



**ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA  
STANDARD FORM AGREEMENT No. 24-DHS-AG-613**

**THIS AGREEMENT** ("Agreement") is made on 6/21/2024 between the COUNTY BOARD OF ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA ("County") and George Mason University, an educational institution and agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia, with a principal place of business located at 4400 University Drive, MS 4C5, Fairfax, Virginia 22030 ("Contractor").

1. The Contractor agrees to provide access to the Advancing Correctional Excellence (ACE!) Simulator tool seven (7) days per week, twenty-four (24) hours a day, in accordance with Exhibit A-Scope of Work.
2. The County will have no obligation to the Contractor if no goods or services are required.
3. The Contractor's provision of these goods or services is subject to review and approval by the County's Project Officer.
4. The Contractor shall provide the goods or services covered by the Contract beginning on 6/21/2024. Unless terminated as provided below, the Agreement shall continue until **April 30, 2025** ("Initial Contract Term"), subject to any modifications provided in the Contract Documents. Upon satisfactory performance by the Contractor, the County may, through the issuance of a PO, authorize continuation of the Agreement under the same contract prices for not more than one (1) additional 12-month period ("Subsequent Contract Term") from **May 1, 2025, through April 30, 2026**.
5. The County will pay the Contractor, for services or goods that the Project Officer accepts, \$6,811.00 for year 1 (05/01/2024 to 4/30/2025), and \$7,017.00 for year 2 (05/01/2025 to 4/30/2026), in accordance with Exhibit B-Contract Pricing. The County will pay the Contractor net 45 days from receipt of an invoice that the Project Officer approves for payment. All payments will be made to the Contractor via ACH from the county.

The Contractor also must submit to the County's Project Officer its W-9 Form, which will include its Federal Employer Identification Number ("FEIN") or Social Security Number ("SSN"), whichever is applicable, before the County can process payment to the Contractor under the Contract.

6. The Contractor is an independent contractor, and the County will not withhold from the Contractor's compensation any federal or Virginia unemployment taxes, federal or Virginia income taxes, Social Security tax or any other amounts for benefits to the Contractor or its agents or employees.
7. The Contractor is obligated to take one of the two following actions within seven (7) days after receipt of amounts paid to the Contractor by the County for work performed by any subcontractor under this Agreement:

- a. Pay the subcontractor for the proportionate share of the total payment received from the County attributable to the work performed by the subcontractor under this Agreement; or
- b. Notify the County and the subcontractor, in writing, of the Contractor's intention to withhold all or a part of the subcontractor's payment, with the reason for nonpayment.

The Contractor is obligated to pay interest to any subcontractor on all amounts owed by the Contractor to the subcontractor that remain unpaid after seven (7) days following receipt by the Contractor of payment from the County for work performed by the subcontractor under this Agreement, except for amounts withheld as allowed in section b., above. Unless otherwise provided under the terms of this Agreement, interest shall accrue at the rate of one percent (1%) per month.

The Contractor shall include in each of its subcontracts a provision requiring each subcontractor to include or otherwise be subject to the same payment and interest requirements as those contained in this Agreement with respect to each lower-tier subcontractor.

The Contractor's obligation to pay an interest charge to a subcontractor pursuant to the above provisions may not be construed to be an obligation of the County. A Contract modification may not be made for the purpose of providing reimbursement for such interest charge. A cost reimbursement claim may not include any amount for reimbursement for such interest charge.

Or

This section is not applicable if the Contractor participates in the Virginia Prompt Payment act§ 2.2-4350.

8. Either Party may terminate this Agreement by 30 days' written notice whenever the Purchasing Agent determines that termination is in the County's best interest. The Contractor will be entitled to receive compensation for all goods or services that the County accepted before the termination notice.
9. The County may terminate this Agreement by 48 hours' written notice if the Contractor fails to provide satisfactory goods or services, in the determination of the Project Officer. The notice will be effective upon receipt by the Contractor or three days after the County mails the notice, whichever is sooner. The Contractor will be entitled to receive compensation only for goods or services that the County accepted before the County mailed the notice.
10. Time is of the essence and the Contractor agrees that failure to provide timely service will render this Agreement null and void, as applicable.
11. The Contractor is an agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia and is self-insured by the Commonwealth of Virginia Risk Management Plan for all claims up to the maximum provided by the Code of Virginia:
  - Workers Compensation to Virginia Statutory Requirements.

- General Liability to the Limits of the Risk Management Plan for the Commonwealth of Virginia unless the Contractor changes to an insured plan where the limits required shall be \$1 Million per occurrence, \$2 Million Aggregate.
- Auto Liability to the Limits of the Risk Management Plan for the Commonwealth of Virginia unless the Contractor changes to an insured plan where the limits required shall be \$1 Million per occurrence.
- Cyber Liability \$2 Million per occurrence.

The Contractor will provide a certificate of proof of insurance coverage before the start of work.

To the extent provided by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Contractor shall be responsible for the ordinary negligent acts or omissions of its agents and employees causing harm to persons not a party to this Agreement. Nothing herein shall be deemed a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the Commonwealth of Virginia or require the Contractor to indemnify, defend, or hold harmless the County for claims brought against the County.

12. The Contractor agrees as follows:

- a. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, disability or on any other basis prohibited by Virginia or federal law and must post in this nondiscrimination clause in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment.
- b. The Contractor must state that it is an Equal Opportunity Employer in all solicitations or advertisements for employees that it places or causes to be placed.
- c. Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall meet the requirements of this section.
- d. The Contractor must include the provisions of the foregoing paragraphs a), b), and c) in every subcontract or Purchase Order in excess of \$10,000.00, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor and/or supplier.

