

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY OF MONTEREY AND
CHARLES NECHTEM ASSOCIATES, INC.,
FOR AN EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

This AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between the County of Monterey, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as "County", and Charles Nechtem Associates, Inc., hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTOR" for an **Employee Assistance Program** for the County Organization.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, County has invited proposals through the Request for Proposals (RFP) # 10309 for an **Employee Assistance Program**, in accordance with the specifications set forth in this AGREEMENT; and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR has submitted a responsive and responsible proposal to perform such services; and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR has the expertise and capabilities necessary to provide the services requested.

NOW THEREFORE, County and CONTRACTOR, for the consideration hereinafter named, agree as follows:

1.0 PERFORMANCE OF THE AGREEMENT

1.1 After consideration and evaluation of the CONTRACTOR'S proposal, the County hereby engages CONTRACTOR to provide the services set forth in RFP #10309 and in this AGREEMENT on the terms and conditions contained herein and in RFP #10309. The intent of this AGREEMENT is to summarize the contractual obligations of the parties. The component parts of this AGREEMENT include the following:

- a. AGREEMENT, including all attachments and exhibits,
- b. RFP #10309 dated 8/25/11, including all attachments and exhibits and addenda,
- c. CONTRACTOR'S Proposal dated 10/3/11,
- d. Certificate of Insurance and Additional Insured Endorsements.

1.2 All of the above-referenced contract documents are intended to be complementary. Work required by one of the above-referenced contract documents and not by others shall be done as if required by all. In the event of a conflict between or among component parts of the contract, the contract documents shall be construed in the following order:

AGREEMENT, CONTRACTOR'S Proposal, RFP #10309, RFP Addendum/Addenda, Certificate of Insurance, and Additional Insured Endorsements.

- 1.3 CONTRACTOR warrants that CONTRACTOR and CONTRACTOR's agents, employees, and subcontractors performing services under this AGREEMENT are specially trained, experienced, competent, and appropriately licensed to perform the work and deliver the services required under this AGREEMENT and are not employees of the County, or immediate family of an employee of the County.
- 1.4 CONTRACTOR, its agents, employees, and subcontractors shall perform all work in a safe and skillful manner and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. All work performed under this AGREEMENT that is required by law to be performed or supervised by licensed personnel shall be performed in accordance with such licensing requirements.
 - 1.4.1 CONTRACTOR must maintain all licenses throughout the term of the AGREEMENT.
- 1.5 CONTRACTOR shall furnish, at its own expense, all materials, equipment, and personnel necessary to carry out the terms of this AGREEMENT, except as otherwise specified in this AGREEMENT. CONTRACTOR shall not use County premises, property (including equipment, instruments, or supplies) or personnel for any purpose other than in the performance of its obligations under this AGREEMENT.

2.0 SCOPE OF SERVICE

- 2.1 Contractor Minimum Work Performance Percentage: CONTRACTOR shall perform with his own organization contract work amounting to not less than 50 percent of the original total contract price, except that any designated 'Specialty Items' may be performed by subcontract and the amount of any such 'Specialty Items' so performed may be deducted from the original total contract price before computing the amount of work required to be performed by the Contractor with his own organization.
- 2.2 The Scope of Work includes but is not limited to the following:
 - 2.2.1 30 Hours Annually of Employee Trainings and Orientations. CONTRACTOR shall provide a **combined minimum** of 30 hours per calendar year of the following to County:
 - a. Lunch and Learn workshops regarding the EAP;
 - b. Employee orientations about the EAP;
 - c. Orientations specifically designed for Human Resources Staff and Benefits staff about the EAP;
 - d. Training in excess of 30 hours will be available to County upon request at an additional rate specified in the payment provisions of the AGREEMENT.
 - 2.2.2 24 Hours Annually of Manager and Supervisor Training. CONTRACTOR shall provide a total of 24 hours per calendar year of comprehensive training geared

specifically for managers and supervisors regarding the use of effective management skills in the workplace and:

- a. Training may be delivered in a variety of formats such as on-site trainings and online trainings;
- b. Training shall cover a variety of topics such as effective supervisory skills, performance-based identification of troubled employees, the Supervisor Referral process, conflict intervention, and more;

2.2.3 Confidential Assessment, Counseling and Referrals to Outside Professionals. The EAP shall offer all County employees and their family members, dependents, and any persons residing in the employee's household (housemate):

- a. A toll-free phone number that employees may call where their concerns are assessed prior to any counseling;
 - i. Phone line(s) shall have communications device for the deaf (TDD) capability;
 - ii. The phone line shall be answered by a live person 24x7x365;
 - iii. Crisis situations shall be processed immediately.
- b. Scheduled appointments with qualified/licensed counselors experienced in EAPs within 3 working days of the assessment;
- c. Counseling services for problems related but not limited to stress, financial worries, mental health concerns, depression, grief, family issues, marriage and divorce, work-related problems, substance abuse/addiction, aging/elder care concerns, eating disorders, gambling, conflict resolution, and abuse;
 - i. Up to 3 counseling visits per individual and at no cost to employee or employee's family, dependent or housemate, per calendar year;
- d. Referrals to other outside professionals such as psychologist/psychiatrists, social workers, medical practitioners, and/or treatment facilities when deemed necessary and which coordinate with employees' health benefits plan whenever possible;
 - i. Referrals are typically made when the employee has exhausted the number of free counseling sessions and further counseling is needed, or when the problems require specialized treatment or assistance.
- e. Referrals to other outside professionals such as lawyers, financial consultants.

2.2.4 Emergency Intervention and Crisis Situations. EAP shall offer all County employees and their family members, dependents, and housemates:

- a. Experienced and qualified staff to address the emergency or crisis situations immediately including but not limited to critical incident stress management, defusing, debriefing, and other crisis response needs, both via telephone and on-site as needed (ie; unlimited).

2.2.5 Consultations and Employee Referral Services for Managers and Supervisors. CONTRACTOR shall provide to County:

- a. A toll-free phone number for supervisor-driven referrals;
- b. Individual consultations administered by qualified management consultants to County managers and supervisors as needed regarding the management and

referral to the EAP of employees with job performance or behavioral or medical problems;

- c. Onsite and telephonic assistance as needed with supervisor driven referrals;

2.2.6 Administrative Services. CONTRACTOR shall provide to County;

- a. A Monthly utilization report and a monthly claims report;
- b. An annual summary utilization and claims report;
- c. Quarterly articles (in electronic format) pertaining to an EAP which may be used by County in a newsletter or other distributed media;
- d. A backup phone number for a key contact of CONTRACTOR for emergency situations in which the toll-free number is yielding unsatisfactory or untimely results;
- e. Availability of records, in full compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), upon 10 days written notice by certain key County managers (to be designated in the AGREEMENT);
- f. Copies of all responses to all complaints made against CONTRACTOR, in full compliance with the HIPAA.

2.2.7 Communication and Awareness Materials. Information provided by CONTRACTOR to County to maximize awareness in the workplace and promote easy access to EAP services and support shall include but is not limited to:

- a. Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of the AGREEMENT, an informational campaign will be implemented throughout County's organization. The campaign shall include distributing printed EAP informational materials including but not limited to posters, brochures, wallet cards, etc. and orientation dates will be announced;
- i. All printed materials shall be pre-approved by County in advance of mass publication for distribution.
- b. A website developed and maintained by CONTRACTOR which provides County access to a variety of online information regarding the EAP including but not limited to informative, helpful and procedural content, and also interactive features;
- c. Printed materials relevant to all trainings and orientations by CONTRACTOR for County shall be provided during such occasions and shall also be made available online in CONTRACTOR's website.

2.2.8 Transition Plan. CONTRACTOR shall provide a transition plan to County:

- a. Within 15 business days from the execution of the AGREEMENT, CONTRACTOR shall submit a written Transition-In Plan via email to County (contact & email address to be designated in AGREEMENT) that shall describe how County will transition from the current EAP into the new EAP, identifying all key tasks and activities. A complete transition timeline shall be included. This plan may be subject to minor changes as requested by County;
- b. Within 30 business days from the execution of the AGREEMENT, CONTRACTOR shall provide a written Transition-Out plan via email to

County (contact & email address to be designated in AGREEMENT) that shall describe how County will transition from CONTRACTORS EAP into any new EAP which the County may choose to implement, identifying all key tasks and activities. This plan may be subject to minor changes as requested by County.

- 2.2.9 Additional On-Site Services As Requested. On occasion, County may request CONTRACTOR to provide additional on-site services which County agrees to pay separately for. Fees for additional on-site services requested are to be determined during negotiations of the AGREEMENT terms and conditions. Additional on-site services may include but are not limited to:
- a. Attendance at County Wellness events and Health Fairs;
 - b. Exclusive County department-specific trainings or consulting.

3.0 TERM OF AGREEMENT

- 3.1 The term of the AGREEMENT will be for a period of three (3) years, effective on November 1, 2012 through and including October 31, 2015, with the option to extend the AGREEMENT for three (3) additional one (1) year periods.
- 3.1.1 County is not required to state a reason if it elects not to renew this AGREEMENT;
- 3.1.2 If County exercises its option to extend, all applicable parties shall mutually agree upon the extension, including any changes in rate and/or terms and conditions in writing. CONTRACTOR must commence negotiations for any desired rate changes a minimum of ninety days (90) prior to the expiration of the AGREEMENT.
- 3.2 County reserves the right to cancel the AGREEMENT, or any extension of the AGREEMENT, without cause, with a thirty (30) day written notice, or immediately with cause.

