COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

COURT ORDER NUMBER 145732

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DATE: 8/19/2025

SUBJECT: **CONSIDERATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES HIV/SERVICES SUBRECIPIENT CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH TARRANT COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) HIV/Services (State Services) subrecipient contract renewal with Tarrant County Hospital District (JPS).

BACKGROUND

Tarrant County receives annual funding from DSHS in the form of grant contracts. The Texas DSHS State Services grant will continue to fund such as Health Insurance Premium & Cost Sharing Assistance, Transportation, and Referral for Health Care & Support Services in the Fort Worth Health Service Delivery Area (HSDA).

JPS has been delivering HIV treatment services for more than twenty-five (25) years and is the safety-net hospital in Tarrant County that delivers quality health care services to the area's most vulnerable populations. This contract supports services such as Emergency Financial Assistance, Medical Transportation, Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services, Referral for Health Care, and Substance Abuse Outpatient Care.

On May 20, 2025, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #145246, approved the FY 2025-2026 Texas DSHS State Services contract renewal in the amount of $1,044,642.00.

The project period for DSHS State Services grant is September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2026. The term of the budget period is September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026.

The recommended contracts renewals are as follows:

JPS – Total reimbursement shall not exceed $702,498.00.

The Criminal District Attorney's Office has reviewed these documents as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT

All associated costs will be paid from grant allocations as follows:

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State Services Funding: Grant-2004 E0031-2026 Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) State Services (State Services)/1132200000 HIV Subrecipients /569013 Subrecipient Services – net impact: $702,498.00

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COMMUNITY SUBRECIPIENT CONTRACT

1. BACKGROUND

Tarrant County, Texas ("County") has received a grant (the "Grant") from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), for State Service Grant Programs, to fund HIV-related care and support services; and

The County Judge designated the Tarrant County HIV Administrative Agency (TCAA) in charge of distribution of Grant proceeds. The purpose of this contract is to administer HIV service delivery funds to subrecipients who provide comprehensive HIV-related care and support services to meet the needs of persons living with HIV.

Tarrant County Hospital District ("Subrecipient"), also known as "Subcontractor" in the Texas Health and Human Services Commission HHSC Uniform Terms and Conditions, which are attached hereto and incorporated herein) is an organization in Tarrant County, Texas, that provides HIV/AIDS community services and has requested an award of Grant proceeds from the County to support it in providing HIV-related care and support services; and

The County, acting by the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, agrees to provide Subrecipient funds from the Grant, to the extent available, in an amount not to exceed **$702,498.00** in exchange for Subrecipient's agreement to provide HIV/AIDS community services based upon certain terms and conditions.

Therefore, County and Subrecipient enter into the following Community Subrecipient Contract (the "Contract") based upon the following terms and conditions.

2. SCOPE OF WORK

Subrecipient will perform the Scope of Work described in **Attachment 1, A1-2025010.** On receipt of this Contract, Subrecipient will begin and complete the work within the Contract term. Subrecipient will provide services in accordance with Ryan White HIV Program Services: Eligible Individuals and Allowable Use of Funds Policy Clarification Notice #16-02. Subrecipient will also provide services in accordance with the DSHS and local Standards of Care, and consistent with the current Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan (Comprehensive Plan).

Subrecipient shall use these funds to provide at least one State Services service to (900) unduplicated clients during Contract Year FY 2025-2026 (09/1/2025–08/31/2026). The number of units and clients by service category are found in the Attachment 1 (Scope of Work).

3. TERM

The term of this Contract is from **September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2026**.

4. AMENDMENTS

This Contract may not be amended without written agreement. However, Subrecipient may move up to 10% of allocated funds within any budget category without written approval of County, except for Equipment or Indirect Cost budget line items, if the movement is consistent with the budget in **Attachment 1**. In order to move any amount over and above a cumulative total of 10%

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of allocated funds within any budget category, Subrecipient will request the reallocation in writing to County.

The Subrecipient will submit a revised budget narrative to the Administrative Agency prior to the submission of the Subrecipient's first monthly billing to the County following the movement of funds between budget line items.

If the Subrecipient fails to achieve contracted outcome objectives and expenditures the County may require the return of funds for reallocation or redistribution to other entities (refer to TCAA Fiscal Policy Manual).

Subrecipient shall be subject to decrease of funds if funding is not utilized at the anticipated rate of expenditures. The anticipated rate of expenditures is one-twelfth of the contract amount by service category per month. The formula for reduction of funds shall be as follows:

- At one quarter of the contract period the Subrecipient shall have expended at a minimum twenty percent (20%) of allocated funds for each service category. If the minimum has not been expended, ten percent (10%) of the unspent funds allocated for that contract period can be swept through a budget reduction at the discretion of the TCAA.
- At one half of the contract period the Subrecipient shall have expended at a minimum forty percent (40%) of allocated funds for each service category. If the minimum has not been expended, fifty percent (50%) of the unspent funds allocated for that contract period can be swept through a budget reduction at the discretion of the TCAA.
- At three quarters of the contract period the Subrecipient shall have expended at a minimum seventy five percent (75%) of allocated funds for each service category. If the minimum has not been expended, one hundred percent (100%) of the unspent funds allocated for that contract period can be swept through a budget reduction at the discretion of the TCAA.

Subrecipient may become eligible for an increase in funding if it has spent funding at the anticipated rate and can present a proposal for the utilization of additional funds by serving an increase in unduplicated clients and units of service.

5. SEVERABILITY

If a court construes a provision of this Contract illegal or invalid, that construction will not affect the balance of the Contract, and the court will delete the illegal or invalid provision, with all other provisions of the Contract to remain in force and effect.

6. ASSURANCES, REPRESENTATIONS, AND COMPLIANCE

a. Subrecipient ensures that personnel paid from these funds are duly licensed, certified, registered, permitted, approved and qualified to perform contracted services. Subrecipient signifies that all necessary program or facility licenses are current. Subrecipient will notify County immediately if such licenses become invalid during the term of this Contract. The Subrecipient will document these assurances in the year-end program report.

b. Subrecipient assures that funds will not be used to provide items or services for which payment has already been made or reasonably can be expected to be made by third-party payers, including Medicaid, Medicare and/or other federal, state, or local entitlement programs, prepaid health plans, private insurance, or other services provided by community-based organizations. The Subrecipient understands that if services performed under this Contract are available under the state Medicaid plan, then the Subrecipient must enter into a participation

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agreement under the state Medicaid plan. Subrecipient will ensure funding available through this Contract is used strictly as the payer of last resort.

c. Subrecipient assures that it will adhere to confidentiality requirements, including policies regarding the confidentiality and security of Protected Health Information, the AIDS Workplace Guidelines, the HIV Services Grant Program Rules, and Requirements for Contents of AIDS-related Written Materials. Subrecipient will not engage in activities that advocate or promote the violation of state or federal laws.

d. Subrecipient assures that it will comply with the HRSA Ryan White National Part B Programmatic, Fiscal, and Universal Monitoring Standards applicable to Subgrantees, Subrecipients and Subcontractors as implemented by Tarrant County. The Ryan White National Monitoring Standards detail the minimum acceptable standards contractors must comply with. Adherence to Local Standards of Care, Site Visit guidelines, Outcome Measures, Contract requirements and other requirements implemented by Tarrant County often exceed those required by the HRSA Ryan White National Monitoring Standards. Subrecipient assures that it will comply with the National, State and local requirements.

e. Subrecipient assures that it will not transfer a client or patient record through any means, including electronically, to another entity, person, or other Subrecipient without a written consent from the client or patient, or someone authorized to act on his or her behalf; however, the County or DSHS, may require Subrecipient, or any subcontractor, to timely transfer a client or patient record to the County or DSHS if the transfer is necessary to protect either the confidentiality of the records or the health and welfare of the client or patient.

f. Subrecipient assures that it will not expend funds from this Grant to lobby Congress, the legislature, or any agency in connection with a particular Contract. Subrecipient assures that it will not discriminate against any person on the grounds of race, creed, color, handicap, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, political affiliation or beliefs.

g. Subrecipient assures in its performance of this Contract that:

(i) in the case of individuals with an income less than or equal to 100 percent of the official poverty line, Subrecipient will not impose charges on any such individual for the provision of services under the Grant;
(ii) in the case of individuals with an income greater than 100 percent of the official poverty line, Subrecipient:
    1) will impose a charge on each such individual for the provision of such services;
    2) will impose the charge according to a schedule of charges that is made available to the public; and
    3) will make a reasonable attempt to collect;
(iii) in the case of individuals with an income greater than 100 percent of the official poverty line and not exceeding 200 percent of such poverty line, Subrecipient will not, for any calendar year, impose charges in an amount exceeding five (5) percent of the annual gross income of the individual involved;
(iv) in the case of individuals with an income greater than 200 percent of the official poverty line and not exceeding 300 percent of such poverty line, Subrecipient will not, for any calendar year, impose charges in an amount exceeding seven (7) percent of the annual gross income of the individual involved; and
(v) in the case of individuals with an income greater than 300 percent of the official poverty line, Subrecipient will not, for any calendar year, impose charges in an amount exceeding ten (10) percent of the annual gross income of the individual involved.

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h. Subrecipient assures that HIV health care and support services provided with assistance made available under this Contract will be provided without regard to the ability of the individual to pay for such services.

i. Subrecipient assures that for any fees it charges to clients for services, Subrecipient will publicly display its fee schedule. Annual aggregate charges (including fees and co-payments) will not exceed the total allowable annual charges. The term “aggregate charges” applies to the total annual charges that may be collected from a client for all HIV services. Subrecipient will create a tracking mechanism to ensure individual client charges do not exceed the maximum allowable annual charges.

j. Subrecipient assures that if it purchases or reimburses for outpatient drugs, the Subrecipient’s drug acquisition practices meet Federal requirements regarding cost-effectiveness and reasonableness, including 42 CFR Sections 50.501-50.504, 45 CFR Part 75.420-475, and other federal law to the extent applicable. The purchase or reimbursement for drugs must comply with the Local AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance (LPAP) formulary. If Subrecipient is a drug reimbursement agency or a medical provider that dispenses medication, Subrecipient assures that drug costs are expected to secure the best prices available for such products and to maximize results for the recipient organization and its patients, when available, the Public Health Services price, whichever is less expensive. Failure to participate, or failure to plan to participate in 340B pricing within 120 days of funding will eliminate organizations from eligibility to be awarded funding in the LPAP service category.

If a Subrecipient receives 340b revenue, this is considered program income and must be spent on allowable items within the grant period. Subrecipients must create a 340b budget.

k. Subrecipient assures that all medical and non-medical case managers will obtain Affordable Care Act Certified Application Counselor status through the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services. Subrecipient assures that uninsured clients will be assisted with the process of applying for health insurance through the Marketplace and that documentation of eligibility is maintained in client charts or files. Subrecipient will enroll physicians and clinics in Qualified Health Plans.

l. Subrecipient assures that it will comply with all requirements and guidelines outlined in the most recent HIV Services Standards of Care. Subrecipient will comply with all DSHS, and County program policies and operating procedures including the Texas Health and Human Services Commission HHSC Uniform Terms and Conditions, **Attachment 2**.

m. Subrecipient assures that this Contract will not be transferred, or otherwise assigned, or any interest in or any right, duty, or obligation under, or any claim arising under, without first obtaining the prior written approval from the HIV Administrative Agency located at 2300 Circle Drive, Suite 2306; Fort Worth, Texas 76119. Any attempt to transfer, or otherwise assign, will be void and will confer no rights upon any third person or entity.

n. Subrecipient assures and represents that its receipt of funding under this Contract will not be used to supplant private, state, local, or other federal funds received by the Subrecipient.

o. Subrecipient assures that case records of patients/clients who are receiving Ryan White services will contain documentation as required by the Standards of Care.

p. Prov vide Enterprise is the designated client management information system for the Tarrant County Ryan White Program that must be utilized to document client level information,

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services delivered, and all required data elements. Subrecipients will be required to pay for the Provide Enterprise Licensures for new users and annual maintenance fees per licensee. Subrecipients may utilize RWHAP-related funding such as grant funds, program income (i.e., 340b, insurance reimbursement) and/or other funding sources to pay for licensure fees and annual maintenance fees.

q. Subrecipients assure that all Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services are diagnostic and therapeutic-related activities are delivered directly to a client by a licensed healthcare provider in an outpatient medical setting. Outpatient medical settings may include: clinics, medical offices, mobile vans, using telehealth/telemedicine technology, and urgent care facilities for HIV-related visits.

r. Subcontractors may not subcontract (also known as sub of subcontracting) with another provider for services that they are contracted to deliver under County contract.

For all service categories: if a contract cannot be established directly with a provider or there are other extenuating circumstances, the TCAA may request a waiver so that a provider may subcontract for limited services with another provider. An annual waiver request must be submitted and approved by DSHS prior to establishing subcontracts. The waiver must describe why the TCAA cannot directly contract with the provider and the business need for a provider to establish a subcontract. The waiver must include the proposed contract between the provider and another provider. Request for waiver must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days prior the beginning of the contract year. DSHS will respond to waiver requests within ten (10) business days. DSHS has final approval of Sub of Sub-Contracting waivers per DSHS Sub-Contracting Policy 280.001.

s. Subrecipient assures and represents that the person signing this Contract on behalf of Subrecipient is authorized to execute this Contract on the Subrecipient's behalf and to legally bind the Subrecipient to all Contract terms.

t. Subrecipient will complete and sign **Attachment 3** in compliance with the Federal Executive Order 12549 "Debarment and Suspension".

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ASSURANCES AND REPRESENTATIONS CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION 6 HEREIN AS WELL AS ANY OTHER TERM AND CONDITION OF THIS CONTRACT MAY BE GROUNDS FOR TERMINATION OF THIS CONTRACT AND MAY RESULT IN THE WITHHOLDING OF FUTURE AWARDS. SUBRECIPIENT UNDERSTANDS THAT BY ENTERING INTO THIS CONTRACT COUNTY WILL AUDIT SUBRECIPIENT'S PERFORMANCE OF THIS CONTRACT, INCLUDING SUBRECIPIENT'S COMPLIANCE WITH THE ASSURANCES AND REPRESENTATIONS CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION 6 OF THIS CONTRACT.

7. HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

This Contract is subject to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") and the Privacy Regulations, 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164 issued under said Act.

The parties acknowledge the existence of applicable legal requirements pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA") and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act of 2009 ("HITECH Act"). Attached to and incorporated in this Agreement as **Attachment 4** is County's standard Business Associate Agreement ("BAA"). Subrecipient acknowledges that for all purposes under the BAA and this Agreement, the County is a "Covered Entity" and Subrecipient is a "Business Associate". Furthermore, Subrecipient agrees to comply with and satisfy all the terms and conditions of the BAA applicable to a Business

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Associate. Any violation of or failure to satisfy the terms and conditions of the BAA shall be a breach of this Agreement and render this Contract null and void. County will make the decision whether or not documents will be required, and the decision of County will be final. Subrecipient agrees that it will negotiate in good faith an amendment to this Agreement if, and to the extent required by, the provisions of HIPAA and regulations promulgated thereunder, in order to assure that this Agreement is consistent therewith.

8. STANDARDS FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

a. In accordance with 45 CFR 75 – Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for HHS Awards, Subrecipient will develop, implement and maintain financial management and control systems, which include at a minimum accurate payroll, accounting and financial reporting records, cost source documentation, effective internal and budgetary controls, and determination of reasonableness, allowability and allocability of costs, and timely and appropriate audits and resolution findings.

b. A separate cost center will be maintained within the general ledger for each Contract, including a 340b specific cost center. Multiple cost centers may be used, provided the total cost in each of the cost centers equals and supports the reimbursement amount and the total cost reported to Tarrant County. A cost center is defined as a unique series of general ledger accounts established for the purpose of accumulating and categorizing expenses related to a specific cost objective. Each cost center will have a unique revenue account(s) that captures all income generated from these activities performed under a specific cost center. The balances reflected in these accounts will be the basis for monthly payment requests.

c. Subrecipient shall maintain an effective accounting system, which will:

(i) Identify and record valid transactions
(ii) Record transactions to the proper accounting period in which transactions occurred
(iii) Describe transactions in sufficient detail to permit proper classification
(iv) Maintain records that permit the tracing of funds to a level of detail that establishes that the funds have been used in compliance with Contract requirements
(v) Adequately identify the source and application of funds of each Grant Contract
(vi) Generate current and accurate financial reports in accordance with Contract requirements

d. Subrecipient will provide agency cost allocation plan to the Administrative Agency no later than sixty (60) days from Contract execution.

e. Subrecipient will bill third party payers for services provided under this Contract, at no cost to the client, with the exception of co-payments required by third party payers. These potential payers include private insurance carriers, Medicaid, other available federal, state, local, and private funds, etc. Subrecipient will become a Medicaid provider for applicable program activities funded in this Contract and will maximize efforts to obtain payment from Medicaid and all other available sources.

9. PROGRAM INCOME

Program income is defined as the gross income received by a recipient or subrecipient that is directly generated by a grant supported activity or earned only as a result of a federal award during a contract period. Examples of program income include:

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- Funds received by billing public or private health insurance for services provided to eligible Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) clients;
- Fees, payments, or reimbursement for the provision of specific services such as client care reimbursements received under Medicare, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program;
- Charges imposed on clients for services, as required by RWHAP Parts A, B, and C legislation (sliding fee scale charges);
- The difference between the third-party reimbursement and the 340b drug purchase price (i.e. 340b revenue).

a. Subrecipient must use the 'additive' method for expending program income. Under the 'additive' method, program income must be used for the purposes for which the award was made and may only be used for allowable costs under the award.

b. Subrecipients will be required to have a policy and procedure in place for allocating and tracking program income, revenue, and expenditures.

c. Subrecipient will identify all revenues received from performing contract services as "Program Income." Subrecipient will use Program Income for allowable current costs. Subrecipient will budget and expend the Program Income during the budget period in which it is realized.

d. Program income may be expended on any allowable Ryan White core medical or support service category, clinical quality services, or administrative costs as part of a comprehensive system of care for individuals living with HIV.

e. Program income may be utilized to expand services within the allowable scope of the Ryan White grant.

f. Subrecipient will submit a 340b spending/allocation plan to the Administrative Agency within thirty (30) days of Contract execution.

10. PAYER OF LAST RESORT

RWHAP funds may not be used for any item or service to the extent that payment has been made or can reasonably be expected to be made by another payment source, per DSHS Policy 590.001 Payer of Last Resort and the Tarrant County HIV Administrative Agency Policy Attachment AB (refer to Subrecipient Policy).

Subrecipients are expected to vigorously pursue enrollment into health care coverage for which their clients may be eligible (e.g., Medicaid, CHIP, Medicare, state-funded HIV/AIDS programs, employer sponsored health insurance coverage, and/or other private health insurance) to extend finite RWHAP grant resources to new clients and/or needed services.

Prior to billing the County, Subrecipient will have a 3rd party verification system to verify clients' eligibility for payment by Medicaid/Medicare or private insurance. The County will have the right to withhold all or part of any payments otherwise due in order to reconcile third party, Medicaid/Medicare or insurance reimbursable expenses inappropriately billed to the County.

11. ALLOWABLE COST

Tarrant County will pay the allowable and reasonable costs incurred in performing the Scope of Work that are sufficiently documented. Subrecipient must have incurred a cost prior to claiming

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reimbursement and within the applicable term to be eligible for reimbursement under this Contract. Tarrant County will determine whether costs submitted by Subrecipient are allowable reasonable, and eligible for payment. If Tarrant County has paid funds to Subrecipient for unallowable or ineligible costs, Tarrant County will notify Subrecipient in writing, and Subrecipient shall return the funds to Tarrant County within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of this written notice. Tarrant County may withhold all or part of any payments to Subrecipient to offset reimbursement for any unallowable or ineligible expenditure that Subrecipient has not refunded to Tarrant County, or if financial status report(s) required are not submitted by the due date(s). Tarrant County may take repayment (recoup) from funds available under this Contract in amounts necessary to fulfill Subrecipient's repayment obligations.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2025, Public Law 118-83, signed into law on September 26, 2024, restricts the amount of direct salary which may be paid to an individual under an HHS grant, cooperative agreement, or applicable contract to a rate no greater than Executive Level II of the Federal Executive Pay Scale. Effective January 1, 2025, the Executive Level II salary level is $225,700.00.

12. OVERTIME COMPENSATION

Subrecipient may not use Grant funds provided under this Contract for payment of overtime. Subrecipient will be responsible for any overtime pay not authorized by amendment.

13. CONTRACT FUNDING ADVANCES

Subrecipient may request Contract advances in the amounts as described in 45 CFR 75.305(b)(1).

- Subrecipients will submit payment requests every 30 days to reconcile with the contract advances.
- In order to reconcile any Contract advances, Subrecipient must submit a payment request no later than the 22nd day of each month in order to reconcile said Contract advances.
- Subsequent Contract advances shall not exceed the previous advance, less the amount of funds that remains unused from the previous advance.

14. MEETING ATTENDANCE

Subrecipient will attend all required meetings, as specified by the TCAA, including but not limited to: monthly monitoring calls, quality management, technical assistance, trainings, and care coordination trainings during the Contract term. Participation in required meetings and trainings will be specific to the position(s) and role(s) of grant funded position(s).

15. REPORTS, INSPECTIONS, AND QM PLANS

a. Subrecipient will submit fiscal, progress, programmatic, and other reports as requested by County in the approved format. Monthly payment requests are due no later than the 22nd day of the following calendar month. If the reporting due date falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline is extended to no later than 5:00 pm Central Time the first weekday immediately following the weekend or holiday.

b. As required by the DSHS, and the County, the Subrecipient will collect, update, maintain and report client level data in a manner consistent with the Uniform Reporting System (URS) based on reporting standards established by HRSA. Subrecipient will collect, update, maintain and report all data consistent for reporting in the annual Ryan White Services Report

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(RSR), as well as other demographic, medical, service, and other required data elements throughout the Contract period. Subrecipient will also enter all Ryan White eligible services in Provide Enterprise for the Ryan White program, this includes all data on clients receiving services providing using RWHAP not just funded services. Subrecipient will participate in all periodic and ongoing Data Improvement activities required by DSHS and County.

c. In order to protect and retain client data, Subrecipient will incorporate appropriate procedures, including the systematic creation and maintenance of end-user passwords and other security measures outlined in County policies.

d. Penalties for delinquent reporting may include withholding of payments until such time all reports are received, cancellation of the Contract with no obligation to pay for undocumented services, or both.

e. When state or federal funds are involved, any authorized representatives of the local, state or federal government have the right, at all reasonable times, to inspect or otherwise evaluate the work performed or being performed and the premises in which it is being performed. Subrecipient will participate in and provide reasonable access to facilities for assisting said representatives. All inspections and evaluations will be performed in such a manner as will not unduly delay the work.

f. County payment to Subrecipient does not stop the County from determining that certain costs were ineligible for reimbursement or that Program Income was not spent in accordance with this Contract. If the County determines that a cost the County has paid for is ineligible for reimbursement, the Subrecipient will refund the ineligible amount to the County. Additionally, the County may withhold payment to the Subrecipient in order to:

1. Recoup reimbursement for ineligible expenditures;
2. Recoup ineligible use of Program Income; and
3. Assure Subrecipient compliance with County's reporting requirements, program objectives, or other requirements relating to the Subrecipient's performance under this Contract.

The County reserves the right to redistribute and reallocate funds when necessary.

g. An audit must be completed if required by 2 CFR Part 200.500-520 and or 45 CFR Part 75.501-520. If the guidance does not require a single audit, the Subrecipient will notify County in writing.

h. The subrecipient must submit a Final FY 2025-2026 State Services Annual Progress Report no later than 30 days following the end of grant period.

16. **PARTICIPANT RECORDS**

a. Subrecipient grants County, DSHS, the Inspector General, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives, the right of timely and unrestricted access to any books, documents, papers, or other records of Subrecipient pertinent to the Contract, in order to make audit, examinations, excerpts, transcripts and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access by County fiscal and program personnel for the purpose of reviewing, interviewing, evaluating and monitoring related to such documents. This right includes access to records of for-profit enterprises owned by the Subrecipient and collocated with the non-profit in the same building.

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b. County retains the right of access to Subrecipient's records or the right to obtain copies of said records for audit, litigation, or other circumstances that may arise. If this Contract is terminated during the Contract term, County may provide written notice to the Subrecipient requesting that the clients receiving services under this Contract have their cases and copies of their records transferred to another Subrecipient. Upon receiving such notice from County, the Subrecipient will take all necessary and reasonable steps to obtain the written consent of the clients for transfer of their cases. The client's case and records will be transferred to another Subrecipient only with client's written consent. Any disclosure or transfer of records will conform to the confidentiality provisions of this Contract.

c. Subrecipient will have written policies and procedures that address the organization, content, compilation, storage, dissemination, transport and accessibility of client records.

d. These documents will be maintained and retained by the Subrecipient in accordance with state and federal retention schedules. If any litigation, claim, or audit involving these records begins before the retention period expires, the Subrecipient will retain the records and documents in accordance with state and federal retention schedule or until litigation, claims, or audit findings are resolved, whichever is later.

17. EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

a. Subrecipient will purchase and maintain any equipment and supplies procured under this Contract in conformity with applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and rules affecting the purchase of these items with Grant funds. All equipment shall be acquired and paid for within the first ninety (90) days of the Grant start date. Failure to purchase equipment will result in loss of availability of funds for the purchase of equipment.

b. "Equipment" means controlled assets or an article of nonexpendable, tangible personal property having a useful lifetime of more than one year with an acquisition cost of $10,000.00 or more. "Controlled assets" regardless of the acquisition cost, are defined as desktop and laptop computers, non-portable printers and copiers, emergency management equipment, communication devices and systems, medical and laboratory equipment, and media equipment. If Subrecipient uses a cost reimbursement payment method for purchase of equipment, then it shall inventory all equipment. Subrecipient shall initiate in the first quarter of the Contract the purchase of all equipment approved in writing. Failure to timely initiate the purchase of equipment may result in the loss of availability of funds for the purchase of equipment. Requests to purchase previously approved equipment after the first quarter of the Contract will be submitted to the HIV Administrative Agency Manager. If seeking reimbursement for equipment purchases, Subrecipient must receive prior approval for equipment purchases.

c. The Subrecipient will maintain, repair, and protect equipment in order to assure its full availability and usefulness. Subrecipient will insure all equipment at its replacement value against any loss, destruction or damage. In the event the Subrecipient is indemnified, insured, reimbursed, or otherwise compensated for any loss of, destruction of, or damage to the equipment provided under this Contract, it will use the proceeds solely for the repair or replacement of this equipment.

d. Subrecipient will attach a detailed, cumulative listing of equipment inventory to Subrecipient's final request for Grant payment. If there have never been any equipment purchases paid for by funds from the County, Subrecipient will attach a statement to that effect. Subrecipient's final billing for each Grant will not be accepted if this inventory or statement is not attached. Additionally, failure to include the inventory listing or statement may result in an audit

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finding on Subrecipient's monitoring review and/or delay of reimbursement. Audit findings may cause termination of Contract for cause or suspension of payment of funds.

e. The Subrecipient will execute any necessary documents to transfer title of any equipment purchased with funds from this Contract to either the County, or any other party designated by the County; provided, however, that the County may at its option and to the extent allowed by law, transfer title of such property to the Subrecipient.

f. For the purposes of the contract, Subrecipient may not use funds to make cash payments to intended recipients of service; to purchase a building or facility; or to improve a building or other facility.

18. CONFIDENTIALITY

Subrecipient will maintain a system to protect client records and other Contract records deemed confidential by law from inappropriate disclosure. This system will encompass mechanisms for the protection and confidentiality of all paper and electronic records. Any disclosure of confidential client information by the Subrecipient, including information required by Section 16, will be in accordance with applicable law. All staff must sign the required Confidentiality Agreement annually and complete the DSHS Security Training.

19. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

All employees and board members of any agency are required to complete and sign a Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form annually, which contains, at a minimum, the content in DSHS Board Member and Employee Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form.

20. ENDING THE HIV EPIDEMIC

Subrecipient will conduct activities focused on addressing the following four (4) goals in compliance with the National Goals to End the HIV Epidemic and demonstrate measurable progress towards the goals.

a. Reduce new HIV infections;
b. Increase access to care and optimize health outcomes for people living with HIV (PLWH);
c. Reduce HIV-related health disparities and health inequities; and
d. Achieve a more coordinated national response to the HIV epidemic.

The HIV Care Continuum, at a minimum, should be used as a basis for planning and assessing outcomes.

21. QUALITY MANAGEMENT

a. The Subrecipient will implement and maintain a Quality Management (QM) program which complies with HRSA Clinical Quality Management Policy Clarification Notice #15-02. The Ryan White program requires the establishment of a clinical quality management (CQM) program that assesses the extent to which care and services provided are consistent with federal, state, and local standards of HIV/AIDS care and services, and develops strategies for ensuring that such services are consistent guidelines for improving access to, and quality of HIV Service. The Subrecipient will:

(i) Develop a CQM program that improves patient care, health outcomes, and patient satisfaction, and consists of:

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a. Specific aims based in health outcomes.
b. Support by identified leadership.
    i. Identification of at minimum one quality lead.
c. Accountability for CQM activities.
d. Dedicated CQM resources.
e. Use of data and measurable outcomes to determine progress and make improvements to achieve the aims cited above.

(ii) Have a CQM committee:
a. With, at minimum, two client members living with HIV.
b. That meets at least quarterly, in a stand-alone meeting, with an agenda and meeting minutes.

(iii) A CQM plan:
a. Detailing at minimum two quality improvement projects (QIP) per calendar year.
b. Identifying performance measures to be reviewed.
c. Explaining the CQM infrastructure, training, and capacity within the agency.

(iv) Consistent utilization of data and measurable outcomes to make improvements and measure progress towards improving outcomes across the HIV Continuum of Care; and review performance data at least quarterly.

(v) Dedicate staff responsible for carrying out CQM responsibilities.

(vi) Involve people with HIV that reflect the population that is being served in quality initiatives.

(vii) Focus on linkages to HIV medical care and support services.

(viii) Focus on Viral Load Suppression

(ix) Focus on Retention in HIV medical care and support services.

(x) Conduct ongoing client satisfaction and effectiveness of services, routinely share survey instrument and results with TC HIV-AA, and actively participate in TC HIV-AA client satisfaction initiatives.

(xi) Participate in quality management activities, including participation on a county-wide CQM committee, participation in county-wide CQM initiatives, including needs assessment activities, QIPs, care coordination meetings, and TC HIV-AA patient satisfaction processes.

(xii) Participation by clinical staff in the formulary committee meetings.

Further, the Subrecipient will, upon request, provide evidence that the Quality Management Program is active and on-going. The County may inspect the minutes of the Quality Management Committee; documentation of quality improvement activities/projects and outcomes; and other summary documents related to quality improvement activities.

b. All funded service categories should have two (2) identified performance measures and the corresponding performance measure data collected by the TC-HIVAA. Provide Enterprise is the data collection system for performance measure data to demonstrate health outcomes. The two (2) performance measures which apply to all funded service categories are annual retention in care and viral load suppression.

22. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PAYMENT

a. Tarrant County agrees to pay Subrecipient for reimbursable costs under the Grant only to the extent that Grant funds are available. Tarrant County will pay in accordance with the approved budget for each funded category listed in **Attachment 1**.

b. Tarrant County approves and pays payment requests within thirty (30) days of receipt of a complete request. Errors in the payment request, including insufficient documentation,

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may result in payment delays. It is the responsibility of the Subrecipient to submit a complete and accurate payment request.

c. Subrecipient will submit complete monthly payment requests through Provide Enterprise within 22 days following the end of each month. If the 22nd falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline for the payment request is extended to no later than 5:00 pm Central Time the first weekday immediately following the weekend or holiday. A final close-out bill may be submitted no later than fifteen (15) days following the end of the contract term. Payment requests should be submitted in Provide, and signature pages submitted to the TCAA. To be considered a complete request, the following must be included:

- Cover page signed by the Subrecipient's authorized signatory
- Provide Enterprise payment requests
- Provide Enterprise activity report with monthly service utilization data

The payment request must contain supporting documentation including service utilization reports. The following may be requested to substantiate a reimbursement request:

- General Ledger (monthly, generated from Subrecipient's accounting system); or other supporting documentation acceptable to the Subrecipient
- Timesheets or Payroll Report (monthly, generated from Subrecipient's payroll system) The timesheets must demonstrate time and effort.
- Cost-Based Reimbursement Monthly Expense Report

Payment requests will be reviewed to assure compliance with approved budget, federal cost principles, and contract goals.

d. Subrecipient shall enter client eligibility data into Provide Enterprise within twenty-four (24) hours of conducting eligibility and enter service delivery data into Provide Enterprise within five (5) business days of providing the service.

e. Subrecipient agrees that administrative costs will not exceed the amount listed on the Scope of Work, described in **Attachment 1**.

f. Subrecipient understands that acceptance of funds directly under the Contract or indirectly through a Subcontract under the Contract acts as acceptance of the authority of any county, state, or federal entity providing the funds to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Entities with the authority to conduct an audit or investigation include, but are not limited to, the Tarrant County Auditor's Office (TCAO), the Texas State Auditor's Office (SAO), or any successor agency to these entities. Under the direction of the legislative audit committee, an entity that is the subject of an audit or investigation by the TCAO or SAO must provide the TCAO or SAO with access to any information the TCAO or SAO considers relevant to the investigation or audit. Subrecipient agrees to cooperate fully with the TCAO, SAO, or its successor in the conduct of the audit or investigation, including providing all records requested. Subrecipient will ensure that this clause concerning the authority to audit funds received indirectly by Subrecipient through Subrecipient and the requirement to cooperate is included in any Subcontract it awards.

g. Independent Single or Program-Specific Audit. If Subrecipient within Subrecipient's fiscal year, expends a total amount of at least **ONE MILLION DOLLARS ($1,000,000)** in federal funds awarded, Subrecipient shall have a single audit or program-specific audit in accordance with the 45 CFR 75.501(a). The $1,000,000 federal threshold amount includes federal funds passed through by way of state agency awards. If Subrecipient, within

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Subrecipient's fiscal year, expends a total amount of at least $1,000,000 in state funds awarded, Subrecipient must have a single audit or program-specific audit in accordance with the Uniform Grant Management Standards (UGMS), State of Texas Single Audit Circular. For-profit Subrecipient whose expenditures meet or exceed the federal or state expenditure thresholds stated above shall follow the guidelines in 2 CFR 200 or UGMS, as applicable, for their program-specific audits. The HHSC Office of Inspector General (OIG) will notify Subrecipient to complete the Single Audit Status Registration Form. If Subrecipient fails to complete the Single Audit Status Form within thirty (30) calendar days after notification by OIG to do so, Subrecipient shall be subject to Tarrant County sanctions and remedies for non-compliance with this Contract. The audit must be conducted by an independent certified public accountant and in accordance with applicable OMB Circulars, Government Auditing Standards, and UGMS. Subrecipient shall procure audit services in compliance with this section, state procurement procedures, as well as with the provisions of UGMS.

h. Within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the audit reports required by the Independent Single or Program-Specific Audit section, Subrecipient shall submit copies to the following:

(i) Tarrant County
Auditor's Office
100 E. Weatherford – RM 506A
Fort Worth, Texas 76196-0103

(ii) Tarrant County Administrative Agency
HIV Administrative Agency Manager at lmuttiah@tarrantcountytx.gov

(iii) Federal Audit Clearinghouse at
https://harvester.census.gov/facweb/faqs.aspx

If Subrecipient fails to submit the audit report as required by the Independent Single or Program-Specific Audit section within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt by Subrecipient of an audit report, Subrecipient shall be subject to Tarrant County sanctions and remedies for non-compliance with this Contract.

23. TERMINATION

a. Unless otherwise provided for, this Contract may be terminated by either of the parties by providing written notice to the other party at least thirty (30) days prior to the intended date of termination. Termination under these circumstances does not nullify a reimbursable cost incurred for performance prior to the date of termination.

b. This Contract may be terminated by the County in the event that federal or state laws or other requirements should be amended or judicially interpreted so as to render continued fulfillment of this Contract, on the part of either party, impossible. If the parties cannot amend the Contract to continue the services required by this Contract, then, upon written notification by the County to Subrecipient, the parties will be discharged from any further obligations created under the terms of this Contract, except for the equitable settlement of the accrued costs prior to the date of termination.

24. PERSONNEL

a. All personnel funded by this Contract must be employees of Subrecipient, which is solely responsible for the employees' direction and control. Subrecipient's staff will possess education, credentials and work experience specified within the job description, and will meet the

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minimum standards set forth by the local Standards of Care. Any personnel who have direct contact with clients will undergo criminal background checks prior to such direct contact. Subrecipient shall not permit any person who engaged in or was alleged to have engaged in an activity subject to reporting under this section to perform direct client services or have direct contact with clients. Employee positions that become vacant and that remain vacant for sixty (60) days will result in a return of funds.

b. Each personnel file will contain the following:

(i) A copy of the employee's completed criminal background check.
(ii) A copy of the employee's driver's license or official state ID card.
(iii) A signed copy of the employee's job description.
(iv) Relevant signed confidentiality and conflict of interest forms.
(v) A copy of appropriate licensure (if applicable).
(vi) Documentation of annual HIV training updates.
(vii) Form I-9 Employment Eligibility Verification.

25. INDEPENDENT SUBRECIPIENT

Subrecipient is an independent Subrecipient under the terms of this Contract and is not an officer, agent, servant or employee of the County.

26. ENFORCEMENT

It is expressly understood and agreed that enforcement of the terms and conditions of this Contract, and all rights of action relating to such enforcement, will be strictly reserved to the parties, and nothing contained in this Contract will give or allow any claim or right of action whatsoever by any other person not a party to this Contract. This Contract shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of Texas. The venue for any lawsuit arising out of this Contract will be the Fort Worth Division of the Northern District of Texas if the lawsuit arises in Federal Court; or Tarrant County, Texas if the matter arises in State Court.

27. CONTRACT COMPLIANCE

County may withhold funds or terminate this Contract upon thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the Subrecipient for non-compliance with Contract terms. Non-compliance occurs when a discrepancy is found between the actual delivery of services and what the Contract requires, including the Contract's administrative requirements.

28. GRIEVANCE

Subrecipient agrees to maintain a client grievance procedure that delineates procedures for clients to seek redress for grievances with Subrecipient. The grievance procedure will be prominently displayed on Subrecipient's premises and will state that partial funding for the Subrecipient comes from Grants administered by Tarrant County, Texas. Subrecipient will inform clients that grievances may be presented to Tarrant County HIV Administrative Agency after all remedies with Subrecipient have been exhausted.

29. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

In providing the services required by this Agreement, Subrecipient must observe and comply with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulations, including, without limitation, workers' compensation laws, minimum and maximum salary and wage statutes

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and regulations, and non-discrimination laws and regulations. Subrecipient shall be responsible for ensuring its compliance with any laws and regulations applicable to its business, including maintaining any necessary licenses and permits.

30. 1295 COMPLIANCE

Subrecipient acknowledges and agrees that it has fully, accurately, and completely disclosed all interested parties in the attached Form 1295 and has acknowledged the completeness of this disclosure by filing the Form 1295, attached as **Attachment 7**, with the Texas Ethics Commission as required by law. The electronic 1295 form can be accessed at the following: https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm.

31. PROHIBITION ON BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL

Subrecipient verifies that it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of this contract. The term "boycott Israel" is as defined by Texas Government Code Section 808.001, effective September 1, 2017.

32. BOYCOTT OF ENERGY COMPANIES PROHIBITED

In compliance with Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code, Subrecipient verifies that it does not boycott energy companies and will not boycott energy companies during the term of this Contract. "Boycott energy company" is defined in Section 809.001(1) and means, without an ordinary business purpose, refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations with a company because the company: (A) engages in the exploration, production, utilization, transportation, sale, or manufacturing of fossil fuel-based energy and does not commit or pledge to meet environmental standards beyond applicable federal and state law; or (B) does business with a company described by subsection (A).

33. BOYCOTT OF FIREARM ENTITIES OR FIREARM TRADE ASSOCIATIONS PROHIBITED

In compliance with Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code, Subrecipient verifies that it does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association; and will not discriminate during the term of the Contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association. "Discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association" is defined in Section 2274.001(3) and means, with respect to the entity or association, to: (i) refuse to engage in the trade of any goods or services with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; (ii) refrain from continuing an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; or (iii) terminate an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; the term does not include: (i) the established policies of a merchant, retail seller, or platform that restrict or prohibit the listing or selling of ammunition, firearms, or firearm accessories; and (ii) a company's refusal to engage in the trade of any goods or services, decision to refrain from continuing an existing business relationship, or decision to terminate an existing business relationship: (aa) to comply with federal, state, or local law, policy, or regulations or a directive by a regulatory agency; or (bb) for any traditional business reason that is specific to the customer or potential customer and not based solely on an entity's or association's status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association.

34. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

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a. Force Majeure

Except with respect to the obligation of payments under this Contract, if either of the Parties, after a good faith effort, is prevented from complying with any express or implied covenant of this Contract by reason of war; terrorism; rebellion; riots; strikes; acts of God; any valid order, rule, or regulation of governmental authority; or similar events that are beyond the control of the affected Party (collectively referred to as a "Force Majeure"), then, while so prevented, the affected Party's obligation to comply with such covenant will be suspended, and the affected Party will not be liable for damages for failure to comply with such covenant. In any such event, the Party claiming Force Majeure will promptly notify the other Party of the Force Majeure event in writing and, if possible, such notice will set forth the extent and duration thereof.

b. No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity

Nothing in the Contract will be construed as a waiver of sovereign immunity by the County.

c. Entire Contract and Modification

The Contract constitutes the entire agreement of the Parties and is intended as a complete and exclusive statement of the promises, representations, negotiations, discussions, and other agreements that may have been made in connection with the subject matter hereof. Any additional or conflicting terms in any future document incorporated into the Contract will be harmonized with this Contract to the extent possible by the County.

d. Execution of Agreement

This Contract may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original copy of this Contract, and all of which, when taken together, shall be deemed to constitute one and the same contract. The exchange of copies of this Contract and of signature pages by electronic transmission shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Contract as to the parties and may be used in lieu of the original Contract for all purposes. Signatures of the parties transmitted or executed electronically shall be deemed to be their original signatures for any purpose whatsoever.

e. Proper Authority

Each Party hereto represents and warrants that the person executing this Contract on its behalf has full power and authority to enter into this Contract. Any Services or Work performed by Subrecipient before this Contract is effective or after it ceases to be effective are performed at the sole risk of Subrecipient with respect to compensation.

35. CONTRACT ATTACHMENTS

a. Attachment 1: **A1-2025010**
b. Attachment 2: HHSC Uniform Terms and Conditions
c. Attachment 3: Debarment and Suspension Certification
d. Attachment 4: Business Associate Agreement
e. Attachment 5: Pilot Program for Enhancement of Employee Whistleblower Protection
f. Attachment 6: Federal Award Identification Checklist
g. Attachment 7: 1295 Compliance Form

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36. **NOTICES**

All written notices required under this Contract, including proposed amendments, will be addressed and sent to:

COUNTY:

Tarrant County

Address: Tarrant County Administrative Agency
2300 Circle Drive, Suite 2306
Fort Worth, TX 76119
Attn: HIV Grants Manager

SUBRECIPIENT:

TARRANT COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
1500 S. Main Street
Fort Worth, TX 76104
ATTN: Tricia C. Elliott, MD, FAAFP

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first set forth below.

SIGNED AND EXECUTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

TARRANT COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
1500 S. Main Street
Fort Worth, TX 76104
ATTN: Tricia C. Elliott, MD, FAAFP

By: DocuSigned by: Tricia Elliott, MD BD0CF3A70C13407...

Title: SVP, Academic and Research Affairs

Date: 07/30/25 | 3:15 PM CDT

COUNTY OF TARRANT

STATE OF TEXAS

By: Separate Electronic Signature Page
Tim O'Hare
County Judge

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

James Marvin Nichols
Criminal District Attorney's Office*

*By law, the Criminal District Attorney's Office may only approve contracts for its clients. We reviewed this document as to form from our client's legal perspective. Other parties may not rely on this approval. Instead those parties should seek contract review from independent counsel.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF: $_____

_____ Date:_____
Auditor

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ATTACHMENT 1, A1-2025010
SCOPE OF WORK

1. Performance Measures

Tarrant County Hospital District will provide services listed below that meet or exceed the performance goals found at http://hab.hrsa.gov/deliverhivaidscare/habperformmeasures.html, including the number of clients to be served and units of service to be performed for each service category.

Subrecipient shall use these funds to provide at least one service to (900) unduplicated clients during the Contract Year FY 25-26. (September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2026)

State Services FY 25-26 (09/01/2025-08/31/2026)	CURRENT BUDGET		
Service Categories	**$ Amount**	**# Clients**	**# Units**
Emergency Financial Assistance	$ 37,800.00	17	17
Medical Transportation	$ 73,597.00	225	2,500
Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services	$ 160,720.00	150	535
Referral for Health Care and Support Services	$ 274,148.00	650	4,500
Substance Abuse Outpatient Care	$ 156,233.00	75	500

2. Special Provisions

Funding under the Contract for the following budgetary items is contingent upon County receiving the funds through the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

State Services FY 25-26 (09/01/2025-08/31/2026)	
Budget Line Item	**Current Budget**
Personnel	$ 288,185.99
Fringe	$ 99,193.26
Travel	$ -
Equipment	$ -
Supplies	$ 38,239.84
Contractual	$ 213,015.45
Other	$ 63,863.46
Subtotal State Services FY 25-26 Budget	$ 702,498.00

Total payments will not exceed $702,498.00, of which ten percent (10%) may be used for administrative costs.

3. Conditions of Award

a. In accordance with the RWHAP client eligibility determination and recertification requirements (Policy 13-02) and DSHS Policy 220.001 Eligibility to Receive HIV Services, HRSA and DSHS expects clients' eligibility be assessed during an initial eligibility determination, at least every six months, and at least once a year (whether defined as a 12-month period or calendar year) to ensure that the program only serves eligible clients, and that the RWHAP is the payer of last resort. Subrecipients are required to determine eligibility based on client birthdate.

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b. EO 13166, August 11, 2000, requires recipients receiving Federal financial assistance to take steps to ensure that people with limited English proficiency can meaningfully access health and social services. A program of language assistance should provide for effective communication between the service provider and the person with limited English proficiency to facilitate participation in, and meaningful access to, services. The obligations of recipients are explained on the OCR website at https://www.hhs.gov/civilrights/for-individuals/special-topics/limited-english-proficiency/index.html.

c. The following goals are applicable to this Contract for medical providers:

Description	Standard
Viral Load Suppression	90%
Retention in Care	90%
Rapid Start Protocol	Medication initiation within 72 hours of initial diagnosis or upon return to care

d. This award is subject to the requirements of Section 106 (g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104). For the full text of the award term, go to: https://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/award-term-and-condition-trafficking-persons. If you are unable to access this link, please contact the Administrative Agency to obtain a copy.

f. This award is subject to the requirements of Section 11 of the DSHS Monitoring Policy 530.001, Reporting Suspected Abuse and Neglect of Children. For full text, go to : https://hhs.texas.gov/doing-business-hhs/provider-portals/wic-providers/child-abuse-reporting. All staff are required to complete annual child abuse reporting training, and documentation is to be maintained for proof of training. If you are unable to access this link, please contact the Administrative Agency to obtain a copy.

g. To serve persons most in need and to comply with Federal law, services must be widely accessible. Services must not discriminate on the basis of age, disability, sex, race, color, national origin or religion. The HHS Office for Civil Rights provides guidance to grant and cooperative agreement recipients on complying with civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination on these bases. Please see https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-individuals/index.html.

h. Subrecipient will maintain referral relationships to facilitate individuals' access to HIV-related health services. These referral relationships include public health departments, emergency rooms, substance abuse and mental health treatment programs, detoxification centers, detention facilities, clinics regarding sexually transmitted diseases, homeless shelters, HIV/AIDS counseling and testing sites, health care points of entry specified by eligible areas, federally qualified health centers, immunization centers, Tuberculosis treatment facilities, and other entities constituting points of access to services described in Section 2652(a) of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act of 2006.

i. The County will review Subrecipient's performance of this Contract. Subrecipient's compliance with the obligations and duties imposed by this Contract will be a factor in any future allocation of Ryan White Grant funds during this Contract Term.

j. Subrecipient will submit an end-of-year program report within sixty (60) days following the close of the contract year, October 30, 2026.

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4. Counties to be Served

Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Tarrant, and Wise.

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Health and Human Services

Health and Human Services (HHS)

Uniform Terms and Conditions - Grant

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ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT

In this document, Grantees (also referred to in this document as subrecipients or contractors) will find requirements and conditions applicable to grant funds administered and passed through by both the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and the Department of State Health Services (DSHS). These requirements and conditions are incorporated into the Grant Agreement through acceptance by Grantee of any funding award by HHSC or DSHS.

The terms and conditions in this document are in addition to all requirements listed in the RFA, if any, under which applications for this grant award are accepted, as well as all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Applicable federal and state laws and regulations may include, but are not limited to: 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; requirements of the entity that awarded the funds to HHS; Chapter 783 of the Texas Government Code; Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts' agency rules; the Texas Grant Management Standards (TxGMS) developed by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts; and the Funding Announcement, Solicitation, or other instrument/documentation under which HHS was awarded funds. HHS, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to add requirements, terms, or conditions.

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ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETIVE PROVISIONS

1.1 DEFINITIONS

As used in this Grant Agreement, unless a different definition is specified, or the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms and conditions have the meanings assigned below:

"Amendment" means a written agreement, signed by the Parties, which documents changes to the Grant Agreement.

"Contract" or "Grant Agreement" means the agreement entered into by the Parties, including the Signature Document, these Uniform Terms and Conditions, along with any attachments and amendments that may be issued by the System Agency.

"Deliverables" means the goods, services, and work product, including all reports and project documentation, required to be provided by Grantee to the System Agency.

"DSHS" means the Department of State Health Services.

"Effective Date" means the date on which the Grant Agreement takes effect.

"Federal Fiscal Year" means the period beginning October 1 and ending September 30 each year, which is the annual accounting period for the United States government.

"GAAP" means Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

"GASB" means the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

"Grantee" means the Party receiving funds under this Grant Agreement. May also be referred to as "subrecipient" or "contractor" in this document.

"HHSC" means the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

"Health and Human Services" or "HHS" includes HHSC and DSHS.

"Intellectual Property Rights" means the worldwide proprietary rights or interests, including patent, copyright, trade secret, and trademark rights, as such right may be evidenced by or embodied in:

i. any idea, design, concept, personality right, method, process, technique, apparatus, invention, discovery, or improvement;
ii. any work of authorship, including any compilation, computer code, website or web page design, literary work, pictorial work, or graphic work;
iii. any trademark, service mark, trade dress, trade name, branding, or other indicia of source or origin;
iv. domain name registrations; and
v. any other proprietary or similar rights. The Intellectual Property Rights of a Party include all worldwide proprietary rights or interests that the Party may have acquired by assignment, by exclusive license, or by license with the right to grant sublicenses.

"Parties" means the System Agency and Grantee, collectively.

"Party" means either the System Agency or Grantee, individually.

"Project" means specific activities of the Grantee that are supported by funds provided under this Grant Agreement.

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"Signature Document" means the document executed by all Parties for this Grant Agreement.

"Solicitation," "Funding Announcement" or "Request for Applications (RFA)" means the document (including all exhibits, attachments, and published addenda), issued by the System Agency under which applications for grant funds were requested, which is incorporated by reference in the Grant Agreement for all purposes in its entirety.

"Solicitation Response" or "Application" means Grantee's full and complete Solicitation response (including any attachments and addenda), which is incorporated by reference in the Grant Agreement for all purposes in its entirety.

"State Fiscal Year" means the period beginning September 1 and ending August 31 each year, which is the annual accounting period for the State of Texas.

"State of Texas *Textravel*" means the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts' website relative to travel reimbursements under this Contract, if any.

"Statement of Work" means the description of activities Grantee must perform to complete the Project, as specified in the Grant Agreement, and as may be amended.

"System Agency" means HHSC or DSHS, as applicable.

"Work Product" means any and all works, including work papers, notes, materials, approaches, designs, specifications, systems, innovations, improvements, inventions, software, programs, source code, documentation, training materials, audio or audiovisual recordings, methodologies, concepts, studies, reports, whether finished or unfinished, and whether or not included in the deliverables, that are developed, produced, generated or provided by Grantee in connection with Grantee's performance of its duties under the Grant Agreement or through use of any funding provided under this Grant Agreement.

"Texas Grant Management Standards" or "TxGMS" means uniform grant and contract administration procedures, developed under the authority of Chapter 783 of the Texas Government Code, to promote the efficient use of public funds in local government and in programs requiring cooperation among local, state, and federal agencies. Under this Grant Agreement, TxGMS applies to Grantee except as otherwise provided by applicable law or directed by System Agency. Additionally, except as otherwise provided by applicable law, in the event of a conflict between TxGMS and applicable federal or state law, federal law prevails over state law and state law prevails over TxGMS.

1.2 Interpretive Provisions

A. The meanings of defined terms include the singular and plural forms.
B. The words "hereof," "herein," "hereunder," and similar words refer to this Grant Agreement as a whole and not to any particular provision, section, attachment, or schedule of this Grant Agreement unless otherwise specified.
C. The term "including" is not limiting and means "including without limitation" and, unless otherwise expressly provided in this Grant Agreement, (i) references to contracts (including this Grant Agreement) and other contractual instruments shall be deemed to include all subsequent Amendments and other modifications, but only to the extent that such Amendments and other modifications are not prohibited by the terms of this Grant Agreement, and (ii) references to any statute or regulation are to be construed as including all statutory and regulatory provisions consolidating, amending, replacing, supplementing, or interpreting the statute or regulation.

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D. Any references to agreements, contracts, statutes, or administrative rules or regulations in the Grant Agreement are references to these documents as amended, modified, or supplemented during the term of the Grant Agreement.
E. The captions and headings of this Grant Agreement are for convenience of reference only and do not affect the interpretation of this Grant Agreement.
F. All attachments, including those incorporated by reference, and any Amendments are considered part of the terms of this Grant Agreement.
G. This Grant Agreement may use several different limitations, regulations, or policies to regulate the same or similar matters. All such limitations, regulations, and policies are cumulative.
H. Unless otherwise expressly provided, reference to any action of the System Agency or by the System Agency by way of consent, approval, or waiver will be deemed modified by the phrase "in its sole discretion."
I. Time is of the essence in this Grant Agreement.
J. Prior to execution of the Grant Agreement, Grantee must notify System Agency's designated contact in writing of any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission, or other error. If Grantee fails to notify the System Agency designated contact of any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission, or other error in the Grant Agreement prior to Grantee's execution of the Grant Agreement, Grantee:
    i. Shall have waived any claim of error or ambiguity in the Grant Agreement; and
    ii. Shall not contest the interpretation by the System Agency of such provision(s).

No grantee will be entitled to additional reimbursement, relief, or time by reason of any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, exclusionary specification, omission, or other error or its later correction.

ARTICLE II. PAYMENT PROVISIONS

2.1 PROMPT PAYMENT

Payment shall be made in accordance with Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code, commonly known as the Texas Prompt Payment Act. Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code shall govern remittance of payment and remedies for late payment and non-payment.

2.2 TAXES

Grantee represents and warrants that it shall pay all taxes or similar amounts resulting from the Grant Agreement, including, but not limited to, any federal, State, or local income, sales or excise taxes of Grantee or its employees. System Agency shall not be liable for any taxes resulting from the Grant Agreement.

2.3 ANCILLARY AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

A. Except as otherwise provided in the Grant Agreement, no ancillary expenses incurred by the Grantee in connection with its provision of the services or deliverables will be reimbursed by the System Agency. Ancillary expenses include, but are not limited to, costs associated with transportation, delivery, and insurance for each deliverable.
B. Except as otherwise provided in the Grant Agreement, when the reimbursement of travel expenses is authorized by the Grant Agreement, all such expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with the rates set by the Texas Comptroller's *Textravel* guidelines, which can currently be accessed at: https://fmx.cpa.texas.gov/fmx/travel/textravel/

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2.4 Billing

Unless otherwise provided in the Grant Agreement, Grantee shall bill the System Agency in accordance with the Grant Agreement. Unless otherwise specified in the Grant Agreement, Grantee shall submit requests for reimbursement or payment monthly by the last business day of the month following the month in which expenses were incurred or services provided. Grantee shall maintain all documentation that substantiates invoices and make the documentation available to the System Agency upon request.

2.5 Use of Funds

Grantee shall expend funds under this Grant Agreement only for approved services and for reasonable and allowable expenses directly related to those services.

2.6 Use for Match Prohibited

Grantee shall not use funds provided under this Grant Agreement for matching purposes in securing other funding without the written approval of the System Agency.

2.7 Program Income

Program income refers to gross income directly generated by a supporting activity during the period of performance. Unless otherwise required under the Grant Agreement, Grantee shall use Program Income, as provided in TxGMS, to further the Project, and Grantee shall spend the Program Income on the Project. Grantee shall identify and report Program Income in accordance with the Grant Agreement, applicable law, and any programmatic guidance. Grantee shall expend Program Income during the Grant Agreement term, when earned, and may not carry Program Income forward to any succeeding term. Grantee shall refund Program Income to the System Agency if the Program Income is not expended in the term in which it is earned. The System Agency may base future funding levels, in part, upon Grantee's proficiency in identifying, billing, collecting, and reporting Program Income, and in using Program Income for the purposes and under the conditions specified in this Grant Agreement.

2.8 Nonsupplanting

Grant funds must be used to supplement existing, new or corresponding programming and related activities. Grant funds may not be used to supplant (replace) existing funds that have been appropriated, allocated, or disbursed for the same purpose. System Agency may conduct Grant monitoring or audits may be conducted to review, among other things, Grantee's compliance with this provision.

2.9 Indirect Cost Rates

The System Agency may acknowledge an indirect cost rate for Grantees that is utilized for all applicable Grant Agreements. For subrecipients receiving federal funds, indirect cost rates will be determined in accordance with applicable law including, but not limited to, 2 CFR 200.414(f). For recipients receiving state funds, indirect costs will be determined in accordance with applicable law including, but not limited to, TxGMS. Grantees funded with blended federal and state funding will be subject to both state and federal requirements when determining indirect costs. In the event of a conflict between TxGMS and applicable federal law or regulation, the provisions of federal law or regulation will apply. Grantee will provide any necessary financial documents to determine the indirect cost rate in accordance with the Uniform Grant Guidance (UGG) and TxGMS.

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ARTICLE III. STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING

3.1 EXCESS OBLIGATIONS PROHIBITED

This Grant Agreement is subject to termination or cancellation, without penalty to System Agency, either in whole or in part, subject to the availability and actual receipt by System Agency of state or federal funds. System Agency is a state agency whose authority and appropriations are subject to actions of the Texas Legislature. If System Agency becomes subject to a legislative change, revocation of statutory authority, or lack of appropriated funds that would render either System Agency's or Grantee's delivery or performance under the Grant Agreement impossible or unnecessary, the Grant Agreement will be terminated or cancelled and be deemed null and void. In the event of a termination or cancellation under this Section, System Agency will not be liable to Grantee for any damages that are caused or associated with such termination or cancellation, and System Agency will not be required to give prior notice. Additionally, System Agency will not be liable to Grantee for any remaining unpaid funds under this Grant Agreement at time of termination.

3.2 NO DEBT AGAINST THE STATE

This Grant Agreement will not be construed as creating any debt by or on behalf of the State of Texas.

3.3 DEBTS AND DELINQUENCIES

Grantee agrees that any payments due under the Grant Agreement shall be directly applied towards eliminating any debt or delinquency it has to the State of Texas including, but not limited to, delinquent taxes, delinquent student loan payments, and delinquent child support during the entirety of the Grant Agreement term.

3.4 REFUNDS AND OVERPAYMENTS

A. At its sole discretion, the System Agency may (i) withhold all or part of any payments to Grantee to offset overpayments, unallowable or ineligible costs made to the Grantee, or if any required financial status report(s) is not submitted by the due date(s); or (ii) require Grantee to promptly refund or credit - within thirty (30) calendar days of written notice – to System Agency any funds erroneously paid by System Agency which are not expressly authorized under the Grant Agreement.

B. "Overpayments" as used in this Section include payments (i) made by the System Agency that exceed the maximum allowable rates; (ii) that are not allowed under applicable laws, rules, or regulations; or (iii) that are otherwise inconsistent with this Grant Agreement, including any unapproved expenditures. Grantee understands and agrees that it shall be liable to the System Agency for any costs disallowed pursuant to financial and compliance audit(s) of funds received under this Grant Agreement. Grantee further understands and agrees that reimbursement of such disallowed costs shall be paid by Grantee from funds which were not provided or otherwise made available to Grantee under this Grant Agreement.

ARTICLE IV. ALLOWABLE COSTS AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

4.1 ALLOWABLE COSTS

A. Allowable Costs are restricted to costs that are authorized under Texas Uniform Grant Management Standards (TxGMS) and applicable state and federal rules and laws. This Grant Agreement is subject to all applicable requirements of TxGMS, including the

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criteria for Allowable Costs. Additional federal requirements apply if this Grant Agreement is funded, in whole or in part, with federal funds.

B. System Agency will reimburse Grantee for actual, allowable, and allocable costs incurred by Grantee in performing the Project, provided the costs are sufficiently documented. Grantee must have incurred a cost prior to claiming reimbursement and within the applicable term to be eligible for reimbursement under this Grant Agreement. At its sole discretion, the System Agency will determine whether costs submitted by Grantee are allowable and eligible for reimbursement. The System Agency may take repayment (recoup) from remaining funds available under this Grant Agreement in amounts necessary to fulfill Grantee's repayment obligations. Grantee and all payments received by Grantee under this Grant Agreement are subject to applicable cost principles, audit requirements, and administrative requirements including applicable provisions under 2 CFR 200, 48 CFR Part 31, and TxGMS.