13. The Contractor must comply with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in employment and mandates their full participation in publicly—and privately- provided services and activities.

14. The Contractor must comply with Executive Order 13166, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and make reasonable efforts to ensure that as part of the services that it provides, adequate communication services, including interpretation and translation, are available to persons who have limited English proficiency. If such services are not included in the Contract's scope of services and pricing, the Contractor will use a County-contracted service provider, and the County will pay the fees.

15. The Contractor must (i) provide a drug-free workplace for the Contractor's employees; (ii) post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, a statement notifying

employees that the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of marijuana or any other controlled substance is prohibited in the Contractor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition; (iii) state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor that the Contractor maintains a drug-free workplace; and (iv) include the provisions of the foregoing clauses in every subcontract or purchase order in excess of \$10,000.00, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or supplier. For the purposes of this section, "drug-free workplace" means a site for the performance of work done in connection with this Agreement.

16. If the Contractor employs more than five employees, the Contractor shall (i) provide annual training on the Contractor's sexual harassment policy to all supervisors and employees providing services in the Commonwealth, except such supervisors or employees that are required to complete sexual harassment training provided by the Department of Human Resource Management, and (ii) post the Contractor's sexual harassment policy in (a) a conspicuous public place in each building located in the Commonwealth that the Contractor owns or leases for business purposes and (b) the Contractor's employee handbook.
17. The Contractor acknowledges that it does not, and will not during the performance of this Agreement, knowingly employ an unauthorized alien as defined in the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.
18. This Agreement is governed by the Arlington County Purchasing Resolution, which is incorporated by reference. The time limit for decision by the County Manager in Contractual Disputes, as that term is used in the Purchasing Resolution, is thirty (30) days.
19. This Agreement is not effective until the County issues a valid County Purchase Order covering the amount of the Agreement.
20. All payments by the County to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract are subject to the availability of an annual appropriation for this purpose by the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia ("Board"). In the event that the Board does not appropriate funds for the goods or services provided under this Contract, the County will terminate the Contract, without termination charge or other liability to the County, on the last day of the fiscal year or when the previous appropriation has been spent, whichever event occurs first.
21. This Contract incorporates by reference Article 9 of the Arlington County Purchasing Resolution, as well as all state and federal laws related to ethics, conflicts of interest or bribery, including the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act (Code of Virginia § 2.2-3100 et seq.), the Virginia Governmental Frauds Act (Code of Virginia § 18.2-498.1 et seq.) and Articles 2 and 3 of Chapter 10 of Title 18.2 of the Code of Virginia, as amended (§ 18.2-438 et seq.). The Contractor certifies that its proposal was made without collusion or fraud; that it has not offered or received any kickbacks or inducements from any other offeror, supplier, manufacturer or subcontractor; and that it has not conferred on any public employee having official responsibility for this procurement any payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services or anything of more than nominal value, present or promised, unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value was exchanged.
22. No Arlington County employee may share in any part of this Contract or receive any benefit from the Contract that is not available to the general public.

23. The County does not discriminate against faith-based organizations.
24. The Contractor and its employees, agents and subcontractors will hold as confidential all County Information that they obtain under this Agreement. Confidential Information includes, but is not limited to, nonpublic personal information; personally, identifiable health information; security numbers; addresses; dates of birth; information pertaining to products, operations, systems, customers, prospective customers, techniques, intentions, processes, plans and expertise. The Contractor must take reasonable measures to ensure that all of its employees, agents, and subcontractors are informed of and abide by this requirement.
25. The Contractor must comply with the provisions of Chapter 11 (“Licenses”) of the Arlington County Code, if applicable. For information on the provisions of that Chapter and its applicability to this Contract, the Contractor must contact the Arlington County Business License Division, Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 200, Arlington, Virginia, 22201, telephone number (703) 228-3060, or e-mail [business@arlingtonva.us](mailto:business@arlingtonva.us).
26. The Contractor must, pursuant to Code of Virginia § 2.2-4311.2, be and remain authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth of Virginia during the entire term of this Agreement. Otherwise, the Contract is voidable at the sole option of and with no expense to the County.
27. This Agreement is governed in all respects by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the jurisdiction and venue for any litigation is in the Circuit Court for Arlington County, Virginia, and in no other court.
28. The Contractor covenants for itself, its employees and its subcontractors to save, defend, hold harmless and indemnify the County and all of its elected and appointed officials, officers, current and former employees, agents, departments, agencies, boards and commissions (collectively the “County Indemnitees”) from and against any and all claims made by third parties for any and all losses, damages, injuries, fines, penalties, costs (including court costs and attorneys’ fees), charges, liability, demands or exposure resulting from, arising out of or in any way connected with the Contractor’s acts or omissions, including the acts or omissions of its employees and/or subcontractors, in performance or nonperformance of the Contract. This duty to save, defend, hold harmless and indemnify will survive the termination of this Contract. If the Contractor fails or refuses to fulfill its obligations contained in this section, the Contractor must reimburse the County for any and all resulting payments and expenses, including reasonable attorneys’ fees. The Contractor must pay such expenses upon demand by the County, and failure to do so may result in the County withholding such amounts from any payments to the Contractor under this Contract.
29. Notices will be effective when made in writing and either (a) delivered in person, (b) delivered to an overnight delivery service or (c) deposited in the United States mail, certified or registered. Notices should be addressed as follows:

**TO THE CONTRACTOR:**

Dr. Amy Murphy, Project Director  
George Mason University  
4400 University Drive, MS4C5  
Fairfax Virginia 22030  
Phone: (703) 993-4859

Email: [amurph10@gmu.edu](mailto:amurph10@gmu.edu)

