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

Dear Chief Zura:

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

Santa Cruz County is required to submit a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) addressing each deficiency noted to the CPU Analyst by 5/9/2018. 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

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Substance Abuse Block Grant
County Performance Unit Report
Santa Cruz 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, 6, (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	3
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	3
8.0 Privacy and Information Security	4

PREVIOUS CAPs

During the FY 2017-18 review, the following CAPs with CDs were discussed and are still outstanding.

2014-15:

CD 9: Open Admissions

2015-16:

CD 10: Open Admissions

2016-17:

CD 1.5: The County does not include a provision on the restriction on distribution of sterile needles within subcontracted provider contracts.

CD 3.25.d: The County did not submit DMC utilization reviews to DHCS within two weeks of report issuance.

CD 10.57.d: Open Admissions

CD 10.57.e: DATAR

CD 11.76.a: The County did not provide policies and procedures addressing privacy and security safeguards for confidential data containing Personal Information (PI).

Please provide the following within the completed 2017-18 CAP.

- a) A list of action steps to be taken to correct the CD.
- b) A date of completion for each CD.
- c) Who will be responsible for correction and ongoing compliance.

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 1.4:

State County Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I, Part II, E

None of the funds made available through this Contract may be used for any activity that promotes the legalization of any drug or other substance included in Schedule I of Section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 USC 812).

State County Contract Exhibit A, Attachment I, Part II, Y

Subcontract Provisions

Contractor shall include all of the foregoing provisions in all of its subcontracts

Finding: The County did not provide the SABG treatment provider contract that addresses compliance with the Limitation on Use of Funds for Promotion of Legalization of Controlled Substances.

CD 1.8:

State County Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I, Part I, Section 3, C

Contractor shall comply with the sub-recipient pre-award risk assessment requirements contained in 2 CFR Part 200 Uniform Administration Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. Contractor, grant second-tier sub-recipient (subcontractors) annually prior to making an award. Contractor subcontractor and retain documentation for audit purposes.

Finding: The County did not conduct the 2017-18 annual risk assessment for each subcontractor prior to making an award.

CD 1.9:

State County Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I, Part I, Section 3, C

Contractor shall comply with the sub-recipient pre-award risk assessment requirements contained in 2 CFR Part 200 Uniform Administration Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. Contractor, grant second-tier sub-recipient (subcontractors) annually prior to making an award. Contractor subcontractor and retain documentation for audit purposes.

Finding: The County did not provide a copy of a risk assessment.

2.0 SABG MONITORING

The following deficiencies in the SABG monitoring requirements were identified:

COMPLIANCE DEFICIENCIES:

CD 2.21:

State-County Contract Exhibit A, Attachment I, Part I, Section 3, A, 1, 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 should 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 did not submit all required SABG monitoring and auditing reports to DHCS within two weeks of report issuance.

7.0 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 7.41.a:

State-County Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I, Part III, B, 3, 5, 6 and D, 3

B(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.

B(5) Contractor shall submit CalOMS-Tx admissions, 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.

B(6) Contractor shall comply with the CalOMsTx 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.

D(3) Contractor shall comply with the treatment and prevention data quality standards established by DHCS. Failure to meet these standards on an ongoing basis may result in withholding SABG funds.

Finding: The County and its providers did not report any CalOMS Tx data, and did not generate a Provider No Activity (PNA) report.

CD 7.41.b:

State-County Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I, Part III, B, 3, 5, 6 and D, 3

B(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.

B(5) Contractor shall submit CalOMS-Tx admissions, 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.

B(6) Contractor shall comply with the CalOMsTx 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.

D(3) Contractor shall comply with the treatment and prevention data quality standards established by DHCS. Failure to meet these standards on an ongoing basis may result in withholding SABG funds.

Finding: The County and its providers annual updates or client discharges for beneficiaries in treatment over one year were not submitted.

CD 7.41.c:

State-County Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment I, Part III, E, 1&2

E(1) The Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring that the Contractor-operated treatment services and all treatment providers, with whom Contractor makes a contract or otherwise

pays for these services, submit a monthly DATAR report in an electronic copy format as provided by DHCS.

E(2) 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 and its providers do not submit DATAR reports by the 10th of each month.

8.0 PRIVACY AND INFORMATION SECURITY

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

COMPLIANCE DEFICIENCIES:

CD 8.46:

State-County Contract, Exhibit F, F-3, Attachment I, I, A

Employee Training:

All workforce members who assist in the performance of functions or activates on behalf of the Department, or access or disclose Department PHI or PI must complete information privacy and security training, at least annually, at contractor's expense.

Finding: The County did not provide documentation of privacy and security training attendance by county-managed and subcontracted provider staff.

CD 8.49:

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

All electronic files that contain DHCS PHI or PI data must be encrypted when stored on any removable media or portable device (i.e. USB thumb drives, floppies, CD/DVD, smartphones, backup tapes, etc.). Encryption must be a FIPS 140-2 certified algorithm which is 128bit or higher, such as AES.

Exhibit F, F-2, 3, B, 2

To implement appropriate and reasonable administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to protect the security, confidentiality and integrity of Department PI and PII, to protect against anticipated threats of hazards to the security or integrity of Department PI and PII, and to prevent use or disclosure of Department PI or PII other than as provided for by this Agreement. Contractor shall develop and maintain a written information privacy and security program that include administrative, technical and physical safeguards appropriate to the size and complexity of Contractor's operations and the nature and scope of its activities, which incorporate the requirements of sectoin3, Security, below. Contractor will provide DHCS with its current polices upon request.

Finding: The County does not protect DHCS PI, stored on removable media or portable devices, with a FIPS 140-2 certified algorithm which is 128bit or higher.

CD 8.50:

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

All Data Transmissions of DHCS PHI or PI outside the secure internal network must be encrypted using a FIPS 140-2 certified algorithm which is 128bit or higher, such as AES. Encryption can be end to end at the network level, or the data files containing PHI can be encrypted. This requirement pertains to any type of PHI or PI in motion such as website access, file transfer, and E-mail.

Exhibit F, F-2, 3, B, 2

To implement appropriate and reasonable administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to protect the security, confidentiality and integrity of Department PI and PII, to protect against anticipated threats of hazards to the security or integrity of Department PI and PII, and to prevent use or disclosure of Department PI or PII other than as provided for by this Agreement. Contractor shall develop and maintain a written information privacy and security program that include administrative, technical and physical safeguards appropriate to the size and complexity of Contractor's operations and the nature and scope of its activities, which incorporate the requirements of section 3, Security, below. Contractor will provide DHCS with its current policies upon request.

Finding: County and sub-contractors do not have transmission encryption safeguards in place for DHCS PI sent outside of secure internal networks.

CD 8.56:

State-County Contract, Exhibit F, Attachment I, Section I, 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.

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

Safeguards. To implement appropriate and reasonable administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to protect the security, confidentiality and integrity of Department PI and PII, to protect against anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of Department PI and PII, and to prevent use or disclosure of Department PI or PII other than as provided for by this Agreement. Contractor shall develop and maintain a written information privacy and security program that include administrative, technical and physical safeguards appropriate to the size and complexity of Contractor's operations and the nature and scope of its activities, which incorporate the requirements of section 3, Security, below. Contractor will provide DHCS with its current policies upon request.

Finding: The County did not provide a policy currently in place to determine employee eligibility to access PHI or PI.

10.0 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The County did not request any TA for FY 17-18.