## I. ANNUAL REPORT(S)

- A. For each fiscal year or portion thereof that this Agreement is in effect, CONTRACTOR shall provide COUNTY with accurate and complete Annual Report(s) known as the State Cost Report, the Annual Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Revenue and Expenditure Reports, and the Annual Report(s), as applicable and required by the COUNTY (numbered (1)-(3) in Section XIV (A) in electronic forms and hard copies along with duly signed Provider's Certification and copy of audited financial statement and/or other supporting documents that the COUNTY may require, by the due date specified in this Exhibit I, Section I., Paragraph C.
- B. An accurate and complete State Cost Report and/or Annual MHSA Revenue and Expenditure Report shall be defined as Annual Report(s) which is (are) completed to the best of the ability of CONTRACTOR on such forms or in such formats as specified by the COUNTY and consistent with such instructions as the COUNTY may issue and are based on the best available data and based on the CONTRACTOR'S Financial Summary applicable to the fiscal year. Further, CONTRACTOR shall certify under penalty of perjury that the CONTRACTOR has not violated any of the provisions of Section 1090 through 1096 of the Government Code and with respect to MHSA funding; is in compliance with California Code of Regulations, Title 9, Division 1, Chapter 14, Article 4, Section 3410, Non-Supplant and Article 5, Section 3500, non-Supplant Certification and Reports; that the amount for which reimbursement is claimed in the Annual Report(s) is in accordance with Chapter 3, Part 2. Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code; and WIC Section 5891 and that to the best of the CONTRACTOR'S knowledge and belief the information on Annual Report(s) is (are) in all respects, correct, and in accordance with the law.
- C. The Annual Report(s) shall be due on September 15<sup>th</sup> for the fiscal year ending on the previous June 30<sup>th</sup> or seventy-five (75) days following the expiration or termination date of this Agreement, or forty-five (45) days after the COUNTY transmits the cost report template electronically to the CONTRACTOR, whichever occurs later. Should the due date fall on a weekend, such report(s) shall be due on the following business day.
  - 1. Failure to submit the Annual Report(s) within thirty (30) calendar days after the due date specified in this Exhibit I, Section I, Subsection (C) is a breach of this Agreement. In addition to, and without limiting, any other remedy available to the COUNTY for such breach, COUNTY may undertake any or all of the following to remedy such breach:
    - a. COUNTY, in its sole and absolute discretion, may disallow claim(s) for payment for services/activities rendered during the fiscal year(s) for which the

CONTRACTOR'S Annual Report(s) is (are) outstanding or withhold payment(s) for reimbursements payable pursuant to Section III (A) to CONTRACTOR for the current fiscal year by COUNTY to CONTRACTOR until the Annual Report(s) is (are) submitted. If COUNTY exercises its discretion to disallow claim(s) or withhold payment(s), COUNTY shall give CONTRACTOR written notice, during the thirty (30) calendar days after the due date specified in this Exhibit I, Section I, Subsection (C), of its intention to disallow claim(s) or withhold payment(s) as of the date specified in the notice, including the reason(s) for its intended action. Thereafter, CONTRACTOR, within the time specified in the notice, shall submit the Annual Report(s) to avoid disallowance of claims or withholding of payments.

- b. In such instance that CONTRACTOR does not submit the Annual Report(s) by thirty (30) calendar days after the applicable due date specified in this Exhibit I, Section I, Subsection (C), COUNTY, in its sole and absolute discretion, may deem as due and owing to COUNTY by CONTRACTOR all amounts paid pursuant to Section III (A) by COUNTY to CONTRACTOR for services/activities for the fiscal year(s) for which the Annual Report(s) is (are) outstanding. CONTRACTOR shall pay COUNTY according to the method described in this Exhibit I, Section IV (Method of Payments for Amounts Due to COUNTY). Such payments shall be submitted to the persons at the address identified in the COUNTY invoice.
- D. The Annual Report(s) shall be prepared by the CONTRACTOR in accordance with the instructions, rules, policies and procedures established by the Federal governments, State and COUNTY.

### II. COST REPORT SETTLEMENT

- A. CONTRACTOR shall submit the CONTRACTOR'S Year-End Cost Report Settlement with the COUNTY based on the Annual Report(s) submitted pursuant to this Exhibit I of this Agreement, for the fiscal year(s) for which the CONTRACTOR'S Year-End Cost Report Settlement is (are) outstanding.
  - 1. Failure to submit the CONTRACTOR'S Year-End Cost Report Settlement within thirty (30) calendar days after the due date specified by written notice of the COUNTY is a breach of this Agreement. In addition to, and without limiting, any other remedy available to the COUNTY for such breach, COUNTY may undertake any or all of the following to remedy such breach:
    - a. COUNTY, in its sole and absolute discretion, may disallow claim(s) for payment for services/activities rendered during the fiscal year(s) for which the CONTRACTOR'S Year-End Cost Report Settlement is outstanding or withhold payment(s) for reimbursements payable pursuant to Section III (A) to CONTRACTOR for the current fiscal year by COUNTY to CONTRACTOR until the CONTRACTOR'S Year-End Cost Report Settlement is submitted. If COUNTY exercises its discretion to disallow

claim(s) or withhold payment(s), COUNTY shall give CONTRACTOR written notice, during the thirty (30) calendar days after the due date specified by the COUNTY, of its intention to disallow claim(s) or withhold payment(s) as of the date specified in the notice, including the reason(s) for its intended action. Thereafter, CONTRACTOR, within the time specified in the notice, shall submit the CONTRACTOR'S Year-End Cost Report Settlement to avoid disallowance of claim(s) or withholding of payment(s).