**TO THE COUNTY:**

Grace Guerrero, Project Officer  
2120 Washington Blvd, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Arlington, VA 22204  
Phone: (703) 228-4846  
Email: [gguerrero@arlingtonva.us](mailto:gguerrero@arlingtonva.us)

**AND**

Dr. Sharon T. Lewis, Purchasing Division Chief  
Arlington County, Virginia  
2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 500A  
Arlington, Virginia 22201  
Phone: (703) 228-3294  
Email: [slewis1@arlingtonva.us](mailto:slewis1@arlingtonva.us)

**TO COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE (FOR PROJECT CLAIMS):**

Mark Schwartz, County Manager  
Arlington County, Virginia  
2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 318  
Arlington, Virginia 22201

30. The Contractor must retain all books, records and other documents related to this Contract for at least five years, or such period of time required by the County's funding partner(s), if any, whichever is greater, after the final payment and must allow the County or its authorized agents to examine the documents during this period and during the Contract Term. The Contractor must provide any requested documents to the County for examination within 15 days of the request, at the Contractor's expense. Should the County's examination reveal any overcharging by the Contractor, the Contractor must, within 30 days of County's request, reimburse the County for the overcharges and for the reasonable costs of the County's examination, including, but not limited to, the services of external audit firm and attorney's fees; or the County may deduct the overcharges and examination costs from any amount that the County owes to the Contractor. If the Contractor wishes to destroy or dispose of any records related to this Contract (including confidential records to which the County does not have ready access) within five years after the final payment, or such period of time required by the County's funding partner(s), if any, whichever is greater, the Contractor must give the County at least 30 days' notice and must not dispose of the documents if the County objects.

The Purchasing Agent may require the Contractor to demonstrate that it has the necessary facilities, ability, and financial resources to comply with the Contract and furnish the service, material or goods specified herein in a satisfactory manner at any time during the term of this Contract.

31. The Contractor must comply with all applicable legislative and regulatory requirements of the privacy, security, and electronic transaction components of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"). If applicable, the Contractor shall be designated a business associate pursuant and will be required to execute an Arlington County Business Associate Agreement, included in this Agreement as **Exhibit C**, pursuant to 45 C.F.R. §164.502(e) and

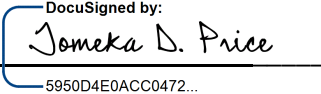
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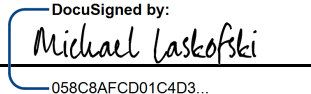
- 32. The Contractor shall not assign or transfer this Agreement, or any of its rights or interests, without the County’s prior written consent.
- 33. This Agreement may be modified only by written amendment.
- 34. All remedies available to the County under this Agreement are cumulative, and no remedy is exclusive of any other that is available to the County at law or in equity.
- 35. The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Agreement are severable; and if any part is held to be invalid, the rest of the Agreement will remain in effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE PARTIES HERETO HAVE AFFIXED THEIR SIGNATURES.

THE COUNTY BOARD OF ARLINGTON  
COUNTY, VIRGINIA

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY (GMU)

SIGNED:  5950D4E0ACC0472...

SIGNED:  058C8AFCD01C4D3...

PRINTED NAME: Tomeka D. Price

PRINTED NAME: Michael Laskofski

PRINTED TITLE: Procurement Officer

PRINTED TITLE: Associate VP of Research Operations

DATE: 6/21/2024

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## **EXHIBIT A SCOPE OF WORK**

The Arlington County Forensic Case Management program serves severely mentally ill and/or dually diagnosed individuals involved in the justice system. The goal of the program is to reduce the recidivism rate of incarceration by involving participants in positive social activities and fostering appropriate social behaviors. To incorporate the Risk Needs Responsivity (RNR) model, the Forensic Team utilizes a standardized tool to determine criminogenic risks and needs (i.e., The COMPAS, the Modified Offender Screening Tool, The Offender Screening Tool). The Forensic Team has partnered with George Mason University's Center for Advancing Correctional Excellence (ACE!) to identify needs for the Arlington community and develop specific goals to address those needs. Arlington Community Services Board (CSB) is using the RNR simulator tool created by ACE! to enhance its existing programming and assist in determining future program needs.

1. Provide access to the ACE! Simulator tool Monday through Sunday, seven (7) days per week, twenty-four (24) hours a day to designated CSB staff.
2. Provide ongoing support, training, and consultation to CSB staff on an as-needed basis.
3. Provide CSB all-inclusive user administration for up to fifty (50) users directly or through a subcontractor; this includes hosting, user account creation, access to technical support, data management and back-ups, RNR software updates, and RNR software maintenance.
4. ACE!'s simulator tool must integrate criminogenic and clinical information to develop a comprehensive service plan that addresses both mental health treatment and criminogenic needs; and
5. ACE!'s Simulator tool must provide the needed dosage of service for the CSB staff working with the client to organize, implement, and engage severely mentally ill and/or dually diagnosed individuals in identified positive social activities.



## EXHIBIT B CONTRACT PRICING

| PoP Start: 5/1/2024  |            |                |                                    |                                     |          |               |      |                |                |                 | CONV-223859P-Rev2 / Arlington County |                         |              |       |         |  |  |
|--|------------|----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|---------------|------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------|---------|--|--|
| End: 4/30/2026   |            |                |                                    |                                     |          |               |      |                |                |                 | <b>FINAL</b>                         |                         |              |       |         |  |  |
| Escalate salaries in the out-years? <b>YES</b>   |            |                |                                    |                                     |          |               |      |                |                |                 | <b>ONE</b>                           | <b>TWO</b>              | <b>TOTAL</b> |       |         |  |  |
| PERSONNEL COSTS  |            |                |                                    |                                     |          |               |      |                |                |                 |                                      |                         |              |       |         |  |  |
| Staff Member (Faculty, Post-Docs, Admin Faculty, Classified Staff) <b>Unhide</b> to use more lines |            |                |                                    |                                     |          |               |      |                |                |                 |                                      |                         |              |       |         |  |  |
| is Key?  | Role       | Appointment    | Input 9 (AY) or 12 mo (CAL) Salary | 3 mo Summer Salary (Auto-generated) | Effort % | Person Months |      |                |                |                 |                                      |                         |              |       |         |  |  |
| <b>Amy Murphy</b>  | <b>YES</b> | <b>PD/PI</b>   | <b>Calendar</b>                    | \$131,215.00                        | \$0.00   | 1.00%         | 0.12 | \$1,312        | \$1,378        | \$2,690         |                                      |                         |              |       |         |  |  |
| TBN Research Associate   | <b>NO</b>  | <b>Faculty</b> | <b>Calendar</b>                    | \$90,000.00                         | \$0.00   | 2.00%         | 0.24 | \$1,800        | \$1,890        | \$3,690         |                                      |                         |              |       |         |  |  |
| <b>SUBTOTAL SALARIES &amp; WAGES</b>   |            |                |                                    |                                     |          |               |      | <b>\$3,112</b> | <b>\$3,268</b> | <b>\$6,380</b>  |                                      |                         |              |       |         |  |  |
| FRINGE BENEFITS  |            |                |                                    |                                     |          |               |      |                |                |                 |                                      |                         |              |       |         |  |  |
| Faculty, Academic & Calendar   |            |                |                                    |                                     |          | 32.10%        |      |                |                |                 |                                      |                         |              |       |         |  |  |
| <b>SUBTOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS</b>  |            |                |                                    |                                     |          |               |      | <b>\$999</b>   | <b>\$1,049</b> | <b>\$2,048</b>  |                                      |                         |              |       |         |  |  |
| <b>SUBTOTAL PERSONNEL</b>  |            |                |                                    |                                     |          |               |      | <b>\$4,111</b> | <b>\$4,317</b> | <b>\$8,428</b>  |                                      |                         |              |       |         |  |  |
| GENERAL COSTS  |            |                |                                    |                                     |          |               |      |                |                |                 |                                      |                         |              |       |         |  |  |
| Consultant Services  |            |                |                                    |                                     |          |               |      |                |                |                 |                                      |                         |              |       |         |  |  |
| SLONKY LLC   |            |                |                                    |                                     |          |               |      | \$2,700        | \$2,700        | \$5,400         |                                      |                         |              |       |         |  |  |
| <b>SUBTOTAL CONSULTANT SERVICES</b>  |            |                |                                    |                                     |          |               |      | <b>\$2,700</b> | <b>\$2,700</b> | <b>\$5,400</b>  |                                      |                         |              |       |         |  |  |
| <b>TOTAL DIRECT COSTS</b>  |            |                |                                    |                                     |          |               |      | <b>\$6,811</b> | <b>\$7,017</b> | <b>\$13,828</b> |                                      |                         |              |       |         |  |  |
| F&A (INDIRECT) COSTS   |            |                |                                    |                                     |          |               |      |                |                |                 |                                      |                         |              |       |         |  |  |
| % Limited or Waived  |            |                |                                    |                                     |          |               |      |                |                |                 | Rate<br>10.0%                        | Rate Type<br><b>TDC</b> | \$681        | \$702 | \$1,383 |  |  |
| <b>TOTAL COSTS</b>   |            |                |                                    |                                     |          |               |      | <b>\$7,492</b> | <b>\$7,718</b> | <b>\$15,211</b> |                                      |                         |              |       |         |  |  |
| <b>Facilities &amp; Administrative Costs Base</b>  |            |                |                                    |                                     |          |               |      | <b>\$6,811</b> | <b>\$7,017</b> | <b>\$13,828</b> |                                      |                         |              |       |         |  |  |
| <b>NIH ONLY: Direct Costs Less Consortium F&amp;A</b>  |            |                |                                    |                                     |          |               |      | <b>\$6,811</b> | <b>\$7,017</b> | <b>\$13,828</b> |                                      |                         |              |       |         |  |  |
| <b>Excluded from F&amp;A:</b>  |            |                |                                    |                                     |          |               |      |                |                |                 |                                      |                         |              |       |         |  |  |
| <b>Participant/Trainee/Patient Care Support:</b>   |            |                |                                    |                                     |          |               |      | \$0            | \$0            | \$0             |                                      |                         |              |       |         |  |  |
| <b>Other (e.g. Rental costs) <i>Must be hard-entered:</i></b>                                      |            |                |                                    |                                     |          |               |      | \$0            | \$0            | \$0             |                                      |                         |              |       |         |  |  |
| <b>Equipment:</b>  |            |                |                                    |                                     |          |               |      | \$0            | \$0            | \$0             |                                      |                         |              |       |         |  |  |
| <b>EFF &amp; GRA Support:</b>  |            |                |                                    |                                     |          |               |      | \$0            | \$0            | \$0             |                                      |                         |              |       |         |  |  |
| <b>Subcontract(s) over \$25K:</b>  |            |                |                                    |                                     |          |               |      | \$0            | \$0            | \$0             |                                      |                         |              |       |         |  |  |
| <b>Totals:</b>   |            |                |                                    |                                     |          |               |      | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>      |                                      |                         |              |       |         |  |  |
|  |            |                |                                    |                                     |          |               |      |                |                |                 | <b>FINAL</b>                         |                         |              |       |         |  |  |

## EXHIBIT C

### BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT

This Business Associate Agreement is hereby entered into between George Mason University (hereafter referred to as "Business Associate") and the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia (hereafter referred to as "Covered Entity" or "County") (collectively "the parties") and is hereby made a part of any Underlying Agreement for goods or services entered into between the parties.

#### Recitals

The County provides services to its residents and employees which may cause it or others under its direction or control to serve as covered entities for purposes of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

The County, in its capacity as a covered entity, may provide Business Associate with certain information that may include Protected Health Information (PHI), so that Business Associate may perform its responsibilities pursuant to its Underlying Agreement(s) with and on behalf of County.

Covered Entity and Business Associate intend to protect the privacy of PHI and provide for the security of any electronic PHI received by Business Associate from Covered Entity, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity in compliance with HIPAA; in compliance with regulations promulgated pursuant to HIPAA, at 45 CFR Parts 160 and Part 164; and in compliance with applicable provisions of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, as incorporated in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the "HITECH Act") and any applicable regulations and/or guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ("DHHS") with respect to the HITECH Act (collectively "federal law").

WHEREAS, federal law and the specific regulations promulgated pursuant to HIPAA at 45 CFR § 164.314, 45 CFR § 164-502(e) and 45 CFR § 164.504(e) require a Covered Entity to enter into written agreements with all Business Associates (hereinafter "Business Associate Agreement");

WHEREAS, the parties desire to comply with HIPAA and desire to secure and protect such PHI from unauthorized disclosure;

THEREFORE, **Business Associate** and **Covered Entity**, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows. The obligations, responsibilities and definitions may be changed from time to time as determined by federal law and such changes are incorporated herein as if set forth in full text:

#### **1) Definitions**

The capitalized terms used in this Business Associate Agreement shall have the meaning set out below:

- a) **Accounting**. "Accounting" means a record of disclosures of protected health information made by the Business Associate.
- b) **Breach**. "Breach" means the acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of protected health information in a manner not permitted by this Business Associate Agreement and/or by HIPAA

which compromises the security or privacy of the protected health information. For purposes of this Business Associate Agreement, any unauthorized acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of protected health information shall be presumed to be a breach.

- c) **Business Associate.** "Business Associate" means a person who creates, receives, maintains, or transmits protected health information on behalf of a Covered Entity to accomplish a task regulated by HIPAA and not as a member of the Covered Entity's workforce. A Business Associate shall include, but is not limited to, a non-workforce person/entity who performs data processing/analysis/transmission, billing, benefit management, quality assurance, legal, actuarial, accounting, administrative and/or financial services on behalf of the Covered Entity involving protected health information. A Business Associate also includes a subcontractor.
- d) **Covered Entity.** "Covered Entity" means a health plan, a health care clearinghouse, and/or a health care provider who transmits any health information in electronic form in connections with an activity regulated by HIPAA.
- e) **Data Aggregation.** "Data Aggregation" means, with respect to PHI created or received by Business Associate in its capacity as the Business Associate of Covered Entity, the combining of such PHI by the Business Associate with the PHI received by the Business Associate in its capacity as a Business Associate of another covered entity, to permit data analyses that relate to the health care operations of the respective covered entities.
- e) **Designated Record Set.** "Designated Record Set" means all records, including medical, enrollment, billing, payment, claims, and/or case management maintained by and/or for a Covered Entity.
- f) **Discovery.** "Discovery" shall mean the first day an unauthorized use or disclosure is known or reasonably should have been known by Business Associate, including when it is or should have been known by any person other than the person who engaged in the unauthorized use/disclosure who is an employee, officer, or agent of Business Associate.
- g) **Electronic Protected Health Information.** "Electronic Protected Health Information" means individually identifiable health information that is transmitted by or maintained in electronic media.
- h) **HIPAA.** "HIPAA" means the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 as in effect and/or as amended.
- i) **HITECH Act.** "HITECH Act" means the portions of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act which serve as amendments to HIPAA. HITECH is included within the definition of HIPAA unless stated separately.
- j) **Individual.** "Individual" means the person who is the subject of protected health information and/or a person who would qualify as a personal representative of the person who is the subject of protected health information.
- k) **Protected Health Information.** "Protected Health Information" or "PHI" means individually identifiable health information transmitted and/or maintained in any form.

- l) **Remuneration.** "Remuneration" means direct or indirect payment from or on behalf of a third party.
- m) **Required By Law.** "Required By Law" means an activity which Business Associate is required to do or perform based on the provisions of state and/or federal law.
- n) **Secretary.** "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services or the Secretary's designee.
- o) **Security Incident.** "Security Incident" means the attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of information or interference with the system operations in an information system.
- p) **Underlying Agreement.** "Underlying Agreement" means the County contract for goods or services made through the County's procurement office which the parties have entered into and which the County has determined requires the execution of this Business Associate Agreement.
- q) **Unsecured Protected Health Information.** "Unsecured Protected Health Information" means protected health information that is not rendered unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized persons through the use of a technology or methodology approved by the Secretary.

**2) Obligations and Activities of Business Associate**

- a) Business Associate acknowledges and agrees that it is obligated by law (or upon the effective date of any portion thereof shall be obligated) to meet the applicable provisions of HIPAA and such provisions are incorporated herein and made a part of this Business Associate Agreement. Covered Entity and Business Associate agree that any regulations and/or guidance issued by DHHS with respect to HIPAA that relate to the obligations of business associates shall be deemed incorporated into and made a part of this Business Associate Agreement.
- b) In accordance with 45 CFR §164.502(a)(3), Business Associate agrees not to use or disclose PHI other than as permitted or required by this Business Associate Agreement or as Required by Law.
- c) Business Associate agrees to develop, implement, maintain and use appropriate administrative, technical, and physical safeguards that reasonably prevent the use or disclosure of PHI other than as provided for by this Business Associate Agreement, in accordance with 45 CFR §§164.306, 310 and 312. Business Associate agrees to develop, implement, maintain and use administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of Electronic PHI, in accordance with 45 CFR §§164.306, 308, 310, and 312. In accordance with 45 CFR §164.316, Business Associate shall also develop and implement policies and procedures and meet the documentation requirements as and at such time as may be required by HIPAA.
- d) Business Associate agrees to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Business Associate, of a use or disclosure of PHI by Business Associate in violation of the requirements of this Business Associate Agreement.

- e) In accordance with 45 CFR §§164.308, 314 and 502, Business Associate will ensure that any workforce member or agent, including a vendor or subcontractor, whom Business Associate engages to create, receive, maintain, or transmit PHI on Business Associates' behalf agrees to the same restrictions and conditions that apply through this Business Associate Agreement to Business Associate with respect to such information, including minimum necessary limitations. Business Associate will ensure that any workforce member or agent, including a vendor or subcontractor, whom Business Associate engages to create, receive, maintain, or transmit PHI on Business Associates' behalf, agrees to implement reasonable and appropriate safeguards to ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the PHI.
- f) At the request of Covered Entity, Business Associate will provide Covered Entity, or as directed by Covered Entity, an Individual, access to PHI maintained in a Designated Record Set in a time and manner that is sufficient to meet the requirements of 45 CFR § 164.524, and, where required by HIPAA, shall make such information available in an electronic format where directed by the Covered Entity.
- g) At the written request of Covered Entity, (or if so directed by Covered Entity, at the written request of an Individual), Business Associate agrees to make any amendment to PHI in a Designated Record Set, in a time and manner that is sufficient to meet the requirements of 45 CFR § 164.526.
- h) In accordance with 45 CFR §164.504(e)(2), Business Associate agrees to make its internal practices, books, and records, including policies and procedures, and any PHI, relating to the use and disclosure of PHI, available to Covered Entity or to the Secretary for purposes of determining compliance with applicable law. To the extent permitted by law, said disclosures shall be held in strictest confidence by the Covered Entity. Business Associate will provide such access in a time and manner that is sufficient to meet any applicable requirements of applicable law.
- i) Business Associate agrees to document and maintain a record of disclosures of PHI and information related to such disclosures, including the date, recipient and purpose of such disclosures, in a manner that is sufficient for Covered Entity or Business Associate to respond to a request by Covered Entity or an Individual for an Accounting of disclosures of PHI and in accordance with 45 CFR § 164.528. Business Associate further shall provide any additional information where required by HIPAA and any implementing regulations. Unless otherwise provided under HIPAA, Business Associate will maintain the Accounting with respect to each disclosure for at least six years following the date of the disclosure.
- j) Business Associate agrees to provide to Covered Entity upon written request, or, as directed by Covered Entity, to an Individual, an Accounting of disclosures in a time and manner that is sufficient to meet the requirements of HIPAA, in accordance with 45 CFR §164.528. In addition, where Business Associate is contacted directly by an Individual based upon information provided to the Individual by Covered Entity and where so required by HIPAA and/or any implementing regulations, Business Associate shall make such Accounting available directly to the Individual.
- k) In accordance with 45 CFR §164.502(b), Business Associate agrees to make reasonable efforts to limit use, disclosure, and/or requests for PHI to the minimum necessary to accomplish the intended purpose of the use, disclosure, or request. Where required by HIPAA, Business Associate

shall determine (in its reasonable judgment) what constitutes the minimum necessary to accomplish the intended purpose of a disclosure.

- l) In accordance with 45 CFR §502(a)(5), Business Associate shall not directly or indirectly receive remuneration in exchange for any PHI of an Individual, except with the express written pre-approval of Covered Entity.
- m) To the extent Business Associate is to carry out one or more of the Covered Entity's obligation(s) under Subpart E of 45 CFR Part 164, Business Associate shall comply with the requirements of Subpart E that apply to the Covered Entity in the performance of such obligation(s).
- n) In accordance with 45 CFR §164.314(a)(1)(i)(C), Business Associate agrees to promptly report to Covered Entity any Security Incident of which Business Associate becomes aware.
- o) In accordance with 45 CFR §164.410 and the provisions of this Business Associate Agreement, Business Associate will report to Covered Entity, following Discovery and without unreasonable delay, but in no event later than five business days following Discovery, any Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information. Business Associate shall cooperate with Covered Entity in investigating the Breach and in meeting Covered Entity's obligations under HIPAA and any other applicable security breach notification laws, including but not limited to providing Covered Entity with such information in addition to Business Associate's report as Covered Entity may reasonably request, e.g., for purposes of Covered Entity making an assessment as to whether/what Breach Notification is required.

Business Associate's report under this subsection shall, to the extent available at the time the initial report is required, or as promptly thereafter as such information becomes available but no later than 30 days from discovery, include:

1. The identification (if known) of each Individual whose Unsecured Protected Health Information has been, or is reasonably believed by Business Associate to have been, accessed, acquired, or disclosed during such Breach;
2. A description of the nature of the unauthorized acquisition, access, use, or disclosure, including the date of the Breach and the date of discovery of the Breach;
3. A description of the type of Unsecured PHI acquired, accessed, used or disclosed in the Breach (e.g., full name, Social Security number, date of birth, etc.);
4. The identity of the individual(s) who made and who received the unauthorized acquisition, access, use or disclosure;
5. A description of what Business Associate is doing to investigate the Breach, to mitigate losses, and to protect against any further breaches; and
6. Contact information for Business Associate's representatives knowledgeable about the Breach.

