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Part I – General Fiscal Provisions

<u>Section 1 – General Fiscal Provisions</u>

A. Fiscal Provisions

For services satisfactorily rendered, and upon receipt and approval of documentation as identified in Exhibit A, Attachment I, Part III, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) agrees to compensate the Contractor for actual expenditures incurred in accordance with the rates and/or allowable costs specified herein.

B. Funding Authorization

Contractor shall bear the financial risk in providing any substance use disorder services covered by this Contract.

C. Availability of Funds

It is understood that, for the mutual benefit of both parties, this Contract may have been written before ascertaining the availability of congressional appropriation of funds in order to avoid program and fiscal delays that would occur if this Contract were not executed until after that determination. If so, DHCS may amend the amount of funding provided for in this Contract based on the actual congressional appropriation.

D. Budget Contingency Clause

It is mutually agreed that if the Budget Act of the current year and/or any subsequent years covered under this Contract does not appropriate sufficient funds for the program, this Contract shall be of no further force and effect. In this event, DHCS shall have no liability to pay any funds whatsoever to Contractor or to furnish any other considerations under this Contract and Contractor shall not be obligated to perform any provisions of this Contract.

If the funding for any fiscal year is reduced or deleted by the Budget Act for purposes of this program, DHCS shall solely have the option to either cancel this Contract with no liability occurring to DHCS, or offer an amended agreement to Contractor to reflect the reduced amount.

E. Expense Allowability / Fiscal Documentation

- 1. Invoices, received from a Contractor and accepted and/or submitted for payment by DHCS, shall not be deemed evidence of allowable agreement costs.
- 2. Contractor shall maintain for review, audit, and supply to DHCS upon request, adequate documentation of all expenses claimed pursuant to this Contract to permit a determination of expense allowability.
- 3. If the allowability or appropriateness of an expense cannot be determined by DHCS because invoice detail, fiscal records, or backup documentation is nonexistent or inadequate according to generally accepted accounting principles, and generally accepted governmental audit standards, all questionable costs may be disallowed and payment may

be withheld by DHCS. Upon receipt of adequate documentation supporting a disallowed or questionable expense, reimbursement may resume for the amount substantiated and deemed allowable.

- 4. Costs and/or expenses deemed unallowable shall not be reimbursed or, if mistakenly reimbursed, those costs and/or expenses shall be subject to recovery by DHCS pursuant to HSC Code 11817.8(e).
- F. Maintenance of Effort for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant
 - Notwithstanding any other provision in this Contract, the Director of DHCS may reduce federal funding allocations, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, to a county that has-a reduced or anticipates reduced expenditures in a way that would result in a decrease in California's receipt of Federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG) funds (42 United States Code (U.S.C.) Sect 300x-30).
 - Prior to making any reductions pursuant to this subdivision, the Director shall notify all counties that county underspending will reduce the Federal SABG Maintenance Of Effort (MOE). Upon receipt of notification, a county may submit a revision to the county budget initially submitted pursuant to HSC Section 11798 subdivision(a) in an effort to maintain the statewide SABG MOE.
 - 3. Pursuant to HSC Section 11814(d)(3), a county shall notify DHCS in writing of proposed local changes to the county's expenditure of funds. DHCS shall review and may approve the proposed local changes depending on the level of expenditures needed to maintain DHCS wide SABG MOE.
- G. SABG Primary Prevention Services Expenditure Requirement

Pursuant to Title 42, U.S.C. Section 300x-22(a), the Contractor shall expend a minimum of 20 percent of SABG funds for primary prevention services. The Contractor shall expend primary prevention funds for strategies, programs, and services directed at individuals who have not been determined to require treatment for a substance use disorder. These programs shall educate and counsel individuals on substance abuse and provide for activities to reduce the risk of such abuse by the individuals. The Contractor shall give priority to programs for populations that are at risk of developing a pattern of substance abuse and ensure that those programs develop community-based prevention strategies.

H. SABG Women Services Expenditure Requirement

Pursuant to Title 42, U.S.C. 5 Section 300x-22(b) and 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 96.124(c), for each state fiscal year (SFY) the Contractor shall expend an amount of SABG funds not less than the amount expended by the Contractor in fiscal year 1994 on perinatal services, pregnant women, and women with dependent children. The Contractor shall expend that percentage either by establishing new programs or expanding the capacity of existing programs in the manner described in Exhibit G of the annual SABG allocation, "County Share of SABG Women Services Expenditure Requirements" (found at http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/Info%20Notice%202015/11-Exhibit_G.pdf).

Section 2 – General Fiscal Provisions – SABG

A. Revenue Collection

Contractor shall conform to revenue collection requirements in HSC Sections 11841, by raising revenues in addition to the funds allocated by DHCS. These revenues include, but are not limited to, fees for services, private contributions, grants, or other governmental funds. These revenues shall be used in support of additional alcohol and other drug services or facilities. Each alcohol and drug program shall set and collect client fees based on the client's ability to pay. The fee requirement shall not apply to prevention and early intervention services. Contractor shall identify in its annual cost report the types and amounts of revenues collected.

B. Cost Efficiencies

It is intended that the cost to the Contractor in maintaining the dedicated capacity and units of service shall be met by the SABG funds allocated to the Contractor and other Contractor or subcontractor revenues. Amounts awarded pursuant to Exhibit A, Attachment I, Part I, shall not be used for services where payment has been made, or can reasonably be expected to be made under any other state or federal compensation or benefits program, or where services can be paid for from revenues.

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Part II – Reimbursements

Section 1 - General Reimbursement

A. Prompt Payment Clause

Payment will be made in accordance with, and within the time specified in, Government Code Chapter 4.5, commencing with Section 927.

B. Amounts Payable

- The amount payable under this Contract shall not exceed the amount identified on the State
 of California Standard Agreement form STD 213 DHCS.
- 2. Reimbursement shall be made for allowable expenses up to the amount annually encumbered commensurate with the state fiscal year in which services are performed and/or goods are received.
- 3. The funds identified for the fiscal years covered by this Section, within this Exhibit, are subject to change depending on the availability and amount of funds appropriated by the Legislature and the Federal Government. The amount of funds available for expenditure by the Contractor shall be limited to the amount identified in the final allocations issued by DHCS for that fiscal year or the SABG amount, whichever is less. Changes to allocated funds will require a written amendment to the Contract.
- 4. For each fiscal year, DHCS may settle costs for services based on the year-end cost settlement report. The year-end cost settlement shall be the final amendment for the state fiscal year.

Section 2 - Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG)

A. Amounts Payable for SABG

- 4. DHCS shall reimburse the Contractor monthly in arrears based upon quarterly invoicing an amount equal to one-twelfth of the maximum amount allowed pursuant to Exhibit B of the Contract or the most recent allocation based on the Budget Act Allocation, whichever is less. Final allocations will reflect any increases or reductions in the appropriations as reflected in DHCS Budget Act allocation and any subsequent allocation revisions.
- 2. Quarterly Invoicing-Quarterly Federal Financial Management Report (QFFMR)
 - a) Chapter 8760 of the State Administrative Manual requires DHCS to establish control mechanisms to ensure that the Contractor does not spend beyond its allocation and that DHCS does not reimburse beyond the Contractor's allocation. The Contractor shall complete qQFFMRs invoices as prescribed in Exhibit A, Attachment I, Part III, Section A, Subsection 1. by DHCS that serve as expenditure reports during the fiscal year. These quarterly QFFMRs serve as expenditure reports and invoices for payment. The Contractor shall incur expenditures before receiving payment from its allocation. These expenditures are documented as totals in aggregate. Quarterly invoices are due:

- December 1-1st Quarter
- March 1-2nd Quarter
- June 1-3rd Quarter
- September 1-4th Quarter

These invoices serve as payment authorizations. Payment authorizations are analyzed by DHCS to ensure that costs are reasonable and do not exceed the Contractor's allocation. Inaccuracies in the report shall be resolved by the Contractor prior to receiving payment. These quarterly invoices serve as the Quarterly Federal Financial Management Report (QFFMR).

- b) The Contractor shall submit the QFFMR describing the preceding quarter's SABG expenditure by March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1 of each year.
- c) <u>DHCS shall review QFFMR reports to ensure that costs are reasonable and do not exceed the Contractor's allocation. Inaccuracies in the report shall be resolved by the Contractor prior to receiving payment.</u>
- 3. Monthly disbursements to the Contractor at the beginning of each fiscal year of the Contract shall be based on the preliminary allocation of funds, as detailed in Section 2 of this Exhibit.
- 4. Based on the expenditure information submitted by the counties in the QFFMR (Document 3O), DHCS may adjust monthly payments of encumbered block grant federal funds to extend the length of time (not to exceed 21 months) over which payments of federal funds will be made.
- 5. 3. Pursuant to 45 CFR Section 75.371 and HSC Section 11817.8, DHCS may withhold monthly SABG payments if the Contractor fails to:
 - Submit timely reports and data required by any forms and reports to DHCS by each due date, including but not limited to, forms reports required pursuant to Exhibit A, Attachment I, Part III.
 - b) Submit a Contract amendment within 90 days from issuance from DHCS to the Contractor.
 - c) Submit monitoring reports and attest **to** the completion of Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) for services provided pursuant to this Contract.
 - d) Monitor its subcontractors annually-pursuant to Exhibit A, Attachment I, Part I.
- 6. 4. In the event DHCS withholds SABG payment, the Contractor's payment shall commence with the next scheduled monthly payment following DHCS' receipt and acceptance of complete and accurate reports, data, or executed Contract. The payment shall include any funds withheld pursuant to Section 2(A)(5).
- 7. 5. Adjustments may be made to the total Contract amount and funds may be withheld from payments otherwise due to the Contractor hereunder, for nonperformance to the extent that

nonperformance involves fraud, abuse, or failure to achieve the objectives of the provisions of Exhibit A, Attachment I, Part I.

B. Payment Provisions

For each fiscal year, the total amount payable by DHCS to the Contractor for services provided under Exhibit A, Attachment I, Part I, shall not exceed the encumbered amount. The funds identified for the fiscal years covered by Exhibit A, Attachment I, Part I, are subject to change depending on the availability and amount of funds appropriated by the Legislature and the Federal Government. Changes to encumbered funds require a written amendment to the Contract. DHCS may settle costs for SABG services based on the year-end cost settlement report as the final amendment to the approved single state/county Contract.

C. In the event of a Contract amendment, as required by the preceding paragraph, the Contactor shall submit to DHCS the information identified in Exhibit E, Section (1)(B). To the extent the Contractor is notified of the State Budget Act allocation prior to the execution of the Contract, DHCS and the Contractor may agree to amend the Contract after the issuance of the first Budget Act allocation.

D. Accrual of Interest

Any interest accrued from state-allocated funds and retained by the Contractor shall be used for the same purpose as DHCS-allocated funds from which the interest was accrued.

E. Expenditure Period

SABG funds are allocated based upon the Federal Grant award period. These funds must be expended for activities authorized pursuant to 42 USC Sections 300x-21 through 300x-66, and Title 45 CFR 96.120 et seq., within the availability period of the grant award. Any SABG funds that have not been expended by the Contractor at the end of the expenditure period identified below shall be returned to DHCS for subsequent return to the Federal Government.

- 1. The expenditure period of the FFY 2015 award is October 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017.
- 2. The expenditure period of the FFY 2016 award is October 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018.
- 3. The expenditure period of the FFY 2017 award is October 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019.
- 4. The expenditure period of the FFY 2018 award is October 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020.
- 5. The expenditure period of the FFY 2019 award is October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021.
- F. Contractors receiving SABG funds shall comply with the financial management standards contained in 45 CFR Sections 75.302(b)(1) through (6), and 45 CFR Section 96.30.
- G. Non-profit subcontractors receiving SABG funds shall comply with the financial management standards contained in 45 CFR Section 75.302(b)(1) through (4) and (b)(7), and 45 CFR Section 96.30.

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- H. Contractors receiving SABG funds shall track obligations and expenditures by individual SABG award, including, but not limited to, obligations and expenditures for primary prevention, services to pregnant women and women with dependent children. "Obligation" shall have the same meaning as used in 45 CFR Section 75.2.
- I. Restrictions on the Use of SABG Funds

Pursuant to 42 USC 300x-31, Contractor shall not use SABG funds provided by the Contract on the following activities:

- 1. Provide inpatient services.
- 2. Make cash payments to intended recipients of health services.
- 3. Purchase or improve land, purchase, construct, or permanently improve (other than minor remodeling) any building or other facility, or purchase major medical equipment.
- 4. Satisfy any requirement for the expenditure of SABG funds as a condition for the receipt of federal funds.
- 5. Provide financial assistance to any entity other than a public or nonprofit private entity.
- 6. Pay the salary of an individual through a grant or other extramural mechanism at a rate in excess of level I of the Executive Salary Schedule for the award year: see http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/salcap_summary.htm.
- 7. Purchase treatment services in penal or correctional institutions of thisthe State of California.
- 8. Supplant state funding of programs to prevent and treat substance abuse and related activities.
- 9. Carry out any program prohibited by 42 USC 300x–21 and 42 USC 300ee–5 such that none of the funds provided under this Act or an amendment made by this Act shall be used to provide individuals with hypodermic needles or syringes so that such individuals may use illegal drugs, unless the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service determines that a demonstration needle exchange program would be effective in reducing drug abuse and the risk that the public will become infected with the etiologic agent for acquired immune deficiency syndrome.
- 10. Exception regarding inpatient hospital services:
 - a) Medical necessity as precondition: With respect to compliance with the agreement made under this Exhibit, Part II, Section 2(I), a State may expend a grant under 42 USC 300x–21 to provide inpatient hospital services as treatment for substance abuse only if it has been determined, in accordance with guidelines issued by the Secretary, that such treatment is a medical necessity for the individual involved, and that the individual cannot be effectively treated in a community-based, nonhospital, residential program of treatment.

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b) Rate of payment: In the case of an individual for whom a grant under section 300x–21 of this title is expended to provide inpatient hospital services described in paragraph (4<u>a</u>), a funding agreement for the grant for the State involved is that the daily rate of payment provided to the hospital for providing the services to the individual will not exceed the comparable daily rate provided for community-based, non-hospital, residential programs of treatment for substance abuse.

11. Waiver regarding construction of facilities:

- a) In general: The Secretary may provide to any State a waiver of the restriction established in 42 USC 300x–31, subsection (a)(1)(C), for the purpose of authorizing DHCS to expend a grant under section 42 USC 300x–21 for the construction of a new facility or rehabilitation of an existing facility, but not for land acquisition.
- b) Standard regarding need for waiver: The Secretary may approve a waiver under 42 USC 300x–31(c), only if DHCS demonstrates to the Secretary that adequate treatment cannot be provided through the use of existing facilities and that alternative facilities in existing suitable buildings are not available.
- c) Amount: In granting a waiver under 42 USC 300x–31(c), the Secretary shall allow the use of a specified amount of funds to construct or rehabilitate a specified number of beds for residential treatment and a specified number of slots for outpatient treatment, based on reasonable estimates by DHCS of the costs of construction or rehabilitation. In considering waiver applications, the Secretary shall ensure that DHCS has carefully designed a program that will minimize the costs of additional beds.
- d) Matching funds: The Secretary may grant a waiver under 42 USC 300x–31 (c), only if DHCS agrees, with respect to the costs to be incurred by DHCS in carrying out the purpose of the waiver, to make available non-federal contributions in cash toward such costs in an amount equal to not less than \$1 for each \$1 of federal funds provided under 42 USC 300x–21.
- e) Date certain for acting upon request: The Secretary shall act upon a request for a waiver under 42 USC 300x–31 (c), not later than 120 days after the date on which the request is made.

12. Provide services reimbursable by Medi-Cal:

- a) Contractor shall not utilize SABG funds to pay for a service that is reimbursable by Medi-Cal.
- b) The Contractor may utilize SABG funds to pay for a service included in the California State Plan or the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS), but which is not reimbursable by Medi-Cal.
- c) If the Contractor utilizes SABG funds to pay for a service that is included in the California State Plan or the DMC-ODS, the Contractor shall maintain documentation sufficient to demonstrate that Medi-Cal reimbursement was not available.

Part III - Financial Audit Requirements

Section 1 - General Fiscal Audit Requirements

- A. In addition to the requirements identified below, the Contractor and its subcontractors are required to meet the audit requirements as delineated in Exhibit C, General Terms and Conditions, and Exhibit D(F), Special Terms and Conditions, of this Contract.
- B. All expenditures of county realignment funds, state and federal funds furnished to the Contractor and its subcontractors pursuant to this Contract are subject to audit by DHCS. Such audits shall consider and build upon external independent audits performed pursuant to audit requirements of 45 CFR, Part 75, Subpart F and/or any independent Contractor audits or reviews. Objectives of such audits may include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - 1. To determine whether units of service claimed/reported are properly documented by service records and accurately accumulated for claiming/reporting.
 - 2. To validate data reported by the Contractor for prospective contract negotiations.
 - 3. To provide technical assistance in addressing current year activities and providing recommendations on internal controls, accounting procedures, financial records, and compliance with laws and regulations.
 - 4. To determine the cost of services, net of related patient and participant fees, third party payments, and other related revenues and funds.
 - 5. To determine that expenditures are made in accordance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations and contract requirements.
 - 6. To determine the facts in relation to analysis of data, complaints, or allegations, which may be indicative of fraud, abuse, willful misrepresentation, or failure to achieve the Contract objectives.
- C. Unannounced visits to the Contractor and/or its subcontractors may be made at the discretion of DHCS.
- D. The refusal of the Contractor or its subcontractors to permit access to and inspection of electronic or print books and records, physical facilities, and/or refusal to permit interviews with employees, as described in this part constitutes an express and immediate material breach of this Contract and will be sufficient basis to terminate the Contract for cause or default.
- E. Reports of audits conducted by DHCS shall reflect all findings, recommendations, adjustments, and corrective actions as a result of its finding in any areas.

Section 2. SABG Financial Audits

A. Contractor shall monitor the activities of all of its subcontractors to ensure that the SABG funds are used for authorized purposes, in compliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the grant, and that performance goals are achieved.

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- B. Contractor may use a variety of monitoring mechanisms, including limited scope audits, on-site visits, progress reports, financial reports, and review of documentation support requests for reimbursement, to meet the Contractor's monitoring objectives. Contractor may charge federal awards for the cost of these monitoring procedures if permitted under 45 CFR 75.425.
- C. Contractor shall submit to DHCS a copy of the procedures and any other monitoring mechanism used to monitor non-profit Subcontracts at the time of the County's annual desk review or site visit or within 60 days thereafter. Contractor shall state the frequency that non-profit Subcontracts are monitored.
- D. On-site visits focus on compliance and controls over compliance areas. The DHCS County Monitoring Unit analyst shall make site visits to the subcontractor location(s), and can use a variety of monitoring mechanisms to document compliance requirements. The Contractor shall follow-up on any findings and the corrective actions. 42 USC 300x-31 subsection (a)(1)(C)
 - 1. Contractor shall be responsible for any disallowance taken by the Federal Government, DHCS, or the California State Auditor, as a result of any audit exception that is related to the Contractor's responsibilities herein. Contractor shall not use funds administered by DHCS to repay one federal funding source with funds provided by another federal funding source, to repay federal funds with state funds, or to repay state funds with federal funds. DHCS shall invoice Contractor 60 days after issuing the final audit report or upon resolution of an audit appeal. Contractor agrees to develop and implement any CAP in a manner acceptable to DHCS in order to comply with recommendations contained in any audit report. Such CAP plans shall include time-specific objectives to allow for measurement of progress and are subject to verification by DHCS within one year from the date of the plan.
- E. Contractors that conduct financial audits of subcontractors, other than a subcontractor whose funding consists entirely of non-Department funds, shall develop a process to resolve disputed financial findings and notify subcontractors of their appeal rights pursuant to that process. If any fiscal adjustments remain after the Contractor and subcontractor have exhausted the internal appeals process, any SABG funds outstanding shall be returned to DHCS. This section shall not apply to those grievances or compliances arising from the financial findings of an audit or examination made by or on behalf of DHCS pursuant to Part III of this Exhibit.
- F. If the Contractor fails to comply with <u>F</u>federal statues, regulations, or the terms and conditions of the grant, DHCS may impose additional conditions on the subaward, including:
 - 1. Requiring additional or more detailed financial reports.
 - 2. Requiring technical or management assistance.
 - 3. Establishing additional prior approvals.
- G. If DHCS determines that the Contractor's noncompliance cannot be remedied by imposing additional conditions, DHCS may take one or more of the following actions:
 - 1. Temporarily withhold cash payment pending correction of the deficiency by the Contractor.
 - 2. Disallow all or part of the cost of the activity or action not in compliance.

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- 3. Wholly or partly suspend the award activities or terminate the Contractor's subaward.
- 4. Recommend that the suspension or debarment proceedings be initiated by the Ffederal awarding agency.
- 5. Withhold further $\pm \underline{f}$ ederal awards.
- 6. Take other remedies that may be legally available.

Part IV – Records

Section 1 - General Provisions

A. Maintenance of Records

Contractor shall maintain sufficient books, records, documents, and other evidence necessary for DHCS to audit contract performance and contract compliance. Contractor shall make these records available to SAMHSA, Inspectors General, the Comptroller General, DHCS, or any of their authorized representatives upon request, to evaluate the quality and quantity of services, accessibility and appropriateness of services, and to ensure fiscal accountability. Regardless of the location or ownership of such records, they shall be sufficient to determine if costs incurred by Contractor are reasonable, allowable, and allocated appropriately. All records must be capable of verification by qualified auditors.

- 1. Contractor and subcontractors shall include in any contract with an audit firm a clause to permit access by DHCS to the working papers of the external independent auditor, and require that copies of the working papers shall be made for DHCS at its request.
- 2. Contractor and subcontractors shall keep adequate and sufficient financial records and statistical data to support the year-end documents filed with DHCS. All records must be capable of verification by qualified auditors.
- 3. Accounting records and supporting documents shall be retained for a three-year period from the date the year-end cost settlement report was approved by DHCS for interim settlement. When an audit by the Federal Government, DHCS, or the California State Auditor has been started before the expiration of the three-year period, the records shall be retained until completion of the audit and final resolution of all issues that arise in the audit. Final settlement shall be made at the end of the audit and appeal process. If an audit has not been completed within three years, the interim settlement shall be considered as the final settlement.
- 4. Financial records shall be kept so that they clearly reflect the source of funding for each type of service for which reimbursement is claimed. These documents include, but are not limited to, all ledgers, books, vouchers, time sheets, payrolls, appointment schedules, client data cards, and schedules for allocating costs. All records must be capable of verification by qualified auditors.
- 5. Contractor's subcontracts shall require that all subcontractors comply with the requirements of Exhibit A, Attachment I, Part I, Section 3.
- 6. Should a subcontractor discontinue its contractual agreement with the Contractor, or cease to conduct business in its entirety, Contractor shall be responsible for retaining the subcontractor's fiscal and program records for the required retention period. The State Administrative Manual (SAM) contains statutory requirements governing the retention, storage, and disposal of records pertaining to state funds. Contractor shall follow SAM requirements located at http://sam.dgs.ca.gov/TOC/1600.aspx.
- 7. The Contractor shall retain all records in accordance with the time periods outlined in 45 CFR Section 75.361.

8. In the expenditure of funds hereunder, and as required by 45 CFR Part 96, Contractor shall comply with the requirements of SAM and the laws and procedures applicable to the obligation and expenditure of federal and state funds.

B. Dispute Resolution Process

- 1. In the event of a dispute under this Exhibit A, Attachment I, Part IB, other than an audit dispute, Contractor shall provide written notice of the particulars of the dispute to DHCS before exercising any other available remedy. Written notice shall include the contract number. The Director (or designee) of DHCS and the County Drug or Alcohol Program Administrator (or designee) shall meet to discuss the means by which they can effect an equitable resolution to the dispute. Contractor shall receive a written response from DHCS within 60 days of the notice of dispute. The written response shall reflect the issues discussed at the meeting and state how the dispute will be resolved.
- 1. Contractors that conduct financial audits of subcontractors, other than a subcontractor whose funding consists entirely of non-Department funds, shall develop a process to resolve disputed financial findings and notify subcontractors of their appeal rights pursuant to that process. If any fiscal adjustments remain after the Contractor and subcontractor have exhausted the internal appeals process, any SABG funds outstanding must be returned to DHCS. This section shall not apply to those grievances or compliances arising from the financial findings of an audit or examination made by or on behalf of DHCS pursuant to Part III of this Exhibit.
- 2. To ensure that necessary corrective actions are taken, financial audit findings that are either uncontested or upheld after appeal may be used by DHCS during prospective contract negotiations.