C. OMB Circulars will be applied with the modifications prescribed by TxGMS with effect given to whichever provision imposes the more stringent requirement in the event of a conflict.

4.2 Audits and Financial Statements

A. Audits

i. Grantee understands and agrees that Grantee is subject to any and all applicable audit requirements found in state or federal law or regulation or added by this Grant Agreement.

ii. HHS Single Audit Unit will notify Grantee to complete the Single Audit Determination Form. If Grantee fails to complete the form within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of notice, Grantee may be subject to sanctions and remedies for non-compliance.

iii. If Grantee, within Grantee's fiscal year, expends federal funds awarded of at least $750,000 for audit periods beginning before October 1, 2024 (beginning on or after October 1, 2024, at least $1,000,000), Grantee shall have a single audit or program-specific audit in accordance with 2 CFR 200. The federal threshold amount includes federal funds passed through by way of state agency awards.

iv. If Grantee, within Grantee's fiscal year, expends at least $750,000 in state funds awarded or other amount specified in the TxGMS, Grantee shall have a single audit or program-specific audit in accordance with TxGMS. The audit must be conducted by an independent certified public accountant and in accordance with 2 CFR 200, Government Auditing Standards, and TxGMS.

v. For-profit Grantees whose expenditures meet or exceed the federal or state expenditure thresholds stated above shall follow the guidelines in 2 CFR 200 or TxGMS, as applicable, for their program-specific audits.

vi. Each Grantee required to obtain a single audit must competitively re-procure single audit services once every six years. Grantee shall procure audit services in compliance with this section, state procurement procedures, as well as with applicable provisions of 2 CFR 200 and TxGMS.

B. Financial Statements.

Each Grantee that does not meet the expenditure threshold for a single audit or program-specific audit, must provide financial statements for the audit period.

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4.3 Submission of Audits and Financial Statements

A. Audits.
Due the earlier of 30 days after receipt of the independent certified public accountant's report or nine months after the end of the fiscal year, Grantee shall submit one electronic copy of the single audit or program-specific audit to the System Agency via:
i. HHS portal at https://hhsportal.hhs.state.tx.us/heartwebextr/hhscSau or,
ii. Email to: single_audit_report@hhsc.state.tx.us.

B. Financial Statements.
Due no later than nine months after the Grantee's fiscal year-end, Grantees not required to submit an audit, shall submit one electronic copy of their financial statements via:
i. HHS portal at https://hhsportal.hhs.state.tx.us/heartwebextr/hhscSau; or,
ii. Email to: single_audit_report@hhsc.state.tx.us.

ARTICLE V. Warranty, Affirmations, Assurances and Certifications

5.1 Warranty

Grantee warrants that all work under this Grant Agreement shall be completed in a manner consistent with standards under the terms of this Grant Agreement, in the applicable trade, profession, or industry; shall conform to or exceed the specifications set forth in the Grant Agreement; and all deliverables shall be fit for ordinary use, of good quality, and with no material defects. If System Agency, in its sole discretion, determines Grantee has failed to complete work timely or to perform satisfactorily under conditions required by this Grant Agreement, the System Agency may require Grantee, at its sole expense, to:

i. Repair or replace all defective or damaged work;
ii. Refund any payment Grantee received from System Agency for all defective or damaged work and, in conjunction therewith, require Grantee to accept the return of such work; and,
iii. Take necessary action to ensure that Grantee's future performance and work conform to the Grant Agreement requirements.

5.2 General Affirmations

Grantee certifies that, to the extent affirmations are incorporated into the Grant Agreement, the Grantee has reviewed the affirmations and that Grantee is in compliance with all requirements.

5.3 Federal Assurances

Grantee further certifies that, to the extent federal assurances are incorporated into the Grant Agreement, the Grantee has reviewed the federal assurances and that Grantee is in compliance with all requirements.

5.4 Federal Certifications

Grantee further certifies that, to the extent federal certifications are incorporated into the Grant Agreement, the Grantee has reviewed the federal certifications and that Grantee is in compliance with all requirements. In addition, Grantee certifies that it is in compliance with all applicable federal laws, rules, and regulations, as they may pertain to this Grant Agreement.

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5.5 State Assurances

Except to the extent of any conflict under applicable law or requirements or guidelines of any federal awarding agency from which funding for this Grant Agreement originated, the Grantee must comply with the applicable state assurances included within the TxGMS which are incorporated here by reference.

ARTICLE VI. Intellectual Property

6.1 Ownership of Work Product

A. All right, title, and interest in the Work Product, including all Intellectual Property Rights therein, is exclusively owned by System Agency. Grantee and Grantee's employees will have no rights in or ownership of the Work Product or any other property of System Agency.
B. Any and all Work Product that is copyrightable under United States copyright law is deemed to be "work made for hire" owned by System Agency, as provided by Title 17 of the United States Code. To the extent that Work Product does not qualify as a "work made for hire" under applicable federal law, Grantee hereby irrevocably assigns and transfers to System Agency, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the Work Product, including any and all Intellectual Property Rights embodied therein or associated therewith, and in and to all works based upon, derived from, or incorporating the Work Product, and in and to all income, royalties, damages, claims and payments now or hereafter due or payable with respect thereto, and in and to all causes of action, either in law or in equity for past, present or future infringement based on the copyrights, and in and to all rights corresponding to the foregoing.
C. Grantee agrees to execute all papers and to perform such other acts as System Agency may deem necessary to secure for System Agency or its designee the rights herein assigned.
D. In the event that Grantee has any rights in and to the Work Product that cannot be assigned to System Agency, Grantee hereby grants to System Agency an exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free, transferable, irrevocable, and perpetual license, with the right to sublicense, to reproduce, distribute, modify, create derivative works of, publicly perform and publicly display, make, have made, use, sell and offer for sale the Work Product and any products developed by practicing such rights.
E. The foregoing does not apply to Incorporated Pre-existing Works or Third Party IP that are incorporated in the Work Product by Grantee. Grantee shall provide System Agency access during normal business hours to all Grantee materials, premises, and computer files containing the Work Product.

6.2 Grantee's Pre-Existing Works

A. To the extent that Grantee incorporates into the Work Product any works of Grantee that were created by Grantee or that Grantee acquired rights in prior to the Effective Date of this Grant Agreement ("**Incorporated Pre-existing Works**"), Grantee retains ownership of such Incorporated Pre-existing Works.
B. Grantee hereby grants to System Agency an irrevocable, perpetual, non-exclusive, royalty-free, transferable, worldwide right and license, with the right to sublicense, to use, reproduce, modify, copy, create derivative works of, publish, publicly perform and display, sell, offer to sell, make and have made, the Incorporated Pre-existing Works, in any medium, with or without the associated Work Product.

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C. Grantee represents, warrants, and covenants to System Agency that Grantee has all necessary right and authority to grant the foregoing license in the Incorporated Pre-existing Works to System Agency.

6.3 Third Party IP

A. To the extent that any Third Party IP is included or incorporated in the Work Product by Grantee, Grantee hereby grants to System Agency, or shall obtain from the applicable third party for System Agency's benefit, the irrevocable, perpetual, non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free right and license, for System Agency's internal business or governmental purposes only, to use, reproduce, display, perform, distribute copies of, and prepare derivative works based upon such Third Party IP and any derivative works thereof embodied in or delivered to System Agency in conjunction with the Work Product, and to authorize others to do any or all of the foregoing.
B. Grantee shall obtain System Agency's advance written approval prior to incorporating any Third Party IP into the Work Product, and Grantee shall notify System Agency on delivery of the Work Product if such materials include any Third Party IP.
C. Grantee shall provide System Agency all supporting documentation demonstrating Grantee's compliance with this Section 6.3, including without limitation documentation indicating a third party's written approval for Grantee to use any Third Party IP that may be incorporated in the Work Product.

6.4 Agreements with Employees and Subcontractors

Grantee shall have written, binding agreements with its employees and subcontractors that include provisions sufficient to give effect to and enable Grantee's compliance with Grantee's obligations under this Article VI, Intellectual Property.

6.5 Delivery upon Termination or Expiration

No later than the first calendar day after the termination or expiration of the Grant Agreement or upon System Agency's request, Grantee shall deliver to System Agency all completed, or partially completed, Work Product, including any Incorporated Pre-existing Works, and any and all versions thereof. Grantee's failure to timely deliver such Work Product is a material breach of the Grant Agreement. Grantee will not retain any copies of the Work Product or any documentation or other products or results of Grantee's activities under the Grant Agreement without the prior written consent of System Agency.

6.6 Survival

The provisions and obligations of this Article survive any termination or expiration of the Grant Agreement.

6.7 System Agency Data

A. As between the Parties, all data and information acquired, accessed, or made available to Grantee by, through, or on behalf of System Agency or System Agency contractors, including all electronic data generated, processed, transmitted, or stored by Grantee in the course of providing data processing services in connection with Grantee's performance hereunder (the "System Agency Data"), is owned solely by System Agency.
B. Grantee has no right or license to use, analyze, aggregate, transmit, create derivatives of, copy, disclose, or process the System Agency Data except as required for Grantee to fulfill its obligations under the Grant Agreement or as authorized in advance in writing by System Agency.

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C. For the avoidance of doubt, Grantee is expressly prohibited from using, and from permitting any third party to use, System Agency Data for marketing, research, or other non-governmental or commercial purposes, without the prior written consent of System Agency.
D. Grantee shall make System Agency Data available to System Agency, including to System Agency's designated vendors, as directed in writing by System Agency. The foregoing shall be at no cost to System Agency.
E. Furthermore, the proprietary nature of Grantee's systems that process, store, collect, and/or transmit the System Agency Data shall not excuse Grantee's performance of its obligations hereunder.

ARTICLE VII. PROPERTY

7.1 USE OF STATE PROPERTY

A. Grantee is prohibited from using State Property for any purpose other than performing Services authorized under the Grant Agreement.
B. State Property includes, but is not limited to, System Agency's office space, identification badges, System Agency information technology equipment and networks (*e.g.,* laptops, portable printers, cell phones, iPads or tablets, external hard drives, data storage devices, any System Agency-issued software, and the System Agency Virtual Private Network (VPN client)), and any other resources of System Agency.
C. Grantee shall not remove State Property from the continental United States. In addition, Grantee may not use any computing device to access System Agency's network or e-mail while outside of the continental United States.
D. Grantee shall not perform any maintenance services on State Property unless the Grant Agreement expressly authorizes such Services.
E. During the time that State Property is in the possession of Grantee, Grantee shall be responsible for:
    i. all repair and replacement charges incurred by State Agency that are associated with loss of State Property or damage beyond normal wear and tear, and
    ii. all charges attributable to Grantee's use of State Property that exceeds the Grant Agreement scope. Grantee shall fully reimburse such charges to System Agency within ten (10) calendar days of Grantee's receipt of System Agency's notice of amount due. Use of State Property for a purpose not authorized by the Grant Agreement shall constitute breach of contract and may result in termination of the Grant Agreement and the pursuit of other remedies available to System Agency under contract, at law, or in equity.

7.2 DAMAGE TO STATE PROPERTY

A. In the event of loss, destruction, or damage to any System Agency or State of Texas owned, leased, or occupied property or equipment by Grantee or Grantee's employees, agents, Subcontractors, or suppliers, Grantee shall be liable to System Agency and the State of Texas for the full cost of repair, reconstruction, or replacement of the lost, destroyed, or damaged property.
B. Grantee shall notify System Agency of the loss, destruction, or damage of equipment or property within one (1) business day. Grantee shall reimburse System Agency and the State of Texas for such property damage within ten (10) calendar days after Grantee's receipt of System Agency's notice of amount due.

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7.3 Property Rights upon Termination or Expiration of Contract

In the event the Grant Agreement is terminated for any reason or expires, State Property remains the property of the System Agency and must be returned to the System Agency by the earlier of the end date of the Grant Agreement or upon System Agency's request.

7.4 Equipment and Property

All equipment and property acquired by Grantee, with funds awarded under this Grant Agreement, are subject to all applicable laws and governing authority including, but not limited to, applicable provisions of 2 CFR 200 and TxGMS. System Agency funds must not be used to purchase buildings or real property without prior written approval from System Agency. Any costs related to the initial acquisition of the buildings or real property are not allowable without written pre-approval.

ARTICLE VIII. Record Retention, Audit, And Confidentiality

8.1 Record Maintenance and Retention

A. Grantee shall keep and maintain under GAAP or GASB, as applicable, full, true, and complete records necessary to fully disclose to the System Agency, the Texas State Auditor's Office, the United States Government, and their authorized representatives all information required to determine compliance with the terms and conditions of this Grant Agreement and all state and federal rules, regulations, and statutes. Grantee shall ensure these same requirements are included in all subcontracts.

B. Grantee shall maintain and retain legible copies of this Grant Agreement and all records relating to the performance of the Grant Agreement, including supporting fiscal documents adequate to ensure that claims for grant funds are in accordance with applicable State of Texas requirements. These records shall be maintained and retained by the Grantee for a minimum of seven (7) years after the Grant Agreement expiration date or seven (7) years after all audits, claims, litigation, or disputes involving the Grant Agreement are resolved, whichever is later. Grantee shall ensure these same requirements are included in all subcontracts.

8.2 Agency's Right to Audit

A. Grantee shall make available at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice, and for reasonable periods, work papers, reports, books, records, supporting documents kept current by Grantee pertaining to the Grant Agreement for purposes of inspecting, monitoring, auditing, or evaluating by System Agency and the State of Texas. Grantee shall ensure these same requirements are included in all subcontracts.

B. In addition to any right of access arising by operation of law, Grantee and any of Grantee's affiliate or subsidiary organizations, or Subcontractors shall permit the System Agency or any of its duly authorized representatives, as well as duly authorized federal, state or local authorities, unrestricted access to and the right to examine any site where business is conducted or services are performed, and all records, which includes but is not limited to financial, client and patient records, books, papers or documents related to this Grant Agreement. Grantee shall permit the System Agency or any of its duly authorized federal, state, or local authorities unrestricted access to and the right to examine all external contracts and or pricing models or methodologies related to the Grant Agreement. Grantee shall ensure these same requirements are included in all subcontracts. If the Grant Agreement includes federal funds, federal agencies that shall have a right of access to records as described in this section include: the federal agency

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providing the funds, the Comptroller General of the United States, the General Accounting Office, the Office of the Inspector General, and any of their authorized representatives. In addition, agencies of the State of Texas that shall have a right of access to records as described in this section include: the System Agency, HHS's contracted examiners, the State Auditor's Office, the Office of the Texas Attorney General, and any successor agencies. Each of these entities may be a duly authorized authority.

C. If deemed necessary by the System Agency or any duly authorized authority, for the purpose of oversight, including, but not limited to, reviews, inspections, audits and investigations, Grantee shall produce original documents related to this Grant Agreement.
D. The System Agency and any duly authorized authority shall have the right to audit billings both before and after payment, and all documentation that substantiates the billings and payments related to the Grant Agreement, including those related to a Subcontractor.
E. Grantee shall include the System Agency's and any of its duly authorized representatives', as well as duly authorized federal, state, or local authorities, unrestricted right of access to, and examination of, sites and information related to this Grant Agreement in any Subcontract it awards.