4.0 COMPENSATION AND PAYMENTS

- 4.1 It is mutually understood and agreed by both parties that CONTRACTOR shall be compensated under this AGREEMENT in accordance with the pricing sheet attached hereto as ATTACHMENT A.
- 4.2 Prices shall remain firm for the initial term of this AGREEMENT and, thereafter, may be adjusted annually as provided in this paragraph. County does not guarantee any minimum or maximum amount of dollars to be spent under this AGREEMENT.
- 4.3 Negotiations for rate changes shall be commenced, by CONTRACTOR, a minimum of ninety days (90) prior to the expiration of this AGREEMENT.

- 4.4 Any discount offered by the CONTRACTOR must allow for payment after receipt and acceptance of services, material or equipment and correct invoice, whichever is later. In no case will a discount be considered that requires payment in less than 30 days.
- 4.5 CONTRACTOR shall levy no additional fees or surcharges of any kind during the term of this AGREEMENT without first obtaining approval from County in writing.
- 4.6 Tax:
- 4.6.1 Pricing as per this AGREEMENT is inclusive of all applicable taxes.
- 4.6.2 County is registered with the Internal Revenue Service, San Francisco office, and registration number 94-6000524. The County is exempt from Federal Transportation Tax; an exemption certificate is not required where shipping documents show Monterey County as consignee.

5.0 INVOICES AND PURCHASE ORDERS

- 5.1 Invoices for all services rendered per this AGREEMENT shall be billed directly to County's Human Resources division at the following address:
- County of Monterey, Human Resources Division
Attn: Konstanze Assaad
168 W. Alisal St., 3rd Floor
Salinas, CA 93901
- 5.2 CONTRACTOR shall reference "RFP 10309" on all invoices submitted to County. CONTRACTOR shall submit such invoices periodically or at the completion of services, but in any event, not later than 30 days after completion of services. The invoice shall set forth the amounts claimed by CONTRACTOR for the previous period, together with an itemized basis for the amounts claimed, and such other information pertinent to the invoice. County shall certify the invoice, either in the requested amount or in such other amount as County approves in conformity with this AGREEMENT, and shall promptly submit such invoice to County Auditor-Controller for payment. County Auditor-Controller shall pay the amount certified within 30 days of receiving the certified invoice.
- 5.3 All County of Monterey Purchase Orders issued for the AGREEMENT are valid only during the fiscal year in which they are issued (the fiscal year is defined as July 1 through June 30).
- 5.4 Unauthorized Surcharges or Fees: Invoices containing unauthorized surcharges or unauthorized fees of any kind shall be rejected by County. Surcharges and additional fees not included the AGREEMENT must be approved by County in writing via an Amendment.

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6.0 STANDARD INDEMNIFICATION

- 6.1 CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its officers, agents, and employees, from and against any and all claims, liabilities, and losses whatsoever (including damages to property and injuries to or death of persons, court costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees) occurring or resulting to any and all persons, firms or corporations furnishing or supplying work, services, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of this AGREEMENT, and from any and all claims, liabilities, and losses occurring or resulting to any person, firm, or corporation for damage, injury, or death arising out of or connected with CONTRACTOR's performance of this AGREEMENT, unless such claims, liabilities, or losses arise out of the sole negligence or willful misconduct of County. "CONTRACTOR's performance" includes CONTRACTOR's action or inaction and the action or inaction of CONTRACTOR's officers, employees, agents and subcontractors.

7.0 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

- 7.1 Evidence of Coverage:
- 7.1.1 Prior to commencement of this AGREEMENT, CONTRACTOR shall provide a "Certificate of Insurance" certifying that coverage as required herein has been obtained. Individual endorsements executed by the insurance carrier shall accompany the certificate. In addition CONTRACTOR upon request shall provide a certified copy of the policy or policies.
- 7.1.2 This verification of coverage shall be sent to the County's Contracts/Purchasing Department, unless otherwise directed. CONTRACTOR shall not receive a "Notice to Proceed" with the work under this AGREEMENT until it has obtained all insurance required and such, insurance has been approved by County. This approval of insurance shall neither relieve nor decrease the liability of CONTRACTOR.
- 7.2 Qualifying Insurers: All coverage's, except surety, shall be issued by companies which hold a current policy holder's alphabetic and financial size category rating of not less than A- VII, according to the current Best's Key Rating Guide or a company of equal financial stability that is approved by County's Purchasing Officer.
- 7.3 Insurance Coverage Requirements:
- 7.3.1 Without limiting CONTRACTOR's duty to indemnify, CONTRACTOR shall maintain in effect throughout the term of this AGREEMENT a policy or policies of insurance with the following minimum limits of liability:
- 7.3.1.1 Commercial general liability insurance, including but not limited to premises and operations, including coverage for Bodily Injury and

Property Damage, Personal Injury, Contractual Liability, Broadform Property Damage, Independent Contractors, Products and Completed Operations, with a combined single limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

7.3.2 Business automobile liability insurance, covering all motor vehicles, including owned, leased, non-owned, and hired vehicles, used in providing services under this AGREEMENT, with a combined single limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

7.3.3 Workers' Compensation Insurance, if CONTRACTOR employs others in the performance of this AGREEMENT, in accordance with California Labor Code section 3700 and with Employer's Liability limits not less than \$1,000,000 each person, \$1,000,000 each accident and \$1,000,000 each disease.

7.3.4 Professional liability insurance, if required for the professional services being provided, (e.g., those persons authorized by a license to engage in a business or profession regulated by the California Business and Professions Code), in the amount of not less than \$1,000,000 per claim and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate, to cover liability for malpractice or errors or omissions made in the course of rendering professional services. If professional liability insurance is written on a "claims-made" basis rather than an occurrence basis, CONTRACTOR shall, upon the expiration or earlier termination of this AGREEMENT, obtain extended reporting coverage ("tail coverage") with the same liability limits. Any such tail coverage shall continue for at least three years following the expiration or earlier termination of this AGREEMENT.

7.4 Other Insurance Requirements:

7.4.1 All insurance required by this AGREEMENT shall be with a company acceptable to County and issued and executed by an admitted insurer authorized to transact Insurance business in the State of California. Unless otherwise specified by this AGREEMENT, all such insurance shall be written on an occurrence basis, or, if the policy is not written on an occurrence basis, such policy with the coverage required herein shall continue in effect for a period of three years following the date CONTRACTOR completes its performance of services under this AGREEMENT.

7.4.2 Each liability policy shall provide that County shall be given notice in writing at least thirty days in advance of any endorsed reduction in coverage or limit, cancellation, or intended non-renewal thereof. Each policy shall provide coverage for CONTRACTOR and additional insureds with respect to claims arising from each subcontractor, if any, performing work under this AGREEMENT, or be

accompanied by a certificate of insurance from each subcontractor showing each subcontractor has identical insurance coverage to the above requirements.

- 7.4.3 Commercial general liability and automobile liability policies shall provide an endorsement naming the County of Monterey, its officers, agents, and employees as Additional Insureds with respect to liability arising out of the CONTRACTOR'S work, including ongoing and completed operations, and shall further provide that such insurance is primary insurance to any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County and that the insurance of the Additional Insureds shall not be called upon to contribute to a loss covered by the CONTRACTOR'S insurance. The required endorsement form for Commercial General Liability Additional Insured is ISO Form CG 20 10 11-85 or CG 20 10 10 01 in tandem with CG 20 37 10 01 (2000). The required endorsement form for Automobile Additional Insured endorsement is ISO Form CA 20 48 02 99.
- 7.4.4 Prior to the execution of this AGREEMENT by County, CONTRACTOR shall file certificates of insurance with County's contract administrator and County's Contracts/Purchasing Division, showing that CONTRACTOR has in effect the insurance required by this AGREEMENT. CONTRACTOR shall file a new or amended certificate of insurance within five calendar days after any change is made in any insurance policy, which would alter the information on the certificate then on file. Acceptance or approval of insurance shall in no way modify or change the indemnification clause in this AGREEMENT, which shall continue in full force and effect.
- 7.4.5 CONTRACTOR shall at all times during the term of this AGREEMENT maintain in force the insurance coverage required under this AGREEMENT and shall send, without demand by County, annual certificates to County's Contract Administrator and County's Contracts/Purchasing Division. If the certificate is not received by the expiration date, County shall notify CONTRACTOR and CONTRACTOR shall have five calendar days to send in the certificate, evidencing no lapse in coverage during the interim. Failure by CONTRACTOR to maintain such insurance is a default of this AGREEMENT, which entitles County, at its sole discretion, to terminate this AGREEMENT immediately.

8.0 RECORDS AND CONFIDENTIALITY

- 8.1 Confidentiality: CONTRACTOR and its officers, employees, agents, and subcontractors shall comply with any and all federal, state, and local laws, which provide for the confidentiality of records and other information. CONTRACTOR shall not disclose any confidential records or other confidential information received from the County or prepared in connection with the performance of this AGREEMENT, unless County specifically permits CONTRACTOR to disclose such records or information. CONTRACTOR shall promptly transmit to County any and all requests for disclosure of any such confidential records or information. CONTRACTOR shall not use any

confidential information gained by CONTRACTOR in the performance of this AGREEMENT except for the sole purpose of carrying out CONTRACTOR's obligations under this AGREEMENT.

- 8.2 County Records: When this AGREEMENT expires or terminates, CONTRACTOR shall return to County any County records which CONTRACTOR used or received from County to perform services under this AGREEMENT.
- 8.3 Maintenance of Records: CONTRACTOR shall prepare, maintain, and preserve all reports and records that may be required by federal, state, and County rules and regulations related to services performed under this AGREEMENT.
- 8.4 Access to and Audit of Records: County shall have the right to examine, monitor and audit all records, documents, conditions, and activities of CONTRACTOR and its subcontractors related to services provided under this AGREEMENT. The parties to this AGREEMENT may be subject, at the request of County or as part of any audit of County, to the examination and audit of the State Auditor pertaining to matters connected with the performance of this AGREEMENT for a period of three years after final payment under the AGREEMENT.

9.0 NON-DISCRIMINATION

- 9.1 During the performance of this contract, CONTRACTOR shall not unlawfully discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, age (over 40), sex, or sexual orientation. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that the evaluation and treatment of its employees and applicants for employment are free of such discrimination. CONTRACTOR shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code, §12900, et seq.) and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, §7285.0, et seq.).
- 9.2 The applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code, §12900, et seq., set forth in Chapter 5 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations are incorporated into this AGREEMENT by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full.
- 9.3 CONTRACTOR shall include the non-discrimination and compliance provisions of the clause in all AGREEMENTs with subcontractors to perform work under the contract.

10.0 OVERRIDING CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

- 10.1 Independent Contractor: CONTRACTOR shall be an independent contractor and shall not be an employee of Monterey County, nor immediate family of an employee of

County. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for all insurance (General Liability, Automobile, Workers' Compensation, unemployment, etc.) and all payroll-related taxes. CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to any employee benefits. CONTRACTOR shall control the manner and means of accomplishing the result contracted for herein.

- 10.2 Minimum Work Performance Percentage: CONTRACTOR shall perform with his own organization contract work amounting to not less than 50 percent of the original total AGREEMENT amount, except that any designated 'Specialty Items' may be performed by subcontract and the amount of any such 'Specialty Items' so performed may be deducted from the original total AGREEMENT amount before computing the amount of work required to be performed by CONTRACTOR with his own organization or per a consortium.
- 10.3 Non-Assignment: CONTRACTOR shall not assign this contract or the work required herein without the prior written consent of County.
- 10.4 Any subcontractor shall comply with all of County of Monterey requirements, including insurance and indemnification requirements as detailed in SAMPLE AGREEMENT.

11.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 11.1 CONTRACTOR covenants that CONTRACTOR, its responsible officers, and its employees having major responsibilities for the performance of work under the AGREEMENT, presently have no interest and during the term of this AGREEMENT will not acquire any interests, direct or indirect, which might conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of CONTRACTOR'S services under this AGREEMENT.

12.0 COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS

- 12.1 CONTRACTOR shall keep itself informed of and in compliance with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances, regulations, and orders, including but not limited to all state and federal tax laws, that may affect in any manner the Project or the performance of the Services or those engaged to perform Services under this AGREEMENT. CONTRACTOR shall procure all permits and licenses, pay all charges and fees, and give all notices required by law in the performance of the Services.
- 12.2 CONTRACTOR shall report immediately to County's Contracts/Purchasing Officer, in writing, any discrepancy or inconsistency it discovers in the laws, ordinances, regulations, orders, and/or guidelines in relation to the Project of the performance of the Services.
- 12.3 All documentation prepared by CONTRACTOR shall provide for a completed project that conforms to all applicable codes, rules, regulations and guidelines that are in force at the time such documentation is prepared.

13.0 FORCE MAJEURE

- 13.1 "Force Majeure" means any cause beyond the reasonable control of a party, including but not limited to acts of God, civil or military disruption, fire, strike, flood, riot, war, or inability due to the aforementioned causes to obtain necessary labor, materials or facilities.
- 13.2 If any party hereto is delayed or prevented from fulfilling its obligations under this AGREEMENT by Force Majeure, said party will not be liable under this AGREEMENT for said delay or failure, nor for damages or injuries resulting directly from the inability to perform scheduled work due to Force Majeure.
- 13.2 CONTRACTOR shall be granted an automatic extension of time commensurate with any delay in performing scheduled work arising from Force Majeure. CONTRACTOR agrees to resume such work within three (3) days after the Force Majeure has subsided enough to do so.

14.0 TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

- 14.1 Travel reimbursements shall not exceed the IRS allowance rates as per County of Monterey Travel Policy. A copy of County's Travel Policy is available on the Auditor-Controller's web site at: <http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/auditor/policy.htm>.

15.0 INFORMATION PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT— HIPAA COMPLIANCE

- 15.1 CONTRACTOR agrees to operate its business in a manner as necessary to permit County to comply with its obligations under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Subtitle F, Public Law 104-191, relating to the privacy and security of confidential health information, and any final regulations or rules promulgated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services thereunder (collectively, the "HIPAA Standards"). As such, CONTRACTOR agrees to and shall sign the BUSINESS ASSOCIATES AGREEMENT attached hereto.

16.0.0 NOTICES

Notices required to be given to the respective parties under this AGREEMENT shall be deemed given by any of the following means: (1) when personally delivered to County's contract administrator or to CONTRACTOR'S responsible officer; (2) when personally delivered to the party's principle place of business during normal business hours, by leaving notice with any

person apparently in charge of the office and advising such person of the import and contents of the notice; (3) 24 hours after the notice is transmitted by FAX machine to the other party, at the party's FAX number specified pursuant to this AGREEMENT, provided that the party giving notice by FAX must promptly confirm receipt of the FAX by telephone to the receiving party's office; or, (4) three (3) days after the notice is deposited in the U. S. mail with first class or better postage fully prepaid, addressed to the party as indicated below.

Notices mailed or faxed to the parties shall be addressed as follows:

TO COUNTY:

County of Monterey, Contracts/Purchasing
Attn: Contracts/Purchasing Officer
168 W. Alisal Street, 3rd Floor.
Salinas, CA 93901-2439
Tel. No.: (831) 755-4990
FAX No.: (831) 755-4969
derrm@co.monterey.ca.us

TO CONTRACTOR:

Charles Nechtem Associates, Inc.
Attn: Mr. Nechtem, President, CEO
595 Bay Isles Rd., Suite 115
Longboat Key, FL 34228
Tel. No. (866) 327-2040
FAX No. (941) 556-8780
kcochran@charlesnechtem.com

17.0 LEGAL DISPUTES

- 17.1 CONTRACTOR agrees that this AGREEMENT and any dispute arising from the relationship between the parties to this AGREEMENT, shall be governed and interpreted by the laws of the State of California, excluding any laws that direct the application of another jurisdiction's laws.
- 17.2 Any dispute that arises under or relates to this AGREEMENT (whether contract, tort, or both) shall be resolved in the Superior Court of California in Monterey County, California.
- 17.3 CONTRACTOR shall continue to perform under this AGREEMENT during any dispute.
- 17.4 The parties agree to waive their separate rights to a trial by jury. This waiver means that the trial will be before a judge.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County and CONTRACTOR execute this AGREEMENT as follows:

MONTEREY COUNTY

CONTRACTOR

Contracts/Purchasing Officer

By: Charles Nechtem
Signature of Chair, President, or Vice-President

Dated: _____

Charles Nechtem, President
Printed Name and Title

Approved as to Fiscal Provisions:

Dated: Aug. 1, 2012

Deputy Auditor/Controller

By: May Silber
(Signature of Secretary, Asst. Secretary, CFO, Treasurer or Asst. Treasurer)*

Dated: 8-17-12

RISK MANAGEMENT
COUNTY OF MONTEREY
APPROVED AS TO INDEMNITY/
INSURANCE LANGUAGE

May Silber, CFO
Printed Name and Title

Risk Management

Dated: Aug 1, 2012

By: Myra Schumaker
Dated: 8-20-12

Approved as to Form:

Deputy County Counsel

Dated: 8/17/12

County Board of Supervisors' Agreement Number: _____.

*INSTRUCTIONS: If CONTRACTOR is a corporation, including limited liability and non-profit corporations, the full legal name of the corporation shall be set forth above together with the signatures of two specified officers. If CONTRACTOR is a partnership, the name of the partnership shall be set forth above together with the signature of a partner who has authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of the partnership. If CONTRACTOR is contracting in an individual capacity, the individual shall set forth the name of the business, if any, and shall personally sign the Agreement.

ATTACHMENT A

Note: This revised version of Attachment A was approved by both parties on 09/10/12.

County shall pay CONTRACTOR on a per employee per month (pepm) basis for the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). Payment structure is clarified below.

EAP Program	\$1.30 pepm
Administrative costs	\$0.20 pepm

<u>Total monthly cost</u>	<u>\$1.50 pepm</u>

(Example: 4200 employees would equal \$6,300.00 per month total)

County shall ensure CONTRACTOR is informed of current monthly employee counts regularly. Total amount will fluctuate as employee counts vary. Employee participation does not affect the total due; CONTRACTOR shall be paid regardless of employee participation levels in the EAP.

Costs above are all inclusive except for travel which shall be reimbursed separately and as per the County of Monterey Travel Policy. Costs above cover all services as stated in this AGREEMENT Section 2.0 Scope of Service.

The EAP includes 30 hours annually employee training and orientation of and 24 hours annually of supervisor training (total 54 hours annually). Should the County request additional training, orientation, or on-site additional services, County agrees to pay CONTRACTOR the following rate:

\$150.00 per hour for on-site Services outside the AGREEMENT Scope

CONTRACTOR agrees that there shall be no dollar increase to any and all costs stated herein during the term of the AGREEMENT.

---End of Attachment A---

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made effective the 1st of August, 2012, by and between the **COUNTY OF MONTEREY**, hereinafter referred to as "Covered Entity", and **Charles Nechtem Associates, Inc.**, hereinafter referred to as "Business Associate", (individually, a "Party" and collectively, the "Parties").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Sections 261 through 264 of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191, known as "the Administrative Simplification provisions," direct the County of Monterey to develop standards to protect the security, confidentiality and integrity of health information; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Administrative Simplification provisions, the Secretary of Health and Human Services has issued regulations modifying 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164 (the "HIPAA Privacy Rule"); and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to enter into or have entered into an arrangement whereby Business Associate will provide certain services to Covered Entity, and, pursuant to such arrangement, Business Associate may be considered a "business associate" of Covered Entity as defined in the HIPAA Privacy Rule (the agreement evidencing such arrangement is entitled *Agreement to Provide an Employee Assistance Program per RFP 10309* and is hereby referred to as the "Arrangement Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, Business Associate may have access to Protected Health Information (as defined below) in fulfilling its responsibilities under such arrangement;

THEREFORE, in consideration of the Parties' continuing obligations under the Arrangement Agreement, compliance with the HIPAA Privacy Rule, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree to the provisions of this Agreement in order to address the requirements of the HIPAA Privacy Rule and to protect the interests of both Parties.

I. DEFINITIONS

Except as otherwise defined herein, any and all capitalized terms in this Section shall have the definitions set forth in the HIPAA Privacy Rule. In the event of an inconsistency between the provisions of this Agreement and mandatory provisions of the HIPAA Privacy Rule, as amended, the HIPAA Privacy Rule shall control. Where provisions of this Agreement are different than those mandated in the HIPAA Privacy Rule, but are nonetheless permitted by the HIPAA Privacy Rule, the provisions of this Agreement shall control.

The term "Protected Health Information" means individually identifiable health information including, without limitation, all information, data, documentation, and

materials, including without limitation, demographic, medical and financial information, that 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; and that identifies the individual or with respect to which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify the individual.

Business Associate acknowledges and agrees that all Protected Health Information that is created or received by Covered Entity and disclosed or made available in any form, including paper record, oral communication, audio recording, and electronic display by Covered Entity or its operating units to Business Associate or is created or received by Business Associate on Covered Entity's behalf shall be subject to this Agreement.

II. CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENTS

(a) Business Associate agrees:

(i) to use or disclose any Protected Health Information solely: (1) for meeting its obligations as set forth in any agreements between the Parties evidencing their business relationship or (2) as required by applicable law, rule or regulation, or by accrediting or credentialing organization to whom Covered Entity is required to disclose such information or as otherwise permitted under this Agreement, the Arrangement Agreement (if consistent with this Agreement and the HIPAA Privacy Rule), or the HIPAA Privacy Rule, and (3) as would be permitted by the HIPAA Privacy Rule if such use or disclosure were made by Covered Entity;

(ii) at termination of this Agreement, the Arrangement Agreement (or any similar documentation of the business relationship of the Parties), or upon request of Covered Entity, whichever occurs first, if feasible, Business Associate will return or destroy all Protected Health Information received from or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity that Business Associate still maintains in any form and retain no copies of such information, or if such return or destruction is not feasible, Business Associate will extend the protections of this Agreement to the information and limit further uses and disclosures to those purposes that make the return or destruction of the information not feasible; and

(iii) to ensure that its agents, including a subcontractor, to whom it provides Protected Health Information received from or created by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity, agrees to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to Business Associate with respect to such information. In addition, Business Associate agrees to take reasonable steps to ensure that its employees' actions or omissions do not cause Business Associate to breach the terms of this Agreement.

