies, and community and contracting partners.

The basic conditions that represent the well-being we seek for all children and families in Los Angeles County are delineated in the following five outcomes, adopted by the Board of Supervisors in January 1993.

- Good Health;
- Economic Well-Being;
- Safety and Survival;
- Emotional and Social Well-Being; and
- Education and Workforce Readiness.

Recognizing no single strategy - in isolation - can achieve the County's outcomes of well-being for children and families, consensus has emerged among County and community leaders that making substantial improvements in integrating the County's health and human services system is necessary to significantly move toward achieving these outcomes. The County has also established the following values and goals for guiding this effort to integrate the health and human services delivery system:

- ✔ Families are treated with respect in every encounter they have with the health, educational, and social services systems.
- ✔ Families can easily access a broad range of services to address their needs, build on their strengths, and achieve their goals.
- ✔ There is no "wrong door": wherever a family enters the system is the right place.
- ✔ Families receive services tailored to their unique situations and needs.
- ✔ Service providers and advocates involve families in the process of determining service plans, and proactively provide families with coordinated and comprehensive information, services, and resources.

- ✔ The County service system is flexible, able to respond to service demands for both the Countywide population and specific population groups.
- ✔ The County service system acts to strengthen communities, recognizing that just as individuals live in families, families live in communities.
- ✔ In supporting families and communities, County agencies work seamlessly with public and private service providers, community-based organizations, and other community partners.
- ✔ County agencies and their partners work together seamlessly to demonstrate substantial progress towards making the system more strength-based, family-focused, culturally-competent, accessible, user-friendly, responsive, cohesive, efficient, professional, and accountable.
- ✔ County agencies and their partners focus on administrative and operational enhancements to optimize the sharing of information, resources, and best practices while also protecting the privacy rights of families.
- ✔ County agencies and their partners pursue multi-disciplinary service delivery, a single service plan, staff development opportunities, infrastructure enhancements, customer service and satisfaction evaluation, and revenue maximization.
- ✔ County agencies and their partners create incentives to reinforce the direction toward service integration and a seamless service delivery system.
- ✔ The County human service system embraces a commitment to the disciplined pursuit of results accountability across systems. Specifically, any strategy designed to improve the County human services system for children and families should ultimately be judged by whether it helps achieve the County's five outcomes for children and families: good health, safety and survival, economic well-being, social and emotional well-being, and education and workforce readiness.

The County, its clients, contracting partners, and the community will continue to work together to develop practical ways to make County services more accessible, customer friendly, better integrated, and outcome-focused. Several departments have identified shared themes in their strategic plans for achieving these goals including: making an effort to become more consumer/client-focused; valuing community partnerships and collaborations; emphasizing values and integrity; and using a strengths-based and multi-disciplinary team approach. County departments are also working to provide the Board of Supervisors and the community with a better understanding of how resources are being utilized, how well services are being provided, and what are the results of the services: is anyone better off?

The County of Los Angeles health and human service departments and their partners are working together to achieve the following ***Customer Service And Satisfaction Standards*** in support of improving outcomes for children and families.

Personal Service Delivery

The service delivery team – staff and volunteers – will treat customers and each other with courtesy, dignity, and respect.

- Introduce themselves by name
- Listen carefully and patiently to customers
- Be responsive to cultural and linguistic needs
- Explain procedures clearly
- Build on the strengths of families and communities

Service Access

Service providers will work proactively to facilitate customer access to services.

- Provide services as promptly as possible
- Provide clear directions and service information
- Outreach to the community and promote available services
- Involve families in service plan development
- Follow-up to ensure appropriate delivery of services

Service Environment

Service providers will deliver services in a clean, safe, and welcoming environment, which supports the effective delivery of services.

- Ensure a safe environment
- Ensure a professional atmosphere
- Display vision, mission, and values statements
- Provide a clean and comfortable waiting area
- Ensure privacy
- Post complaint and appeals procedures

The basis for all County health and human services contracts is the provision of the highest level of quality services that support improved outcomes for children and families. The County and its contracting partners must work together and share a commitment to achieve a common vision, goals, outcomes, and standards for providing services.

1. **TERM:**

A. This Agreement shall commence upon Board Approval and shall not exceed 24 months or until the County Project Director has confirmed the revenue management function has become self-sufficient, which ever comes first.

B. This Agreement may be terminated by either party at any time without cause by giving at least 30 days prior written notice to the other party.

C. Six Months Notification of Agreement Expiration: Contractor shall notify County when this Agreement is within six (6) months of expiration. Contractor shall send such notice to those persons and addresses which are set forth in Paragraph **43** (NOTICES).

2. **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE:** Any of the parties of this Agreement may terminate services by written notice to the other party and shall become effective 30 days from the date of the written notice. Any party providing such termination shall not be liable or responsible for any liability, monetary or otherwise, resulting from any termination, in whole or in part, of that party's involvement in this Agreement. Termination shall be final and shall release the party from any further responsibility to provide service under the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

3. **TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT:**

A. County may, by written notice of default to Contractor, terminate this Agreement immediately in any one of the following circumstances:

(1) If, as determined in the sole judgment of County, Contractor fails to perform any services within the times specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof as County may authorize in writing; or

(2) If, as determined in the sole judgment of County, Contractor fails to perform and/or comply with any of the other provisions of this Agreement, or so fails to make progress as to endanger performance of this Agreement in accordance with its terms, and in either of these two circumstances, does not cure such failure within a period of five days (or such longer period as County may authorize in writing) after receipt of notice from County specifying such failure.

B. In the event that County terminates this Agreement as provided in Subparagraph A, County may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as County may deem appropriate, services similar to those so terminated, and Contractor shall be liable to County for any reasonable excess costs incurred by County, as determined by County, for such similar services.

C. The rights and remedies of County provided in this Paragraph shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

4. **TERMINATION FOR IMPROPER CONSIDERATION:** County may, by written notice to Contractor, immediately terminate the right of Contractor to proceed under this Agreement if it is found that consideration, in any form, was offered or given by Contractor, either directly or through an intermediary, to any County officer, employee or agent with the intent of securing the Agreement of securing favorable treatment with respect to the award, amendment or extension of the Agreement or the making of any determinations with respect to the Contractor's performance pursuant to the Agreement. In the event of such termination, County shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by the Contractor.

Contractor shall immediately report any attempt by a County officer or employee to solicit such improper consideration. The report shall be made either to the County manager charged with the supervision of the employee or the County Auditor-Controller's Employee Fraud Hotline at (213) 974-0914 or (800) 544-6861.

Among other items, such improper consideration may take the form of cash, discounts, service, the provision of travel or entertainment, or tangible gifts.

5. **SERVICES PROVIDED**: Contractor shall provide services to County as set forth in Exhibit A (STATEMENT OF WORK), which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

6. **PAYMENT**: In consideration of the performance by Contractor in a manner satisfactory to County of the services described in Exhibit A (STATEMENT OF WORK), Contractor shall be paid in accordance with the Payment Schedule established in Exhibit B. Notwithstanding such limitation of funds, Contractor agrees to satisfactorily provide all services specified in Exhibit A and to follow procedures established by DMH as specified in Exhibit C.

6.1 Contractor shall not be paid beyond the Maximum Compensation amount as specified in Exhibit B. Contractor agrees that County has no obligation, whatsoever, to pay for any services performed by Contractor that exceed the Maximum Compensation amount.

6.2 Contractor shall notify County when service amounts under this Agreement total seventy-five percent (75%) of the Maximum Compensation amount. Furthermore, Contractor shall notify County when this Agreement is within six (6) months of expiration. Contractor shall send these notices to DMH as specified in Exhibit B.

6.3 No Payment for Services Provided Following Expiration/Termination of Contract: Contractor shall have no claim against County for payment of any money or reimbursement, of any kind whatsoever, for any service provided by Contractor after the expiration or other termination of this Agreement. Should Contractor receive any such payment it shall immediately notify County and shall immediately repay all such funds to County. Payment by County for services rendered after expiration/termination of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of County's right to recover such payment from Contractor. This provision shall survive the expiration or other termination of this Agreement.

7. **LIMITATION OF COUNTY'S OBLIGATION DUE TO NON-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS:**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, County shall not be obligated for Contractor's performance hereunder or by any provision of this Agreement during this or any of County's future fiscal years unless and until County's Board of Supervisors appropriates funds for this Agreement in County's Budget for each such fiscal year. Should County, during this or any subsequent fiscal year impose budgetary reductions which appropriate less than the amount provided for in Exhibit B (PAYMENT SCHEDULE) of this Agreement, County shall reduce services under this Agreement consistent with such imposed budgetary reductions. In the event funds are not appropriated for this Agreement, then this Agreement shall terminate as of June 30 of the last fiscal year for which funds were appropriated. County shall notify Contractor of any such changes in allocation of funds at the earliest possible date.

8. **APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS:** Exhibits A, B, C, D, E and F are attached to and form a part of this Agreement. Any reference throughout the base agreement and each of its exhibits to "Agreement" shall, unless the context clearly denotes otherwise, denote the base agreement with all exhibits hereby incorporated. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency in meaning or provisions between the base agreement and the exhibits, or between exhibits, such conflict or inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence first to the base agreement, and then to the exhibits according to the following priority:

1. Exhibit A Statement of Work
2. Exhibit B Payment Schedule
3. Exhibit C Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement
4. Exhibit D Contractor Employee Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement
5. Exhibit E Attestation Regarding Federally Funded Programs
6. Exhibit F Fact Sheet "Safely Surrendered Baby Law"

9. **CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT:** Contractor shall provide to County an executed Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement (Exhibit C) prior to performing work under this Agreement. Such Agreement shall be delivered to Department of Mental Health, ATTN: Administrative Deputy, 550 South Vermont Avenue, 6th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90020 ATTN: Miles Yokota on or immediately after the effective date of this

Agreement but in no event later than the date the Contractor first performs work under this Agreement.