- b. In such instance that CONTRACTOR does not submit the CONTRACTOR'S Year-End Cost Report Settlement by thirty (30) calendar days after the applicable due date specified by written notice of the COUNTY, COUNTY, in its sole and absolute discretion, may deem as due and owing to COUNTY by CONTRACTOR all amounts paid pursuant to Section III (A) by COUNTY to CONTRACTOR for services/activities for the fiscal year(s) for which the CONTRACTOR'S Year-End Cost Report Settlement is outstanding. CONTRACTOR shall pay COUNTY according to the method described in this Exhibit I, Section IV (Method of Payments for Amounts Due to COUNTY). Such payments shall be submitted to the persons at the address identified in the COUNTY invoice.
- B. All payments made to the CONTRACTOR and the actual Federal Financial Participation (FFP) revenue generated by the CONTRACTOR shall be reconciled with CONTRACTOR'S Year-End Cost Report Settlement and/or State Cost Report Settlement. CONTRACTOR'S Year-End Cost Report Settlement shall be based upon the allowable costs as stipulated in Exhibit B, Section VI, Subsection B, less any deductible revenues collected by CONTRACTOR from other payor sources. FFP revenue shall be based upon the FFP claimed by the CONTRACTOR in accordance to the provision of Exhibit B and the reconciled amount of FFP as reflected in the State Cost Report Settlement. Such settlement shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and all other applicable Federal, State and local statutes, regulations, policies, procedures and/or other requirements. In addition, audit procedures may be performed by the COUNTY in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and Generally Accepted Auditing Standards.
- C. COUNTY shall issue its findings regarding CONTRACTOR'S Year-End Cost Report Settlement and/or State Cost Report Settlement ("COUNTY'S Findings") at any time after the COUNTY received the calculation of the cost settlement from the CONTRACTOR and/or COUNTY completed the State Cost Settlement process.
  - 1. As part of its cost report settlement, COUNTY shall identify any amounts due to CONTRACTOR by the COUNTY or due from the CONTRACTOR to the COUNTY.
  - 2. Upon issuance of the COUNTY'S Findings, CONTRACTOR may, within thirty (30) calendar days, submit a written request to the COUNTY for review of the Findings.

- a. Upon receipt by COUNTY of the CONTRACTOR'S written request, the COUNTY shall, within thirty (30) calendar days, meet with the CONTRACTOR to review the COUNTY'S Findings and to consider any documentation or information presented by the CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR may waive such meeting and elect to proceed based on written submission at its sole discretion.
- b. Within thirty (30) calendar days of the meeting specified in Subsection C., 2., a. above, or if no meeting is requested, within thirty (30) calendar days of the issuance of the COUNTY'S Findings, COUNTY shall issue a final cost report settlement finding to the CONTRACTOR including confirming or adjusting any amounts due to CONTRACTOR by the COUNTY or due from CONTRACTOR to the COUNTY.
- 3. In the event that the COUNTY'S Findings indicates that the CONTRACTOR is due payment from the COUNTY, COUNTY shall make payment to CONTRACTOR within thirty (30) calendar days following the expiration of the date to request a review as specified in Paragraph C., 2. above or issuance of the COUNTY'S Findings as specified in Paragraph C., 2., b. above, whichever is later.
- 4. In the event that the COUNTY'S Findings indicates that the CONTRACTOR owes payments to the COUNTY, CONTRACTOR shall make payment to the COUNTY within thirty (30) calendar days following the expiration of the date to request a review as specified in Paragraph C., 2. above or issuance of the COUNTY'S Findings as specified in Paragraph C., 2. b. above, whichever is later. Said payment shall be submitted to the person and at the address identified in the COUNTY invoice.
- 5. Regardless of any other provision of this Section II, reimbursement to CONTRACTOR shall not exceed the Maximum Contract Amount and shall not exceed the Maximum Program Amount for each Funded Program, as identified in Exhibit B.

# III. COST REPORT TRAINING

CONTRACTOR shall attend a one-time mandatory cost report training provided by the COUNTY. COUNTY shall provide further cost report training as needed and/or as required according to changes in the State cost report requirements. Failure by the CONTRACTOR to attend the one-time mandatory cost report training, and subsequent training(s), as needed and requested by the COUNTY, may result in disallowance of any claims for payment. If CONTRACTOR continues to neglect attendance to scheduled training(s), claims for payment shall be disallowed due to delayed training completion or non-compliance.

## IV. AUDIT(S) AND AUDIT APPEALS

- A. At any time during the term of this Agreement or after the expiration or termination of this Agreement, in accordance with Federal and State law including but not limited to the California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Sections 14170 et seq., authorized representatives from the Federal governments, State or COUNTY may conduct an audit of CONTRACTOR regarding the services/activities provided under the fiscal year(s) for which the audit is outstanding. In addition, contract compliance audits or reviews may be conducted by the Monterey County's Auditor-Controller's Office or designated representative. Furthermore, the California State Controller Office performs audits of the mandated cost claims for the seriously emotionally disturbed pupils for the Out-of-State Mental Health Services Program and Handicapped and Disabled Students Programs. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) also perform audits of the Certified Public Expenditure (CPE) processes, negotiated rate audit information, and other issues.
- B. Settlement of audit findings shall be conducted according to the auditing party's procedures in place at the time of the audit.
- C. In the case of a Federal Government or State audit, COUNTY may perform a postaudit based on Federal or State audit findings. Such post-audit shall take place when the Federal Government or State initiates its settlement action, which customarily is after the issuance of the audit report by the Federal Government or State and before the Federal Government or State's audit appeal process.
  - 1. If the Federal Government or State stays its collection of any amounts due or payable because of the audit findings, COUNTY shall also stay its settlement of the same amounts due or payable until the responsible auditing party initiates its settlement action with COUNTY.
  - 2. COUNTY shall follow all applicable Federal, State and local laws, regulations manuals, guidelines and directives in recovering from CONTRACTOR any amount due to the COUNTY.
  - 3. COUNTY shall issue an invoice to CONTRACTOR for any amount due to the COUNTY no later than ninety (90) calendar days after the Federal or State issues its audit settlement letter to the COUNTY. CONTRACTOR shall make payment to the COUNTY in accordance with the terms of Section IV (Method of Payments for Amounts Due to COUNTY) of this Exhibit I. Said payment shall be submitted to the person and at the address identified in the COUNTY invoice.
- D. CONTRACTOR may appeal any such audit findings in accordance with the audit appeal process established by the party performing the audit.
  - 1. For Federal audit exceptions, Federal audit appeal processes shall be followed.

- 2. CONTRACTOR may appeal the State audit findings in conformance with provisions of Sections 51016 et seq. of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations. Such appeals must be filed through COUNTY. COUNTY shall notify CONTRACTOR of State appeal deadlines after COUNTY'S receipt from State of the audit report.
- 3. If at any time the Appeal process results in a revision to the audit findings, and the Federal Government or State recalculates the final settlement with COUNTY, COUNTY may perform a post-audit based on the Federal or State revised findings after the Federal Government or State has issued its revised settlement with the COUNTY, based on such re-computed final settlement.
  - a. If the re-computed final settlement results in amounts due to CONTRACTOR by the COUNTY, COUNTY shall make such payments to CONTRACTOR within thirty (30) calendar days of issuing the revised settlement amount to the CONTRACTOR.
  - b. If the re-computed final settlement results in amounts due from CONTRACTOR to the COUNTY, CONTRACTOR shall make payment to the COUNTY within thirty (30) days that the COUNTY issues its invoice to the CONTRACTOR.
- E. Not withstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, if CONTRACTOR appeals any audit report, the appeal shall not prevent the COUNTY from recovering from CONTRACTOR any amount owed by CONTRACTOR that the Federal Government or State has recovered from COUNTY.
- F. Should the auditing party be the COUNTY, CONTRACTOR shall have thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the audit report with in which to file an appeal with COUNTY. The letter providing the CONTRACTOR with notice of the audit findings shall indicate the person(s) and address to which the appeal should be directed. COUNTY shall consider all information provided by CONTRACTOR with its appeal, and shall issue its decision on the appeal after such consideration. Such decision is final. COUNTY shall issue an invoice for any amount due COUNTY fifteen (15) calendar days after COUNTY has notified CONTRACTOR of the COUNTY'S audit appeal findings. CONTRACTOR shall make payment to the COUNTY in accordance with the terms of Section IV (Method of Payments for Amounts Due to COUNTY) of this Exhibit I. Said payment shall be submitted to the person and at the address identified in the COUNTY invoice.

### IV. METHOD OF PAYMENTS FOR AMOUNTS DUE TO COUNTY

A. Within ten (10) business days after written notification by COUNTY to CONTRACTOR of any amount due by CONTRACTOR to COUNTY, CONTRACTOR shall notify COUNTY as to which of the following five (5) payment options CONTRACTOR requests be used as the method by which such amount shall be recovered by COUNTY.

Any such amount shall be:

- 1. paid in one cash payment by CONTRACTOR to COUNTY;
- 2. deducted from future claims over a period not to exceed six (6) months;
- 3. deducted from any amounts due from COUNTY to CONTRACTOR whether under this Agreement or otherwise;
- 4. paid by cash payment(s) by CONTRACTOR to COUNTY over a period not to exceed six (6) months; or
- 5. a combination of any or all of the above.
- B. If CONTRACTOR does not so notify COUNTY within such ten (10) days, or if CONTRACTOR fails to make payment of any such amount to COUNTY as required, then Director, in his sole discretion, shall determine which of the above five (5) payment options shall be used by COUNTY for recovery of such amount from CONTRACTOR.