

**ASSURANCE
of Compliance with SAMHSA Charitable Choice
Statutes and Regulations
SMA 170**

**REQUIRED ONLY FOR APPLICANTS APPLYING FOR GRANTS THAT FUND
SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT OR PREVENTION SERVICES**

SAMHSA's two Charitable Choice provisions [Sections 581-584 and Section 1955 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, 42 USC 290k, et seq., and 42 USC 300x-65 et seq., respectively] allow religious organizations to provide SAMHSA-funded substance abuse services without impairing their religious character and without diminishing the religious freedom of those who receive their services. These provisions contain important protections both for religious organizations that receive SAMHSA funding and for the individuals who receive their services, and apply to religious organizations and to State and local governments that provide substance abuse prevention and treatment services under SAMHSA grants.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

Will comply, as applicable, with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Charitable Choice statutes codified at sections 581-584 and 1955 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. §§290kk, et seq., and 300x-65) and their governing regulations at 42 C.F.R. part 54 and 54a respectively.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE Director, Human Services
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners	DATE SUBMITTED