10. **CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT**: Contractor shall maintain on file an executed Consultant Employee Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement (Exhibit D) for each individual who performs work under this Agreement after the effective date of this Agreement but in no event later than the date the individual first performs work under this Agreement. Such Agreements shall be maintained in accordance with all applicable County, State and Federal requirements and made available for inspection and/or audit by authorized representatives of County, State and/or Federal governments.

11. **CONFIDENTIALITY**: Contractor shall maintain the confidentiality of all records and information, including, but not limited to, claims, County records, patient/client records and information, and IS records, in accordance with WIC Sections 5328 through 5330, inclusive, and all other applicable County, State. and Federal laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines, and directives, relating to confidentiality. Contractor shall require all its officers, employees, and agents providing services hereunder to acknowledge, in writing, understanding of, and agreement to fully comply with, all such confidentiality provisions. Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless County, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all loss, damage, liability, and expense arising from any disclosure of such records and information by Contractor, its officers, employees, or agents.

12. **CAPTIONS AND PARAGRAPH HEADINGS**: Captions and paragraph headings used throughout this Agreement, including all exhibits, are for convenience only and are not a part of the Agreement and shall not be used in constructing the Agreement.

13. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**: The body of this Agreement, and the Exhibits thereto, shall constitute the complete and exclusive statement of understanding between the parties which supersedes all previous agreements, written or oral, and all communications between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.

14. **ALTERATION OF TERMS:** No addition to, or alteration of, the terms of the body of this Agreement, or the Exhibits hereto, whether by written or oral understanding of the parties, their officers, employees or agents, shall be valid and effective unless made in the form of a written amendment to this Agreement which is formally approved and executed by the parties in the same manner as this Agreement.

15. **PATIENTS'/CLIENTS' RIGHTS:** Contractor shall comply with all applicable patients'/clients' rights provisions, including, but not limited to, WIC Section 5325 et seq., CCR Title 9, Section 850 et seq., and CCR Title 22. Further, Contractor shall comply with all patients'/clients' rights policies provided by County. County Patients' Rights Advocates shall be given access by Contractor to all patients/clients, patients'/clients' records, and Contractor's personnel in order to monitor Contractor's compliance with all applicable statutes, regulations, manuals and policies.

16. **RECORDS AND AUDITS:**

A. Records:

(1) Direct Services Records: During the assessment period, Contractor shall maintain a record of all direct services rendered and fully document all services provided under this Agreement and in sufficient detail to permit an evaluation and audit of such services. All such records shall be retained, maintained, and made immediately available for inspection, program review, and/or audit by authorized representatives and designees of County, State, and/or Federal governments during the term of this Agreement and during the applicable period of records retention. Such access shall include regular and special reports from Contractor. In addition to the requirements in this Paragraph, Contractor shall comply with any additional patient/client record requirements described in the Exhibits and shall adequately document the delivery of all services described in the Exhibits.

(a) Patient/Client Records (Direct Services): Contractor shall maintain treatment and other records of all assessment services in accordance with all applicable County, State and Federal requirements on each individual patient/client which shall include, but not be limited to, patient/client identification number, IS patient/client face sheet, all data elements required by IS,

consent for treatment form, initial evaluation form, treatment plan, progress notes and discharge summary.

(b) All patient/client records shall be returned to County upon completion of assessment or reassessment.

(2) Financial Records: Contractor shall prepare and maintain, on a current basis, accurate and complete financial records of its activities and operations relating to this Agreement in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, with the procedures set out in the Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal Automated Cost Reporting System Users Manual, and with all guidelines, standards, and procedures which may be provided by County to Contractor. Minimum standards for accounting principles are set forth in County's Auditor-Controller's Contract Accounting and Administration Handbook which shall be furnished to Contractor by County upon request.

(3) Preservation of Records: If, following termination of this Agreement, Contractor's facility(ies) is (are) closed or if majority ownership of Contractor changes, then within forty-eight hours thereafter, Director of SDMH and Director shall be notified thereof by Contractor in writing of all arrangements made by Contractor for preservation of all the patient/client, financial, and other records referred to in this Paragraph.

B. Audits:

(1) Contractor shall provide County and its authorized representatives access to and the right to examine, audit, excerpt, copy, or transcribe, any pertinent transaction, activity, time cards, or any other records relating to this Agreement.

(2) County may, in its sole discretion, perform periodic fiscal and/or program review(s) of Contractor's records that relate to this Agreement, and if the results of any fiscal and/or program review requires a corrective plan of action, Contractor shall submit such a plan to DMH no later than thirty days after receiving the findings of the fiscal and/or program review.

(3) Audit Reports: In the event that any audit of any or all aspects of this Agreement is conducted of Contractor by any Federal or State auditor, or by any auditor or accountant

employed by Contractor or otherwise, then Contractor shall file a copy of such audit report(s) with DMH's Contracts Development and Administration Division within thirty days of Contractor's receipt thereof, unless otherwise provided by applicable Federal or State law or under this Agreement. Contractor shall promptly notify County of any request for access to information related to this Agreement by any other governmental agency.

(4) State Department of Mental Health Access to Records: Until Contractor has fulfilled its commitment to return all records to County, Contractor shall maintain and make available to the State Department of Mental Health, the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services or the Controller General of the United States, and any other authorized Federal and State agencies, or to any of their duly authorized representatives, the contracts, books, documents and records of Contractor which are necessary to verify the nature and extent of the cost of services hereunder. Contractor shall not carry out any of the services through any subcontract.

(5) Federal Access to Records: If, and to the extent that, Section 1861(v)(1)(I) of the Social Security Act (42 United States Code Section 1395x(v)(1)(I)) is applicable, Contractor agrees that for a period of seven years following the furnishing of services under this Agreement, Contractor shall maintain and make available to the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services or the Controller General of the United States, or to any of their duly authorized representatives, the contracts, books, documents and records of Contractor which are necessary to verify the nature and extent of the cost of services hereunder. Furthermore, Contractor shall not carry out any of the services through any subcontract.

17. **SEVERABLITY:** If any provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Agreement and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

18. **WAIVER:** No waiver by County of any breach of any provision of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any other breach of such provision. Failure of County to enforce at any time, or from time to time, any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver thereof.

The rights and remedies set forth in this Paragraph shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

19. **INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE:**

A. Indemnification: Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless County, and its Special Districts, elected and appointed officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all liability, including but not limited to demands, claims, actions, fees, costs, and expenses (including attorney and expert witness fees), arising from or connected with Contractor's acts and/or omissions arising from and/or relating to this Agreement.

B. General Insurance Requirements: Without limiting Contractor's indemnification of County and during the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall provide and maintain the following programs of insurance specified in this Agreement. Such insurance shall be primary to and not contributing with any other insurance or self-insurance programs maintained by County, and such coverage shall be provided and maintained at Contractor's own expense.

1) Evidence of Insurance: Certificate(s) or other evidence of coverage satisfactory to County shall be delivered to *Department of Mental Health, 550 South Vermont Avenue, Contracts Development and Administration Division, 5th Floor Room 500, Los Angeles, CA, 90020,* prior to commencing services under this Agreement. Such certificates or other evidence shall:

(a) Specifically identify this Agreement.

(b) Clearly evidence all coverages required in this Agreement.

(c) Contain the express condition that County is to be given written notice by mail at least thirty (30) days in advance of cancellation for all policies evidenced on the certificate of insurance.

(d) Include copies of the additional insured endorsement to the commercial general liability policy, adding the County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, its officials, officers and employees as insureds for all activities arising from this Agreement.

(e) Identify any deductibles or self-insured retentions for County's

approval. The County retains the right to require Contractor to reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as they apply to County, or, require Contractor to provide a bond guaranteeing payment of all such retained losses and related costs, including, but not limited to, expenses or fees, or both, related to investigations, claims administrations, and legal defense. Such bond shall be executed by a corporate surety licensed to transact business in the State of California.

2) Insurer Financial Ratings: Insurance is to be provided by an insurance company acceptable to the County with an A.M. Best rating of not less than A:VII, unless otherwise approved by County.

3) Failure to Maintain Coverage: Failure by Contractor to maintain the required insurance, or to provide evidence of insurance coverage acceptable to County, shall constitute a material breach of the contract upon which County may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement. County, at its sole option, may obtain damages from Contractor resulting from said breach. Alternatively, County may purchase such required insurance coverage, and without further notice to Contractor, County may deduct from sums due to Contractor any premium costs advanced by County for such insurance.

4) Notification of Incidents, Claims or Suits: Contractor shall report to County:

(a) Any accident or incident relating to services performed under this Agreement which involves injury or property damage which may result in the filing of a claim or lawsuit against Contractor and/or County. Such report shall be made in writing within 24 hours of occurrence.

(b) Any third party claim or lawsuit filed against Contractor arising from or related to services performed by Contractor under this Agreement.

(c) Any injury to a Contractor employee which occurs on County property. This report shall be submitted on a County "Non-employee Injury Report" to the County contract manager.

