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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 Block Grant (SAPT BG) for Federal fiscal year (FY) 2007. A copy of the FY 2007 uniform application, which will serve as the application to the Secretary for the SAPT BG, including the: (1) Funding Agreements and Certifications; (2) Annual Report; (3) Intended Use Plan (State Plan); and (4) Voluntary Treatment and Prevention Performance Measures, is enclosed.

The FY 2007 uniform application is available electronically via the Web-based Block Grant Application System (Web-BGAS) (www.bgas.samhsa.gov/2007). A Microsoft Word (MS Word) version of the FY 2007 uniform application may be downloaded from either the Web-BGAS or CSAT's Treatment Improvement Exchange (www.tie.samhsa.gov/sapt2007.htm). Please note that the Synar portion of the SAPT Block Grant [Goal 8, FY 2007 Annual Synar Report (ASR)] is not included in the MS Word version of the FY 2007 uniform application or Web-BGAS. CSAP will be mailing instructions for submitting the FY 2007 ASR materials. The Synar portion of the SAPT BG will also be available online at www.prevention.samhsa.gov/tobacco during the latter part of June 2006.

A copy of the authorizing legislation (42 U.S.C. 300x-21 et seq.) and regulation (45 C.F.R. Part 96) governing this program is available on Web-BGAS under the Frequently Asked Questions section. A table of the State/Territory allotments for FY 2007 is not yet available; however, an allotment table for FY 2007 will be sent to you and posted on CSAT's Treatment Improvement Exchange and Web-BGAS as soon as an appropriation is authorized. In the interim, please use your FY 2007 SAPT BG allocation as proposed in the President's FY 2007 budget for purposes of completing the FY 2007 Intended Use (State) Plan (Form 11). A copy of the estimated FY 2007 SAPT Block Grant allocations and the identification of "designated States" can be found in the FY 2007 Uniform Application, Appendix A.

As you may recall, during the December 2-3, 2004, meeting with representatives of the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD) and in subsequent dialogue regarding SAMHSA's National Outcome Measures (NOMS), SAMHSA and the States have developed consensus that the FY 2007 application would be the final year in which submission of the performance measurement data is voluntary. Therefore, we encourage you to report on the prevention and treatment performance measures in Section IV of the 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 NOMS.

You may also contact your CSAP and CSAT State project officers for specific information regarding the NOMS.

CSAT and CSAP encourage you to utilize the Web-BGAS system to submit your FY 2007 uniform application to SAMHSA. 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., an independent Federal contractor, is available by calling the help desk (1-888-301-2427) or by e-mail (stuart.sheck@samhsa.hhs.gov).

The FY 2007 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 2007 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 BG business management issues is:

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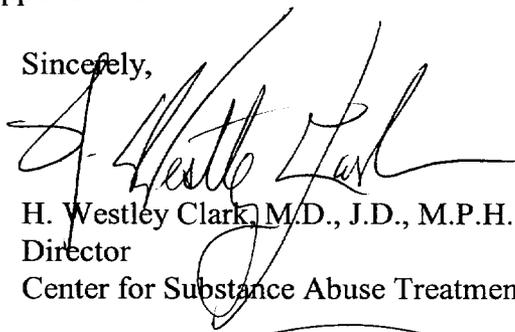
Please submit only the original signature copy (and 2 additional copies) of the Funding Agreements (Form 3), Assurances Non-Construction Programs, and Certifications.

Forwarding any paperwork relating to the FY 2007 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:

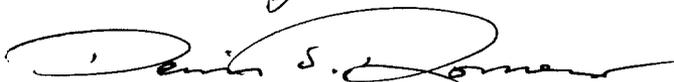
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Questions of a fiscal or programmatic nature should be directed to your respective State project officer within CSAT's Division of State and Community Assistance or CSAP's Division of State and Community Assistance. A directory of the CSAT and CSAP project officers can be found in the FY 2007 uniform application, Appendix A.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure