

July 16, 2012

Bryan Samuels, Commissioner
Administration on Children, Youth, and Families
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
1250 Maryland Ave. SW 8th Floor
Washington, DC 20024

Re. Letter of Commitment for Regional Partnership Grants
Funding Opportunity HHS-2012-ACF-ACYF-CU-0321

Dear Mr. Samuels:

I am writing to affirm the full support and commitment of the Multnomah County Department of County Human Services (DCHS), Mental Health and Addiction Services Division (MHASD) to the FIT for Recovery – Child and Family Well Being Collaboration proposal. As a current Regional Partnership grantee of the Administration on Children, Youth and Families – Children’s Bureau we have seen the impact of alcohol and drug abuse and addiction on parents and their families, especially young children.

MHASD administers a wide range of addictions treatment services (alcohol, drugs, problem gambling) that provide the core of the current recovery services network. Multnomah County is committed to continue funding for these services and the sustainability efforts to continue any grant funded services. DCHS staff is committed to:

- Active participation in all Grantee meetings and reporting requirements;
- Allocating 12.5% of a Senior Program Development Specialists FTE as Project Director;
- Budget and contract oversight;
- Active participation in all program activities, project oversight meetings, and fiscal reviews; and
- Supporting the principles and commitments agreed to through the Family Involvement Team (FIT) for Recovery Memorandum of Understanding.

Successful implementation of this five year will allow us to extend the continuum of services from the treatment providers into the community to support healthy families in their recovery. Along with our community-based and State partners we support the proposals priorities to address the over-representation of African Americans and Native Americans in child welfare services.

Thank you for your consideration,

Susan Myers, Director
Department of County Human Services