(d) Any loss, disappearance, destruction, misuse, or theft of any kind whatsoever of County property, monies or securities entrusted to Contractor under the terms of this

Agreement.

5) Compensation for County Costs: In the event that Contractor fails to comply with any of the indemnification or insurance requirements of this Agreement, and such failure to comply results in any costs to County, Contractor shall pay full compensation for all costs incurred by County.

6) Insurance Coverage Requirements for Subcontractors: Contractor shall ensure any and all sub-contractors performing services under this Agreement meet the insurance requirements of this Agreement by either:

(a) Contractor providing evidence of insurance covering the activities of sub-contractors, or

(b) Contractor providing evidence submitted by sub-contractors evidencing that sub-contractors maintain the required insurance coverage. County retains the right to obtain copies of evidence of sub-contractor insurance coverage at any time.

C. Insurance Coverage Requirements:

1) General Liability: Insurance (written on ISO policy form CG 00 01 or its equivalent) with limits of not less than the following:

General Aggregate:	Two Million Dollars ($2,000,000)
Products/Completed Operations Aggregate:	One Million Dollars ($1,000,000)
Personal and Advertising Injury:	One Million Dollars ($1,000,000)
Each Occurrence:	One Million Dollars ($1,000,000)

2) Automobile Liability: Insurance (written on ISO policy form CA 00 01 or its equivalent) with a limit of liability of not less than One Million Dollars ($1,000,000) for each accident. Such insurance shall include coverage for all "owned", "hired" and "non-owned" vehicles, or coverage for any "auto".

3) Workers Compensation and Employers' Liability: Insurance providing workers compensation benefits, as required by the Labor Code of the State of California or by any other state,

and for which Contractor is responsible. If Contractor's employees will be engaged in maritime employment, coverage shall provide workers compensation benefits as required by the U.S. Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, Jones Act or any other Federal law for which Contractor is responsible. In all cases, the above insurance also shall include Employers' Liability coverage with limits of not less than the following:

Each Accident:	One Million Dollars	($1,000,000)
Disease – policy limit:	One Million Dollars	($1,000,000)
Disease – each employee:	One Million Dollars	($1,000,000)

4) Professional Liability: Insurance covering liability arising from any error, omission, negligent or wrongful act of the Contractor, its officers or employees with limits of not less than One Million Dollars ($1,000,000) per occurrence and Two Million Dollars ($2,000,000) aggregate. The coverage also shall provide an extended two-year reporting period commencing upon termination or cancellation of this Agreement.

20. **WARRANTY AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES:** Contractor warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Agreement upon any agreement or understanding for any commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by Contractor for the purpose of securing business. For Contractor's breach or violation of this warranty, County may, in its sole discretion, deduct from the Agreement price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

21. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

A. No County employee whose position in County enables such employee to influence the award or administration of this Agreement or any competing agreement, and no spouse or economic dependent of such employee, shall be employed in any capacity by Contractor or have any direct or indirect financial interest in this Agreement. No officer or employee of Contractor who may financially benefit from the provision of services hereunder shall in any way participate in County's approval, or

ongoing evaluation, of such services, or in any way attempt to unlawfully influence County's approval or ongoing evaluation of such services.

B. Contractor shall comply with all conflict of interest laws, ordinances and regulations now in effect or hereafter to be enacted during the term of this Agreement. Contractor warrants that it is not now aware of any facts which create a conflict of interest. If Contractor hereafter becomes aware of any facts which might reasonably be expected to create a conflict of interest, it shall immediately make full written disclosure of such facts to County. Full written disclosure shall include, without limitation, identification of all persons implicated and complete description of all relevant circumstances.

22. **COUNTY'S QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN:** The County or its agent will evaluate Contractor's performance under this Agreement on not less than an annual basis. Such evaluation will include assessing Contractor's compliance with all contract terms and performance standards. Contractor deficiencies which County determines are severe or continuing and that may place performance of the Agreement in jeopardy if not corrected will be reported to the Board of Supervisors. The report will include improvement/corrective action measures taken by the County and Contractor. If improvement does not occur consistent with the corrective action measures, County may terminate this Agreement or impose other penalties as specified in this Agreement.

23. **CONSIDERATION FOR HIRING GREATER AVENUES FOR INDEPENDENCE (GAIN) PARTICIPANTS:** Should Contractor require additional or replacement personnel after the effective date of this Agreement, Contractor shall give consideration for any such employment openings to participants in the County's Department of Public Social Services' Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program who meet Contractor's minimum qualifications for the open position. The County will refer GAIN participants by job category to the contractor.

24. **CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM:**

A. Contractor's Warranty of Adherence to County's Child Support Compliance Program:

(1) Contractor acknowledges that County has established a goal of ensuring that all individuals who benefit financially from County through contract are in compliance with their court-ordered child, family, and spousal support obligations in order to mitigate the economic burden otherwise imposed upon County and its taxpayers.

(2) As required by County's Child Support Compliance Program (County Code Chapter 2.200) and without limiting Contractor's duty under this contract to comply with all applicable provisions of law, Contractor warrants that it is now in compliance and shall during the term of this contract maintain in compliance with employment and wage reporting requirements as required by the Federal Social Security Act (42 USC Section 653a) and California Unemployment Insurance Code Section 1088.5, and shall implement all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Withholdings Orders or CSSD Notices of Wage and Earnings Assignment for Child, Family, or Spousal Support, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 706.031 and Family Code Section 5246(b).

B. Termination For Breach Of Warranty To Maintain Compliance With County's Child Support Compliance Program: Failure of Contractor to maintain compliance with the requirements set forth under this Paragraph **24B** (Contractor's Warranty of Adherence to County's Child Support Compliance Program) shall constitute default under this contract. Without limiting the rights and remedies available to County under any other provision of this contract, failure of Contractor to cure such default within 90 calendar days of written notice shall be grounds upon which County may terminate this contract pursuant to Paragraph 3 (TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT) and pursue debarment of Contractor, pursuant to County Code Chapter 2.202.

25. **NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES REGARDING THE FEDERAL EARNED INCOME CREDIT:** Contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws. Such notice shall be provided in accordance with the requirements set forth in Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015.

26. **USE OF RECYCLED-CONTENT PAPER PRODUCTS:** Consistent with the Board of Supervisors policy to reduce the amount of solid waste deposited at the County landfills, the Contractor agrees to use recycled-content paper to the maximum extent possible on the Project.

27. **CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY AND DEBARMENT:** The following requirements set forth in the County's Non-Responsibility and Debarment Ordinance (Title 2, Chapter 2.202 of the County Code) are effective for this Agreement, except to the extent applicable State and/or Federal laws are inconsistent with the terms of the Ordinance.

A. A responsible Contractor is a Contractor who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity and experience to satisfactorily perform the contract. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible consultants.

B. The Contractor is hereby notified that, in accordance with Chapter 2.202 of the County Code, if the County acquires information concerning the performance of the Contractor on this or other Agreements which indicates that the Contractor is not responsible, the County may, in addition to other remedies provided in the Agreement, debar the Contractor from bidding or proposing on, or being awarded, and/or performing work on County Agreements for a specified period of time not to exceed 3 years, and terminate any or all existing Agreements the Contractor may have with the County.

C. The County may debar a Contractor if the Board of Supervisors finds, in its discretion, that the Contractor has done any of the following: (1) violated a term of an Agreement with the County or a nonprofit corporation created by the County, (2) committed an act or omission which negatively reflects on the Contractor's quality, fitness or capacity to perform a contract with the County, any other public entity, or a nonprofit corporation created by the County, or engaged in a pattern or practice which negatively reflects on same, (3) committed an act or offense which indicates a lack of business integrity or business honesty, or (4) made or submitted a false claim against the County or any other public entity.

D. If there is evidence that the Contractor may be subject to debarment, the

Department will notify the Contractor in writing of the evidence which is the basis for the proposed debarment and will advise the Contractor of the scheduled date for a debarment hearing before the Contractor Hearing Board.

E. The Contractor Hearing Board will conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed debarment is presented. The Contractor and/or the Contractor's representative shall be given an opportunity to submit evidence at that hearing. After the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall prepare a tentative proposed decision, which shall contain a recommendation regarding whether the Contractor should be debarred, and, if so, the appropriate length of time of the debarment. The Contractor and the Department shall be provided an opportunity to object to the tentative proposed decision prior to its presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

F. After consideration of any objections, or if no objections are submitted, a record of the hearing, the proposed decision and any other recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board shall be presented to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall have the right to modify, deny or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Hearing Board.

G. These terms shall also apply to subcontracts of County Contractors.

28. **CONTRACTOR'S EXCLUSION FROM PARTICIPATION IN A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM**: Contractor hereby warrants that neither it nor any of its staff members is restricted or excluded from providing services under any health care program funded by the Federal government, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, and that Contractor will notify Director within 30 calendar days in writing of: (1) any event that would require Contractor or a staff member's mandatory exclusion from participation in a Federally funded health care program; and (2) any exclusionary action taken by any agency of the Federal government against Contractor or one or more staff members barring it or the staff members from participation in a Federally funded health care program, whether such bar is direct or indirect, or whether such bar is in whole or in part.

There are a variety of different reasons why an individual or entity may be excluded from participating in a Federally funded health care program. Sometimes, the exclusion is mandatory and in other cases the Office of Inspector General (OIG) has the discretion not to exclude.

