



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental
Health Services Administration

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Center for Mental Health Services
Center for Substance Abuse
Prevention
Center for Substance Abuse
Treatment
Rockville MD 20857

Dear Single State Agency Director:

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) and Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) invite you to apply for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant for Federal fiscal year (FY) 2010. Enclosed is a copy of the FY 2010 Uniform Application (0930-0080), which will serve as the application to the Secretary for the SAPT Block Grant, including (1) the Funding Agreements and Certifications; (2) the Annual Report; (3) the Intended Use (State) Plan; and (4) the treatment and prevention performance measures.

The FY 2010 Uniform Application is available electronically via the Web-Block Grant Application System (BGAS) (<http://www.bgas.samhsa.gov/2010>). A Microsoft Word version of the FY 2010 Uniform Application may be downloaded from either the Web-BGAS (<http://www.bgas.samhsa.gov/>) or CSAT's Treatment Improvement Exchange (<http://www.tie.samhsa.gov/sapt2010.html>). Please note that reporting requirements for the Tobacco Regulation for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant; Final Rule (0930-0222), Goal 8, Annual Synar Report (ASR) have been incorporated into the FY 2010 Uniform Application.

A copy of the authorizing legislation (42 U.S.C. 300x-21 et seq) and regulation (45 C.F.R. Part 96; 42 CFR Part 54) governing the SAPT Block Grant program is available on Web-BGAS under the Frequently Asked Questions section as well as CSAT's Treatment Improvement Exchange Website. The FY 2010 Justification of Estimates for Appropriations Committees (<http://www.samhsa.gov/Budget/FY2010/index.aspx>) includes a table of the estimated State/Territory allotments for the FY 2010 SAPT Block Grant; however, final FY 2010 appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (Labor-HHS-ED) and related agencies are pending.

Upon enactment of the FY 2010 appropriations for Labor-HHS-ED and related agencies, a final allotment table for FY 2010 SAPT Block Grant will be sent to you and posted on CSAT's Treatment Improvement Exchange and Web-BGAS. In the interim, please use the FY 2010 SAPT Block Grant allocation as proposed in the President's FY 2010 budget for purposes of completing the FY 2010 Intended Use (State) Plan (Form 11). A copy of the estimated FY 2010 SAPT Block Grant allocations and the identification of "designated States" can be found in the FY 2010 Uniform Application, Appendix A.

As you may recall, during the December 2-3, 2004 meeting with SAMHSA and representatives of the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD) and in subsequent dialogue regarding SAMHSA's National Outcome Measures, SAMHSA and the States developed consensus that the FY 2008 application would be the first year in which

submission of the performance measurement data is mandatory. Therefore, you are required to report on the prevention and treatment performance measures in Section IV of the FY 2010 Uniform Application, and to identify any data challenges you may encounter so we can target SAMHSA's technical assistance resources to assist States with implementation of SAMHSA's National Outcome Measures. SAMHSA will pre-populate the performance measures for substance abuse prevention and treatment utilizing data from SAMHSA's 2008 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) and 2008 Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS). States may choose to use the pre-populated data to fulfill their reporting requirements for all or some of these measures. You may also contact your CSAP and CSAT State project officers for specific information regarding the National Outcome Measures.

To submit your FY 2010 Uniform Application to SAMHSA, you must utilize the Web-BGAS portal. Technical assistance regarding the use of the on-line application is available from the Web-BGAS Help Desk. Mr. Stuart Sheck of Information Management Consultants, Inc. (IMC), an independent Federal contractor, is available by telephone help desk (1-888-301-2427) and electronic mail (stuart.sheck@samhsa.hhs.gov).

All States and Jurisdiction are required to execute the "Application Complete" function not later than Thursday, October 1, 2009 at 11:59 p.m. EST. When a State or Jurisdiction executes the "Application Complete" function, the Web BGAS records "Application Completed by State User." This is SAMHSA's only evidence that a State or Jurisdiction has complied with the statutory requirement regarding the October 1 receipt date. The SAPT Block Grant Program is subject to an annual audit pursuant to OMB Circular A-123, "Management's Responsibility for Internal Controls," and one of the controls involves a review of how SAMHSA ensures States' compliance with the October 1 receipt date.

The FY 2010 Uniform Application must be received by SAMHSA's Division of Grants Management not later than October 1 of the Federal fiscal year for which the Block Grant funding is being requested in order to ensure that States receive their respective FY 2010 Notice of Block Grant Award as soon as possible after the beginning of the Federal fiscal year and to comply with the requirements of the Cash Management Improvement Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-453) and 45 C.F.R. Part 205.

The contact person for questions related to SAPT Block Grant business management issues is:

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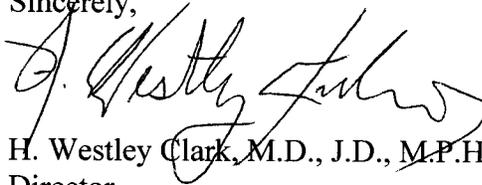
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Please submit only the original signature copy (and 2 additional copies) of the Funding Agreements (Form 3), Assurances Non-Construction Programs, and Certifications. Forwarding any paperwork relating to the FY 2010 Uniform Application to any other addressee results in processing delays; however, in the event the State forwards the Uniform Application via express/overnight mail, an alternate address is required. To ensure express/overnight mail delivery, please use the following address:

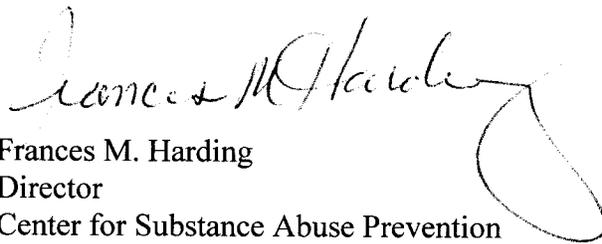
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Questions of a fiscal or programmatic nature should be directed to your respective State project officer within CSAT's Division of State and Community Assistance, or CSAP's Division of State Programs. A directory of the CSAT and CSAP project officers can be found in the FY 2010 Uniform Application, Appendix A.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure