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SUBJECT: Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 – County Performance Unit Report

Dear Director Nourse:

Enclosed are the results of Alpine County's 2017-18 Substance Abuse (SA) Block Grant (BG)¹State County Contract compliance review. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is responsible for monitoring requirements of the SABG County Contract operated by Alpine County.

The County Performance Unit (CPU) within the Performance & Integrity Branch (PIB) 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.

Alpine County is required to submit a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) addressing each deficiency noted to the CPU Analyst by 5/25/2018. The CAP must follow the guidelines detailed within the attached report. Please reference the enclosed CAP instructions and e-mail the CAP to the CPU 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 CPU 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



Substance Abuse Block Grant
County Performance Unit Report
Alpine County

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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 (SABG), 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 Performance Unit (CPU).

REVIEW SCOPE

- I. Regulations:
 - a. 45 CFR; Part 96; Subpart L; §96.121 through 96.137: Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant
 - b. 42 USC, Section 300x-21 through 300x-66: Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block
 - c. HSC, Division 10.5, Section 11750 – 11970: State Department of Health Care

- II. Program Requirements:
 - a. State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2017-18 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

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Pursuant to the State County Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I, Part I, Section 3, 7, (a-d) each compliance deficiency (CD) and new requirement (NR) 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 CAP shall include:

- a) A statement of the compliance deficiency (CD) and new requirement (NR).
- b) A list of action steps to be taken to correct the CD/NR.
- c) A date of completion for each CD/NR.
- d) Who will be responsible for correction and ongoing compliance.

The CPU analyst will monitor progress of the CAP completion.

NEW REQUIREMENTS (NR)

Due to a delay in the SABG contract finalization, findings related to the standards and requirements will not be identified as a compliance deficiency; however, a plan to fulfil the new requirements must be submitted.

SUMMARY OF FY 2017-18 COMPLIANCE DEFICIENCIES (CD)

Section:	Number of CD's:
1.0 Administration	0
2.0 SABG Monitoring	1
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	0
8.0 Privacy and Information Security	1

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 new requirement in regulations, standards, or protocol requirements were identified:

NEW REQUIREMENT:

NR 1.14:

State County Contract Exhibit A, Attachment I, Part I, Section 1, C, 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: According to the 2017-2020 State County Contract, programs are required to abide by the Minimum Quality Drug Treatment Standards, a component of the contract. Due to a delay in contract finalization, findings related to the standards will not be identified as a deficiency; however, a plan to fulfill the new requirements must be submitted.

2.0 SABG MONITORING

The following deficiencies in the SABG monitoring requirements were identified:

COMPLIANCE DEFICIENCIES:

CD 2.20:

State-County Contract Exhibit A, Attachment I, Part I, Section 3, A, 1, a
Monitoring

Contractor's performance under this Exhibit A, Attachment I, Part I, shall be monitored by DHCS during the terms of this Contract. Monitoring criteria shall include, but not limited to:

- (a) Whether the quantity of work or services being performed conforms to Exhibit B A2;(b) Whether the Contractor has established and is monitoring appropriate quality standards;(c) Whether the Contractor is abiding by all the terms and requirements of this Contract;(d) Whether the Contractor is abiding by the terms of the Perinatal Services Network Guidelines (Document 1G); and(e) Whether the Contractor conducted annual onsite monitoring reviews of services and subcontracted services for programmatic and fiscal requirements.*

Finding: The County did not monitor for fiscal requirements of county-managed programs.

ADVISORY RECOMMENDATIONS:

AR 2.1:

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

Recommendation: It is recommended for the County to list all aspects of the Minimum Quality Treatment Standards for SABG on the monitoring tool.

8.0 PRIVACY AND INFORMATION SECURITY

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

COMPLIANCE DEFICIENCIES:

CD 8.57:

State-County Contract, Exhibit F, Attachment I, II, J

Warning Banners. All systems providing access to Department PHI or PI must display a warning banner stating that data is confidential, systems are logged, and system use is for business purposes only by authorized users. User must be directed to log off the system if they do not agree with these requirements.

Finding: The County did not provide evidence indicating a warning banner is operational on all systems providing access to PHI or PI.

10.0 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Alpine County did not request TA for FY 17-18.