The mandatory bases for exclusion include: (1) felony convictions for program related crimes, including fraud or false claims, or for offenses related to the dispensing or use of controlled substances, or (2) convictions related to patient abuse.

Permissive exclusions may be based on: (1) conviction of a misdemeanor related to fraud or financial misconduct involving a government program; (2) obstructing an investigation; (3) failing to provide access to documents or premises as required by federal healthcare program officials; (4) conviction of a misdemeanor related to controlled substances; (5) failing to disclose information about the entity itself, its subcontractors or its significant business transactions; (6) loss of a state license to practice a healthcare profession; (7) default on a student loan given in connection with education in a health profession; (8) charging excessive amounts to a Federally funded health care program or furnishing services of poor quality or which are substantially in excess of the needs of the patients; (9) paying a kickback or submitting a false or fraudulent claim. Persons controlling or managing excluded entities who knew of the conduct leading to the exclusion can themselves be excluded, and entities which are owned and controlled by excluded individuals can also be excluded.

Contractor shall indemnify and hold County harmless against any and all loss or damage County may suffer arising from any Federal exclusion of Contractor or its staff members from such participation in a Federally funded health care program. Contractor shall provide the certification set forth in Exhibit E as part of its obligation under this Paragraph **28**.

Failure by Contractor to meet the requirements of this Paragraph **28** shall constitute a material breach of Agreement upon which County may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement.

29. **COUNTY LOBBYISTS:** Contractor and each County lobbyist or County lobbying firm as defined in Los Angeles County Code Section 2.160.010, retained by Contractor, shall fully comply

with the County's Lobbyist Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.160. Failure on the part of Contractor of any County's lobbyist or County lobbying firm retained by Contractor to fully comply with the County Lobbyist Ordinance shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement upon which County may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement.

30. **INDEPENDENT STATUS OF CONTRACTOR:** This Agreement is between County and Contractor and is not intended, and shall not be construed, to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture, or association, as between County and Contractor. This Agreement constitutes the complete and exclusive statement of understanding between the parties which supersedes all previous Agreements, written or oral, and all other communications between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.

31. **DELEGATION AND ASSIGNMENT:** Contractor shall not delegate its duties or assign its rights under this Agreement, or both, either in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of County, and any prohibited delegation or assignment shall be null and void. Any payments by County to any delegatee or assignee on any claim under this Agreement, in consequence of any such consent, shall be subject to set off, recoupment, or other reduction for any claim which Contractor may have against County.

32. **SUBCONTRACTING:** No performance of this Agreement, or any portion thereof, shall be subcontracted by Contractor.

33. **LICENSES, PERMITS, REGISTRATIONS, ACCREDITATIONS, AND CERTIFICATES:**

A. Contractor shall obtain and maintain in effect during the term of this Agreement, all licenses, permits, registrations, accreditations, and certificates (including, but not limited to, certification as a Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal provider if Title XIX Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal services are provided hereunder), as required by all Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines, and directives, which are applicable to Contractor's facility(ies) and services under this Agreement. Contractor shall further ensure that all of its officers, employees, and agents, who perform services hereunder, shall obtain and maintain in effect during the term of this Agreement all licenses,

permits, registrations, accreditations, and certificates which are applicable to their performance hereunder. A copy of each such license, permit, registration, accreditation, and certificate (including, but not limited to, certification as a Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal provider if Title XIX Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal services are provided hereunder) as required by all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines and directives shall be provided, in duplicate, to DMH's Contracts Development and Administration Division.

B. If Contractor is a participant in the Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal program, Contractor shall keep fully informed of all current Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal Policy Letters, including, but not limited to, procedures for maintaining Medi-Cal certification of all its facilities.

34. **COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW:**

A. Contractor shall comply with all Federal, including, but not limited to, Title XIX of the Social Security Act, State, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, and directives applicable to its performance hereunder. Further, all provisions required thereby to be included in this Agreement are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

B. Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless County from and against any and all liability, damages, costs or expenses, including, but not limited to, defense costs and attorneys' fees, arising from or related to any violation on the part of Contractor, its officers, employees, or agents, of any such Federal, State or local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines, ADA standards, or directives.

C. Contractor shall maintain in effect an active compliance program in accordance with the recommendations set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General.

35. **GOVERNING LAW, JURISDICTION AND VENUE:** This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of California. Contractor agrees and consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of California for all purposes regarding this

Agreement and further agrees and consents that venue of any action brought hereunder shall be exclusively in the County of Los Angeles, California. Further, this Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, all laws, regulations, and contractual obligations of County under its agreement with the State.

36. **CERTIFICATION OF DRUG-FREE WORK PLACE:** Contractor certifies and agrees that Contractor and its employees shall comply with DMH's policy of maintaining a drug-free work place. Contractor and its employees shall not manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, or use any controlled substances as defined in 21 United States Code Section 812, including, but not limited to, marijuana, heroin, cocaine, and amphetamines, at any of Contractor's facilities or work sites or County's facilities or work sites. If Contractor or any of its employees is convicted of or pleads nolo contendere to any criminal drug statute violation occurring at any such facility or work site, then Contractor, within five days thereafter, shall notify Director in writing.

37. **PERFORMANCE UNDER EMERGENCY CONDITIONS:**

i. FORCE MAJEUR: In the event that performance by either party is rendered impossible (permanent or temporarily) by governmental restrictions, regulation or controls or other causes beyond the reasonable control of such party, said event shall excuse performance by such party, or in the case of temporary impossibility, shall excuse performance only for a period commensurate with the period of impossibility. Notwithstanding the foregoing, County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon any event which renders performance impossible. In such case, County shall be responsible for payment of all expenses incurred to the point at which this Agreement is terminated.

ii. CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE DURING CIVIL UNREST OR DISASTER: Contractor and its subcontractor(s) recognize that health care facilities (e.g., residential health care facilities) maintained by County, and the participants that they serve, provide care that is essential to the residents of the community they serve, and that these services are of particular importance at the time of riot, insurrection, civil unrest, natural disaster, or similar event. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Agreement, full performance by Contractor and its subcontractor(s) during any riot, insurrection,

civil unrest, natural disaster or similar event is not excused if such performance remains physically possible. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be considered a material breach by Contractor for which Director may suspend of County may immediate terminate this Agreement.

iii. EMERGENCY AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: Notwithstanding Contractor's and County's contractual objective to provide services to eligible persons, Contractor shall make program services available to any person impacted during the event of a State/nationally declared emergency, contingent upon the availability and commitment of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or State Office of Emergency Services (OES) funds with which to reimburse Contractor for funds expended.

38. **HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT**: "CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATION AS A "BUSINESS ASSOCIATE" UNDER THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996:

Under this Agreement, Contractor ("Business Associate") provides services ("Services") to County ("Covered Entity") and Business Associate receives, has access to or creates Protected Health Information in order to provide those Services. Covered Entity is subject to the Administrative Simplification requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"), and regulations promulgated thereunder, including the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information ("Privacy Regulations") and the Health Insurance Reform: Security Standards ("The Security Regulations") at 45 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 160 and 164 ("together, the "Privacy and Security Regulations").

The Privacy and Security Regulations require Covered Entity to enter into a contract with Business Associate in order to mandate certain protections for the privacy and security of Protected Health Information, and those Regulations prohibit the disclosure to or use of Protected Health Information by Business Associate if such a contract is not in place;

Therefore, the parties agree as follows:

DEFINITIONS

1.1 "Disclose" and "Disclosure" means, with respect to Protected Health Information, the release, transfer, provision of access to, or divulging in any other manner of Protected Health Information outside Business Associate's internal operations or to other than its employees.

1.2 "Electronic Media" has the same meaning as the term "electronic media" in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103. Electronic Media means (1) Electronic storage media including memory devices in computers (hard drives) and any removable/transportable digital memory medium, such as magnetic tape or disk, optical disk, or digital memory card; or (2) Transmission media used to exchange information already in electronic storage media. Transmission media include, for example, the internet (wide-open), extranet (using internet technology to link a business with information accessible only to collaborating parties), leased lines, dial-up lines, private networks, and the physical movement of removable/transportable electronic storage media. Certain transmissions, including of paper, via facsimile, and of voice, via telephone, are not considered to be transmissions via electronic media, because the information being exchanged did not exist in electronic form before the transmission.

The term "Electronic Media" draws no distinction between internal and external data, at rest (that is, in storage) as well as during transmission.

1.3 "Electronic Protected Health Information" has the same meaning as the term "electronic protected health information" in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103. Electronic Protected Health Information means Protected Health Information that is (i) transmitted by electronic media; (ii) maintained in electronic media.

1.4 "Individual" means the person who is the subject of Protected Health Information and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.502(g).

1.5 "Protected Health Information" has the same meaning as the term "protected health information" in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103, limited to the information created or received by Business

Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity. Protected Health Information includes information that (i) relates to the past, present or future physical or mental health or condition of an Individual; the provision of health care to an Individual, or the past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an Individual; (ii) identifies the Individual (or for which there is a reasonable basis for believing that the information can be used to identify the Individual); and (iii) is received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity, or is created by Business Associate, or is made accessible to Business Associate by Covered Entity. "Protected Health Information" includes Electronic Health Information.

