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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) 2006. A copy of the FY 2006 uniform application, 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 plan (State plan); and (4) the voluntary treatment and prevention performance measures, is enclosed.

The FY 2006 uniform application is available electronically via the Web-Block Grant Application System (BGAS) (www.bgas.samhsa.gov/2006). For any State not utilizing Web-BGAS, an MS Word version of the FY 2006 uniform application may be downloaded from either the Web-BGAS (www.bgas.samhsa.gov) or CSAT's Treatment Improvement Exchange (www.tie.samhsa.gov). Please note that the Synar portion of the SAPT Block Grant (Goal 8, FY 2006 Annual Synar Report (ASR)) is not included in the MS Word version of the FY 2006 uniform application or Web-BGAS. CSAP will be mailing instructions for submitting the FY 2006 ASR materials. The Synar portion of the SAPT Block Grant will also be available online at www.prevention.samhsa.gov/tobacco during the latter part of June, 2005.

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 2006 is not yet available; however, an allotment table for FY 2006 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 2006 SAPTBG allocation as proposed in the President's FY 2006 budget for purposes of completing the FY 2006 Intended Use (State) Plan (Form 11). A copy of the estimated FY 2006 SAPT Block Grant allocations and the identification of "designated States" can be found in the FY 2006 uniform application, Appendix A.

During the December 2-3, 2004 meeting with representatives of the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD) regarding SAMHSA's National Outcome Measures, and the April 27 hearing before the House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, the SAMHSA Administrator identified the Agency's efforts, in collaboration with NASADAD and the States, to improve accountability and manage performance of its discretionary and formula grant programs including the SAPT Block Grant. 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 National Outcome Measures.

Additional information regarding SAMHSA's National Outcome Measures for substance abuse prevention and treatment is being disseminated at the regional meetings that you have either attended during May, 2005, or will be attending during July-August, 2005. You may also contact your CSAP and CSAT State project officers for specific information regarding the National Outcome Measures.

CSAT and CSAP encourage you to utilize the Web-BGAS system to submit your FY 2006 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., (IMC), an independent Federal contractor, is available by telephone help desk (1-888-301-2427) and electronic mail (stuart.sheck@samhsa.hhs.gov).

In order to ensure that States receive their respective FY 2006 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 FY 2006 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.

The contact person for questions related to SAPTBG business management issues is:

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Office of Program Services, Division of Grants Management
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
1 Choke Cherry Road, Room 7-1091
Rockville, Maryland 20857
TEL. (240) 276-1404

If you utilize the Web-BGAS system, please submit only the original signature copy (and 2 additional copies) of the Funding Agreements (Form 3), Assurances Non-Construction Programs, and Certifications only. If you submit a hard copy printout of the MS Word template, please submit the original and 2 copies of the entire application to the surface mail or express mail addresses provided. Please note the different zip codes.

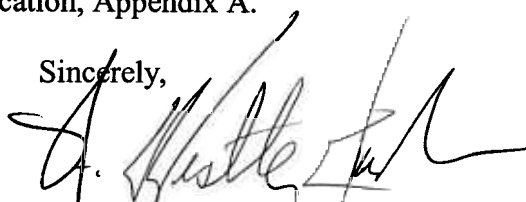
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Forwarding any paperwork relating to the FY 2006 uniform application to any other addressee results in processing delays; however, in the event the State forwards the uniform application via express/overnight mail an alternate address is required. 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 2006 uniform application, Appendix A.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure