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SUBJECT: Annual County Compliance Unit Report

Dear Director Hobson:

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is responsible for monitoring compliance to requirements of the Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) and the terms of the Contract operated by Plumas County.

The County Compliance Unit (CCU) within the Audits and Investigations Division (A&I) of DHCS conducted a review of the County's compliance with contract requirements based on responses to the monitoring instrument, discussion with county staff, and supporting documentation provided by the County.

Enclosed are the results of Plumas County's State Fiscal Year 2019-20 SABG compliance review. The report identifies deficiencies, required corrective actions, advisory recommendations, and referrals for technical assistance.

Plumas County is required to submit a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) addressing each deficiency noted to the Community Services Division (CSD), Community Support Branch (CSB), Policy, Monitoring and Financing Section (PMFS) Analyst by 7/23/2020. Please use enclosed CAP plan form when completing the CAP. CAP and supporting documentation to be e-mailed to the PMFS analyst at SABGcompliance@dhcs.ca.gov.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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REVIEW SCOPE

- I. Regulations:
 - a. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, section 51341.1 – Drug Medi-Cal Substance Use Disorder Services
 - b. Code of Federal Regulations; Title 45, Part 96; Subpart L; section 96.121 through 96.137: Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant
 - c. United States Code, Title 42, Section 300x-21 through 300x-66: Block Grants regarding Mental Health and Substance Use
 - d. Health and Safety Code, Division 10.5, Section 11750 – 11970: Alcohol and Drug Programs

- II. Program Requirements:
 - a. State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2019-20 State County Contract, herein referred to as State County Contract
 - b. State of California *Youth Treatment Guidelines Revised August 2002*
 - c. DHCS *Perinatal Practice Guidelines FY 2018-19*
 - d. National Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS)
 - e. Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders Services (MHSUDS) Information Notices

SUMMARY OF SFY 2019-20 COMPLIANCE DEFICIENCIES (CD)

Section:	Number of CD's:
1.0 Administration	0
2.0 SABG Monitoring	2
3.0 Perinatal	1
4.0 Adolescent/Youth Treatment	0
5.0 Primary Prevention	0
6.0 Cultural Competence	0
7.0 CalOMS and DATAR	2
8.0 Privacy and Information Security	0
9.0 Fiscal	0
10.0 Previous CAP	8

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Pursuant to the State County Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I A2, Part I, Section 3, B, 5-8 each compliance deficiency (CD) identified must be addressed via a Corrective Action Plan (CAP). The CAP is due within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of this monitoring report.

Please provide the following within the completed SFY 2019-20 CAP.

- a) A statement of the CD.
- b) A list of action steps to be taken to correct the CD.
- c) A date of completion for each CD.
- d) The name of the person who will be responsible for corrections and ongoing compliance.

The PMFS analyst will monitor progress of the CAP completion.

2.0 SABG MONITORING

The following deficiencies in the SABG monitoring requirements were identified:

COMPLIANCE DEFICIENCIES:

CD 2.11:

SABG State-County Contract Exhibit A, Attachment I A2, Part I, Section 1, B, 3, c-d

3. As a subrecipient, the Contractor shall:

- c. Evaluate and monitor its activities and the activities of all subcontractors for compliance with applicable statutes, regulations, and terms and conditions of the subaward.
- d. Address any instances of noncompliance promptly, including noncompliance identified in audit findings.

SABG State-County Contract Exhibit A, Attachment I A2, Part I, Section 1, C, 5

5. Contractor and all its subcontractors shall comply with the Minimum Quality Drug Treatment Standards for SABG for all Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment programs either partially or fully funded by SABG. The Minimum Quality Drug Treatment Standards for SABG are attached to this Contract as Document 2F(b), incorporated by reference. The incorporation of any new Minimum Quality Drug Treatment Standards into this Contract shall not require a formal amendment.

Finding: The County did not have all SABG program requirements within their monitoring tool. The following criteria are missing:

- DHCS Perinatal Practice Guidelines
- Primary Prevention

CD 2.12:

SABG State-County Contract Exhibit A, Attachment I A2, Part I, Section 3, A, 1, e

1. Contractor's performance under this Exhibit A, Attachment I, Part I, shall be monitored by DHCS during the term of this Contract.
 - e. Whether the Contractor conducted annual onsite monitoring reviews of services and subcontracted services for programmatic and fiscal requirements. Contractor shall submit copy of its monitoring and audit reports to DHCS within two weeks of issuance. Reports shall be sent by secure, encrypted email to:

SUDCountyReports@dhcs.ca.gov or

Substance Use Disorder-Program, Policy, and Fiscal Division
Performance Management Branch
Department of Health Care Services
PO Box 997413, MS-2627
Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

Finding: The County indicated a total of four (4) SABG monitoring reports were sent to DHCS for SFY 2018-19. The County did not monitor all providers for SABG programmatic and fiscal requirements. The County did monitor three (3) of four (4) County and sub-contracted providers for SABG programmatic and fiscal requirements. The County did not submit their SABG programmatic and fiscal monitoring reports secure and encrypted. The County did submit one (1) SABG programmatic and fiscal monitoring reports to DHCS within two weeks of report issuance. The County did submit two (2) SABG programmatic and fiscal monitoring reports to DHCS more than two weeks after report issuance.

3.0 PERINATAL

The following deficiency in Perinatal Services regulations, standards, or protocol requirements was identified:

COMPLIANCE DEFICIENCY:

CD 3.22:

SABG State-County Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I A2, Part I, Section 1, C, 1, g

1. Performance under the terms of this Exhibit A, Attachment I, Part I, is subject to all applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and standards. In accepting DHCS drug and alcohol SABG allocation pursuant to HSC Sections 11814(a) and (b), Contractor shall: (i) establish, and shall require its subcontractors to establish, written policies and procedures consistent with the control requirements set forth below; (ii) monitor for compliance with the written procedures; and (iii) be accountable for audit exceptions taken by DHCS against the Contractor and its subcontractors for any failure to comply with these requirements:
 - g. Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Sections 96.30 through 96.33 and Sections 96.120 through 96.137.

45 C.F.R. § 96.126 (a)

- (a) In order to obtain Block Grant funds, the State must require programs that receive funding under the grant and that treat individuals for intravenous substance abuse to provide to the State, upon reaching 90 percent of its capacity to admit individuals to the program, a notification of that fact within seven days. In carrying out this section, the State shall establish a capacity management program which reasonably implements this section - that is, which enables any such program to readily report to the State when it reaches 90 percent of its capacity - and which ensures the maintenance of a continually updated record of all such reports and which makes excess capacity information available to such programs.

Perinatal Practice Guidelines FY 18-19

- i. When a SUD treatment provider serving intravenous substance users reaches or exceeds 90 percent of its treatment capacity, the provider must report this information to the Drug and Alcohol Treatment Access Report (DATAR) on a monthly basis. The DATAR system is DHCS's capacity management program used to collect data on SUD treatment capacity and waiting lists.
- ii. A provider and/or county must also notify DHCS upon reaching or exceeding 90 percent of its treatment capacity within seven days.
 - a. Providers and/or counties must notify DHCS by emailing the PYSU email inbox at DHCSOWPS@dhcs.ca.gov.
 - b. The subject line in the email must read "Capacity Management."

Finding: The County did not provide evidence of compliance with regulations regarding notification to DHCS when 90% capacity has been reached.

7.0 CALIFORNIA OUTCOMES MEASUREMENT SYSTEM TREATMENT (CaIOMS Tx)

AND DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT ACCESS REPORT (DATAR)

The following deficiencies in CalOMS and DATAR regulations, standards, or protocol requirements were identified:

COMPLIANCE DEFICIENCIES:

CD 7.34.b:

State-County Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I A2, Part III, B, 3-6

3. Electronic submission of CalOMS-Tx data shall be submitted by Contractor within 45 days from the end of the last day of the report month.
4. Contractor shall comply with data collection and reporting requirements established by the DHCS CalOMS-Tx Data Collection Guide (Document 3J) and all former Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs Bulletins and DHCS Information Notices relevant to CalOMS-Tx data collection.
5. Contractor shall submit CalOMS-Tx admission, discharge, annual update, resubmissions of records containing errors or in need of correction, and “provider no activity” report records in an electronic format approved by DHCS.
6. Contractor shall comply with the CalOMS-Tx Data Compliance Standards established by DHCS identified in Document 3S for reporting data content, data quality, data completeness, reporting frequency, reporting deadlines, and reporting method.

State-County Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I A2, Part III, E, 3

3. The Contractor shall ensure that all DATAR reports are submitted by either Contractor-operated treatment services and by each subcontracted treatment provider to DHCS by the 10th of the month following the report activity month.

Finding: The County’s Open Admission report is not current.

CD 7.34.c:

State-County Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I A2, Part III, B, 3-6

3. Electronic submission of CalOMS-Tx data shall be submitted by Contractor within 45 days from the end of the last day of the report month.
4. Contractor shall comply with data collection and reporting requirements established by the DHCS CalOMS-Tx Data Collection Guide (Document 3J) and all former Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs Bulletins and DHCS Information Notices relevant to CalOMS-Tx data collection.
5. Contractor shall submit CalOMS-Tx admission, discharge, annual update, resubmissions of records containing errors or in need of correction, and “provider no activity” report records in an electronic format approved by DHCS.
6. Contractor shall comply with the CalOMS-Tx Data Compliance Standards established by DHCS identified in Document 3S for reporting data content, data quality, data completeness, reporting frequency, reporting deadlines, and reporting method.

State-County Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I A2, Part III, E, 3

3. The Contractor shall ensure that all DATAR reports are submitted by either Contractor-operated treatment services and by each subcontracted treatment provider to DHCS by the 10th of the month following the report activity month.

Finding: The County’s DATAR report is not current.

10.0 PREVIOUS CAP(s)

During the SFY 2019-20 review, the following CAPs with CDs were discussed and are still outstanding.

CD 10.40:

SABG State-County Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I A2, Part I, Section 3, B, 8

8. If the Contractor does not submit a CAP, or, does not implement the approved CAP provisions within the designated timeline, then DHCS may withhold funds until the Contractor is in compliance. DHCS shall inform the Contractor when funds will be withheld.

SABG State-County Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I A2, Part I, Section 1, B, 3, b

3. As a subrecipient, the Contractor shall:
 - b. Comply with federal statutes, regulations, including 45 CFR Part 75, and terms and conditions of the SABG grant.

45 CFR 75.514(e)

Audit follow-up.

- (e) The auditor must follow-up on prior audit findings, perform procedures to assess the reasonableness of the summary schedule of prior audit findings prepared by the auditee in accordance with § 75.511(b), and report, as a current year audit finding, when the auditor concludes that the summary schedule of prior audit findings materially misrepresents the status of any prior audit finding. The auditor must perform audit follow-up procedures regardless of whether a prior audit finding relates to a major program in the current year.

Finding: The County did not demonstrate compliance with requirements to implement the approved CAP deficiency provision in a timely manner. SFY 2018-19 CD 1.4 Pre-award risk assessment.

CD 10.42:

SABG State-County Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I A2, Part I, Section 3, B, 8

8. If the Contractor does not submit a CAP, or, does not implement the approved CAP provisions within the designated timeline, then DHCS may withhold funds until the Contractor is in compliance. DHCS shall inform the Contractor when funds will be withheld.

SABG State-County Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I A2, Part I, Section 1, B, 3, b

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Finding: The County did not demonstrate compliance with requirements to implement the approved CAP deficiency provision in a timely manner. SFY 2018-19 CD 2.10 SABG program requirements within their monitoring tool.

CD 10.43:

SABG State-County Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I A2, Part I, Section 3, B, 8

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Audit follow-up.

- e The auditor must follow-up on prior audit findings, perform procedures to assess the reasonableness of the summary schedule of prior audit findings prepared by the auditee in accordance with § 75.511(b), and report, as a current year audit finding, when the auditor concludes that the summary schedule of prior audit findings materially misrepresents the status of any prior audit finding. The auditor must perform audit follow-up procedures regardless of whether a prior audit finding relates to a major program in the current year.

Finding: The County did not demonstrate compliance with requirements to implement the approved CAP deficiency provision in a timely manner. SFY 2018-19 CD 2.11 Policies and procedures that outline steps to monitor County-run SABG Tx programs.

CD 10.44:

SABG State-County Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I A2, Part I, Section 3, B, 8

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 - d. Comply with federal statutes, regulations, including 45 CFR Part 75, and terms and conditions of the SABG grant.

45 CFR 75.514(e)

Audit follow-up.

- e The auditor must follow-up on prior audit findings, perform procedures to assess the reasonableness of the summary schedule of prior audit findings prepared by the auditee in accordance with § 75.511(b), and report, as a current year audit finding, when the auditor concludes that the summary schedule of prior audit findings materially misrepresents the status of any prior audit finding. The auditor must perform audit follow-up procedures regardless of whether a prior audit finding relates to a major program in the current year.

Finding: The County did not demonstrate compliance with requirements to implement the approved CAP deficiency provision in a timely manner. SFY 2018-19 CD 2.12 Evidence that subcontractors are required to develop written policies and procedures.

CD 10.45:

SABG State-County Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I A2, Part I, Section 3, B, 8

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45 CFR 75.514(e)

Audit follow-up.

- e The auditor must follow-up on prior audit findings, perform procedures to assess the reasonableness of the summary schedule of prior audit findings prepared by the auditee in accordance with § 75.511(b), and report, as a current year audit finding, when the auditor concludes that the summary schedule of prior audit findings materially misrepresents the status of any prior audit finding. The auditor must perform audit follow-up procedures regardless of whether a prior audit finding relates to a major program in the current year.

Finding: The County did not demonstrate compliance with requirements to implement the approved CAP deficiency provision in a timely manner. SFY 2018-19 CD 6.29 County did not demonstrate efforts to inform County stakeholders and the public of CLAS implementation.

CD 10.47:

SABG State-County Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I A2, Part I, Section 3, B, 8

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SABG State-County Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I A2, Part I, Section 1, B, 3, b

- 3 As a subrecipient, the Contractor shall:

- f. Comply with federal statutes, regulations, including 45 CFR Part 75, and terms and conditions of the SABG grant.

45 CFR 75.514(e)

Audit follow-up.

- e The auditor must follow-up on prior audit findings, perform procedures to assess the reasonableness of the summary schedule of prior audit findings prepared by the auditee in accordance with § 75.511(b), and report, as a current year audit finding, when the auditor concludes that the summary schedule of prior audit findings materially misrepresents the status of any prior audit finding. The auditor must perform audit follow-up procedures regardless of whether a prior audit finding relates to a major program in the current year.

Finding: The County did not demonstrate compliance with requirements to implement the approved CAP deficiency provision in a timely manner. SFY 2018-19 CD 8.35 Safeguards preventing staff from receiving remuneration in exchange for PHI.

CD 10.48:

SABG State-County Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I A2, Part I, Section 3, B, 8

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45 CFR 75.514(e)

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Finding: The County did not demonstrate compliance with requirements to implement the approved CAP deficiency provision in a timely manner. SFY 2018-19 CD 8.37 County does not have a process in place for addressing beneficiary PHI amendment requests.

CD 10.49:

SABG State-County Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I A2, Part I, Section 3, B, 8

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- h. Comply with federal statutes, regulations, including 45 CFR Part 75, and terms and conditions of the SABG grant.

45 CFR 75.514(e)

Audit follow-up.

- e The auditor must follow-up on prior audit findings, perform procedures to assess the reasonableness of the summary schedule of prior audit findings prepared by the auditee in accordance with § 75.511(b), and report, as a current year audit finding, when the auditor concludes that the summary schedule of prior audit findings materially misrepresents the status of any prior audit finding. The auditor must perform audit follow-up procedures regardless of whether a prior audit finding relates to a major program in the current year.

Finding: The County did not demonstrate compliance with requirements to implement the approved CAP deficiency provision in a timely manner. SFY 2018-19 CD 8.40 County did not provide evidence of policies, procedures, and practices that govern the usage of Electronic Health Records.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Plumas County did not request Technical Assistance for FY 2019-20.