1.6 "Required By Law" means a mandate contained in law that compels an entity to make a Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information and that is enforceable in a court of law. Required by law includes, but is not limited to, court orders and court-ordered warrants; subpoenas or summons issued by a court, grand jury, a governmental or tribal inspector general, or any administrative body authorized to require the production of information; a civil or an authorized investigative demand; Medicare conditions of participation with respect to health care providers participating in the program; and statutes or regulations that require the production of information, including statutes or regulations that require such information if payment is sought under a government program providing benefits.

1.7 "Security Incident" means the attempted or successful unauthorized access, Use, Disclosure, modification, or destruction of information in, or interference with system operations of, an Information System which contains Electronic Protected Health Information. However, Security Incident does not include attempts to access an Information System when those attempts are not reasonably considered by Business Associate to constitute an actual threat to the Information System.

1.8 "Services" has the same meaning as in the body of this Agreement.

1.9 "Use" or "Uses" mean, with respect to Protected Health Information, the sharing, employment, application, utilization, examination or analysis of such Information within Business Associate's internal operations.

1.10 Terms used, but not otherwise defined in this Paragraph **38** shall have the same meaning as those terms in the HIPAA Regulations.

OBLIGATIONS OF BUSINESS ASSOCIATE

2.1 Permitted Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information. Business Associate:

(a) shall Use and Disclose Protected Health Information as necessary to perform the Services, and as provided in Sections 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 4.3 and 5.2 of this Agreement;

(b) shall Disclose Protected Health Information to Covered Entity upon request;

(c) may, as necessary for the proper management and administration of its business or to carry out its legal responsibilities:

(i) Use Protected Health Information; and

(ii) Disclose Protected Health Information if the Disclosure is Required by Law.

Business Associate shall not Use or Disclose Protected Health Information for any other purpose.

2.2 Adequate Safeguards for Protected Health Information. Business Associate:

(a) shall implement and maintain appropriate safeguards to prevent the Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information in any manner other than as permitted by this Paragraph **38.** Business Associate agrees to limit the Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information to the minimum necessary in accordance with the Privacy Regulation's minimum necessary standard.

(b) effective as of April 20, 2005, specifically as to Electronic Health Information, shall implement and maintain administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of Electronic Protected Health Information.

2.3 Reporting Non-Permitted Use or Disclosure and Security Incidents. Business Associate shall report to Covered Entity each Use or Disclosure that is made by Business Associate, its employees,

representatives, agents or subcontractors but is not specifically permitted by this Agreement, as well as, effective as of April 20, 2005, each Security Incident of which Business Associate becomes aware. The initial report shall be made by telephone call to the Departmental Privacy Officer, telephone number 1(213) 738-4864 within forty-eight (48) hours from the time the Business Associate becomes aware of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure or Security Incident, followed by a full written report no later than ten (10) business days from the date the Business Associate becomes aware of the non-permitted Use or Disclosure or Security Incident to the Chief Privacy Officer at:

Chief Privacy Officer
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple ST.
Suite 525
Los Angeles, CA 90012

2.4 Mitigation of Harmful Effect. Business Associate agrees to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Business Associate of a Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information by Business Associate in violation of the requirements of this Paragraph **38.**

2.5 Availability of Internal Practices, Books and Records to Government Agencies. Business Associate agrees to make its internal practices, books and records relating to the Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information available to the Secretary of the federal Department of Health and Human Services for purposes of determining Covered Entity's compliance with the Privacy and Security Regulations. Business Associate shall immediately notify Covered Entity of any requests made by the Secretary and provide Covered Entity with copies of any documents produced in response to such request.

2.6 Access to Protected Health Information. Business Associate shall, to the extent Covered Entity determines that any Protected Health Information constitutes a "designated record set" as defined by 45 C.F.R. § 164.501, make the Protected Health Information specified by Covered Entity

available to the Individual(s) identified by Covered Entity as being entitled to access and copy that Protected Health Information. Business Associate shall provide such access for inspection of that Protected Health Information within two (2) business days after receipt of request from Covered Entity. Business Associate shall provide copies of that Protected Health Information within five (5) business days after receipt of request from Covered Entity.

2.7 Amendment of Protected Health Information. Business Associate shall, to the extent Covered Entity determines that any Protected Health Information constitutes a "designated record set" as defined by 45 C.F.R. § 164.501, make any amendments to Protected Health Information that are requested by Covered Entity. Business Associate shall make such amendment within ten (10) business days after receipt of request from Covered Entity in order for Covered Entity to meet the requirements under 45 C.F.R. § 164.526.

2.8 Accounting of Disclosures. Business Associate agrees to maintain documentation of the information required to provide an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528, and to make this information available to Covered Entity upon Covered Entity's request, in order to allow Covered Entity to respond to an Individual's request for accounting of disclosures. However, Business Associate is not required to provide an accounting of Disclosures that are necessary to perform its Services if such Disclosures are for either payment or health care operations purposes, or both. Additionally, such accounting is limited to disclosures that were made in the six (6) years prior to the request (not including disclosures prior to the compliance date of the Privacy Rule, April 14, 2003) and shall be provided for as long as Business Associate maintains the Protected Health Information.

Any accounting provided by Business Associate under this Section 2.8 shall include: (a) the date of the Disclosure; (b) the name, and address if known, of the entity or person who received the Protected Health Information; (c) a brief description of the Protected Health Information disclosed; and (d) a brief statement of the purpose of the Disclosure. For each Disclosure that could require an accounting under this Section 2.8, Business Associate shall document the information

specified in (a) through (d), above, and shall securely maintain the information for six (6) years from the date of the Disclosure. Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity, within ten (10) business days after receipt of request from Covered Entity, information collected in accordance with this Section 2.8 to permit Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528.

OBLIGATION OF COVERED ENTITY

3.1 Obligation of Covered Entity. Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any current or future restrictions or limitations on the use of Protected Health Information that would affect Business Associate's performance of the Services, and Business Associate shall thereafter restrict or limit its own uses and disclosures accordingly.

TERM AND TERMINATION

4.1 Term. The term of this Paragraph **38** shall be the same as the term of this Agreement. Business Associate's obligations under Sections 2.1 (as modified by Section 4.2), 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 4.3 and 5.2 shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

4.2 Termination for Cause. In addition to and notwithstanding the termination provisions set forth in this Agreement, upon Covered Entity's knowledge of a material breach by Business Associate, Covered Entity shall either:

(a) Provide an opportunity for Business Associate to cure the breach or end the violation and terminate this Agreement if Business Associate does not cure the breach or end the violation within the time specified by Covered Entity;

(b) Immediately terminate this Agreement if Business Associate has breached a material term of this Agreement and cure is not possible; or

(c) If neither termination nor cure is feasible, Covered Entity shall report the violation to the Secretary of the federal Department of Health and Human Services.

4.3 Disposition of Protected Health Information Upon Termination or Expiration.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, upon termination for any reason or expiration of this Agreement, Business Associate shall return or destroy all Protected Health Information received from Covered Entity, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity. This provision shall apply to Protected Health Information that is in the possession of subcontractors or agents of Business Associate. Business Associate shall retain no copies of the Protected Health Information.

(b) In the event that Business Associate determines that returning or destroying the Protected Health Information is infeasible, Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity notification of the conditions that make it infeasible. If return or destruction is infeasible, Business Associate shall extend the protections of this 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 Business Associate maintains such Protected Health Information.

MISCELLANEOUS

5.1 No Third Party Beneficiaries. Nothing in this Paragraph **38** shall confer upon any person other than the parties and their respective successors or assigns, any rights, remedies, obligations, or liabilities whatsoever.

5.2 Use of Subcontractors and Agents. Business Associate shall require each of its agents and subcontractors that receive Protected Health Information from Business Associate, or create Protected Health Information for Business Associate, on behalf of Covered Entity, to execute a written agreement obligating the agent or subcontractor to comply with all the terms of this Paragraph **38**.

5.3 Relationship to Services Agreement Provisions. In the event that a provision of this Paragraph **38** is contrary to another provision of this Agreement, the provision of this Paragraph **38** shall control. Otherwise, this Paragraph **38** shall be construed under, and in accordance with, the terms of this Agreement.

5.4 Regulatory References. A reference in this Paragraph **38** to a section in the Privacy or Security Regulations means the section as in effect or as amended.

5.5 Interpretation. Any ambiguity in this Paragraph **38** shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that permits Covered Entity to comply with the Privacy and Security Regulations.

5.6 Amendment. The parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this Paragraph **38** from time to time as is necessary for Covered Entity to comply with the requirements of the Privacy and Security Regulations.

39. **COMPLIANCE WITH JURY SERVICE PROGRAM:**

A Jury Service Program: This Agreement is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled Contractor Employee Jury Service ("Jury Service Program") as codified in Sections 2.203.010 through 2.203.090 of the Los Angeles County Code.

B Written Employee Jury Service Policy:

(1) Unless Contractor has demonstrated to the County's satisfaction either that Contractor is not a "Contractor" as defined under the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.020 of the County Code) or that Contractor qualifies for an exception to the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.070 of the County Code), 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. The 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.

(2) For purposes of this Section, "Contractor" means a person, partnership, corporation or other entity which has an Agreement with the County or a subcontract with a County Contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of $50,000 or more in any 12-month period under one or more County Agreements or subcontracts. "Employee" means any California resident who is a full-time employee of Contractor. "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, or 2) Contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full-time. Full-time employees providing short-term, temporary services of 90 days or less within a 12-month period are not considered full-time for purposes of the Jury Service Program. If Contractor uses any subcontractor to perform services for the County under the Agreement, the subcontractor shall also be subject to the provisions of this Section. The provisions of this Section shall be inserted into any such subcontract Agreement and a copy of the Jury Service Program shall be attached to the Agreement.