- p) Business Associate shall maintain for a period of six years all information required to be reported under paragraph "o". This records retention requirement does not in any manner change the obligation to timely disclose all required information relating to a non-permitted acquisition, access, use or disclosure of Protected Health Information to the County Privacy Officer and the County Project Officer or designee five business days following Discovery.

**3) Permitted Uses and Disclosures by Business Associate**

Except as otherwise limited in this Business Associate Agreement, Business Associate may use or disclose PHI, consistent with HIPAA, as follows:

- a) Business Associate may use or disclose PHI as necessary to perform functions, activities, or services to or on behalf of Covered Entity under any service agreement(s) with Covered Entity, including Data Aggregation services related to the health care operations of Covered Entity, if called for in the Underlying Agreement, if Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI would not violate HIPAA if done by Covered Entity.
- b) Business Associate may use PHI for the proper management and administration of Business Associate or to carry out the legal responsibilities of Business Associate.
- c) Business Associate may disclose PHI for the proper management and administration of Business Associate if:
  - 1. Disclosure is Required By Law;
  - 2. Business Associate obtains reasonable assurances from the person to whom the PHI is disclosed that the PHI will remain confidential, and will be used or further disclosed only as Required By Law or for the purpose for which it was disclosed, and the person agrees to promptly notify Business Associate of any known breaches of the PHI's confidentiality; or
  - 3. Disclosure is pursuant to an order of a Court or Agency having jurisdiction over said information.
- d) Business Associate may use PHI to report violations of law to appropriate Federal and State authorities, consistent with 45 CFR § 164.502(j)(1).

**4) Obligations of Covered Entity**

- a) Covered Entity will notify Business Associate of any limitations on uses or disclosures described in its notice of privacy practices (NOPP).
- b) Covered Entity will notify Business Associate of any changes in, or revocation of, permission by an Individual to use or disclose PHI, to the extent that such changes or revocation may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.
- c) Covered Entity will notify Business Associate of any restriction of the use or disclosure of PHI, to the extent that such restriction may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.
- d) Covered Entity will notify Business Associate of any alternative means or locations for receipt of communications by an Individual which must be accommodated or permitted by Covered Entity,

to the extent that such alternative means or locations may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.

- e) Except as otherwise provided in this Business Associate Agreement, Covered Entity will not ask Business Associate to use or disclose PHI in any manner that would not be permissible under HIPAA if such use and/or disclosure was made by Covered Entity.

**5) Term, Termination and Breach**

- a) This Business Associate Agreement is effective when fully executed and will terminate when all of the PHI provided by Covered Entity to Business Associate or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity, is destroyed or returned to Covered Entity, including any material provided to subcontractors. If it is infeasible to return or destroy all PHI, protections are extended to such information, in accordance with the Section 5(d) and 5(e) below.
- b) Upon Covered Entity's determination that Business Associate has committed a violation or material breach of this Business Associate Agreement, and in Covered Entity's sole discretion, Covered Entity may take any one or more of the following steps:
  - 1. Provide an opportunity for Business Associate to cure the breach or end the violation, and if Business Associate does not cure the Breach or end the violation within a reasonable time specified by Covered Entity, terminate this Business Associate Agreement;
  - 2. Immediately terminate this Business Associate Agreement if Business Associate has committed a material breach of this Business Associate Agreement and cure of the material breach is not feasible; or,
  - 3. If neither termination nor cure is feasible, elect to continue this Business Associate Agreement and report the violation or material breach to the Secretary.
- c) If Business Associate believes Covered Entity has failed to fulfill any of its duties under this Business Associate Agreement, Business Associate will promptly notify Covered Entity as to same and Covered Entity shall promptly address the matter with Business Associate.
- d) Except as provided in Section 5(e) upon termination of this Business Associate Agreement for any reason, Business Associate will return or destroy, at the discretion of Covered Entity, all PHI received from Covered Entity or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity. This provision will also apply to PHI that is in the possession of workforce members, subcontractors, or agents of Business Associate. Neither Business Associate, nor any workforce member, subcontractor, or agent of Business Associate, will retain copies of the PHI.
- e) If Business Associate determines that returning or destroying all or part of the PHI received or created by and/or on behalf of Covered Entity is not feasible, Business Associate will notify Covered Entity of the circumstances making return or destruction infeasible. If Covered Entity agrees that return or destruction is infeasible, then Business Associate will extend the protections of this Business Associate Agreement to such PHI and limit further uses and disclosures of such PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as Business Associate maintains such PHI. Business Associate further agrees to retain the minimum necessary PHI to accomplish those tasks/responsibilities which make return and/or destruction infeasible.



6) **Miscellaneous**

- a) Covered Entity and Business Associate agree to take any action necessary to amend this Business Associate Agreement from time to time as may be necessary for Covered Entity or Business Associate to comply with the requirements of HIPAA, and/or any other implementing regulations or guidance.
- b) Notwithstanding the expiration or termination of this Business Associate Agreement or any Underlying Agreement, it is acknowledged and agreed that those rights and obligations of Business Associate which by their nature are intended to survive such expiration or termination shall survive, including but not limited to Sections 5(d) and 5(e) herein.
- c) In the event the terms of this Business Associate Agreement conflict with the terms of any other agreement between Covered Entity and Business Associate or the Underlying Agreement, then the terms of this Business Associate Agreement shall control.
- d) Notices and requests provided for under this Business Associate Agreement will be made in writing to Covered Entity, delivered by hand-delivery, overnight mail, or first-class mail, postage prepaid at:

- 1. Jan Longman  
DHS Privacy Officer  
2100 Washington Blvd. 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Arlington, Virginia 22204

- 2. MinhChau Corr  
County Attorney  
2100 Clarendon Blvd.  
Suite 511  
Arlington, Virginia 22201

- 3. Hamza Yasin  
County Project Officer  
2120 Washington Blvd, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Arlington, VA 22204

Notice and requests provided for under this Business Associate Agreement will be made in writing in the manner described above to Business Associate at:

George Mason University  
4400 University Drive MS4C5  
Fairfax Virginia 22030

- e) Covered Entity will have the right to inspect any records of Business Associate or to audit Business Associate to determine whether Business Associate is in compliance with the terms of this Business Associate Agreement. However, this provision does not create any obligation on the part of Covered Entity to conduct any inspection or audit.