- (b) Notwithstanding the prohibitions set forth in this Agreement, Business Associate may use and disclose Protected Health Information as follows:
- (i) if necessary, for the proper management and administration of Business Associate or to carry out the legal responsibilities of Business Associate, provided that as to any such disclosure, the following requirements are met:
 - (A) the disclosure is required by law; or
 - (B) Business Associate obtains reasonable assurances from the person to whom the information is disclosed that it will be held confidentially and used or further disclosed only as required by law or for the purpose for which it was disclosed to the person, and the person notifies Business Associate of any instances of which it is aware in which the confidentiality of the information has been breached;
 - (ii) for data aggregation services, if to be provided by Business Associate for the health care operations of Covered Entity pursuant to any agreements between the Parties evidencing their business relationship. For purposes of this Agreement, data aggregation services means the combining of Protected Health Information by Business Associate with the protected health information received by Business Associate in its capacity as a business associate of another covered entity, to permit data analyses that relate to the health care operations of the respective covered entities.
- (c) Business Associate will implement appropriate safeguards to prevent use or disclosure of Protected Health Information other than as permitted in this Agreement. The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall have the right to audit Business Associate's records and practices related to use and disclosure of Protected Health Information to ensure Covered Entity's compliance with the terms of the HIPAA Privacy Rule. Business Associate shall report to Covered Entity any use or disclosure of Protected Health Information which is not in compliance with the terms of this Agreement of which it becomes aware. In addition, 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 Agreement.

III. AVAILABILITY OF PHI

Business Associate agrees to make available Protected Health Information to the extent and in the manner required by Section 164.524 of the HIPAA Privacy Rule. Business Associate agrees to make Protected Health Information available for amendment and incorporate any amendments to Protected Health Information in accordance with the requirements of Section 164.526 of the HIPAA Privacy Rule. In addition, Business

Associate agrees to make Protected Health Information available for purposes of accounting of disclosures, as required by Section 164.528 of the HIPAA Privacy Rule.

IV. TERMINATION

Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, Covered Entity shall have the right to terminate this Agreement and the Arrangement Agreement immediately if Covered Entity determines that Business Associate has violated any material term of this Agreement. If Covered Entity reasonably believes that Business Associate will violate a material term of this Agreement and, where practicable, Covered Entity gives written notice to Business Associate of such belief within a reasonable time after forming such belief, and Business Associate fails to provide adequate written assurances to Covered Entity that it will not breach the cited term of this Agreement within a reasonable period of time given the specific circumstances, but in any event, before the threatened breach is to occur, then Covered Entity shall have the right to terminate this Agreement and the Arrangement Agreement immediately.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

Except as expressly stated herein or the HIPAA Privacy Rule, the parties to this Agreement do not intend to create any rights in any third parties. The obligations of Business Associate under this Section shall survive the expiration, termination, or cancellation of this Agreement, the Arrangement Agreement and/or the business relationship of the parties, and shall continue to bind Business Associate, its agents, employees, contractors, successors, and assigns as set forth herein.

This Agreement may be amended or modified only in a writing signed by the Parties. No Party may assign its respective rights and obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party. None of the provisions of this Agreement are intended to create, nor will they be deemed to create any relationship between the Parties other than that of independent parties contracting with each other solely for the purposes of effecting the provisions of this Agreement and any other agreements between the Parties evidencing their business relationship. This Agreement will be governed by the laws of the State of California. No change, waiver or discharge of any liability or obligation hereunder on any one or more occasions shall be deemed a waiver of performance of any continuing or other obligation, or shall prohibit enforcement of any obligation, on any other occasion.

The parties agree that, in the event that any documentation of the arrangement pursuant to which Business Associate provides services to Covered Entity contains provisions relating to the use or disclosure of Protected Health Information which are more restrictive than the provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of the more restrictive documentation will control. The provisions of this Agreement are intended to establish the minimum requirements regarding Business Associate's use and disclosure of Protected Health Information.

In the event that any provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect. In addition, in the event a party believes in good faith that any provision of this Agreement fails to comply with the then-current requirements of the HIPAA Privacy Rule, such party shall notify the other party in writing. For a period of up to thirty days, the parties shall address in good faith such concern and amend the terms of this Agreement, if necessary to bring it into compliance. If, after such thirty-day period, the Agreement fails to comply with the HIPAA Privacy Rule, then either party has the right to terminate upon written notice to the other party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement as of the day and year written above.

COVERED ENTITY:
COUNTY OF MONTEREY

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE:

By: _____

By: Charles Neelstem

Title: _____

Title: President

Date: _____

Date: AUG 1, 2012