(3) If Contractor is not required to comply with the Jury Service Program when the Agreement commences, Contractor shall have a continuing obligation to review the applicability of its "exception status" from the Jury Service Program, and Contractor shall immediately notify County if Contractor at any time either comes within the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor" or if Contractor no longer qualifies for an exception to the Program. In either event, Contractor shall immediately implement a written policy consistent with the Jury Service Program. The County may also require, at any time during the Agreement and at its sole discretion, that Contractor demonstrate to the County's satisfaction that Contractor either continues to remain outside of the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor" and/or that Contractor continues to qualify for an exception to the Program.

(4) Contractor's violation of this section of the Agreement may constitute a material breach of the Agreement. In the event of such material breach, County may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Agreement and/or bar Contractor from the award of future County Agreements for a period of time consistent with the seriousness of the breach.

40. **NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES REGARDING THE SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW**: The Contractor shall notify and provide to its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify and provide to its employees, a fact sheet regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, its implementation in Los Angeles County, and where and how to safely surrender a baby. The fact

sheet is set forth in Exhibit F of this Agreement and is also available on the Internet at www.babysafela.org for printing purposes.

41. **CONTRACTOR'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO THE SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW:** The Contractor acknowledges that the County places a high priority on the implementation of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law. The Contractor understands that it is the County's policy to encourage all County Contractors to voluntarily post the County's "Safely Surrendered Baby Law" poster in a prominent position at the Contractor's place of business. The Contractor will also encourage its subcontractors, if any, to post this poster in a prominent position in the subcontractor's place of business. The County's Department of Children and Family Services will supply the Contractor with the poster to be used.

42. **AUTHORIZATION WARRANTY:** Contractor represents and warrants that the person executing this Agreement for Contractor is an authorized agent who has actual authority to bind Contractor to each and every term, condition, and obligation of this Agreement and that all requirements of Contractor have been fulfilled to provide such actual authority.

43. **NOTICES:** All notices or demands required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered with signed receipt or mailed by first class, registered or certified mail, postage pre-paid, addressed to the parties at the following addresses and to the attention of the persons named. Director shall have the authority to execute all notices. Addresses and persons to be notified may be changed by either party by giving 10 days prior written notice thereof to the other party.

To CONTRACTOR: _____

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To COUNTY: Department of Mental Health

Contracts Development and Administration Division

550 South Vermont Ave., 5th Floor

Los Angeles, CA 90020

Attention: Chief of Contracts

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Agreement to be subscribed by County's Director of Mental Health or his designee, and Contractor has caused this Agreement to be subscribed in its behalf by its duly authorized officer, the day, month, and year first above written.

APPROVED AS TO FORM
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

By_____
Deputy County Counsel

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By_____
MARVIN J.SOUTHARD, D.S.W.
Director of Mental Health

_____
CONTRACTOR

By_____
Contractor's Signature

_____
CONTRACTOR'S TAXPAYER
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

APPROVED AS TO CONTRACT
ADMINISTRATION:

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

By_____
Chief, Contracts Development
and Administration Division

CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EMPLOYER

I understand that _____, is my sole employer for purposes of this employment.

I rely exclusively upon_____, for payment of all salary and any and all other benefits payable to me or on my behalf during the period of this employment.

I understand and agree that I am not an employee of Los Angeles County for any purpose whatsoever and that I do not have and will not acquire any rights or benefits of any kind from the County of Los Angeles during the period of this employment.

I understand and agree that I do not have an will not acquire any rights or benefits pursuant to any contract between my employer, _____, and the County of Los Angeles.

ACKNOWLEDGED AND RECEIVED:

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

NAME: _____
Print

When completed, this form must be maintained on file by CONTRACTOR in accordance with all applicable County, State and Federal requirements and made available for inspection and/or audit by authorized representatives of County, State, and/or Federal governments.

SUBCONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EMPLOYER

I understand that _____, is my sole employer for purposes of this employment.

I rely exclusively upon_____, for payment of all salary and any and all other benefits payable to me or on my behalf during the period of this employment.

I understand and agree that I am not an employee of Los Angeles County for any purpose whatsoever and that I do not have an will not acquire any rights or benefits of any kind from the County of Los Angeles during the period of this employment.

I understand and agree that I do not have and will not acquire any rights or benefits pursuant to any subcontract between my employer, _____, and any person or entity which has a prime contract with the County of Los Angeles.

ACKNOWLEDGED AND RECEIVED:

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

NAME: _____
Print

When completed, this form must be maintained on file by CONTRACTOR in accordance with all applicable County, State and Federal requirements and made available for inspection and/or audit by authorized representatives of County, State, and/or Federal governments.

ATTESTATION REGARDING FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS

In accordance with the DMH Legal Entity Agreement's Paragraph 28 (CONTRACTOR'S EXCLUSION FROM PARTICIPATION IN A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM):

I, the undersigned certify that I am not presently excluded from participation in federally funded health care programs, nor is there an investigation presently pending or recently concluded of me which is likely to result in my exclusion from any federally funded health care program, nor am I otherwise likely to be found by a federal or state agency to be ineligible to provide goods or services under the federally funded health care programs.

I further certify as the official responsible for the administration of _____ _____, (hereafter "Contractor") that all of its officers, employees, agents and/or sub-contractors are not presently excluded from participation in any federally funded health care programs, nor is there an investigation presently pending or recently concluded of any such officers, employees, agents and/or sub-contractors which is likely to result in an exclusion from any federally funded health care program, nor are any of its officers, employees, agents and/or sub-contractors otherwise likely to be found by a federal or state agency to be ineligible to provide goods or services under the federally funded health care programs.

I understand and certify that I will notify DMH within thirty (30) calendar days, in writing of:

- Any event that would require Contractor or any of its officers, employees, agents and/or sub-contractors exclusion or suspension under federally funded health care programs, or
- Any suspension or exclusionary action taken by an agency of the federal or state government against Contractor, or one or more of its officers, employees, agents and/or sub-contractors, barring it or its officers, employees, agents and/or sub-contractors from providing goods or services for which federally funded healthcare program payment may be made.

Name of authorized official _____
Please print name

Signature of authorized official _____ Date _____

SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW FACT SHEET

(IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH)

No shame.
No blame.
No names.

Newborns can be safely given up at any Los Angeles County hospital emergency room or fire station.

In Los Angeles County:
1-877-BABY SAFE
1-877-222-9723
www.babysafela.org

State of California
Gray Davis, Governor

Health and Human Services Agency
Grantland Johnson, Secretary

Department of Social Services
Rita Saenz, Director

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Gloria Molina, Supervisor, First District
Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Supervisor, Second District
Zev Yaroslavsky, Supervisor, Third District
Don Knabe, Supervisor, Fourth District
Michael D. Antonovich, Supervisor, Fifth District

This initiative is also supported by First 5 LA and INFO LINE of Los Angeles.

What is the Safely Surrendered Baby Law?

California's Safely Surrendered Baby Law allows parents to give up their baby confidentially. As long as the baby has not been abused or neglected, parents may give up their newborn without fear of arrest or prosecution.

How does it work?

A distressed parent who is unable or unwilling to care for a baby can legally, confidentially and safely give up a baby within three days of birth. The baby must be handed to an employee at a Los Angeles County emergency room or fire station. As long as the child shows no signs of abuse or neglect, no name or other information is required. In case the parent changes his or her mind at a later date and wants the baby back, workers will use bracelets to help connect them to each other. One bracelet will be placed on the baby, and a matching bracelet will be given to the parent.

What if a parent wants the baby back?

Parents who change their minds can begin the process of reclaiming their newborns within 14 days. These parents should call the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services at 1-800-540-4000.

Can only a parent bring in the baby?

In most cases, a parent will bring in the baby. The law allows other people to bring in the baby if they have legal custody.

Does the parent have to call before bringing in the baby?

No. A parent can bring in a baby anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week so long as the parent gives the baby to someone who works at the hospital or fire station.

Does a parent have to tell anything to the people taking the baby?

No. However, hospital personnel will ask the parent to fill out a questionnaire designed to gather important medical history information, which is very useful in caring for the child. Although encouraged, filling out the questionnaire is not required.

What happens to the baby?

The baby will be examined and given medical treatment, if needed. Then the baby will be placed in a pre-adoptive home.

What happens to the parent?

Once the parent(s) has safely turned over the baby, they are free to go.

Why is California doing this?

The purpose of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law is to protect babies from being abandoned by their parents and potentially being hurt or killed. You may have heard tragic stories of babies left in dumpsters or public bathrooms. The parents who committed these acts may have been under severe emotional distress. The mothers may have hidden their pregnancies, fearful of what would happen if their families found out. Because they were afraid and had nowhere to turn for help, they abandoned their infants. Abandoning a baby puts the child in extreme danger. It is also illegal. Too often, it results in the baby's death. Because of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, this tragedy doesn't ever have to happen in California again.

A baby's story

At 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2002, a healthy newborn baby was brought to St. Bernardine Medical Center in San Bernardino under the provisions of the California Safely Surrendered Baby Law. As the law states, the baby's mother did not have to identify herself. When the baby was brought to the emergency room, he was examined by a pediatrician, who determined that the baby was healthy and doing fine. He was placed with a loving family while the adoption process was started.

Every baby deserves a chance for a healthy life. If someone you know is considering abandoning a newborn, let her know there are other options.

It is best that women seek help to receive proper medical care and counseling while they are pregnant. But at the same time, we want to assure parents who choose not to keep their baby that they will not go to jail if they deliver their babies to safe hands in any Los Angeles County hospital ER or fire station.

Sin pena.
Sin culpa.
Sin peligro.

Los recién nacidos pueden ser entregados en forma segura en la sala de emergencia de cualquier hospital o en un cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Angeles.

En el Condado de Los Angeles:
1-877-BABY SAFE
1-877-222-9723
www.babysafela.org

Estado de California
Gray Davis, Gobernador

Agencia de Salud y Servicios Humanos
(Health and Human Services Agency)
Grantland Johnson, Secretario

Departamento de Servicios Sociales
(Department of Social Services)
Rita Saenz, Directora

Consejo de Supervisores del Condado de Los Angeles
Gloria Molina, Supervisora, Primer Distrito
Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Supervisora, Segundo Distrito
Zev Yaroslavsky, Supervisor, Tercer Distrito
Don Knabe, Supervisor, Cuarto Distrito
Michael D. Antonovich, Supervisor, Quinto Distrito

Esta iniciativa tambien esta apollada por First 5 LA y INFO LINE de Los Angeles.

¿Qué es la Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro?

La Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro de California permite a los padres entregar a su recién nacido confidencialmente. Siempre que el bebé no haya sufrido abuso ni negligencia, padres pueden entregar a su recién nacido sin temor a ser arrestados o procesados.

¿Cómo funciona?

El padre/madre con dificultades que no pueda o no quiera cuidar de su recién nacido puede entregarlo en forma legal, confidencial y segura, dentro de los tres días del nacimiento. El bebé debe ser entregado a un empleado de una sala de emergencias o de un cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Angeles. Siempre que el bebé no presente signos de abuso o negligencia, no será necesario suministrar nombres ni información alguna. Si el padre/madre cambia de opinión posteriormente y desea recuperar a su bebé, los trabajadores utilizarán brazaletes para poder vincularlos. El bebé llevará un brazalete y el padre/madre recibirá un brazalete igual.

¿Qué pasa si el padre/madre desea recuperar a su bebé?

Los padres que cambien de opinión pueden empezar el proceso de reclamar a su recién nacido dentro de los 14 días. Estos padres deberán llamar al Departamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias (Department of Children and Family Services) del Condado de Los Angeles, al 1-800-540-4000.

¿Sólo los padres podrán llevar al recién nacido?

En la mayoría de los casos, los padres son los que llevan al bebé. La ley permite que otras personas lleven al bebé si tienen la custodia legal del menor.

¿Los padres deben llamar antes de llevar al bebé?

No. El padre/madre puede llevar a su bebé en cualquier momento, las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana, mientras que entregue a su bebé a un empleado del hospital o de un cuartel de bomberos.

¿Es necesario que el padre/madre diga algo a las personas que reciben al bebé?

No. Sin embargo, el personal del hospital le pedirá que llene un cuestionario con la finalidad de recabar antecedentes médicos importantes, que resultan de gran utilidad para los cuidados que recibirá el bebé. Es recomendado llenar este cuestionario, pero no es obligatorio hacerlo.

¿Qué ocurrirá con el bebé?

El bebé será examinado y, de ser necesario, recibirá tratamiento médico. Luego el bebé se entregará a un hogar preadoptivo.

¿Qué pasará con el padre/madre?

Una vez que los padres hayan entregado a su bebé en forma segura, serán libres de irse.

¿Por qué California hace esto?

La finalidad de la Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro es proteger a los bebés del abandono por parte de sus padres y de la posibilidad de que mueran o sufran daños. Usted probablemente haya escuchado historias trágicas sobre bebés abandonados en basureros o en baños públicos. Es posible que los padres que cometieron estos actos hayan estado atravesando dificultades emocionales graves. Las madres pueden haber ocultado su embarazo, por temor a lo que pasaría si sus familias se enteraran. Abandonaron a sus recién nacidos porque tenían miedo y no tenían adonde recurrir para obtener ayuda. El abandono de un recién nacido lo pone en una situación de peligro extremo. Además es ilegal. Muy a menudo el abandono provoca la muerte del bebé. Ahora, gracias a la Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro, esta tragedia ya no debe suceder nunca más en California.

Historia de un bebé

A las 8:30 a.m. del jueves 25 de julio de 2002, se entregó un bebé recién nacido saludable en el St. Bernardine Medical Center en San Bernardino, en virtud de las disposiciones de la Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro. Como lo establece la ley, la madre del bebé no se tuvo que identificar. Cuando el bebé llegó a la sala de emergencias, un pediatra lo revisó y determinó que el bebé estaba saludable y no tenía problemas. El bebé fue ubicado con una buena familia, mientras se iniciaban los trámites de adopción.

Cada recién nacido merece una oportunidad de tener una vida saludable. Si alguien que usted conoce está pensando en abandonar a un recién nacido, infórmele qué otras opciones tiene.

Es mejor que las mujeres busquen ayuda para recibir atención médica y asesoramiento adecuado durante el embarazo. Pero al mismo tiempo, queremos asegurarles a los padres que optan por no quedarse con su bebé que no irán a la cárcel si dejan a sus bebés en buenas manos en cualquier sala de emergencia de un hospital o en un cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Angeles.

Statement of Work

DMH Revenue Management Planning and Implementation Initiative

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Statement of Work (SOW) is to retain the services of a qualified consultant to provide expert assistance in establishing a revenue management function within the Department of Mental Health (DMH) and setting up the operational procedures for a revenue management unit to make best use of available automation tools.

PROJECT GOALS

Obtain knowledgeable consulting assistance to:

- Fully identify current processes, controls and gaps resulting in unclear liability estimates, lost revenue, lagged claims and incorrect payments to providers and quantify the financial exposure of Los Angeles County (LAC) DMH.
- Develop and implement effective claims inventory and reconciliation processes and controls to accurately monitor and report claims volumes, payment/processing statuses, outstanding liabilities, resubmission statuses and opportunities, error rates and other key measures necessary to effectively manage DMH revenues.
- Assist DMH in establishing a fully-functional revenue management unit responsible for continuing management of the above processes, controls and management reporting and provide interim management until DMH trained personnel are in place.
- Document the benefit, contract and other administrative rules and parameters necessary to accurately adjudicate claims and obtain all necessary validations and approvals. Audit current system parameters and logic compared to the approved rules and parameters documenting gaps. Develop and implement corrective action plans to address errors and recovery opportunities.
- Work with the Integrated System/Mental Health Management Information Systems Replacement Project evaluation and implementation teams to translate the approved rules and parameters to the configuration and processing requirements for the new claims administration application to be implemented in conjunction with the provider and care management modules.

SCOPE OF WORK

This project requires the knowledge and skills of experts (an experienced **Consulting Team**) in behavioral health care claims/revenue management, benefit and contract interpretation and behavioral health care IT systems. The Consulting Team will work closely with the DMH Project Manager and DMH Project Director and will be responsible for completing the following:

Objective I – Develop a DMH Revenue Management Project Plan in Microsoft Project that incorporates Deliverables described below.

Deliverables for Objective I:

- DMH Revenue Management Project Plan in Microsoft Project

Objective II – Through review of research completed to date and supplemental research and analysis, identify gaps in current systems and processes resulting in lost revenue, missing/lagged claims and incorrect/missing payments to providers. Develop clear and accurate claims liability summaries by program, provider and payment period to assess the full financial exposure.

Deliverables for Objective II:

- "As is" process flow charts documenting gaps and points of error in the current systems and processes.
- Detailed quantification of claims transactions lost, delayed or incorrectly processed at each gap or point of error.
- Documented action plan to address each problem area found.

Objective III – Develop and implement effective, industry standard claims inventory and reconciliation processes and controls to accurately monitor and report claims volumes, payment/processing status, outstanding liabilities, resubmission status and opportunities, error rates and other key measures necessary to effectively manage DMH revenues.

Deliverables for Objective III:

- Documented procedures for establishing the metrics, to facilitate managing and monitoring each of the above processes.
- Documented specifications for IT to support development of monitoring reports.
- Presentation to designated management of the processes and measures allowing closer control and confidence in current claims revenue status.

Objective IV – Assist DMH to establish a fully-functional revenue management unit responsible for continuing management of the above processes, controls and management reporting. Develop job descriptions, policies, procedures, training tools and other materials necessary to support establishment of the DMH unit. Assist with recruiting and interviewing candidates. Provide interim oversight of the revenue management function until DMH trained personnel are in place.

Deliverables for Objective IV:

- Revenue management unit organizational chart and job descriptions for all positions. Recommended salary grades for obtaining the skills needed.
- Documented drafts of all operational policies and procedures for the unit for DMH approval.
- Documented recommendations for any resources currently within DMH to fill the positions.
- A semi-weekly status report to the DMH Project Manager on the status of DMH revenue management activities.

Objective V – Document the benefit, contract and other administrative rules and parameters necessary to accurately adjudicate claims and obtain all necessary validations and approvals. Audit current system parameters and logic compared to the approved rules and parameters documenting gaps and developing interim corrective actions to address errors and capitalize on recovery opportunities.

Deliverables for Objective V:

- Documented interpretation of all benefit, contract and other administrative rules for accurate claims adjudication and payment with approvals.
- Audit detail report documenting and quantifying payment errors and omissions by type and timeframe.
- Documented recommendations and detailed approaches for addressing each error/omission type emphasizing revenue recovery wherever possible.

