


**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 County Administrator
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION Pinellas County Government	DATE SUBMITTED March 29, 2016



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE

ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964, SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973, TITLE IX OF THE EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1972, AND THE AGE DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 1975

The Applicant provides this assurance in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining Federal grants, loans, contracts, property, discounts or other Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

THE APPLICANT HEREBY AGREES THAT IT WILL COMPLY WITH:

- 1. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Pub. L. 88-352), as amended, and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Regulation of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 C.F.R. Part 80), to the end that, in accordance with Title VI of that Act and the Regulation, no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Applicant receives Federal financial assistance from the Department.
2. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Pub. L. 93-112), as amended, and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Regulation of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 C.F.R. Part 84), to the end that, in accordance with Section 504 of that Act and the Regulation, no otherwise qualified individual with a disability in the United States shall, solely by reason of her or his disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Applicant receives Federal financial assistance from the Department.
3. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Pub. L. 92-318), as amended, and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Regulation of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 C.F.R. Part 86), to the end that, in accordance with Title IX and the Regulation, no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity for which the Applicant receives Federal financial assistance from the Department.
4. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (Pub. L. 94-135), as amended, and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Regulation of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 C.F.R. Part 91), to the end that, in accordance with the Act and the Regulation, no person in the United States shall, on the basis of age, be denied the benefits of, be excluded from participation in, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Applicant receives Federal financial assistance from the Department.

The Applicant agrees that compliance with this assurance constitutes a condition of continued receipt of Federal financial assistance, and that it is binding upon the Applicant, its successors, transferees and assignees for the period during which such assistance is provided. If any real property or structure thereon is provided or improved with the aid of Federal financial assistance extended to the Applicant by the Department, this assurance shall obligate the Applicant, or in the case of any transfer of such property, any transferee, for the period during which the real property or structure is used for a purpose for which the Federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits. If any personal property is so provided, this assurance shall obligate the Applicant for the period during which it retains ownership or possession of the property. The Applicant further recognizes and agrees that the United States shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of this assurance.

The person whose signature appears below is authorized to sign this assurance and commit the Applicant to the above provisions.

March 29, 2016

Date

Handwritten signature of Mark S. Woodard

Signature of Authorized Official

Mark S. Woodard, County Administrator

Name and Title of Authorized Official (please print or type)

Please mail form to:

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
Office for Civil Rights
200 Independence Ave., S.W. Washington, DC 20201

Name of Healthcare Facility Receiving/Requesting Funding

Street Address

City, State, Zip Code

SAMHSA Statement of Assurance

As the authorized representative of [*insert name of applicant organization*]
Pinellas County, I assure SAMHSA that all participating service provider organizations listed in this application meet the 2-year experience requirement and applicable licensing, accreditation, and certification requirements. If this application is within the funding range for a grant award, we will provide the SAMHSA Government Project Officer (GPO) with the following documents. I understand that if this documentation is not received by GPO within the specified timeframe, the application will be removed from consideration for an award and the funds will be provided to another applicant meeting these requirements.

- A letter of commitment from every mental health/substance abuse treatment service provider organization listed in Attachment 6 of the application that specifies the nature of the participation and the service(s) that will be provided.
- Official documentation that all mental health/substance abuse treatment provider organizations participating in the project have been providing relevant services for a minimum of 2 years prior to the date of the application in the area(s) in which services are to be provided. Official documents must definitively establish that the organization has provided relevant services for the last 2 years.
- Official documentation that all mental health/substance abuse treatment provider organizations: (1) comply with all local (city, county) and state requirements for licensing, accreditation, and certification; OR (2) official documentation from the appropriate agency of the applicable state, county, or other governmental unit that licensing, accreditation, and certification requirements do not exist. (Official documentation is a copy of each service provider organization's license, accreditation and certification. Documentation of accreditation will not be accepted in lieu of an organization's license. A statement by, or letter from, the applicant organization or from a provider organization attesting to compliance with licensing, accreditation and certification or that no licensing, accreditation, certification requirements exist does not constitute adequate documentation.)
- For tribes and tribal organizations only, official documentation that all participating mental health/substance abuse treatment provider organizations: (1) comply with all applicable tribal requirements for licensing, accreditation, and certification; OR (2) documentation from the tribe or other tribal governmental unit that licensing, accreditation, and certification requirements do not exist.



Signature of Authorized Representative
Mark S. Woodard, County Administrator

March 29, 2016

Date

⁰ Tribes and tribal organizations are exempt from these requirements.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By:


Office of the County Attorney