8.3 Response/Compliance with Audit or Inspection Findings

A. Grantee must act to ensure its and its Subcontractors' compliance with all corrections necessary to address any finding of noncompliance with any law, regulation, audit requirement, or generally accepted accounting principle, or any other deficiency identified in any audit, review, inspection or investigation of the Grant Agreement and the services and Deliverables provided. Any such correction will be at Grantee's or its Subcontractor's sole expense. Whether Grantee's action corrects the noncompliance shall be solely the decision of the System Agency.
B. As part of the services, Grantee must provide to HHS upon request a copy of those portions of Grantee's and its Subcontractors' internal audit reports relating to the services and Deliverables provided to the State under the Grant Agreement.
C. Grantee shall include the requirement to provide to System Agency (and any of its duly authorized federal, state, or local authorities) internal audit reports related to this Grant Agreement in any Subcontract it awards. Upon request by System Agency, Grantee shall enforce this requirement against its Subcontractor. Further, Grantee shall include in any Subcontract it awards a requirement that all Subcontractor Subcontracts must also include these provisions.

8.4 State Auditor's Right to Audit

The state auditor may conduct an audit or investigation of any entity receiving funds from the state directly under the Grant Agreement or indirectly through a subcontract under the Grant Agreement. The acceptance of funds directly under the Grant Agreement or indirectly through a subcontract under the Grant Agreement acts as acceptance of the authority of the state auditor, under the direction of the legislative audit committee, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Under the direction of the legislative audit committee, an entity that is the subject of an audit or investigation by the state auditor must provide the state auditor with access to any information the state auditor considers relevant to the investigation or audit. Grantee shall ensure the authority to audit funds received indirectly by subcontractors through the contract and the requirement to cooperate is included in any subcontract it awards.

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8.5 Confidentiality

Grantee shall maintain as confidential and shall not disclose to third parties without System Agency's prior written consent, any System Agency information including but not limited to System Agency's business activities, practices, systems, conditions and services. This Article VIII will survive termination or expiration of this Grant Agreement. Further, the obligations of Grantee under this Article VIII will survive termination or expiration of this Grant Agreement. This requirement must be included in all subcontracts awarded by Grantee.

ARTICLE IX. Grant Remedies, Termination And Prohibited Activities

9.1 Remedies

A. To ensure Grantee's full performance of the Grant Agreement and compliance with applicable law, System Agency reserves the right to hold Grantee accountable for breach of contract or substandard performance and may take remedial or corrective actions, including, but not limited to the following:
   i. temporarily withholding cash disbursements or reimbursements pending correction of the deficiency;
   ii. disallowing or denying use of funds for the activity or action deemed not to be in compliance;
   iii. disallowing claims for reimbursement that may require a partial or whole return of previous payments or reimbursements;
   iv. suspending all or part of the Grant Agreement;
   v. requiring the Grantee to take specific actions in order to remain in compliance with the Grant Agreement;
   vi. recouping payments made by the System Agency to the Grantee found to be in error;
   vii. suspending, limiting, or placing conditions on the Grantee's continued performance of the Project;
   viii. prohibiting the Grantee from receiving additional funds for other grant programs administered by the System Agency until satisfactory compliance resolution is obtained;
   ix. withholding release of new grant agreements; and
   x. imposing any other remedies, sanctions or penalties authorized under this Grant Agreement or permitted by federal or state statute, law, regulation or rule.

B. Unless expressly authorized by System Agency, Grantee may not be entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred while the Grant Agreement is suspended.

C. No action taken by System Agency in exercising remedies or imposing sanctions will constitute or operate as a waiver of any other rights or remedies available to System Agency under the Grant Agreement or pursuant to law. Additionally, no action taken by System Agency in exercising remedies or imposing sanctions will constitute or operate as an acceptance, waiver, or cure of Grantee's breach. Unless expressly authorized by System Agency, Grantee may not be entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred while the Grant Agreement is suspended or after termination.

9.2 Termination for Convenience

The System Agency may terminate the Grant Agreement, in whole or in part, at any time when, in its sole discretion, the System Agency determines that termination is in the best interests of the State of Texas. The termination will be effective on the date specified in the System Agency's notice of termination.

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9.3 Termination for Cause

A. Except as otherwise provided by the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, or any successor law, the System Agency may terminate the Grant Agreement, in whole or in part, upon either of the following conditions:

i. Material Breach

The System Agency may terminate the Grant Agreement, in whole or in part, if the System Agency determines, in its sole discretion, that Grantee has materially breached the Grant Agreement or has failed to adhere to any laws, ordinances, rules, regulations or orders of any public authority having jurisdiction, whether or not such violation prevents or substantially impairs performance of Grantee's duties under the Grant Agreement. Grantee's misrepresentation in any aspect including, but not limited to, of Grantee's Solicitation Application, if any, or Grantee's addition to the SAM exclusion list (identification in SAM as an excluded entity) may also constitute a material breach of the Grant Agreement.

ii. Failure to Maintain Financial Viability

The System Agency may terminate the Grant Agreement if the System Agency, in its sole discretion, determines that Grantee no longer maintains the financial viability required to complete the services and deliverables, or otherwise fully perform its responsibilities under the Grant Agreement.

B. System Agency will specify the effective date of such termination in the notice to Grantee. If no effective date is specified, the Grant Agreement will terminate on the date of the notification.

9.4 Grantee Responsibility for System Agency's Termination Costs

If the System Agency terminates the Grant Agreement for cause, the Grantee shall be responsible to the System Agency for all costs incurred by the System Agency and the State of Texas to replace the Grantee. These costs include, but are not limited to, the costs of procuring a substitute grantee and the cost of any claim or litigation attributable to Grantee's failure to perform any work in accordance with the terms of the Grant Agreement.

9.5 Inherently Religious Activities

Grantee may not use grant funding to engage in inherently religious activities, such as proselytizing, scripture study, or worship. Grantees may engage in inherently religious activities; however, these activities must be separate in time or location from the grant-funded program. Moreover, grantees must not compel program beneficiaries to participate in inherently religious activities. These requirements apply to all grantees, not just faith-based organizations.

9.6 Political Activities

Grant funds cannot be used for the following activities:

A. Grantees and their relevant sub-grantees or subcontractors are prohibited from using grant funds directly or indirectly for political purposes, including lobbying, advocating for legislation, campaigning for, endorsing, contributing to, or otherwise supporting political candidates or parties, and voter registration campaigns. Grantees may use private, or non-System Agency money or contributions for political purposes but may not charge to, or be reimbursed from, System Agency contracts or grants for the costs of such activities.

B. Grant-funded employees may not use official authority or influence to achieve any political purpose and grant funds cannot be used for the salary, benefits, or any other compensation of an elected official.

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C. Grant funds may not be used to employ, in any capacity, a person who is required by Chapter 305 of the Texas Government Code to register as a lobbyist. Additionally, grant funds cannot be used to pay membership dues to an organization that partially or wholly pays the salary of a person who is required by Chapter 305 of the Texas Government Code to register as a lobbyist.
D. As applicable, Grantee will comply with 31 USC § 1352, relating to the limitation on use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracting and financial transactions.

ARTICLE X. INDEMNITY

10.1 GENERAL INDEMNITY

A. GRANTEE SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE STATE OF TEXAS AND SYSTEM AGENCY, AND/OR THEIR OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTORS, ASSIGNEES, AND/OR DESIGNEES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR SUITS, AND ALL RELATED COSTS, ATTORNEYS' FEES, AND EXPENSES ARISING OUT OF OR RESULTING FROM ANY ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF GRANTEE OR ITS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, SUBCONTRACTORS, ORDER FULFILLERS, OR SUPPLIERS OF SUBCONTRACTORS IN THE EXECUTION OR PERFORMANCE OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY PURCHASE ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE GRANT AGREEMENT.

B. THIS PARAGRAPH IS NOT INTENDED TO AND WILL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE GRANTEE TO INDEMNIFY OR HOLD HARMLESS THE STATE OR THE SYSTEM AGENCY FOR ANY CLAIMS OR LIABILITIES RESULTING FROM THE NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF THE SYSTEM AGENCY OR ITS EMPLOYEES.

C. FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT, SYSTEM AGENCY SHALL NOT INDEMNIFY GRANTEE OR ANY OTHER ENTITY UNDER THE GRANT AGREEMENT.

10.2 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

GRANTEE SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE SYSTEM AGENCY AND THE STATE OF TEXAS FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, VIOLATIONS, MISAPPROPRIATIONS, OR INFRINGEMENT OF ANY PATENT, TRADEMARK, COPYRIGHT, TRADE SECRET, OR OTHER INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND/OR OTHER INTANGIBLE PROPERTY, PUBLICITY OR PRIVACY RIGHTS, AND/OR IN CONNECTION WITH OR ARISING FROM:

i. THE PERFORMANCE OR ACTIONS OF GRANTEE PURSUANT TO THIS GRANT AGREEMENT;
ii. ANY DELIVERABLE, WORK PRODUCT, CONFIGURED SERVICE OR OTHER SERVICE PROVIDED HEREUNDER; AND/OR
iii. SYSTEM AGENCY'S AND/OR GRANTEE'S USE OF OR ACQUISITION OF ANY REQUESTED SERVICES OR OTHER ITEMS PROVIDED TO SYSTEM AGENCY BY GRANTEE OR OTHERWISE TO WHICH SYSTEM AGENCY HAS ACCESS AS A RESULT OF GRANTEE'S PERFORMANCE UNDER THE GRANT AGREEMENT.

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10.3 Additional Indemnity Provisions

A. GRANTEE AND SYSTEM AGENCY AGREE TO FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY INDEMNITY CLAIM. GRANTEE SHALL BE LIABLE TO PAY ALL COSTS OF DEFENSE, INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES.

B. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY THE GRANTEE WITH THE OFFICE OF THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL WHEN TEXAS STATE AGENCIES ARE NAMED DEFENDANTS IN ANY LAWSUIT AND GRANTEE MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONCURRENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL.

C. GRANTEE SHALL REIMBURSE SYSTEM AGENCY AND THE STATE OF TEXAS FOR ANY CLAIMS, DAMAGES, COSTS, EXPENSES OR OTHER AMOUNTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COURT COSTS, ARISING FROM ANY SUCH CLAIM. IF THE SYSTEM AGENCY DETERMINES THAT A CONFLICT EXISTS BETWEEN ITS INTERESTS AND THOSE OF GRANTEE OR IF SYSTEM AGENCY IS REQUIRED BY APPLICABLE LAW TO SELECT SEPARATE COUNSEL, SYSTEM AGENCY WILL BE PERMITTED TO SELECT SEPARATE COUNSEL AND GRANTEE SHALL PAY ALL REASONABLE COSTS OF SYSTEM AGENCY'S COUNSEL.

ARTICLE XI. General Provisions

11.1 Amendments

Except as otherwise expressly provided, the Grant Agreement may only be amended by a written Amendment executed by both Parties.

11.2 No Quantity Guarantees

The System Agency makes no guarantee of volume or usage of work under this Grant Agreement. All work requested may be on an irregular and as needed basis throughout the Grant Agreement term.

11.3 Child Abuse Reporting Requirements

A. Grantees shall comply with child abuse and neglect reporting requirements in Texas Family Code Chapter 261. This section is in addition to and does not supersede any other legal obligation of the Grantee to report child abuse.

B. Grantee shall use the Texas Abuse Hotline Website located at https://www.txabusehotline.org/Login/Default.aspx as required by the System Agency. Grantee shall retain reporting documentation on site and make it available for inspection by the System Agency.

11.4 Certification of Meeting or Exceeding Tobacco-Free Workplace Policy Minimum Standards

A. Grantee certifies that it has adopted and enforces a Tobacco-Free Workplace Policy that meets or exceeds all of the following minimum standards of:

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i. Prohibiting the use of all forms of tobacco products, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff and chewing tobacco;
ii. Designating the property to which this Policy applies as a "designated area," which must at least comprise all buildings and structures where activities funded under this Grant Agreement are taking place, as well as Grantee owned, leased, or controlled sidewalks, parking lots, walkways, and attached parking structures immediately adjacent to this designated area;
iii. Applying to all employees and visitors in this designated area; and
iv. Providing for or referring its employees to tobacco use cessation services.

B. If Grantee cannot meet these minimum standards, it must obtain a waiver from the System Agency.

11.5 Insurance and Bonds

Unless otherwise specified in this Contract, Grantee shall acquire and maintain, for the duration of this Contract, insurance coverage necessary to ensure proper fulfillment of this Contract and potential liabilities thereunder with financially sound and reputable insurers licensed by the Texas Department of Insurance, in the type and amount customarily carried within the industry as determined by the System Agency. Grantee shall provide evidence of insurance as required under this Contract, including a schedule of coverage or underwriter's schedules establishing to the satisfaction of the System Agency the nature and extent of coverage granted by each such policy, upon request by the System Agency. In the event that any policy is determined by the System Agency to be deficient to comply with the terms of this Contract, Grantee shall secure such additional policies or coverage as the System Agency may reasonably request or that are required by law or regulation. If coverage expires during the term of this Contract, Grantee must produce renewal certificates for each type of coverage. In addition, if required by System Agency, Grantee must obtain and have on file a blanket fidelity bond that indemnifies System Agency against the loss or theft of any grant funds, including applicable matching funds. The fidelity bond must cover the entirety of the grant term and any subsequent renewals. The failure of Grantee to comply with these requirements may subject Grantee to remedial or corrective actions detailed in section 10.1, General Indemnity, above.

These and all other insurance requirements under the Grant apply to both Grantee and its Subcontractors, if any. Grantee is responsible for ensuring its Subcontractors' compliance with all requirements.

11.6 Limitation on Authority

A. Grantee shall not have any authority to act for or on behalf of the System Agency or the State of Texas except as expressly provided for in the Grant Agreement; no other authority, power, or use is granted or implied. Grantee may not incur any debt, obligation, expense, or liability of any kind on behalf of System Agency or the State of Texas.
B. Grantee may not rely upon implied authority and is not granted authority under the Grant Agreement to:
i. Make public policy on behalf of the System Agency;
ii. Promulgate, amend, or disregard administrative regulations or program policy decisions made by State and federal agencies responsible for administration of a System Agency program; or
iii. Unilaterally communicate or negotiate with any federal or state agency or the Texas Legislature on behalf of the System Agency regarding System Agency programs or

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the Grant Agreement. However, upon System Agency request and with reasonable notice from System Agency to the Grantee, the Grantee shall assist the System Agency in communications and negotiations regarding the Work under the Grant Agreement with state and federal governments.

11.7 Change in Laws and Compliance with Laws

Grantee shall comply with all laws, regulations, requirements, and guidelines applicable to a Grantee providing services and products required by the Grant Agreement to the State of Texas, as these laws, regulations, requirements, and guidelines currently exist and as amended throughout the term of the Grant Agreement. Notwithstanding Section 11.1, Amendments, above, System Agency reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to unilaterally amend the Grant Agreement to incorporate any modifications necessary for System Agency's compliance, as an agency of the State of Texas, with all applicable state and federal laws, regulations, requirements and guidelines.

11.8 Subcontractors

Grantee may not subcontract any or all of the Work and/or obligations under the Grant Agreement without prior written approval of the System Agency. Subcontracts, if any, entered into by the Grantee shall be in writing and be subject to the requirements of the Grant Agreement. Should Grantee subcontract any of the services required in the Grant Agreement, Grantee expressly understands and acknowledges System Agency is in no manner liable to any subcontractor(s) of Grantee. In no event shall this provision relieve Grantee of the responsibility for ensuring that the services performed under all subcontracts are rendered in compliance with the Grant Agreement.

11.9 Permitting and Licensure

At Grantee's sole expense, Grantee shall procure and maintain for the duration of this Grant Agreement any state, county, city, or federal license, authorization, insurance, waiver, permit, qualification or certification required by statute, ordinance, law, or regulation to be held by Grantee to provide the goods or services required by this Grant Agreement. Grantee shall be responsible for payment of all taxes, assessments, fees, premiums, permits, and licenses required by law. Grantee shall be responsible for payment of any such government obligations not paid by its Subcontractors during performance of this Grant Agreement.