- f) Nothing in this Business Associate Agreement shall be construed to create a partnership, joint venture, or other joint business relationship between the parties or any of their affiliates, or a relationship of employer and employee between the parties. Rather, it is the intention of the parties that Business Associate shall be an independent contractor.
- g) Nothing in this Business Associate Agreement provides or is intended to provide any benefit to any third party.
- h) The Business Associate will indemnify and hold harmless Arlington County, its elected officials, officers, directors, employees and/or agents from and against any employee, federal administrative action or third party claim or liability, including attorney's fees and costs, arising out of or in connection with the Business Associate's violation (or alleged violation) and/or any violation and/or alleged violation by Business Associate's workforce, agent/s, or subcontractor/s of the terms of this Business Associate Agreement, federal law, HIPAA, the HITECH Act, and/or other implementing regulations or guidance or any associated audit or investigation.

The obligation to provide indemnification under this Business Associate Agreement shall be contingent upon the party seeking indemnification providing the indemnifying party with written notice of any claim for which indemnification is sought. Any limitation of liability provisions contained in the Underlying Agreement do not supersede, pre-empt, or nullify this provision or the Business Associate Agreement generally.

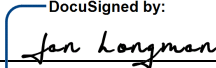
This indemnification shall survive the expiration or termination of this Business Associate Agreement or the Underlying Agreement.

- i) Any ambiguity in this Business Associate Agreement shall be resolved to permit the parties to comply with HIPAA, its implementing regulations, and associated guidance. The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Business Associate agreement are severable. If any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Business Associate Agreement is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences and sections of this Business Associate Agreement.
- j) If any dispute or claim arises between the parties with respect to this Business Associate Agreement, the parties will make a good faith effort to resolve such matters informally, it being the intention of the parties to reasonably cooperate with each other in the performance of the obligations set forth in this Business Associate Agreement. The Dispute Resolution clause of the Underlying Agreement ultimately governs if good faith efforts are unsuccessful.
- k) A waiver with respect to one event shall not be construed as continuing, or as a bar to or waiver of any other right or remedy as to any subsequent events.
- l) Neither party may assign any of its rights or obligations under this Business Associate Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party.
- m) This Business Associate Agreement and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be construed, interpreted, and enforced with, and shall be governed by, the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States of America.

- n) This Business Associate Agreement shall remain in effect for the duration of the Underlying Agreement between the parties, any renewals, extension or continuations thereof, and until such time as all PHI in the possession or control of the Business Associate has been returned to the Covered Entity and/or destroyed. If such return or destruction is not feasible, the Business Associate shall use such PHI only for such limited purposes that make such return or destruction not feasible, and the provision of this Business Associate Agreement shall survive with respect to such PHI.
- o) The Business Associate shall be deemed to be in violation of this Business Associate Agreement if it knew of, or with the exercise of reasonable diligence or oversight should have known of, a pattern of activity or practice of any subcontractor, subsidiary, affiliate, agent or workforce member that constitutes a material violation of that entity's obligations in regard to PHI unless the Business Associate took prompt and reasonable steps to cure the breach or end the violation, as applicable, and if such steps were unsuccessful, terminated the contract or arrangement with such entity, if feasible.
- p) Upon the enactment of any law or regulation affecting the use or disclosure of PHI, or any change in applicable federal law including revisions to HIPAA; upon publication of any decision of a court of the United States or of the Commonwealth of Virginia, relating to PHI or applicable federal law; upon the publication of any interpretive policy or opinion of any governmental agency charged with the enforcement of PHI disclosures or applicable federal law, the County reserves the right, upon written notice to the Business Associate, to amend this Business Associate Agreement as the County determines is necessary to comply with such change, law or regulation. If the Business Associate disagrees with any such amendment, it shall so notify the County in writing within thirty (30) days of the County's notice. In case of disagreement, the parties agree to negotiate in good faith the appropriate amendment(s) to give effect to such revised obligation. In the County's discretion, the failure to enter into an amendment shall be deemed to be a default and good cause for termination of the Underlying Agreement.
- q) The County makes no warranty or representation that compliance by the Business Associate with this Business Associate Agreement, HIPAA, the HITECH Act, federal law or the regulations promulgated thereunder will be adequate or satisfactory for the Business Associate's own purposes or to ensure its compliance with the above. The Business Associate is solely responsible for all decisions made by it, its workforce members, agents, employees, subsidiaries and subcontractors regarding the safeguarding of PHI and compliance with federal law.
- r) The Business Associate agrees that its workforce members, agents, employees, subsidiaries and subcontractors shall be bound by the confidentiality requirements herein and the provisions of this Business Associate Agreement shall be incorporated into any training or contracts with the same.
- s) This Business Associate Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same document.
- t) This Business Associate Agreement shall replace and supersede any prior Business Associate Agreement entered between the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each party hereto has executed this Business Associate Agreement in duplicate originals on the date below written:

**Arlington County, Virginia**

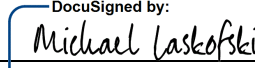
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Name: Jan Longman

Title: County Privacy Officer

Date: 6/21/2024

**George Mason University**

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Name: Michael Laskofski

Title: Associate VP of Research Operations

Date: 6/21/2024