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SUBJECT: Annual County Compliance Unit Report

Dear Division Chief Denering,

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

Ventura 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 10/19/2020. Please use the enclosed CAP form and submit the completed CAP and supporting documentation by email to the PMFS analyst at SABGcompliance@dhcs.ca.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact me at Emanuel.hernandez@dhcs.ca.gov.

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	0
4.0 Adolescent/Youth Treatment	0
5.0 Primary Prevention	0
6.0 Cultural Competence	0
7.0 CalOMS and DATAR	1
8.0 Privacy and Information Security	1
9.0 Fiscal	0
10.0 Previous CAP	0

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 2.9:

SABG State-County Contract Exhibit A, Attachment I A2, Part II, X, 1

X. Information Access for Individuals with Limited English Proficiency

1. Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Dymally-Alatorre Bilingual Services Act (Government Code sections 7290-7299.8) regarding access to materials that explain services available to the public as well as providing language interpretation services.

SABG State-County Contract Exhibit A, Attachment I A2, Part II, Y

Y. Subcontract Provisions

Contractor shall include all of the foregoing Part II general provisions in all of its subcontracts.

Findings: The County did not demonstrate all of the foregoing SABG State-County Contract Exhibit A, Attachment I A2, Part II general provisions are included in all executed subcontracts, including the Dymally-Alatorre Bilingual Services Act.

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:

f.

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 did not monitor all county and subcontracted providers for compliance with SABG programmatic and fiscal requirements. Specifically:

- For SFY 2018-2019 the County monitored ten (10) of (27) County and subcontracted providers for SABG programmatic and fiscal requirements, and submitted reports of these monitoring reviews to DHCS.

**7.0 CALIFORNIA OUTCOMES MEASUREMENT SYSTEM TREATMENT (CalOMS-Tx)
AND DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT ACCESS REPORT (DATAR)**

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

COMPLIANCE DEFICIENCY:

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.

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

8.0 PRIVACY AND INFORMATION SECURITY

The following deficiency in Privacy and Information Security regulations, standards, or protocol requirements was identified:

COMPLIANCE DEFICIENCY:

CD 8.36:

SABG State-County Contract Exhibit A, Attachment I A2, Part II, H

H. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996

All work performed under this Contract is subject to HIPAA, Contractor shall perform the work in compliance with all applicable provisions of HIPAA. As identified in Exhibit F, DHCS and County shall cooperate to assure mutual agreement as to those transactions between them, to which this provision applies. Refer to Exhibit F for additional information.

State-County Contract Exhibit F A1, Exhibit F-1, 3, D, 4

4. Security Officer.

Contractor shall designate a Security Officer to oversee its data security program who shall be responsible for carrying out the requirements of this section and for communicating on security matters with the Department.

State-County Contract Exhibit F A1, Exhibit F-2, 3, B, 10

10. Designation of Individual Responsible for Security.

Contractor shall designate an individual, (e.g., Security Officer), to oversee its data security program who shall be responsible for carrying out the requirements of this Exhibit F-2 and for communicating on security matters with the Department.

State-County Contract Exhibit F A1, Attachment I, I, A

I. Personnel Controls.

A. Employee Training. All workforce members who assist in the performance of functions or activities on behalf of DHCS, or access or disclose DHCS PHI or PI must complete information privacy and security training, at least annually, at Business Associate's expense. Each workforce member who receives information privacy and security training must sign a certification, indicating the member's name and the date on which the training was completed. These certifications must be retained for a period of six (6) years following contract termination.

Findings: The County did not provide evidence of compliance with the regulations for information privacy and security training.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Ventura County did not request technical assistance for SFY 2019/20.