11.10 Independent Contractor

Grantee and Grantee's employees, representatives, agents, Subcontractors, suppliers, and third-party service providers shall serve as independent contractors in providing the services under the Grant Agreement. Neither Grantee nor System Agency is an agent of the other and neither may make any commitments on the other party's behalf. The Grantee is not a "governmental body" solely by virtue of this Grant Agreement or receipt of grant funds under this Grant Agreement. Grantee shall have no claim against System Agency for vacation pay, sick leave, retirement benefits, social security, worker's compensation, health or disability benefits, unemployment insurance benefits, or employee benefits of any kind. The Grant Agreement shall not create any joint venture, partnership, agency, or employment relationship between Grantee and System Agency.

11.11 Governing Law and Venue

The Grant Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, without regard to the conflicts of law provisions. The venue of any suit

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arising under the Grant Agreement is fixed in any court of competent jurisdiction of Travis County, Texas, unless the specific venue is otherwise identified in a statute which directly names or otherwise identifies its applicability to the System Agency.

11.12 Severability

If any provision contained in this Grant Agreement is held to be unenforceable by a court of law or equity, such construction will not affect the legality, validity, or enforceability of any other provision or provisions of this Grant Agreement. It is the intent and agreement of the Parties this Grant Agreement shall be deemed amended by modifying such provision to the extent necessary to render it valid, legal and enforceable while preserving its intent or, if such modification is not possible, by substituting another provision that is valid, legal and enforceable and that achieves the same objective. All other provisions of this Grant Agreement will continue in full force and effect.

11.13 Survivability

Expiration or termination of the Grant Agreement for any reason does not release Grantee from any liability or obligation set forth in the Grant Agreement that is expressly stated to survive any such expiration or termination, that by its nature would be intended to be applicable following any such expiration or termination, or that is necessary to fulfill the essential purpose of the Grant Agreement, including without limitation the provisions regarding return of grant funds, audit requirements, records retention, public information, warranty, indemnification, confidentiality, and rights and remedies upon termination.

11.14 Force Majeure

Neither Grantee nor System Agency shall be liable to the other for any delay in, or failure of performance, of any requirement included in the Grant Agreement caused by force majeure. The existence of such causes of delay or failure shall extend the period of performance until after the causes of delay or failure have been removed provided the non-performing party exercises all reasonable due diligence to perform. Force majeure is defined as acts of God, war, fires, explosions, hurricanes, floods, failure of transportation, or other causes that are beyond the reasonable control of either party and that by exercise of due foresight such party could not reasonably have been expected to avoid, and which, by the exercise of all reasonable due diligence, such party is unable to overcome.

11.15 No Implied Waiver of Provisions

The failure of the System Agency to object to or to take affirmative action with respect to any conduct of the Grantee which is in violation or breach of the terms of the Grant Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of the violation or breach, or of any future violation or breach.

11.16 Funding Disclaimers and Labeling

A. Grantee shall not use System Agency's name or refer to System Agency directly or indirectly in any media appearance, public service announcement, or disclosure relating to this Grant Agreement including any promotional material without first obtaining written consent from System Agency. The foregoing prohibition includes, without limitation, the placement of banners, pop-up ads, or other advertisements promoting Grantee's or a third party's products, services, workshops, trainings, or other commercial offerings on any website portal or internet-based service or software application hosted or managed by Grantee. This does not limit the Grantee's responsibility to comply with obligations related to the Texas Public Information Act or Texas Open Meetings Act.

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B. In general, no publication (including websites, reports, projects, etc.) may convey System Agency's recognition or endorsement of the Grantee's project without prior written approval from System Agency. Publications funded in part or wholly by HHS grant funding must include a statement that "HHS and neither any of its components operate, control, are responsible for, or necessarily endorse, this publication (including, without limitation, its content, technical infrastructure, and policies, and any services or tools provided)" at HHS's request.

11.17 Media Releases

A. Grantee shall not use System Agency's name, logo, or other likeness in any press release, marketing material or other announcement without System Agency's prior written approval. System Agency does not endorse any vendor, commodity, or service. Grantee is not authorized to make or participate in any media releases or public announcements pertaining to this Grant Agreement or the Services to which they relate without System Agency's prior written consent, and then only in accordance with explicit written instruction from System Agency.

B. Grantee may publish, at its sole expense, results of Grantee performance under the Grant Agreement with the System Agency's prior review and approval, which the System Agency may exercise at its sole discretion. Any publication (written, visual, or sound) will acknowledge the support received from the System Agency and any Federal agency, as appropriate.

11.18 Prohibition on Non-Compete Restrictions

Grantee shall not require any employees or Subcontractors to agree to any conditions, such as non-compete clauses or other contractual arrangements, that would limit or restrict such persons or entities from employment or contracting with the State of Texas.

11.19 Sovereign Immunity

Nothing in the Grant Agreement will be construed as a waiver of the System Agency's or the State's sovereign immunity. This Grant Agreement shall not constitute or be construed as a waiver of any of the privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities available to the System Agency or the State of Texas. The failure to enforce, or any delay in the enforcement, of any privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities available to the System Agency or the State of Texas under the Grant Agreement or under applicable law shall not constitute a waiver of such privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities or be considered as a basis for estoppel. System Agency does not waive any privileges, rights, defenses, or immunities available to System Agency by entering into the Grant Agreement or by its conduct prior to or subsequent to entering into the Grant Agreement.

11.20 Entire Contract and Modification

The Grant Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the Parties and is intended as a complete and exclusive statement of the promises, representations, negotiations, discussions, and other agreements that may have been made in connection with the subject matter hereof. Any additional or conflicting terms in any future document incorporated into the Grant Agreement will be harmonized with this Grant Agreement to the extent possible.

11.21 Counterparts

This Grant Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which will be an original, and all such counterparts will together constitute but one and the same Grant Agreement.

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11.22 Proper Authority

Each Party represents and warrants that the person executing this Grant Agreement on its behalf has full power and authority to enter into this Grant Agreement.

11.23 E-Verify Program

Grantee certifies that it utilizes and will continue to utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to determine the eligibility of:

A. all persons employed to perform duties within Texas during the term of the Grant Agreement; and
B. all persons, (including subcontractors) assigned by the Grantee to perform work pursuant to the Grant Agreement within the United States of America.

11.24 Civil Rights

A. Grantee agrees to comply with state and federal anti-discrimination laws, including:
   i. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. §2000d et seq.);
   ii. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. §794);
   iii. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq.);
   iv. Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107);
   v. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1688);
   vi. Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. §2011 et seq.); and
   vii. The System Agency's administrative rules, as set forth in the Texas Administrative Code, to the extent applicable to this Grant Agreement.
B. Grantee agrees to comply with all amendments to the above-referenced laws, and all requirements imposed by the regulations issued pursuant to these laws. These laws provide in part that no persons in the United States may, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, political beliefs, or religion, be excluded from participation in or denied any aid, care, service or other benefits provided by Federal or State funding, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination.
C. Grantee agrees to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and its implementing regulations at 45 C.F.R. Part 80 or 7 C.F.R. Part 15, prohibiting a contractor from adopting and implementing policies and procedures that exclude or have the effect of excluding or limiting the participation of clients in its programs, benefits, or activities on the basis of national origin. State and federal civil rights laws require contractors to provide alternative methods for ensuring access to services for applicants and recipients who cannot express themselves fluently in English. Grantee agrees to take reasonable steps to provide services and information, both orally and in writing, in appropriate languages other than English, in order to ensure that persons with limited English proficiency are effectively informed and can have meaningful access to programs, benefits, and activities.
D. Grantee agrees to post applicable civil rights posters in areas open to the public informing clients of their civil rights and including contact information for the HHS Civil Rights Office. The posters are available on the HHS website at: https://hhs.texas.gov/about-hhs/your-rights/civil-rights-office/civil-rights-posters
E. Grantee agrees to comply with Executive Order 13279, and its implementing regulations at 45 C.F.R. Part 87 or 7 C.F.R. Part 16. These provide in part that any organization that participates in programs funded by direct financial assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture or the United States Department of Health and Human Services shall not discriminate against a program beneficiary or prospective program beneficiary on the basis of religion or religious belief.

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F. Upon request, Grantee shall provide HHSC's Civil Rights Office with copies of the Grantee's civil rights policies and procedures.

G. Grantee must notify HHSC's Civil Rights Office of any complaints of discrimination received relating to its performance under this Grant Agreement. This notice must be delivered no more than ten (10) calendar days after receipt of a complaint. Notice provided pursuant to this section must be directed to:

HHSC Civil Rights Office
701 W. 51st Street, Mail CodeW206
Austin, Texas 78751
Phone Toll Free: (888) 388-6332
Phone: (512) 438-4313
Fax: (512) 438-5885
Email: HHSCivilRightsOffice@hhsc.state.tx.us

11.25 Enterprise Information Management Standards

Grantee shall conform to HHS standards for data management as described by the policies of the HHS Office of Data, Analytics, and Performance. These include, but are not limited to, standards for documentation and communication of data models, metadata, and other data definition methods that are required by HHS for ongoing data governance, strategic portfolio analysis, interoperability planning, and valuation of HHS System data assets.

11.26 Disclosure of Litigation

A. The Grantee must disclose in writing to the contract manager assigned to this Grant Agreement any material civil or criminal litigation or indictment either threatened or pending involving the Grantee. "Threatened litigation" as used herein shall include governmental investigations and civil investigative demands. "Litigation" as used herein shall include administrative enforcement actions brought by governmental agencies. The Grantee must also disclose any material litigation threatened or pending involving Subcontractors, consultants, and/or lobbyists. For purposes of this section, "material" refers, but is not limited, to any action or pending action that a reasonable person knowledgeable in the applicable industry would consider relevant to the Work under the Grant Agreement or any development such a person would want to be aware of in order to stay fully apprised of the total mix of information relevant to the Work, together with any litigation threatened or pending that may result in a substantial change in the Grantee's financial condition.

B. This is a continuing disclosure requirement; any litigation commencing after Grant Agreement Award must be disclosed in a written statement to the assigned contract manager within seven calendar days of its occurrence.

11.27 No Third Party Beneficiaries

The Grant Agreement is made solely and specifically among and for the benefit of the Parties named herein and their respective successors and assigns, and no other person shall have any right, interest, or claims hereunder or be entitled to any benefits pursuant to or on account of the Grant Agreement as a third-party beneficiary or otherwise.

11.28 Binding Effect

The Grant Agreement shall inure to the benefit of, be binding upon, and be enforceable against each Party and their respective permitted successors, assigns, transferees, and delegates.

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DEBARMENT/SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION INDICATING THAT YOU ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE BELOW FEDERAL EXECUTIVE ORDER.

Debarment:

Federal Executive Order (E.O.) 12549 "Debarment and Suspension" requires that all contractors receiving individual awards, using federal funds, and all subrecipients certify that the organization and its principals are not debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency from doing business with the Federal Government.

Your signature certifies that neither you nor your principal is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency.

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§ **AMENDED BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT**

COUNTY OF TARRANT §

This Business Associate Agreement ("BA Agreement") is between Tarrant County, Texas, ("COUNTY"), and **Tarrant County Hospital District.** ("Business Associate"), for the purpose of complying with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"), the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information (the "Privacy Rule"), and the Standards for Security of Electronic Protected Health Information (the "Security Rule") promulgated thereunder, and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (Division A, Title XIII and Division B, Title IV, of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L 111-5) (the "HITECH Act"), and the regulations implementing the HITECH Act and other applicable law with regard to the provision of services to Tarrant County.

Business Associate and COUNTY are engaged in a business relationship whereby Business Associate provides certain services to COUNTY ("Business Relationship").

As part of this Business Relationship, Business Associate performs or assists in performing a function or activity on behalf of COUNTY that involves the use and/or disclosure of Protected Health Information (as defined in 45 CFR § 164.501).

1. Definitions

"Covered Entity" shall generally have the same meaning as the term "covered entity" at 45 CFR § 160.103, and in reference to the party to this agreement shall mean the COUNTY.

"Business Associate" shall generally have the same meaning as the term "business associate" at 45 CFR § 160.103, and in reference to the party to this agreement, shall mean **Tarrant County Hospital District.**

Terms used but not otherwise defined in the BA Agreement shall have the same meaning given to such terms in HIPAA, the HITECH Act, or any implementing regulations promulgated thereunder, including but not limited to the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule.

2. Purpose

Business Associate has a legal and ethical responsibility to safeguard the privacy of individuals and protect the confidentiality of their health information. Business Associate may hear things that relate to Protected Health Information, or read or see computer or paper files containing confidential or Protected Health Information, even though Business Associate may not be directly involved in providing services. Business Associate may create documents containing Protected Health Information if directed to do so by COUNTY. Because Business Associate may have contact with Protected Health Information, COUNTY requests that Business Associate agrees to the following as a condition of Business Associate's assignment.

3. Permitted Uses and Disclosures by Business Associate

Except as otherwise limited in the Business Relationship or this BA Agreement, Business Associate may:

3.1 use and/or disclose Protected Health Information to perform functions, activities, or services for or on behalf of COUNTY, provided that such use and/or disclosure,

(a) would not violate the Privacy Rule if done by COUNTY;

(b) is reasonably limited to the minimum necessary information to accomplish the intended purpose of the use or disclosure;

(c) is in compliance with each applicable requirement of 45 CFR § 164.504(e);

(d) is in compliance with the HITECH Act and its implementing regulations;

3.2 use or disclose Protected Health Information as required by law;

3.3 use Protected Health Information for the proper management and administration of Business Associate or to carry out the legal responsibilities of Business Associate;

3.4 use Protected Health Information to provide Data Aggregation services relating to the health care operations of COUNTY.

All other uses and/or disclosures not authorized by the Business Relationship or this BA Agreement are prohibited.

3.5 Business Associate agrees to use and disclose confidential information only in the following manner:

(a) Business Associate will provide core medical and support services to eligible patients.

(b) Business Associate will maintain referral relationships as specified in the Community Subrecipient Contract.

(c) Business Associate collects client data and updates to Provide Enterprise and, if applicable, Take Charge Texas (TCT).

4. Responsibilities of Business Associate

With regard to the use and/or disclosure of Protected Health Information, Business Associate agrees:

4.1 not to use and/or disclose Protected Health Information other than as permitted or required by the Business Relationship or this BA Agreement or as Required by Law;

4.2 to use appropriate safeguards to prevent the use and/or disclosure of Protected Health Information other than as provided for by the Business Relationship or this BA Agreement;

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4.3 to protect any Protected Health Information taken off-site from COUNTY from disclosure to others, and to return all Protected Health Information in any form to COUNTY or destroy such Protected Health Information in a manner that renders it unreadable and unusable by anyone else, if COUNTY agrees to the destruction;

4.4 to comply with the Security Rule provisions set forth in 45 CFR Part 164, Subpart C, including provisions relating to Security Standards General Rules (45 CFR § 164.306), Administrative Safeguards (45 CFR § 164.308), Physical Safeguards (45 CFR § 164.310), Technical Safeguards (45 CFR § 164.312), Organizational Requirements (45 CFR § 164.314) and Policies and Documentation (45 CFR § 164.316), and to implement administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the Electronic Protected Health Information Business Associate creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of COUNTY.