Objective VI – Work with the Integrated System/Mental Health Management Information Systems Replacement Project evaluation and implementation teams to translate the approved rules and parameters to the configuration and processing requirements for the new claims administration application to be implemented in conjunction with the provider and care management modules (see attached diagram). Advise on and participate in the selection process to assure the selected system will address DMH revenue management requirements.

Deliverables for Objective VI:

- Documented configuration design for all claims related tables and parameters within the designated claims system.
- Testing scenarios and cases with expected outcomes for validating accurate setup of the new system.
- Documentation of any reporting specifications needed to support the claims/revenue management monitoring and control needs within the new system.

WORK ORDER ADMINISTRATION

Consultant:

Consultant shall report administratively to the County Project Manager on the specific tasks and deliverables of this project. County Project Manager, or his/her

representative, shall have the authority to inspect any and all Consultant's work-in-progress on a non-interference basis. The purpose of such inspections will be to verify project progress as reported by the Consultant and to insure that work products are in conformance with requirements.

County:

County will provide a Project Manager to be named at commencement of the Project and a Project Director, DMH Administrative Deputy. Consultant shall meet with the Project Director monthly or more frequently if needed to discuss project status.

PRICING BASIS:

Because this project involves creating a new DMH function essentially from scratch and, it is very difficult to determine in advance what obstacles may be encountered, this engagement will be priced on a Time and Materials basis.

Maximum Contract Amount is not to exceed $1 Million.

TRAVEL EXPENSES:

Travel and lodging expenses for the Consultant's project team will be reimbursed at County rates, see Attachment B. Travel expenses shall not exceed 18 percent of the Maximum Contract Amount.

INVOICES

Consultant(s) will submit an invoice monthly for work completed in the prior month. Each invoice must be approved in writing by County's Project Manager and must detail the hours worked and Objectives on which work was conducted. A copy of any deliverables completed and approved by the Project Manager during the invoice period shall be attached.

TERM:

From date of execution of Work Order for a period not to exceed 24 months, or until the Project Director has confirmed that the revenue management function has become self-sufficient, whichever comes first.

ANTICIPATED HOURS:

It is anticipated that the work will be performed during normal business hours on site at 550 S. Vermont and 3160 W. 6th Street, Los Angeles, CA.

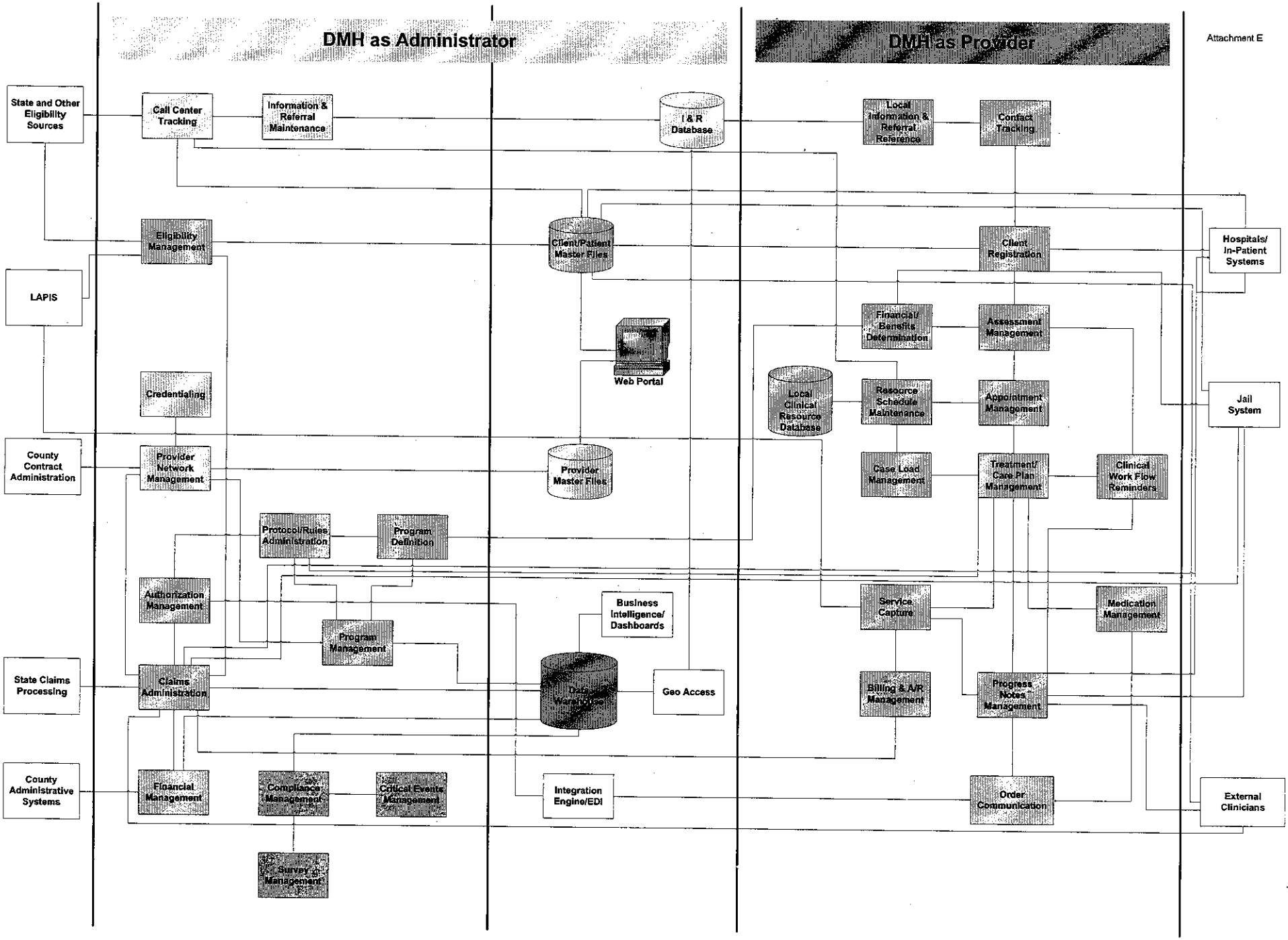
MISCELLANEOUS:

Free parking will be provided at the above location. Some travel may be required between County sites, however, mileage and parking within Los Angeles County, will not be reimbursed.

Payment Schedule

Fixed Hourly Rate for Project Manager	= $220.	
Estimated maximum hours for Project Manager	= 1130	
Estimated compensation based on a 24 month period for Project Manager	= $248,600	
Fixed Hourly Rate for Project Member Type A	= $220	
Estimated maximum hours for Project member	= 600	
Estimated compensation based on a 24 month period for Project member		= $132,000
Fixed Hourly Rate for Project Member Type B	= $185	
Estimated maximum hours for Project member	= 2050	
Estimated compensation based on a 24 month period for Project member		= $379,250
Fixed Hourly Rate for Project Member Type C	= $175	
Estimated maximum hours for Project member	= 340	
Estimated compensation based on a 24 month period for Project member		= $59,500
Estimated Travel Expenses		= $179,883
TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST		= $999,350

Attachment E



ATTACHMENT III

C0UNTY OF LOS ANGELES TRAVEL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
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AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

January 31, 2005

TO: ALL ADMINISTRATIVE DEPUTIES

FROM: Arlene Barrera, Chief Arlene Barrera
Disbursements Division

SUBJECT: **ADJUSTMENT OF TRAVEL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2005**

Section 5.40.095 of the County Code requires an annual adjustment of maximum travel, meal, lodging and incidental expense reimbursement rates based on annual changes in the National Consumer Price Index (CPI) published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This section also stipulates that the annual percentage change in the CPI during the preceding calendar year must exceed 3% to cause a rate adjustment. If the percentage change is less than 3%, then the percentage change shall be accumulated with the percentage change in the following year(s) until such time the cumulative percentage change exceeds 3%. Adjustments are then made to reflect the total cumulative percentage change.

Since the percentage change in the CPI between December 2002 and December 2003 was published as 1.9%, there was no annual adjustment for 2004. The percentage change in the CPI between December 2003 and December 2004, was published as 3.3%. The total cumulative percentage change is 5.2%. Therefore, maximum reimbursable amounts for meals and lodging for travel occurring on or after February 1, 2005 and through January 31, 2006 are as follows:

Lodging: $ 174.00 plus all taxes included on the voucher for a single occupancy hotel accommodation upon presentation of the voucher to the travel coordinator of your department. Reimbursement without a voucher will be limited to $ 20.00 per night.

Meals: $ 10.50 breakfast, $ 13.50 lunch and $ 34.00 dinner, or not to exceed $58.00 per day when three meals are purchased any one day.

AIRPORT PARKING INFORMATION

Bob Hope (Burbank)	
(818) 840-8838	
Lots A, B & C	$ 7.00
John Wayne (Orange County)	
(949) 252-6260	
Terminal Parking	$17.00
Main Street Parking Lot	$12.00
Long Beach	
(562) 377-6116	
Lot A	$12.00
Lot B	$ 9.00
Lots C & D	$ 6.00
LAX	
(310) 646-2911	
Lot B	$ 8.00
Lot C	$10.00
Ontario	
(909) 937-1240	
Lots 2 & 4	$15.00
Lot 3	$11.00
Lot 5	$ 7.00
Lot F	$ 6.00