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SUBJECT: State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2016-17 - County Monitoring Unit Report

Dear Director Yamamoto:

Enclosed are the results of San Benito County's 2016-17 Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant (BG)¹, and the State County Contract compliance review. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is responsible for monitoring requirements of the SAPT BG and the terms of the State County Contract operated by San Benito County.

The County Monitoring Unit (CMU) within the Performance Management Branch (PMB) of DHCS performed a comprehensive review based on responses to the monitoring instrument, discussion with county staff, supporting documentation and requirements. The enclosed report addresses and/or identifies compliance deficiencies, required corrective actions, advisory recommendations, and referral for technical assistance.

San Benito County is required to submit a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) addressing each deficiency noted to the CMU Analyst by July 19, 2017. The CAP must follow the guidelines detailed within the attached report. Please reference the enclosed CAP instructions and e-mail the CAP to the CMU Analyst. Supporting CAP documentation may be e-mailed or mailed to the address listed below. If you have any questions regarding this report or need assistance, please contact the CMU analyst.

Sincerely,

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¹ Title 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 96, Subpart L – Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant requirements



County Monitoring Unit Report
San Benito

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The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is required to provide programmatic, administrative, and fiscal oversight of the statewide Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SAPT BG), the State County Contract, and Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services through annual compliance reviews.

This report summarizes the findings of the compliance review conducted by the County Monitoring Unit (CMU).

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Pursuant to the State County Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I, Part V, Section 4, 7, (a-b) each deficiency 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. Advisory recommendations are not required to be addressed in the CAP.

The Corrective Action Plan shall:

1. Address each programmatic deficiency;
2. Provide a specific description of how the deficiency will be corrected;
3. Identify the staff person responsible for correcting the deficiency and ensuring future compliance;
4. Specify the target date for complete implementation of each deficiency; and
5. As deficiencies are corrected, include training documentation, revised policies/procedures, and other materials which demonstrate the correction of a deficiency, if applicable.

The CMU analyst will monitor progress of CAP implementation until complete.

REVIEW SCOPE

- I. Regulations:
 - a. 22 CCR § 51341.1 – Drug Medi-Cal Substance Use Disorder Services
 - b. 9 CCR, Division 4, Chapter 4, Subchapter 1 – 6: Narcotic Treatment Programs
 - c. 45 CFR; Part 96; Subpart L; §96.121 through 96.137: Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant
 - d. 42 USC, Section 300x-21 through 300x-66: Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block
 - e. HSC, Division 10.5, Section 11750 – 11970: State Department of Health Care

- II. Program Requirements:
 - a. State Fiscal Year (SFY) 14/15 - 16/17 State County Contract, herein referred to as State County Contract
 - b. State of California *Youth Treatment Guidelines Revised August 2002*
 - c. DHCS *Perinatal Services Network Guidelines FY 2016-17*
 - d. National Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS)
 - e. Alcohol and Drug Program (ADP) Bulletins
 - f. Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders Services (MHSUDS) Information Notices

1.0 ADMINISTRATION

A review of the County's Organizational Chart, subcontracted contracts, and policies and procedures was conducted to ensure compliance with applicable regulations and standards. The following deficiencies in regulations, standards, or protocol requirements were identified:

COMPLIANCE DEFICIENCIES:

CD 1.13

MHSUDS Information Notice No.: 16-058 Department of Health Care Services Oversight of Certifying Organizations

In accordance with HSC Section 11833(b)(1), any individual who provides counseling services in a licensed or certified AOD program, except for licensed professionals, must be registered or certified with a DHCS approved certifying organization.

Finding: The County did not require AOD counselor(s) to be certified upon providing services.

2.0 SAPT BG MONITORING

After review of the program's protocols, policies and procedures, no deficiencies were cited.

3.0 DRUG MEDI-CAL

After review of the program's protocols, policies and procedures, no deficiencies were cited.

4.0 PERINATAL

The following deficiencies in Perinatal Services regulations, standards, or protocol requirements were identified:

COMPLIANCE DEFICIENCIES:

CD 4.38:

45 CFR 96.131 (b)

...will in carrying out this provision publicize the availability to such women of services from the facilities and the fact that pregnant women receive such preference. This may be done by means of street outreach programs, ongoing public service announcements (radio/television), regular advertisements in local/regional print media, posters placed in targeted areas, and frequent notification of availability of such treatment distributed to the network of community based organizations, health care providers, and social service agencies.

State County Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I, Part I, K

To ensure equal access to quality care by diverse populations, each service provider receiving funds from this contract shall adopt the federal Office of Minority Health Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Service (CLAS) national standards (Document 3V).

Office of Minority Health National Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Standards-Standard 8

Provide easy-to-understand print and multimedia materials and signage in the languages commonly used by the populations in the service area.

Finding: The County did not provide outreach materials used to publicize preference in admitting pregnant women.

5.0 ADOLESCENT/YOUTH TREATMENT (AYT)

After review of the program's protocols, policies and procedures, no deficiencies were cited.

6.0 FISCAL AUDITING

After review of the program's protocols, policies and procedures, no deficiencies were cited.

7.0 PRIMARY PREVENTION

After review of the program's protocols, policies and procedures, no deficiencies were cited.

8.0 CULTURAL COMPETENCE

After review of the program's protocols, policies and procedures, no deficiencies were cited.

9.0 ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS (EHR)

After review of the program's protocols, policies and procedures, no deficiencies were cited.

10.0 CALIFORNIA OUTCOMES MEASUREMENT SYSTEM TREATMENT (CalOMS 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 10.58:

State County Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I, Part III, D (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.

Finding: The County does not adequately monitor.

- Open Admissions Report

11.0 PRIVACY AND INFORMATION SECURITY

The following deficiencies in Privacy and Information Security regulations, standards, or protocol requirements were identified:

COMPLIANCE DEFICIENCIES:

CD 11.64:

State County Contract, Exhibit G-3, Attachment A, 1, D

Background Check. *Before a member of the workforce may access Department PHI or PI, a background screening of that worker must be conducted. The screening should be commensurate with the risk and magnitude of harm the employee could cause, with more thorough screening being done for those employees who are authorized to bypass significant technical and operational security controls. The Contractor shall retain each workforce member's background check documentation for a period of three (3) years.*

Finding: The County does not perform background checks on staff prior to accessing Department PHI or PI.

CD 11.72:

State County Contract, Exhibit G-3, Attachment A, 4, B

Data Backup Plan. *Contractor must have established documented procedures to backup Department PHI to maintain retrievable exact copies of Department PHI or PI. The plan must include a regular schedule for making backups, storing backups offsite, an inventory of backup media, and an estimate of the amount of time needed to restore Department PHI or PI should it be lost. At a minimum, the schedule must be a weekly full backup and monthly offsite storage of Department data.*

Finding: The County did not provide written procedures of a data backup plan that include all of the following:

- A regular schedule for making backups
- Storing backups offsite
- An inventory of backup media
- An estimate of the amount of time needed to restore Department PHI or PI should it be lost

CD 11.78:

State County Contract, Exhibit G-1,13 (a-c)

Exhibit G-2, 9 (a-c)

Breaches and Security Incidents. *During the term of this Agreement, Contractor agrees to implement reasonable systems for the discovery and prompt reporting of any breach or security incident, and to take the following steps:*

- Initial Notice to the Department.** *(1) To notify the Department immediately by telephone call or email or fax upon the discovery of a breach of unsecured PHI in electronic media or in any other media if the PHI was, or is reasonably believed to have been, accessed or acquired by an unauthorized person. (2) To notify the Department within 24 hours (one hour if SSA data) by email or fax of the discovery of any suspected security incident, intrusion or unauthorized access, use or disclosure of PHI in violation of this Agreement or*

this ExhibitG-1, or potential loss of confidential data affecting this Agreement. A breach shall be treated as discovered by Contractor as of the first day on which the breach is known, or by exercising reasonable diligence would have been known, to any person (other than the person committing the breach) who is an employee, officer or other agent of Contractor. Notice shall be provided to the Information Protection Unit, Office of HIPAA Compliance. If the incident occurs after business hours or on a weekend or holiday and involves electronic PHI, notice shall be provided by calling the Information Protection Unit (916.445.4646, 866-866-0602) or by emailing (privacyofficer@dhcs.ca.gov). Notice shall be made using the DHCS "Privacy Incident Report" form, including all information known at the time. Contractor shall use the most current version of this form, which is posted on the DHCS information Security Officer website (www.dhca.ca.gov, then select "Privacy" in the left column and then "Business Partner" near the middle of the page) or use this link [www.dhca.ca.gov/privacy](#). Upon discovery of a breach or suspected security incident, intrusion or unauthorized access, use or disclosure of Department PHI, Contractor shall take:

- i) Prompt corrective action to mitigate any risks or damages involved with the breach and to protect the operating environment; and*
 - ii) Any action pertaining to such unauthorized disclosure required by applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.*
- a. **Investigation and Investigation Report.** To immediately investigate such suspected security incident, security incident, breach, or unauthorized access, use or disclosure of PHI. Within 72 hours of the discovery, Contractor shall submit an updated "Privacy Incident Report" containing the information marked with an asterisk and all other applicable information listed on the form, to the extent known at that time, to the Information Protection Unit.*
 - b. **Complete Report.** To provide a complete report of the investigation to the Department Program Contract Manager and the Information Protection Unit within ten (10) working days of the discovery of the breach or unauthorized use or disclosure. The report shall be submitted on the "Privacy Incident Report" form and shall include an assessment of all known factors relevant to a determination of whether a breach occurred under applicable provisions of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, and the HIPAA regulations. The report shall also include a full, detailed corrective action plan, including information on measures that were taken to halt and/or contain the improper use or disclosure. If the Department requests information in addition to that listed on the "Privacy Incident Report" form, Contractor shall make reasonable efforts to provide the Department with such information. If, because of the circumstances of the incident, Contractor needs more than ten (10) working days from the discovery to submit a complete report, the Department may grant a reasonable extension of time, in which case Contractor shall submit periodic updates until the complete report is submitted. If necessary, a Supplemental Report may be used to submit revised or additional information after the completed report is submitted, by submitting the revised or additional information on an updated "Privacy Incident Report" form. The Department will review and approve the determination of whether a breach occurred and whether individual notifications and a corrective action plan are required.*

Finding: The County did not demonstrate a process in place for reporting breached or security incidents that include:

- Notifying DHCS immediately by telephone, e-mail, or fax
- Notifying DHCS within 24 hours of a suspected security incident

- Utilizing “Privacy Security Incident Report” form
- Submitting “Privacy Incident Report” form within 72 hours
- Providing a complete report within 10 working days of breach or disclosure

12.0 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

San Benito County did not request technical assistance during FY 2016/17.