4.5 to report to COUNTY any Security Incident of which it becomes aware within 2 business days, and to report any potential Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information within 2 business days of discovery. Any such report shall include the identification of each individual whose Unsecured Protected Health Information has been, or is reasonably believed by Business Associate to have been accessed, acquired, used or disclosed during any such Security Incident or potential Breach. Any such report shall also include all other information known to Business Associate at the time of the report (such as the type of Protected Health Information involved in the event, the nature of the information, etc.) or promptly thereafter as such other information becomes available;

4.6 to notify COUNTY in writing within 2 business days of any use and/or disclosure of Protected Health Information that is not provided for by the Business Relationship or this BA Agreement;

4.7 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 BA Agreement, or as the result of any Security Incident or potential Breach, using mitigation actions that are disclosed to COUNTY in advance and authorized by COUNTY, all at the sole cost and expense of Business Associate;

4.8 to work cooperatively with COUNTY in connection with COUNTY's investigation of any potential Breach and in connection with any notices COUNTY determines are required as a result, and to refrain from giving any notice itself unless COUNTY expressly agrees in advance and in writing to Business Associate giving notice and to the form, content and method of delivery of such notice, all at the sole cost and expense of Business Associate;

4.9 to ensure that all agents and/or subcontractors that create, receive, maintain or transmit Protected Health Information on behalf of Business Associate agree in writing to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to Business Associate with respect to such Protected Health Information;

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4.10 to provide access (at the request of, and in the time and manner designated by COUNTY) to Protected Health Information in a Designated Record Set to COUNTY or, as directed by COUNTY, to an Individual in order to meet the requirements under 45 CFR § 164.524 and to notify COUNTY of any requests for access it receives from an individual within 2 business days of receipt;

4.11 to make any amendment(s) (at the request of, and in the time and manner designated by COUNTY) to Protected Health Information in a Designated Record Set that COUNTY directs pursuant to 45 CFR § 164.526 and to notify COUNTY of any amendment requests it receives from an individual within 2 business days of receipt;

4.12 to document such disclosures of Protected Health Information and information related to such disclosures as would be required for COUNTY to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 CFR § 164.528;

4.13 to provide to COUNTY, in a time and manner designated by COUNTY, information collected in accordance with 4.12 of this BA Agreement, to permit COUNTY to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 CFR § 164.528 (and HITECH Act § 13405(c) when such requirements are effective as to COUNTY;

4.14 to the extent Business Associate is to carry out an obligation of COUNTY under the Privacy Rule provisions set forth at 45 CFR Part 164, Subpart E (any such obligation to be carried out only when so directed by COUNTY pursuant to the Business Relationship or this BA Agreement), to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Rule that apply to COUNTY in the performance of such obligation;

4.15 to make its internal practices, books, and records relating to the use and/or disclosure of Protected Health Information received from, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of COUNTY available to COUNTY;

4.16 to cooperate with any investigation by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, or his agent, or an oversight agency, in a time and manner designated by COUNTY or the Secretary, for purposes of determining if COUNTY or Business Associate is in compliance with the Privacy Rule;

4.17 if Business Associate is aware of a pattern of activity or practice by COUNTY that constitutes a material breach or violation of COUNTY's obligations under this BA Agreement,

(a) to give written notice of such pattern or practice to COUNTY within 2 business days of its discovery and to take reasonable steps to cure the breach or end the violation,

(b) if Business Associate determines that such steps appear to have been unsuccessful, to give COUNTY written notice of such determination and to report the problem to the Secretary and provide COUNTY with a copy of any

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such report at least 2 business days in advance of its submission to the Secretary.

5. Responsibilities of COUNTY with Respect to Protected Health Information

If deemed applicable by COUNTY, COUNTY shall:

5.1 provide Business Associate with the notice of privacy practices that COUNTY produces in accordance with 45 CFR §164.520 as well as any changes to such notice;

5.2 provide Business Associate with any changes in, or revocation of, permission by Individual to the use and/or disclosure of Protected Health Information, if such changes affect Business Associate's permitted or required uses and/or disclosures;

5.3 notify Business Associate of any restriction to the use and/or disclosure of Protected Health Information that COUNTY has agreed to in accordance with 45 CFR § 164.522.

6. Sanctions

Business Associate understands that violation of this agreement may result in sanctions, including, but not limited to, termination of the ability to perform services on behalf of COUNTY.

7. Disclosures Required by Law

Nothing in this agreement prevents Business Associate from making a disclosure of Protected Health Information, if required by law to make such a disclosure.

8. Term and Termination

8.1 Term. This agreement will begin on **September 1, 2025** and will terminate when all of the Protected Health Information provided by COUNTY to Business Associate or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of COUNTY is destroyed or returned to COUNTY, or, if it is infeasible to return or destroy Protected Health Information, protections are extended to such Protected Health Information, in accordance with 8.3 below, or at termination of the Business Relationship between COUNTY and Business Associate.

8.2 Termination for Cause. COUNTY may immediately terminate the Business Relationship and/or this BA Agreement if COUNTY determines that Business Associate has breached a material term of this BA Agreement.

8.3 Effect of Termination. Upon termination of the Business Relationship and/or this BA Agreement, for any reason, Business Associate agrees to return or destroy all Protected Health Information received from COUNTY, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of COUNTY. If permitted by COUNTY, Protected Health Information shall be destroyed in a manner that renders it unreadable and unusable by anyone else. Discharge or termination, whether voluntary or not, shall not affect Business Associate's ongoing obligation to safeguard the confidentiality of

Protected Health Information and to return or destroy any such information in Business Associate's possession.

This Section 8.3 shall apply to Protected Health Information that is in the possession of subcontractors or agents of Business Associate.

In the event that Business Associate determines that returning or destroying the Protected Health Information is infeasible, Business Associate shall provide in writing to COUNTY notification of the conditions that make return or destruction infeasible. Upon mutual written agreement of the Parties, Business Associate shall extend the protections of this BA Agreement to such Protected Health Information and limit further uses and disclosures of such Protected Health Information for as long as Business Associate maintains such Protected Health Information.

9. Miscellaneous

9.1 INDEMNIFICATION.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY IN THE UNDERLYING AGREEMENT(S), AT BUSINESS ASSOCIATE'S EXPENSE, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREES TO INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD HARMLESS COVERED ENTITY AND COVERED ENTITY'S EMPLOYEES (THE "INDEMNITEES") AGAINST ALL DAMAGES, FINES, PENALTIES, COSTS OR EXPENSES (INCLUDING REASONABLE FEES OF ATTORNEYS AND EXPERTS) AND ALL LIABILITY TO THIRD PARTIES ARISING FROM ANY MATERIAL BREACH OF THIS AGREEMENT BY BUSINESS ASSOCIATE OR ITS EMPLOYEES, DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, SUBCONTRACTORS, AGENTS OR OTHER MEMBERS OF BUSINESS ASSOCIATE'S WORKFORCE. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE'S OBLIGATION TO INDEMNIFY THE INDEMNITEES SHALL SURVIVE THE EXPIRATION OR TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT.

COUNTY MAY EMPLOY ATTORNEYS SELECTED BY IT TO DEFEND ANY SUCH ACTION, THE COSTS AND EXPENSES OF WHICH WILL REMAIN THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BUSINESS ASSOCIATE. COUNTY WILL PROVIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATE WITH TIMELY NOTICE OF THE EXISTENCE OF SUCH PROCEEDINGS AND SUCH INFORMATION, DOCUMENTS AND OTHER COOPERATION AS REASONABLY NECESSARY TO ASSIST BUSINESS ASSOCIATE IN ESTABLISHING A DEFENSE TO SUCH ACTION.

THESE INDEMNITIES SURVIVE TERMINATION OF THIS BA AGREEMENT, AND COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT, AT ITS OPTION AND EXPENSE, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE OF ANY SUIT OR PROCEEDING THROUGH COUNSEL OF ITS OWN CHOOSING.

9.2 Survival. The respective rights and obligations of Business Associate survive the termination of the Business Relationship and/or this BA Agreement.

9.3 Notices. Any notices pertaining to this BA Agreement must be given in writing and will be deemed duly given when personally delivered to a Party or a Party's authorized representative, as listed below, or sent by means of a reputable overnight carrier, or sent by means of certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid.

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A notice sent by certified mail shall be deemed given on the date of receipt or refusal of receipt. All notices shall be addressed to the appropriate Party as follows:

If to Business Associate:
Tarrant County Hospital District
1500 S. Main Street
Fort Worth, TX 76104
Attn: Karen Duncan, MD

If to Covered Entity:
Tarrant County
2300 Circle Drive, Suite 2306
Fort Worth, TX 76119
Attn: HIV Administrative Agency Manager

9.4 Amendments. This BA Agreement may not be changed or modified in any manner except by an instrument in writing signed by a duly authorized officer of each of the Parties hereto. The Parties, however, agree to amend this Agreement from time to time as necessary, in order to allow COUNTY to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule, HIPAA, the HITECH Act and its implementing regulations.

9.5 Interpretation. Any ambiguity in this BA Agreement shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that permits COUNTY to comply with the Privacy Rule.

9.6 Third Parties. Nothing in this BA Agreement is intended, not shall be deemed, to confer any benefits on any third party.

9.7 Assignments. Neither Party may assign its rights or obligations under this BA Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party, which consent may not be unreasonably withheld.

9.8 Independent Contractor. This BA Agreement does not create any relationship between the Parties other than that of independent parties contracting with each other for the sole purpose of effecting the provisions of this BA Agreement and any other agreements between then evidencing their Business Relationship.

9.9 Governing Law and Venue. This BA Agreement will be interpreted under the laws of the State of Texas. The venue for any lawsuit arising out of this BA Agreement will be the Fort Worth Division of the Northern District of Texas, if the lawsuit arises in Federal Court, or Tarrant County, Texas, if the matter arises in State Court.

9.10 Third Party Interpretation. This agreement shall not be interpreted to inure to the benefit of a third party not a party to this contract. This agreement may not be interpreted to waive any statutory or common law defense, immunity, including governmental and sovereign immunity, or any limitation of liability, responsibility, or damage to any Party to this contract, Party's agent, or Party's employee, otherwise provided by law.

9.11 Form 1295 Compliance. The **Tarrant County Hospital District** acknowledges and agrees that it has fully, accurately, and completely disclosed all interested parties in the attached Form 1295, and has acknowledged the completeness of this disclosure by filing the Form 1295, attached as Exhibit A, with the Texas Ethics Commission as required by law.

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9.12 Required Attachments. This BA Agreement will be considered incomplete without the submission of the completed Form 1295 as referenced in section 9.11.

COUNTY shall be responsible to include Form 1295, attached as Exhibit A, to this BA Agreement prior to Business Associate review and execution. For the purposes of this BA Agreement, the following statement applies in regard to Form 1295:

☐ Exhibit A is a required component of this BA Agreement. Form 1295 is attached and must be completed prior to approval of this BA Agreement by COUNTY.

☒ The Parties involved in this BA Agreement are governmental entities and are not required by the Texas Ethics Commission to complete their Form 1295.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Office of Federal Assistance Management

Rockville, MD 20857

DEC 23 2013

TO: HRSA Grantees

FROM: Chief Grants Management Officer, HRSA
Associate Administrator, OFAM

SUBJECT: Pilot Program for Enhancement of Employee Whistleblower Protection

Congress has enacted many whistleblower protection statutes to encourage employees to report fraud, waste, and abuse. You should be aware that the latest whistleblower protection statutes went into effect on July 1, 2013. The statute, 41 U.S.C. § 4712, applies to all employees working for contractors, grantees, subcontractors, and subgrantees on federal grants and contracts. The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 (Pub. L. 112-239, enacted January 2, 2013) mandates a pilot program entitled "Pilot Program for Enhancement of Contractor Employee Whistleblower Protections." This program requires all grantees, their subgrantees, and subcontractors to:

1. Inform their employees working on any federal award they are subject to the whistleblower rights and remedies of the pilot program;
2. Inform their employees in writing of employee whistleblower protections under 41 U.S.C. § 4712 in the predominant native language of the workforce; and,
3. Contractors and grantees will include such requirements in any agreement made with a subcontractor or subgrantee.

The statute (41 U.S.C. § 4712) states that an "employee of a contractor, subcontractor, grantee [or subgrantee] may not be discharged, demoted, or otherwise discriminated against as a reprisal for "whistleblowing." In addition, whistleblower protections cannot be waived by any agreement, policy, form, or condition of employment.

Whistleblowing is defined as making a disclosure "that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of any of the following:

- Gross mismanagement of a federal contract or grant;
- A gross waste of federal funds;

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- An abuse of authority relating to a federal contract or grant;
- A substantial and specific danger to public health or safety; or
- A violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a federal contract or grant (including the competition for, or negotiation of, a contract or grant).

To qualify under the statute, the employee's disclosure must be made to:

- A Member of Congress, or a representative of a Congressional committee;
- An Inspector General;
- The Government Accountability Office;
- A federal employee responsible for contract or grant oversight or management at the relevant agency;
- An official from the Department of Justice, or other law enforcement agency;
- A court or grand jury; or
- A management official or other employee of the contractor, subcontractor, grantee, or subgrantee who has the responsibility to investigate, discover, or address misconduct.

The requirement to comply with, and inform all employees of, the "Pilot Program for Enhancement of Contract Employee Whistleblower Protections" is in effect for all grants, contracts, subgrants, and subcontracts issued beginning July 1, 2013 through January 1, 2017.

Michael J. Nelson

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Federal Award Identification Checklist

(Grants Awarded After 12/26/2014)

		Part A	Part B	State Services	EHE
1.	Subrecipient Name	Tarrant County Hospital District (JPS)	Tarrant County Hospital District (JPS)	Tarrant County Hospital District (JPS)	Tarrant County Hospital District (JPS)
2.	Subrecipient DUNS Number	068368901	068368901	068368901	068368902
3.	Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)	2 H89HA00047-30-00	Contract # HHS001122200005	Contract #HHS001317000005 (State Funds)	5 UT8HA33961-06-00
4.	Federal Award Date	January 2025 (Subject to #2 CFR 200)	January 2025 (Subject to #2 CFR 200)	May 2025	January 2025 (Subject to #2 CFR 200)
5.	Subaward Period of Performance Start and End Date	March 1, 2025- February 28, 2026	April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026	September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2026	March 1, 2025 - February 28, 2026
6.	Amount of Federal Funds Obligated by This Action	$0	$0	$702,498	$0
7.	Total Amount of Federal Funds Obligated to the Subrecipient	$904,803	$330,409	$702,498	$314,250
8.	Total Amount of the Federal Award	$2,477,750	$1,279,153	$1,044,642	$1,259,554
9.	Federal Award Project Description, as required by FFATA	HIV Emergency Relief Project Grants	Pass-through Grant from HRSA through DSHS for HIV & AIDS Services	HIV/SRVS HIV/STD Prevention and Care Branch State Services	Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America - Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Parts A and B
10.	Name of Federal Awarding Agency	Health Resources & Service Administration (HRSA)	Pass-through from HRSA to Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)	Pass-through from HRSA to Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)	Health Resources & Service Administration (HRSA)
11.	Pass-Through Entity	Tarrant County	Tarrant County	Tarrant County	Tarrant County
12.	Contact Information for Awarding Official	Tarrant County 100 E. Weatherford Street Fort Worth, TX 76196-0001	Tarrant County 100 E. Weatherford Street Fort Worth, TX 76196-0001	Tarrant County 100 E. Weatherford Street Fort Worth, TX 76196-0001	Tarrant County 100 E. Weatherford Street Fort Worth, TX 76196-0001
13.	CFDA Number and Name	93.914 HIV Emergency Relief Project Grants	93.917 HIV Care Formula Grants	HIV/SRVS HIV/STD Prevention and Care Branch State Services	93.686 Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America - Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Parts A and B
14.	Identification if the Award is R&D	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
15.	Indirect Cost Rate	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A